

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 20A03052  
Court File No. 27-CR-20-6591

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**State of Minnesota,**  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Warrant

vs.

**CARLTON DUKE TROUTMAN DOB: 02/23/1994**

1387 Country View Ln  
Flint, MI 48532

Defendant.

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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: Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon**

Minnesota Statute: 609.222.1, with reference to: 609.222.1, 609.11.4, 609.101.2

Maximum Sentence: 7 YEARS AND/OR \$4,200-\$14,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/23/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20000203

Charge Description: That on or about January 23, 2020, in Edina, Hennepin County, Minnesota, Carlton Duke Troutman, assaulted (victim) with a dangerous weapon.

Minimum Sentence: 1 YEAR AND 1 DAY

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On January 23, 2020, at 8:10 AM, officers and paramedics responded to the intersection of France Avenue and Halifax Avenue in Edina, Hennepin County, Minnesota on a report of a 17-year-old girl who was violently struck by a vehicle as she was boarding a school bus. Upon arrival, paramedics treated the girl, identified as Victim, for injuries which she suffered as a result of being struck and then transported her to Fairview Southdale Hospital. Officers spoke to several witnesses, including the school bus driver and several children. The eyewitnesses reported that the school bus had approached a bus stop at the intersection, where children were appropriately queued on the right side of the street in anticipation of boarding the bus. At that time, a black sedan drove excessively fast behind the school bus, around the right side of the school bus, and then onto the shoulder of the road where the children, including Victim and Victim's brother, were beginning to board the school bus. The suspect driver then struck Victim with his vehicle while driving in excess of the speed limit and without any observable attempt to avoid Victim or slow, stop, or swerve the vehicle to avoid hitting Victim. As the suspect driver struck Victim, Victim was pushed forward and onto the hood of the vehicle. She then was pushed and thrown approximately fifty feet from where she was struck, at least ten feet past the intersection in front of which Victim had been standing when struck.

Officers retrieved and reviewed surveillance video from the school bus, which corroborated the eyewitnesses' accounts and evidenced the suspect's failure to stop or slow the vehicle before or after Victim was struck. The video reveals that Victim bounced off the suspect vehicle's front passenger-side quarter-panel and onto the shoulder of the road and the suspect driver accelerate away from the scene.

Edina officers began receiving reports from witnesses which enabled officers to identify the suspect vehicle, a 2018 Chevrolet Malibu registered to an adult male identified as J.T. Edina officers learned that, shortly after the incident, at 8:32 AM, J.T. filed a stolen-vehicle report with the Minneapolis Police, alleging that the vehicle was stolen from a residence located at 5020 Ewing Avenue in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Edina officers learned that, following the stolen-vehicle report, but prior to connecting the vehicle to the Edina incident, Minneapolis Police located the vehicle in Edina, responded to J.T.'s residence in Minneapolis, and gave J.T. a ride to the location of the vehicle to retrieve it.

On January 28, 2020, the suspect vehicle was recovered in Mankato, Minnesota. The vehicle had specific marks and damage to the front of the vehicle consistent with striking Victim.

Investigators spoke to numerous witnesses, who stated that there were three adult-male occupants of the suspect vehicle at the time of the incident: A.M.; D.S.; and Carlton Troutman, the defendant in this case. These witnesses also stated that the suspect vehicle was the property of J.T.

Officers spoke to J.T., who reported that, on the night before the incident, he drove the suspect vehicle from Mankato to Minneapolis and that Defendant and D.S. were occupants of his vehicle. They then picked up A.M. from the train station. The four of them drove to a residence located at 5020 Ewing Avenue, where a female acquaintance of J.T. lived. J.T. went inside the residence to meet with the female, and he left his vehicle running and with A.M., D.S., and Defendant sleeping inside the vehicle. J.T. fell asleep inside the residence, and, when he awoke, his vehicle was missing. He then called D.S., who told him that he was with Defendant and A.M.; that Defendant drove J.T.'s vehicle; that Defendant did some "dumb shit;" and that Defendant "hit a kid." J.T. admitted to officers that, in response to learning that Defendant hit someone with his car, he called the Minneapolis Police and made false stolen-vehicle report. Minneapolis officers

later picked him up and drove him to his vehicle. He then took possession of the vehicle; met up with Defendant, D.S., and A.M.; and drove them back to Mankato. J.T. reported that Defendant confessed to him that he hit Victim with the vehicle. J.T. admitted that he filed the false police report with Minneapolis to try to cover up Defendant's criminal behavior.

