

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 20A07066
Court File No. 27-CR-20-14427

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Warrant

vs.

AARON JAMES HJERMSTAD DOB: 01/01/1979

5357 71st Circle North
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

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: Criminal Sexual Cond-1st Degree-Penetration or Contact with Person Under 13-Actor >36m older

Minnesota Statute: 609.342.1(a), with reference to: 609.342.2(a), 609.342.2(b), 609.101.2, 609.342.2(c), 609.3455.10, 609.3455.6

Maximum Sentence: 30 YEARS AND/OR \$12,000-\$40,000, PLUS CONDITIONAL RELEASE

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/01/2016

Control #(ICR#): 20002201

Charge Description: That between August 1, 2016 and June 30, 2018, at 5357 71st Circle North in the City of Brooklyn Center in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Aaron James Hjermstad, born 01/01/1979, engaged in sexual penetration with Victim, a person under the age of thirteen years, and more than thirty-six months younger than Aaron James Hjermstad.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On or about June 10, 2020, Brooklyn Center Police received a report of child sexual abuse committed by AARON JAMES HJERMSTAD, DOB 1/1/1979, Defendant. Victim, a known, 14-year-old child, told his mother that Defendant had, approximately three years prior, assaulted him while at Defendant's home located at 5357 71st Circle North in the City of Brooklyn Center, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Investigators arranged for Victim to be forensically interviewed at CornerHouse. There, Victim stated that Defendant had been his basketball coach while Victim was in 5th and 6th grade, and during that time Victim had spent the night at Defendant's house four to five times. Victim stated that the last time he'd spent the night there, he was sleeping in Defendant's bed. Victim reported that he awoke in the middle of the night with Defendant on top of him with Victim's penis inside Defendant's mouth. Victim was between 10 and 12 years old during the described time period.

Complainant is aware that Defendant is currently charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct toward another minor he had been coaching. A warrant complaint is requested due to the nature of this conduct.

Defendant is not in custody.

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

John Ratajczyk
Police Detective
6645 Humboldt Avenue N
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
Badge: 105

Electronically Signed:
06/25/2020 01:54 PM
Anoka County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Kevin Biegging
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
06/25/2020 01:41 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 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: \$500,000.00

Conditions of Release: No Contact with Victim; No Contact with Minors/Males/Females under age of: no contact with minors

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 25, 2020.

Judicial Officer

Luis Bartolomei
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 06/25/2020 01:55 PM

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Aaron James Hjermsstad

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: Aaron James Hjermstad
DOB: 01/01/1979
Address: 5357 71st Circle North
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

Alias Names/DOB:
SID:
Height:
Weight:
Eye Color:
Hair Color:
Gender: MALE
Race: White
Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes
Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: No
Driver's License #:
SILS Person ID #: 781469
SILS Tracking No. 3175995
Case Scheduling Information: Open case 27-CR-20-13613, set for summons 1st appearance on July 9, 2020
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 | 8/1/2016 | 609.342.1(a) Criminal Sexual Cond-1st Degree-Penetration or Contact with Person Under 13-Actor >36m older | Felony | L1152 | | MN0270200 | 20002201 |
| | Definition | 8/1/2016 | 609.342.2(c) Criminal Sexual Conduct-1st Degree-Subject to conditional release under section 609.3455 | No-Level | L1152 | | MN0270200 | 20002201 |
| | Definition | 8/1/2016 | 609.3455.10 Dangerous Sex Offenders - Presumptive Executed Sentence for Repeat Sex Offenders | No-Level | L1152 | | MN0270200 | 20002201 |
| | Definition | 8/1/2016 | 609.3455.6 Dangerous Sex Offenders - Ten Year Conditional Release | No-Level | L1152 | | MN0270200 | 20002201 |
| | Penalty | 8/1/2016 | 609.342.2(a) Criminal Sexual Conduct-1st Degree-Penalty-Stat Max | Felony | L1152 | | MN0270200 | 20002201 |
| | Penalty | 8/1/2016 | 609.342.2(b) Criminal Sexual Conduct-1st Degree-Penalty-Presumptive 144 mo. | Felony | L1152 | | MN0270200 | 20002201 |
| | Definition | 8/1/2016 | 609.101.2 Minimum Fines – Victim Assistance Programs | No-Level | L1152 | | MN0270200 | 20002201 |