

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070107850
Court File No. 07-CR-24-1633

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Warrant

vs.

CHRISTOPHER CASTLE RUSTAD DOB: 10/11/1990

111 Laurinda Lane
Mankato, MN 56001-5854

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: Domestic Assault-Felony

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.4, with reference to: 609.2242.4

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/01/2024

Control #(ICR#): 24011192

Charge Description: On or about May 1, 2024 at 7:50 PM, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Christopher Castle Rustad did, against a family or household member, as defined in M.S.A. 518B.01 Subd. 2, intentionally inflicted or attempted to inflict bodily harm upon another and has two or more previous qualified domestic violence-related offense convictions or adjudications of delinquency within ten years following discharge from sentence or disposition for that offense.

COUNT II

Charge: Threats of Violence-Reckless Disregard Risk

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1, with reference to: 609.713.1

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/01/2024

Control #(ICR#): 24011192

Charge Description: On or about May 1, 2024 at 7:50 PM, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Christopher Castle Rustad, did, threaten, directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence with purpose to terrorize another, or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror.

COUNT III

Charge: Emergency Telephone Calls/Communications - Interrupt, Interfere, Impede, Disrupt 911 Call

Minnesota Statute: 609.78.2(1), with reference to: 609.78.2

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/01/2024

Control #(ICR#): 24011192

Charge Description: On or about May 1, 2024 at 7:50 PM, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Christopher Castle Rustad did and intentionally interrupt, disrupt, impede, or interfere with an emergency call or intentionally prevent or hinder another from placing an emergency call.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On May 1, 2024 at 7:53 p.m., Officers from the Mankato Department of Public Safety were dispatched to a domestic incident at a Mankato residence.

Officers met Victim 1 who was crying and upset. Victim 1 told officers that there as a verbal argument when Christopher Castle Rustad (DOB 10/11/1990) grabbed her by the hair in the back of her neck and forced her to the ground. Rustad threatened to kill her and told Victim 1 that she was going to send him back to prison. Rustad and the Victim have a child in common.

Victim 1 was fearful and took her cell phone out of her pocket to call 911. Rustad tried to take the phone from Victim 1. Victim 1 ended up on the floor on her back with Rustad on top of her trying to grab her phone. Victim 1 held the phone behind her back to keep it from Rustad. Victim 1 was able to get away from Rustad and told him to leave. The Defendant left and Victim 1 was able to call 911.

Defendant Christopher Rustad has been convicted of three domestic violence crimes in the last five years:

07-CR-20-2819 Felony Domestic Assault 10/05/2020

07-CR-19-4484 Felony Domestic Assault 11/18/2019

07-CR-19-1829 Gross Misdemeanor Domestic Assault 10/29/2019.

Law enforcement has been unable to find the Defendant. Accordingly, the State is requesting that a Complaint Warrant be issued.

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

Daniel Schisel
Police Commander
710 S Front St
Mankato, MN 56001-3803
Badge: 3135

Electronically Signed:
05/02/2024 03:52 PM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Todd Kosovich
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
05/02/2024 01:28 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: May 2, 2024.

Judicial Officer

Andrea Jo Lieser
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/02/2024 06:57 PM

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.

Christopher Castle Rustad

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: