

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

0070110378
07-CR-25-2202

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Warrant

vs.

JEFFREY COLIN PURDY DOB: 06/08/1991

Federal Correctional Institution -Greenville
PO Box 5000
Greenville, IL 62246

Defendant.

The Complainant submits this complaint to the Court and states that there is probable cause to believe Defendant committed the following offense(s):

COUNT I

Charge: Stalking - Engages in Stalking

Minnesota Statute: 609.749.5(a)

Maximum Sentence: 10 years, or \$20,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/30/2017 to 02/16/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25006845

Charge Description: On or between August 30, 2017, and February 16, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Jeffrey Colin Purdy, did engage in stalking with respect to a single victim or one or more members of a single household which the actor knows or has reason to know would cause the victim under the circumstances to feel terrorized or to fear bodily harm and which does cause this reaction on the part of the victim, is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than ten years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$20,000, or both.

COUNT II

Charge: Harassment - Second or Subsequent Violation in 10 years

Minnesota Statute: 609.749.4(a)

Maximum Sentence: 5 years or \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/10/2024 to 02/16/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25006845

Charge Description: On or between September 10, 2024, and February 16, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Jeffrey Colin Purdy did repeatedly mail, deliver, or cause the delivery by any means, including electronically, of mail or messages or any communication made through available technologies,

with the intent to kill, injure, harass, or intimidate another person, and did cause or would reasonably be expected to cause substantial emotional distress to the other person, or place the other person in reasonable fear of substantial bodily harm, and the offense was committed within ten years of a previous qualified domestic violence-related offense conviction or adjudication of delinquency.

COUNT III

Charge: Harassment; Restraining Order-Violate w/in 10 yrs of prev domestic violence conviction/adjudication

Minnesota Statute: 609.748.6(c)

Maximum Sentence: 364 days or \$3,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/10/2024

Control #(ICR#): 25006845

Charge Description: On or about September 10, 2024, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Jeffrey Colin Purdy did violate a restraining order issued under M.S. 609.748 within ten years of a previous qualified domestic violence-related offense conviction or adjudication of delinquency.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On September 29, 2017, Victim 1 petitioned the Blue Earth County District Court for a Harassment Restraining Order (“HRO”) naming Jeffrey Colin Purdy (DOB: 06/08/1991) as the Respondent. Victim 1 described meeting Purdy on a college campus in 2012 when Victim 1 was a resident-student and Purdy was a community advisor. Victim 1 wrote in the Petition, “[Purdy] has been stalking me for 2-3 years. My concerns of stalking are as follows: sending unwanted emails, calling and texting repeatedly, contacting me through social media networks, writing unwanted letters, sending unwanted gifts, showing up at places I go and continued contact and harassment. When I first met [Purdy], I did not feel as though he was a dangerous person; however my opinion of him now has changed.” Victim 1 reported that in February 2015, Victim 1 communicated to Purdy by text message that Victim 1 “no longer wanted to have contact with [Purdy].” In response, Purdy “tried contacting [Victim 1] through many forms of communication – texting, Facebook, Snapchat, twitter, etc. He would wait for me outside my hall to try and catch me as I was coming back from an event. He even waited in the lobby one Saturday night for several hours. On one instance, he slid a 3 page letter under my door apologizing for the situation and explaining [his romantic interest] in me . . . I ignored this letter, blocked his social media account, and [his] phone number.”

When Victim 1 graduated from college in December 2016, Victim 1 started a GoFundMe page for homeless children in the area. Because the page was public, Purdy was able to see it and donated \$50 to it. The next day, Victim 1 received a phone call from Business 1 about flowers and chocolates that had been purchased for Victim 1. When Victim 1 picked them up, Victim 1 noticed the accompanying card was signed by Purdy. That night, Victim 1 sent an e-mail to Purdy saying, “I am writing this e-mail to you, as a last reminder, to please peacefully leave me alone-as I have so graciously done for you. If this persists, then I may have to take legal action . . . Please do not respond back to this email.” Victim 1 did not hear from Purdy for six months.