Officers spoke to A.M., who reported that, on the night before the incident, he was in the suspect vehicle with D.S.; J.T., and Defendant. J.T. drove the vehicle to a residence at 5020 Ewing Avenue. J.T. parked the vehicle on the street and went inside the residence, leaving the other three males (A.M., D.S., and Defendant) to sleep in the vehicle for the night. At approximately, 8:00 AM, the three males in the vehicle woke up, and Defendant was upset that J.T. was inside the residence. Defendant then got into the driver's seat of the vehicle and began driving the vehicle. A.M. stated that Defendant was angry and driving erratically. Soon after this, Defendant approached the school bus, swerved to the right of the bus, accelerated, and struck Victim with the vehicle. A.M. described Defendant's conduct as "cold-blooded;" believed that, if Defendant had wanted to miss Victim, he could have do so; and believed that Defendant hit Victim on purpose. Following the incident, Defendant drove off and told A.M. and D.S. that he did not care what happened and that Victim could have been anyone. Defendant later left the vehicle in the location where it was found by Minneapolis Police. Then, the three men were picked up by J.T.

Officers spoke to D.S., who reported that, on the night before the incident, he was in the suspect vehicle with A.M., J.T., and Defendant. They then drove to J.T.'s girlfriend's house. He slept in the vehicle with A.M. and Defendant. He woke up when Defendant was driving the suspect vehicle. He observed Defendant driving 60 mph down the street and saw the school bus and the children in front of them. He stated that he and A.M. then screamed at Defendant to stop because they observed the school bus and that its red lights were activated. Rather than stop, Defendant sped up and pointed the vehicle at the children outside the bus. D.S. stated that Defendant then hit Victim in what D.S. understood was Defendant's attempt to show them that he had the capacity to kill someone. Defendant specifically stated after he hit Victim that "anyone can get it: kids, mothers, babies." D.S. stated that Defendant undoubtedly hit Victim intentionally. D.S. believed that Victim had died from the incident. Defendant later left the vehicle in the location where it was found by Minneapolis Police. Then, the three men were picked up by J.T., and he drove them to Mankato.

Defendant called the Edina Police and spoke with an investigator over the phone. Defendant admitted that he was in the suspect vehicle with at various times before and after the incident with J.T. and D.S., but he claimed loss of memory when asked anything about the incident.

Investigators gathered substantial evidence from phone records, internal phone data, social-media data, GPS data, additional witness statements, and surveillance video from area businesses which corroborate the factual accounts provided by J.T., A.M., and D.S. Investigators are also in possession of evidence which establishes efforts by Defendant to threaten the lives of J.T., A.M., and D.S. to prevent them from cooperating with law enforcement.

A warrant is necessary because Defendant is a danger to public safety and his whereabouts are unknown.

## 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**

Joel Moore  
Detective  
4801 50th Street W  
Edina, MN 55424  
Badge: 174

Electronically Signed:  
03/11/2020 03:30 PM  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Joshua Larson  
300 S 6th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55487  
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Electronically Signed:  
03/11/2020 03:22 PM



## DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

**Name:** Carlton Duke Troutman  
**DOB:** 02/23/1994  
**Address:** 1387 Country View Ln  
Flint, MI 48532

**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 #:** 877470

**SILS Tracking No.** 3162118

**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	1/23/2020	609.222.1 Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon	Felony	A2346		MN0270600	20000203
	Definition	1/23/2020	609.101.2 Minimum Fines – Victim Assistance Programs	No-Level	A2346		MN0270600	20000203
	Penalty	1/23/2020	609.11.4 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Use Dangerous Weapon	Felony	A2346		MN0270600	20000203
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