

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

19A05394
27-CR-19-10785

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ANTHONY FRANCIS ROMANO DOB: 05/25/1953

2210 EAST 40TH STREET
#215
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55407

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Order of Detention

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: Terroristic Threats-Reckless Disregard Risk

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1, with reference to: 609.713.1

Maximum Sentence: 5 YEARS AND/OR \$10,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/07/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19004969

Charge Description: That on or about 5/7/2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, ANTHONY FRANCIS ROMANO did threaten to commit a crime of violence with the purpose of terrorizing another, and/or in reckless disregard of the risk of causing terror in another, Victim.

COUNT II

Charge: Terroristic Threats-Explosives/Incendiary Device

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.2, with reference to: 609.713.2

Maximum Sentence: 3 YEARS AND/OR \$3,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/07/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19004969

Charge Description: That on or about 5/7/2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, ANTHONY FRANCIS ROMANO communicated to another, Victim, with purpose to terrorize or in a reckless disregard of the risk of such terror, that explosives were present at Victim's place of employment in Hennepin County, whether or not the same was in fact present.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On May 7, 2019, Hennepin County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the Hennepin County Central Mobile Equipment Division (CMED) located in the City of Medina on a bomb threat made by a former employee. Upon arrival, deputies learned the following:

At approximately 10:00am, a CMED employee, hereinafter Victim, fielded a phone call from a former employee, ANTHONY FRANCIS ROMANO, DOB: 5/25/53, the Defendant. Victim knew the caller was Defendant because she worked with him for a number of years, recognized his voice, and also recognized the phone number from which he was calling. Defendant's girlfriend had also worked at CMED until very recently. Victim was aware the circumstances surrounding Defendant's girlfriend's employment situation angered Defendant. Defendant asked to speak to a human resources manager and was told by Victim that person was not available. At that time, Defendant told Victim "You better get out of the building because there's a bomb." Victim stated the comment alarmed her. Victim stated Defendant went on to state that he and his girlfriend were filing a lawsuit against Hennepin County. Defendant hung up but called back a second time shortly after his first call. During the second call Defendant told Victim there were bombs attached to the fleet of trucks outside the building. Victim reported the threat to her manager immediately.

Deputies interviewed Defendant's girlfriend who stated she was with Defendant all morning on May 7, 2019. Defendant's girlfriend admitted Defendant called CMED but stated he never made any threats. She eventually stated he did reference bombs at the facility but stated he "was only joking."

An arrest warrant was executed at Defendant's known address where Defendant was located and apprehended. Defendant is currently in custody. In a Mirandized interview, he admitted calling CMED on May 7, 2019 but denied making threats of any kind.

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

Diane Nelson
Detective
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415
Badge: 410

Electronically Signed:
05/09/2019 11:57 AM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Rachel Kraker
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
05/09/2019 11:57 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 the address listed on the attached court summons 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: \$30,000.00

Conditions of Release: No Contact with Victim; No Contact with Address; No Contact with Witnesses

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 9, 2019.

Judicial Officer

Susan M. Robiner
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/09/2019 11:59 AM

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

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ANTHONY FRANCIS ROMANO

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: ANTHONY FRANCIS ROMANO
DOB: 05/25/1953
Address: 2210 EAST 40TH STREET
#215
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55407

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN00241420

Height:

Weight:

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender: MALE

Race: White

Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: Yes

Driver's License #:

SILS Person ID #: 861396

SILS Tracking No. 3099655

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	5/7/2019	609.713.1 Terroristic Threats-Reckless Disregard Risk	Felony	A9C62		MN0270000	19004969
	Penalty	5/7/2019	609.713.1 Terroristic Threats-Reckless Disregard Risk	Felony	A9C62		MN0270000	19004969
2	Charge	5/7/2019	609.713.2 Terroristic Threats-Explosives/Incendiary Device	Felony	A9C62		MN0270000	19004969
	Penalty	5/7/2019	609.713.2 Terroristic Threats-Explosives/Incendiary Device	Felony	A9C62		MN0270000	19004969