In July 2017, Purdy sent Victim 1 two e-mails saying a group of students was out to get Victim 1. At that time, Victim 1 was employed by the college where Victim 1 met Purdy. On August 30 and September 4, 2017, two anonymous reports were submitted to security on the college campus stating, “[Victim 1] may be met with a catastrophe this year All I can say is that they are planning to do something around homecoming.” An Officer met with Purdy to discuss the anonymous reports, and the Officer said she thought Purdy submitted the reports but would not admit that.

Victim 1 wrote in the September 29, 2017, HRO Petition, “I have trouble sleeping at night. I have had frightening dreams about [Purdy] following me and continued harassment. I am constantly locking my doors and windows and I am afraid to walk alone on campus at night . . . I am afraid to go to public areas that I may run into [Purdy].” A Blue Earth County District Court Judge issued an Ex Parte HRO on October 2, 2017, which remained in effect until October 2, 2019. A copy of the HRO was personally served upon Purdy the following day.

On September 30, 2019, Victim 1 petitioned the Blue Earth County District Court for another HRO. At the time, Victim 1 was still employed by the college Victim 1 attended when Victim 1 met Purdy. In the September 30, 2019, Petition, Victim 1 wrote, “Since I got my previous HRO, [Purdy] has found ways to continue to harass me by sending me threatening messages through the [campus] incident reporting system. In these reports, [Purdy] claims that I am being investigated for prostitution, that I will be raped, that I will have my clothes ripped off in public, and that there is a gang of people watching me and planning to hurt me . . . [Purdy] has also texted me threatening that I will be raped.” Victim 1 attached images of the reports and text messages to Victim 1’s petition. Victim 1 further stated, “I have reported these messages to police as HRO violations, but the messages come from an anonymous source that is untraceable so they can’t prove it is [Purdy]. I know that these messages are coming from [Purdy] because he is the only

person that has ever stalked and harassed me and the content of the messages is similar to things he has said in the past. Also in one of the reports he even mentioned his own name and the text that he sent me.” Victim 1 wrote, “the continued threatening messages that [Purdy] has been sending me are extremely frightening. I am fearful that [Purdy will] follow through on his threats. He has continued to find ways to harass me even with an HRO in place and I fear that if the HRO that I have now [expires], the harassment would escalate and [Purdy] would be emboldened to be more aggressive in his harassment.”

Victim 1 described the effect of Purdy’s conduct: “I do not feel as though I have any security or privacy. I am constantly wondering if [Purdy] is watching me or if and when he might follow through with his threats to rape me or otherwise harm me. I do not feel safe when I am alone as I fear that [Purdy] might find me. I have also had to make special living accommodations to protect myself from [Purdy] which inhibits me from living a normal life.” A Judge from the Blue Earth County District Court issued an HRO on October 4, 2019, that expired on October 4, 2021.

Purdy contested the October 4, 2019, HRO. On November 30, 2019, security on the college campus receive the following anonymous report: “[Victim 1] will be raped, repetitively. [Purdy] will be broken this weekend. I look forward to drinking [Victim 1’s] juices and raping her ass. My Specialty is stretching. Many things will be broken, I look forward to your weakness.”

On December 14, 2021, Purdy pleaded guilty in Federal court to Cyberstalking Victim 1, a qualified domestic-violence related offense. Purdy was sentenced to 60 months in prison with 3 years of supervised release to follow.

On October 18, 2023, Purdy was released from prison. In January 2024, Purdy paid for a Truthfinder report about Victim 1 that provided Victim 1’s employer, phone number, and home address. A week or two later, Victim 1 received a text message from an e-mail address that included Purdy’s first name, Jeff, and a string of numbers. The FBI investigated the message.

In February 2024, Purdy acquired a cell phone he was not supposed to have and created a website with information about how law enforcement had wronged him.

