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State of Minnesota
County of Ramsey

District Court
2nd Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0620582248
Court File No. 62-CR-25-7849

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BRANDON JESSE JOHNSON **DOB: 08/28/1993**

1202 Sherburne Ave Apt 2
Saint Paul, MN 55104

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: Criminal Sexual Conduct - 1st Degree - Penetration or Contact under 14 - Actor > 36m older
Minnesota Statute: 609.342.1a(e), with reference to: 609.342.2(a), 609.342.2(b), 609.342.2(c)
Maximum Sentence:
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/19/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25193013

Charge Description: On or about October 19, 2025, in Ramsey County, Minnesota, Brandon Jesse Johnson did penetrate another and the victim was under 14 years of age and the defendant is more that 36 months older (mistake of age is not a defense).

COUNT II

Charge: Carry/Possess Pistol w/out Permit - Public Place - Gross Misdemeanor
Minnesota Statute: 624.714.1a
Maximum Sentence: 364 days or $3,000 fine, or both
Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 10/19/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25193013

Charge Description: On or about October 19, 2025, in the County of Ramsey, Minnesota, Brandon Jesse Johnson did carry or possess a pistol in a motor vehicle in a public place without first having obtained a permit to carry the pistol.

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On October 19, 2025, at approximately 1056 hours, St. Paul Police officers responded to a call to assist another law enforcement agency looking for a 13-year-old runaway, identified herein as V1. Officers tracked V1's phone to a residence on the 1200 block of Sherburne Avenue, St. Paul, Ramsey County, where V1 was located with BRANDON JESSE JOHNSON, (DOB 08/28/1993), in a second-floor rental unit. V1 reported that JOHNSON had sexually assaulted her repeatedly at the residence in the early morning hours that day.

On arrival, officers knocked on the door and, after about 35 to 40 seconds, JOHNSON answered shirtless, wearing only jogging pants. Officers asked JOHNSON if he knew V1 and gave him a physical description of her. JOHNSON said V1 was in the shower and allowed officers inside to check on her. Officers found V1 on a bed without pants or underwear on her body.
V1 told police she had downloaded a dating application on which she connected with JOHNSON early that morning. He picked her up near a park and brought her to the Sherburne Avenue residence. V1 said JOHNSON gave her alcohol and marijuana, which she described as green buds. V1 said JOHNSON "had sex" with her "multiple times." She expressed suffering from significant abdominal pain, difficulty with walking, and a had problem with her forearm. Medics were called to the scene and V1 was transported to the hospital.

Police spoke further with V1 at the hospital. She told officers that JOHNSON picked her up around 0300 hours near her house in Monticello. She saw that he had a gun in the car which scared her and made her fear she would get shot if she left. JOHNSON asked if she smoked "weed" and had her smoke it even though she said she didn't want to. He also gave her something to drink, which she thought was vodka. The drink burned her stomach. JOHNSON offered to give V1 a massage and began grabbing her back. He then had "intercourse" with her, watched television and fell asleep. V1 texted her mom for help.

V1 underwent a medical examination at Midwest Children's Medical Center. During the exam, she said she communicated with a guy, a/k/a JOHNSON, through a social media application used to meet others. He picked her up in a black BMW at a park near her house in the early morning that day. V1 saw JOHNSON had gun with him in his car.
While in the car, JOHNSON offered her "weed" and gave her a drink of she thought was alcohol from a blue bottle that burned her lips and mouth. V1 fell getting out of the car by JOHNSON's doorstep. She felt "completely out of it" and "super tired." When they got inside, JOHNSON gave her alcohol and "weed" that she smoked out of a pipe. V1 was suffering very bad stomach pain so JOHNSON rubbed her stomach to help. He told her something like, "be a good girl for dad," called her "honey" and "baby," and said he wanted her to have his "kid," which she didn't like.

V1 described being on her back and JOHNSON penetrating her "private part," a/k/a vagina, with his "private part," a/k/a penis, "many times." She said he penetrated her vagina "way too deep and it hurt," causing her to say, "Ow, ow, ow" to get him to stop. Frustrated, JOHNSON pushed her off the bed and V1 hurt her arm. JOHNSON also stuck his penis in her mouth, kissed her breasts, touched her all over her body, and penetrated her vagina with his fingers.

Police searched JOHNSON's vehicle pursuant to a valid warrant. A black semi-automatic pistol was observed in plain view on the driver's floorboard between the seat and the pedals. Chlorhexidine gluconate, an oral antiseptic, was found in the glove compartment of the vehicle.

