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State of Minnesota
County of Ramsey

District Court
2nd Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0620582494
Court File No. 62-CR-25-8377

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DENNIS CARL COLEN DOB: 08/04/1975

1751 Sims Ave., #301
Saint Paul, MN 55106

Defendant.

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 Sexual Conduct - 2nd Degree - Contact under 16; Significant relationship - Multiple acts
Minnesota Statute: 609.343.1a(h)(iii), with reference to: 609.343.2(a), 609.343.2(b), 609.3453.2(a)(2)
Maximum Sentence: 37 1/2 years or $35,000 fine or both
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/01/2024 to 07/31/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25161775

Charge Description: On or between June 1, 2024 and July 31, 2025, in Ramsey County, Minnesota, Dennis Carl Colen engaged in sexual contact with another person and the victim was under 16 years of age and the defendant has a significant relationship to the victim and the sexual abuse involved multiple acts committed over an extended period of time.

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On September 3, 2025, St. Paul Police were notified of a report to the Boyceville, Wisconsin Police Department involving repeated sexual assaults of a 9-year-old female, referred to herein as V1, by her mother's boyfriend, DENNIS CARL COLEN, (DOB 08/04/1975). The sexual assaults, which included touching of the vaginal area and touching of the buttocks, occurred at an apartment on the 1700 block of Sims Avenue, St. Paul, Ramsey County.

Dunn County CPS records show that on or about August 28, 2025, V1's father, SQH, reported V1 had disclosed being sexually assaulted by COLEN over the summer. Records further show that Just over a year earlier, on July 8, 2024, a non-mandatory reporter called with concerns about possible abuse to V1, who was then 8 years old, by her mother's boyfriend, COLEN. V1's mother, SJQ, brought V1 and V1's younger sister, along when she spent time with COLEN at a motel in Baldwin, WI, and her residence in St. Paul, Minnesota. V1 said COLEN touched her "privates" during the visits. CPS referred V1 to a local child advocacy center (CAC) for a forensic evaluation.

V1's CAC evaluation took place on August 29, 2025. During her interview, V1 said that on weekends during the summer of 2025, when she was 9 years old, her mother, SJQ, snuck her to see COLEN at SJQ's apartment in St. Paul. SJQ "snuck" her there because she had previously told people that COLEN used his hand to touch her "privates" when she was 8 years old. The examiner clarified with V1 that her "privates" are the part that people use when going to the bathroom to "pee" and "poop." V1 said COLEN used his hand to touch both areas.

V1 said the touching of her privates continued during the summer of 2025 at her mom's apartment. V1 described being in the same bed with her mom and COLEN, lying in between them, when COLEN touched her privates. COLEN would tell her mom to face away and she did. When her mom faced away, COLEN touched V1 in both of her private areas. V1 said there were times when she woke to find her pants were off and she knew COLEN had touched her because he touched her "a lot."

SJQ told police that she has known COLEN for approximately the last 2.5 years. During that time, they dated and resided together in her apartment on Sims Avenue. SJQ said they broke up approximately a year ago but remain in touch.

SJQ said V1 was last around COLEN in July, possibly around July 29, 2025. SJQ and V1 were at the apartment when COLEN came over to collect his personal belongings, it was a fast interaction. SJQ said COLEN was also with her and V1 on July 24, 2025 when they went to a splash pad near the park. SJQ said she knew V1 was not supposed to be around COLEN due to a July 2024 police report in Wisconsin but the CPS case was closed and there were no current restrictions keeping V1 away from COLEN.

During a follow-up interview, SJQ said COLEN had been living with her at the Sims Avenue address since the day they signed the lease in May 2023. SJQ said she brought V1 to the Sims Avenue apartment in the summer of 2025 knowing that V1 was not supposed to be near COLEN due to an earlier report of sexual abuse. SJQ and V1 stayed at the apartment for a week. COLEN was not there initially when they but then s arrived owed up a short time later and stayed with them all week.

SJQ described the Sims Avenue property as a two-bedroom apartment and said they all slept in the same room, in the same bed. COLEN made V1 slept in the middle spot, between SJQ and him. SJQ said he also required that she and V1 wear only t-shirts and underwear to bed.

SJQ described putting her arm around V1 in bed and COLEN taking it off. He'd tell her to face the television, which caused her to face away from him and V1. On one occasion, when SJQ turned around to see what he was doing, COLEN told her, "Just look at the fu**ing tv and stop lipping off." SJQ then asked

V1 what COLEN was doing and V1 said COLEN was putting his hand on her leg near her upper thigh area. SJQ got upset and COLEN tried grabbing her by the throat.

SJQ said she and V1 slept in the same bed with COLEN the entire week in July. V1 told both her and COLEN that she didn't want to sleep between them. COLEN responded, "Shut the fu** up and do what I asked." SJQ said she heard V1 tell COLEN to "stop" touching her but COLEN wouldn't stop. SJQ asked V1 where COLEN was touching her and V1 said her back and butt. SJQ was aware of COLEN slapping V1's buttocks once during that week.

COLEN is required to register as a sex offender for life due to a 2012 Michigan state conviction for 2nd Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct -Person under 13.

Police spoke with COLEN via phone on September 4, 2025. COLEN said his ex-girlfriend, SJQ stays on and off at his apartment. During the summer of 2025, SJQ brought V1 with her and stayed on weekends. He last saw V1 around July 24, 2025. COLEN said when SJQ and V1 were staying, they slept in the bedroom and he slept in the living room. He went into the bedroom to watch TV and hangout with them but then leave to sleep. COLEN denied sleeping in the same bed overnight with them, denied that V1 was ever on the bed in between him and SJQ, and denied ever seeing V1 naked or touching her inappropriately.

***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.

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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

Megan Kosloske
Sergeant
367 Grove St
St Paul, MN 55101
Badge: 114701

Electronically Signed:
11/10/2025 08:24 AM
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:
11/07/2025 05:04 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: $100,000.00
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: November 10, 2025.

Judicial Officer Kelly Olmstead
Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/10/2025 11:40 AM

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

COUNTY OF RAMSEY
STATE OF MINNESOTA

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Dennis Carl Colen

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

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Name:	Dennis Carl Colen
DOB:	08/04/1975
Address:	1751 Sims Ave., #301 Saint Paul, MN 55106
Alias Names/DOB:	
SID:	
Height:	
Weight:	0lbs.
Eye Color:	
Hair Color:	
Gender:	MALE
Race:	Unknown
Fingerprints Required per Statute:	Yes
Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:	No
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	6/1/2024	609.343.1a(h)(iii) Criminal Sexual Conduct - 2nd Degree - Contact under 16; Significant relationship - Multiple acts	Felony			MN0620900	25161775
	Penalty	6/1/2024	609.343.2(a) Criminal Sexual Conduct - 2nd Degree - Penalty - Stat Max	Felony			MN0620900	25161775
	Penalty	6/1/2024	609.343.2(b) Criminal Sexual Conduct - 2nd Degree - Penalty - Presumptive 90 mo.	Felony			MN0620900	25161775
	Penalty	6/1/2024	609.3453.2(a)(2) Criminal Sexual Predatory Conduct-Increased Penalty for Underlying Predatory Crime-Prior Sex Offense	Felony			MN0620900	25161775

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