On May 16, 2024, Victim 1 filed a Petition for another HRO to protect Victim 1 from Purdy. In the May 16, 2024, Petition, Victim 1 described the effect of Purdy’s harassment on Victim 1, noting that Victim 1 “was diagnosed with PTSD in 2020 and has been going through continuous therapy. [Victim 1] has endured many sleepless nights due to [Victim 1’s] fear of safety about being home alone. [Victim 1] is terrified that what [Purdy] said in his messages will come true and [Victim 1] has taken precautions to ensure safety. Despite these precautions [Victim 1] still struggles with the psychological impact of the situation and how [Purdy’s] newfound freedom will impact [Victim 1’s] safety.” The Petition also noted, “This harassment has been going on for 9 years. [Purdy] has not shown a change in behavior or willingness to improve past behavior even though he has been in prison for 4 years and undergone required rehabilitation treatment/therapy.”

On May 16, 2024, a Blue Earth County District Court Judge issued an Ex Parte Harassment Restraining Order prohibiting Purdy from harassing Victim 1 and restricting Purdy from having contact “direct or indirect . . . with [Victim 1], including . . . contact via electronic means such as email or social networking sites.” Purdy was personally served with a copy of the HRO by a Hennepin County Deputy Sheriff on May 24, 2024.

On August 28, 2024, Attorney Michelle Olsen filed a Certificate of Representation, listing herself as Representation for Victim 1 in the court file relating to the May 16, 2024, HRO. The Certificate listed the mailing address for Attorney Olsen’s law firm. On September 10, 2024, Purdy mailed a letter from prison in

Terre Haute, IN to Victim 1 at the address for Victim 1's employer, violating the May 16, 2024, HRO.

In the September 10, 2024, correspondence, Purdy asked Victim 1 to forward the letter to Victim 1's attorney. Purdy wrote, "I would like to meet, discuss, and attempt to resolve the situation with [Victim 1], prior to our hearing. I am not going to force [Victim 1] to meet, discuss, and/or resolve, nor have I been trying to. I am not discussing the issues or concerns in this letter intentionally for that reason. I would like to talk to [Victim 1] again and interact with [Victim 1]. I believe our previous miscommunications and our inability to talk or work through things has allowed Law Enforcement to cause harm in this situation. Putting the past aside, I still would like to talk and interact with [Victim 1], and I would like a chance for us to work things out and move forward. The anonymous reported ended years ago, the threats were jokes, and this has been known since before 29 Feb 2020."

Following a hearing on November 4, 2024, a Judge of Blue Earth County District Court issued an HRO that expires in 50 years, prohibiting Purdy from having contact, directly or indirectly, with Victim 1. Purdy was personally served with a copy of the HRO by a Pine County Deputy Sheriff on November 19, 2024.

In a November 17, 2024, letter address to Attorney Olsen, Purdy wrote, "I am still seeking to resolve this situation and the lingering issues between [Victim 1] and I. If possible and she allows/consents, I would like to try and be friends again. The situation we are in sucks for many reason[s], but I can only communicate my wants. I believe [Victim 1's] needs and wants are important. I just do not know what they are . . . I'm not trying to force [Victim 1] to talk. I believe that us talking and removing the obstacles and tamperment, may prove to be more effective in resolving . . . I would be more than happy to listen to [Victim 1's] perspectives . . . Furthermore, if [Victim 1] doesn't want complaints submitted, she can just ask . . . It would be nice to be [Victim 1's] friend again, and put the past behind us."

On December 24, 2024, Victim 1's attorney withdrew as Victim 1's counsel, served Purdy with a copy of the withdrawal notice, and filed an Affidavit of Service with the court stating the same. Despite the notice that Michelle Olsen no longer represented Victim 1, Purdy addressed additional letters to Attorney Olsen on January 24, February 4, and February 16, 2025.