Police also searched JOHNSON's rental-unit pursuant to a valid warrant. A used condom was found in a kitchen garbage can, a bottle of Tequila in a blue bottle was located on the kitchen counter, a laptop and two cellular phones were discovered. Police also collected all bedding and a towel from the bed.

JOHNSON was taken into custody and transported to the Ramsey County Law Enforcement Center. He opted to waive his legal rights and speak to police. JOHNSON said V1 “hit me up” on a dating application called “Lovely” around 0400 hours that morning. He picked her up from Monticello around 0500 hours and took her to his rental place on Sherburne Avenue. They watched a movie and then he had her take a shower. JOHNSON said while V1 showering, he fell asleep. He didn’t realize she was naked in the bed with him until the officers arrived and woke him up.
JOHNSON denied engaging in any form of sexual contact with V1 and claimed he did not pick her up for that purpose. When asked if V1’s DNA was going to be found on a used condom or his DNA was going to be found on or in V1, he said he had been sleeping and didn't know what V1 might have done to him while he was out.

JOHNSON willingly showed police the messages exchanged with V1 on the application called, “Lovely.” They started messaging at 0317 hours that morning. V1 reached out and said, “Hey,” to which JOHNSON told her to come to his place to watch a movie. V1 said she couldn’t drive and he offered to go and get her. They exchanged phone numbers and she gave a Monticello address for him to pick her up at.

JOHNSON also admitted owning and possessing the gun found on the driver’s side floorboard of his vehicle. He admitted not having a valid Minnesota permit and knowing he needed one to carry a firearm in Minnesota.

JOHNSON underwent a suspect medical forensic examination. Evidence collected from that examination along with forensic evidence collected form V1’s examination has been provided to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for testing and comparison. Results are currently outstanding.

***NOTICE*:** Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 609.49, subd. 1 (a) A person charged with or convicted of a felony and released from custody, with or without bail or recognizance, who intentionally fails to appear when required after having been notified that a failure to appear for a court appearance is a criminal offense, or after having been released on an order or condition that the release personally appear when required with respect to the charge or conviction, is guilty of a crime for failure to appear and may be sentenced to not more than one-half of the maximum term of imprisonment or fine, or both, provided for the underlying crime for which the person failed to appear, but this maximum sentence shall, in no case, be less than a term of imprisonment of one year and one day or a fine of $1,500, or both.

JUDICIAL BRANCH

SIGNATURES AND APPROVALS

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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

Joseph Bilek
Sergeant
367 Grove St
St Paul, MN 55101
Badge: 17790

Electronically Signed:
10/20/2025 07:42 PM
Ramsey County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Karen A. Kugler
360 Wabasha Street N
Suite 100
St Paul, MN 55101
(651) 266-3222

Electronically Signed:
10/20/2025 06:08 PM

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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 as directed in the Notice of Hearing before the above-named court 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: $80,000.00
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: October 21, 2025.

Judicial Officer Der Yang
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 10/21/2025 09:38 AM

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

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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

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Name:	Brandon Jesse Johnson
DOB:	08/28/1993
Address:	1202 Sherburne Ave Apt 2 Saint Paul, MN 55104
Alias Names/DOB:	
SID:	MN25FY8210
Height:	
Weight:	200lbs.
Eye Color:	Brown
Hair Color:	Unknown or completely bald
Gender:	MALE
Race:	Black
Fingerprints Required per Statute:	Yes
Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:	Yes
Driver's License #:	
Alcohol Concentration:	

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STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID

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Cnt Nbr	Statute Type	Offense Date(s)	Statute Nbrs and Descriptions	Offense Level	MOC	GOC	Controlling Agencies	Case Numbers
1	Charge	10/19/2025	609.342.1a(e) Criminal Sexual Conduct - 1st Degree - Penetration or Contact under 14 - Actor > 36m older	Felony			MN0620900	25193013
	Penalty	10/19/2025	609.342.2(a) Criminal Sexual Conduct - 1st Degree - Penalty - Stat Max	Felony			MN0620900	25193013
	Penalty	10/19/2025	609.342.2(b) Criminal Sexual Conduct - 1st Degree - Penalty - Presumptive 144 mo.	Felony			MN0620900	25193013
	Definition	10/19/2025	609.342.2(c) Criminal Sexual Conduct - 1st Degree - Subject to conditional release under section 609.3455	No-Level			MN0620900	25193013
2	Charge	10/19/2025	624.714.1a Carry/Possess Pistol w/out Permit - Public Place - Gross Misdemeanor; Second or Subsequent - Felony	Gross Misdemeanor			MN0620900	25193013

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