

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 18A04525  
Court File No. 27-CR-18-11806

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**MEALLY MORRIS FREEMAN DOB: 06/09/1962**

2810 NORTHWAY DR #202  
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

Defendant.

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**COMPLAINT**

Warrant

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: Criminal Sex Cond-3rd Degree-During Religious Advice Meeting**

Minnesota Statute: 609.344.1(I)(i), with reference to: 609.344.2(1)

Maximum Sentence: 15 YEARS AND/OR \$10,000-\$30,000 PLUS CONDITIONAL RELEASE

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/20/2017

Control #(ICR#): 18000256

Charge Description: On or about 9/20/2017, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, MEALLY MORRIS FREEMAN engaged in sexual penetration with Victim, and MEALLY MORRIS FREEMAN is or purports to be a member of the clergy, and the sexual penetration occurred during the course of a meeting in which the Victim sought or received religious or spiritual advice, aid, or comfort from MEALLY MORRIS FREEMAN in private.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Criminal Sex Cond-3rd Degree-Clergy-Ongoing Meet f/Advice**

Minnesota Statute: 609.344.1(I)(ii), with reference to: 609.344.2(1)

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## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Complainant has investigated the facts and circumstances of this offense and believes the following establishes probable cause:

Your Complainant is an Investigator with the Brooklyn Center Police Department, and in that capacity has investigated the facts and circumstances of the offense alleged herein, and believes the following establishes probable cause:

On or about January 16, 2018, law enforcement received a report that Victim, an adult female (DOB: 3/3/1990), had been sexually assaulted by her pastor, MEALLY MORRIS FREEMAN, Defendant herein, at the Grace Mountaineer Tabernacle Church, located at 6500 Brooklyn Boulevard, Brooklyn Center, Hennepin County, Minnesota, when she sought spiritual guidance on September 20, 2017. Victim stated that she had met Defendant several years earlier at another church where Defendant had been working, and that she considered him her spiritual father.

As part of their faith, parishioners are anointed with oil. Victim reported that Defendant had anointed Victim with oil and advised her that she needed "deliverance." Victim reported that Defendant then contacted her on the phone and told her that she needed to see him in a one-on-one session, which was arranged to occur on September 20, 2017 before bible study. At that session, Defendant gave Victim small cups of oil to drink, and after they began to pray, Victim stated that she "fell out" or became unconscious as part of the religious ritual. Victim noticed when she regained consciousness that her stomach and her abdomen near her breasts had oil on them and her underwear was wet. Defendant advised Victim at that time that he had anointed all places, but that he didn't see all places.

Defendant told Victim she needed a second session later that evening, which was conducted after bible study. Defendant and Victim were alone. As the session started, Victim "fell out" or became unconscious again, and when she was fully awake, she found that her pants and underwear were around her ankles, her underwear was ripped, and her shirt and bra were pulled up over her chest. Oil covered Victim's breasts and genitals, and Defendant was spraying her with a water bottle filled with oil. Defendant ordered Victim to get on her hands and knees, and he sprayed oil on Victim before penetrating her anus with his finger multiple times. Defendant then ordered Victim to sit back on the floor with her legs spread apart, and penetrated her vagina multiple times with his finger. After the session was over, Defendant told Victim not to pick up her daughter from the babysitter because he did not want people to know how late she was at the church.

When she left the church, she spoke with a friend who advised her that what she had experienced was not a "deliverance" in the church, but was sexual assault.

Victim later confronted Defendant while surreptitiously recording him, and Defendant did not deny touching Victim's genitals, but instead talked about the "deliverance process." In the recording, Defendant admitted anointing Victim's breasts and admitted that "we insert things into people." Defendant admits that his wife knows that he sees women naked and stated that some things happen during the deliverance event and that "you don't ask what happens, you don't go into details and that deliverance can be very tempting." At a later meeting with an elder from the church and Defendant and his wife, Victim reported that both Defendant and his wife tried to convince Victim to not report to the police what had happened.

Defendant is not in custody. A warrant is requested due to the danger Defendant poses to public safety and due to Defendant's possible ties to a foreign country such that he is a flight risk.

## 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**

Charles Valleau  
Detective  
6645 Humboldt Avenue N  
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430  
Badge: 141

Electronically Signed:  
05/08/2018 02:22 PM  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Amy Blagoev  
300 S 6th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55487  
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:  
05/08/2018 09:55 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 300 S Sixth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55487 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: \$200,000.00

Conditions of Release: Remain Law Abiding; Make All Appearances; No Contact with Victim

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 8, 2018.

**Judicial Officer**                      Kerry Meyer                      Electronically Signed: 05/08/2018 02:43 PM  
District Court Judge

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

vs.

**MEALLY MORRIS FREEMAN**

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:

## DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

**Name:** MEALLY MORRIS FREEMAN  
**DOB:** 06/09/1962  
**Address:** 2810 NORTHWAY DR #202  
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

**Alias Names/DOB:**

**SID:**

**Height:**

**Weight:**

**Eye Color:**

**Hair Color:**

**Gender:** MALE

**Race:** Black

**Fingerprints Required per Statute:** Yes

**Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:** No

**Driver's License #:**

**SILS Person ID #:** 834800

**SILS Tracking No.** 3007063

**Case Scheduling Information:** WARRANT REQUESTED: A warrant is requested due to the danger Defendant poses to public safety and due to Defendants possible ties to a foreign country such that he is a flight risk.

**Alcohol Concentration:**

## STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID

<b>Cnt Nbr</b>	<b>Statute Type</b>	<b>Offense Date(s)</b>	<b>Statute Nbrs and Descriptions</b>	<b>Offense Level</b>	<b>MOC</b>	<b>GOC</b>	<b>Controlling Agencies</b>	<b>Case Numbers</b>
1	Charge	9/20/2017	609.344.1(l)(i) Criminal Sex Cond-3rd Degree-During Religious Advice Meeting	Felony	L51A7		MN0270200	18000256
	Penalty	9/20/2017	609.344.2(1) Criminal Sexual Conduct-3rd Degree-Penalty	Felony	L51A7		MN0270200	18000256
2	Charge	9/20/2017	609.344.1(l)(ii) Criminal Sex Cond-3rd Degree-Clergy-Ongoing Meet f/Advice	Felony	L51A7		MN0270200	18000256
	Penalty	9/20/2017	609.344.2(1) Criminal Sexual Conduct-3rd Degree-Penalty	Felony	L51A7		MN0270200	18000256