In the February 16, 2025, correspondence, Purdy wrote, "I hope [Victim 1] is doing well, and if [Victim 1] has any concerns regarding the anonymous reports, or this situation as a whole, I am receptive to any of [Victim 1's] concerns. Anything that is said to be from [Victim 1] that was provided by the U.S. Attorney's or others sadly has no credibility due to all the tamperment and misconduct they (and the FBI) have continuously performed. I would be more than willing to listen to any concerns directly from [Victim 1]. I did not choose to be having to deal with all this, I am merely forced into it by the FBI and US Attorney's, among others . . . I am open and receptive to what [Victim 1] may have to say, or any concerns [Victim 1] may have . . . [Victim 1's] opinion or concerns on the matter(s) still are relevant." Attorney Olsen provided copies of these letters to Victim 1.

Just a few weeks ago, Victim 1 told law enforcement Victim 1 cannot live on Victim 1's own because Victim 1 will have panic attacks resulting from Purdy's conduct over the last 10 + years. Victim 1 stated Victim 1 sees a therapist monthly relating to the PTSD from which Victim 1 suffers and has to be medicated to improve Victim 1's mental health because of what Victim 1 has gone through with Purdy. When Victim 1 is at home alone, Victim 1 sweats and hyperventilates when Victim 1 hears noises outside. Victim 1 reported it made Victim 1 very fearful when Purdy resumed sending letters to Victim 1 and Victim 1's attorney in 2024 and 2025, expressing Purdy's desire to talk to Victim 1. Victim 1 said Victim 1's ultimate fear is that Purdy will find Victim 1, torture Victim 1, and murder Victim 1.

Because Purdy is in federal custody and unlikely to respond to a Summons, the state requests a Warrant.

SIGNATURES AND APPROVALS

Complainant requests that Defendant, subject to bail or conditions of release, be:
(1) arrested or that other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court; or
(2) detained, if already in custody, pending further proceedings; and that said Defendant otherwise be dealt with according to law.

Complainant declares under penalty of perjury that everything stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116; Minn. R. Crim. P. 2.01, subds. 1, 2.

Complainant

Craig Frericks
Commander
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3102

Electronically Signed:
06/05/2025 09:51 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

Being authorized to prosecute the offenses charged, I approve this complaint.

Prosecuting Attorney

Christopher K Lowe
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
06/04/2025 04:26 PM

FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE

From the above sworn facts, and any supporting affidavits or supplemental sworn testimony, I, the Issuing Officer, have determined that probable cause exists to support, subject to bail or conditions of release where applicable, Defendant's arrest or other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court, or Defendant's detention, if already in custody, pending further proceedings. Defendant is therefore charged with the above-stated offense(s).

☐ SUMMONS

THEREFORE YOU, THE DEFENDANT, ARE SUMMONED to appear as directed in the Notice of Hearing before the above-named court to answer this complaint.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR in response to this SUMMONS, a WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST shall be issued.

☒ WARRANT

To the Sheriff of the above-named county; or other person authorized to execute this warrant: I order, in the name of the State of Minnesota, that the Defendant be apprehended and arrested without delay and brought promptly before the court (if in session), and if not, before a Judge or Judicial Officer of such court without unnecessary delay, and in any event not later than 36 hours after the arrest or as soon as such Judge or Judicial Officer is available to be dealt with according to law.

☐ *Execute in MN Only*

☐ *Execute Nationwide*

☒ *Execute in Border States*

☐ ORDER OF DETENTION

Since the Defendant is already in custody, I order, subject to bail or conditions of release, that the Defendant continue to be detained pending further proceedings.

Bail: \$

Conditions of Release:

This complaint, duly subscribed and sworn to or signed under penalty of perjury, is issued by the undersigned Judicial Officer as of the following date: June 5, 2025.

Judicial Officer

Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 06/05/2025 11:59 AM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Jeffrey Colin Purdy

Defendant

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE
I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Warrant upon the Defendant herein named.

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: