

State of Minnesota
County of Rice

District Court
3rd Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0660040931
Court File No. 66-CR-17-2011

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

DARIUS LEANDREW LEMON TANKSON DOB: 12/31/1991

1313 Jefferson Rd
Northfield, MN 55057

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 - By Strangulation

Minnesota Statute: 609.2247.2

Maximum Sentence: Five years and/or \$10,000 fine

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/12/2017

Control #(ICR#): 17001114

Charge Description: On or about August 12, 2017, in the County of Rice, Minnesota, Darius Leandrew Lemon Tankson did assault a family or household member by strangulation, to wit: L.C.

COUNT II

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

Minnesota Statute: 609.78.2(1)

Maximum Sentence: One year and/or \$3,000 fine

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/12/2017

Control #(ICR#): 17001114

Charge Description: On or about August 12, 2017, in the County of Rice, Minnesota, Darius Leandrew Lemon Tankson did and intentionally interrupt, disrupt, impede, or interfere with an emergency call or intentionally prevent or hinder another from placing an emergency call.

COUNT III

Charge: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Commits Act to Cause Fear of Immediate Bodily Harm or Death

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.1(1)
Maximum Sentence: 90 days and/or \$1,000 fine
Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/12/2017

Control #(ICR#): 17001114

Charge Description: On or about August 12, 2017, in the County of Rice, Minnesota, Darius Leandrew Lemon Tankson did commit an act with intent to cause fear in a family or household member of immediate bodily harm or death, to wit: L.C.

COUNT IV

Charge: Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Intentionally Inflicts/Attempts to Inflict Bodily Harm on Another

Minnesota Statute: 609.2242.1(2)
Maximum Sentence: 90 days and/or \$1,000 fine
Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/12/2017

Control #(ICR#): 17001114

Charge Description: On or about August 12, 2017, in the County of Rice, Minnesota, Darius Leandrew Lemon Tankson did and intentionally inflict or attempt to inflict bodily harm upon a family or household member, to wit: L.C.

COUNT V

Charge: Disorderly Conduct-Brawling or Fighting

Minnesota Statute: 609.72.1(1)
Maximum Sentence: 90 days and/or \$1,000 fine
Offense Level: Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 08/12/2017

Control #(ICR#): 17001114

Charge Description: On or about August 12, 2017, in the County of Rice, Minnesota, Darius Leandrew Lemon Tankson did engage in brawling or fighting in a in private knowing or having reason to know such language or conduct will tend to alarm, anger or disturb others or provoke an assault or breach of the peace.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

Complainant and/or Signing Officer designated below, declares under penalty of perjury, that he/she has reviewed police reports relating to the above-named Defendant and the allegations contained herein, and/or has spoken with peace officers having knowledge of the incident, and based upon that information, believes the following to be true and correct.

On August 12, 2017, at approximately 11:12 a.m., officers were dispatched to 1502 Koester Court, Northfield, Rice County, on reports of a 911 hang-up. Officer Wiese arrived on scene and made contact with the caller, L.C. (DOB: 09-17-1995), who stated that she was at her residence located at 1313 Jefferson Road, Northfield. L.C. was initially hard to understand as she was speaking very fast. L.C. stated that her boyfriend had choked her and then tried to commit suicide.

Officer Wiese arrived on scene and met with L.C. who stated that her boyfriend, Darius Leandrew Lemon Tankson (DOB: 12-31-1991), had choked her during an argument in the kitchen and then threatened to kill himself with a knife. L.C. stated that Tankson choked her for approximately 10 seconds and that she was having trouble breathing.

L.C. called 911, but Tankson grabbed the phone from her and hung up. Tankson stated, "You know what I'm going to do." Tankson then left the residence on foot. L.C. and Tankson's minor child, A.C., was present in the home during the incident, but did not witness the assault as she was in a different room. L.C. stated she was in fear of her life during the incident as Tankson had never acted that way before. L.C. provided Officer Wiese with Tankson's driver's license.

Officer Carlson and Officer Anderson arrived on scene. Officer Wiese provided a description of Tankson. A black male matching the description walked up to the residence shortly thereafter and asked, "Are you guys going to take me to jail?" The male was identified as Tankson and was arrested. In a *Miranda* interview, Tankson denied choking L.C., but admitted to grabbing her and stated he may have squeezed her hard during the argument. Tankson knew L.C. had called 911, but stated he did not hang up the phone. Tankson also admitted to threatening his own life.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 609.49., intentional failure to appear for duly scheduled court appearances may result in additional criminal charges, and in addition to any arrest warrant that may otherwise be issued by the Court.

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

Mark Dukatz
Deputy Chief
1615 Riverview Drive
Northfield, MN 55057
Badge: 6402

Electronically Signed:
08/14/2017 09:45 AM
Rice County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Natalie B Staeheli
218 NW 3rd Street
Faribault, MN 55021
(507) 332-6103

Electronically Signed:
08/14/2017 09:40 AM

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 on _____, _____ at _____ AM/PM before the above-named court at 218 NW 3rd Street, Faribault, MN 55021 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.

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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: August 14, 2017.

Judicial Officer

John T Cajacob

Electronically Signed: 08/14/2017 10:33 AM

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

**COUNTY OF RICE
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Darius Leandrew Lemon Tankson

Defendant

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

Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Name: Darius Leandrew Lemon Tankson
DOB: 12/31/1991
Address: 1313 Jefferson Rd
Northfield, MN 55057

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN17KY2163

Height:

Weight: 178lbs.

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender: MALE

Race: Black

Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: Yes

Handgun Permit: No

Driver's License #: N764125417217 (MN)

Alcohol Concentration:

STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID

Cnt Nbr	Statute Type	Offense Date(s)	Statute Nbrs and Descriptions	Offense Level	MOC	GOC	Controlling Agencies	Case Numbers
1	Charge	8/12/2017	609.2247.2 Domestic Assault - By Strangulation	Felony	AN051		MN0660200	17001114
2	Charge	8/12/2017	609.78.2(1) Emergency Telephone Calls/Communications - Interrupt, Interfere, Impede, Disrupt 911 Call	Gross Misdemeanor	N2400		MN0660200	17001114
3	Charge	8/12/2017	609.2242.1(1) Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Commits Act to Cause Fear of Immediate Bodily Harm or Death	Misdemeanor	AL501		MN0660200	17001114
4	Charge	8/12/2017	609.2242.1(2) Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Intentionally Inflicts/Attempts to Inflict Bodily Harm on Another	Misdemeanor	AL351		MN0660200	17001114
5	Charge	8/12/2017	609.72.1(1) Disorderly Conduct-Brawling or Fighting	Misdemeanor	N3030		MN0660200	17001114