

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 24A02661
Court File No. 27-CR-24-5455

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

EDWIN COSMO TRUDEAU DOB: 04/28/2005

15010 Woods Edge
Minnetonka, MN 55345

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: Aiding an Offender - Accomplice After the Fact

Minnesota Statute: 609.495.3, with reference to: 609.495.3

Maximum Sentence: 1/2 statutory maximum for underlying crime

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/28/2024

Control #(ICR#): 24002289

Charge Description: That on or about 2/28/2024, in Bloomington, Hennepin County, Minnesota, EDWIN COSMO TRUDEAU aided Esperanza Harding, a person EDWIN COSMO TRUDEAU knew or had reason to know had committed a criminal act, by destroying or concealing evidence of that crime, providing false or misleading information about that crime, or obstructing the investigation or prosecution of that crime.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Complainant, a licensed peace officer with the Bloomington Police Department, has investigated the facts and circumstances of this offense and believes the following establishes probable cause:

On March 6, 2024, Minneapolis Police Officers were dispatched to Children's Hospital on a missing child call. Upon arrival, officers located the child's mother, ESPERANZA RAE HARDING. Harding was claiming that her child, hereinafter referred to as Victim, died of natural causes in the hospital on March 1st. The hospital had no record of Victim being admitted or dying at the hospital. The Medical Examiner's Officer had no record of Victim.

Given the suspicious nature of Harding's claim, officers sat down for an interview with her. Harding continued to claim that Victim died at the hospital but was providing inconsistent information. Eventually, Harding admitted that Victim did not die at the hospital, but in fact, died at a hotel in Bloomington on February 28, 2024. Harding admitted that Victim drowned in the bathtub and that she wrapped up his body, put it in a backpack, and threw it in a dumpster.

Harding was interviewed again by Bloomington Police once they were brought into the case. Harding provided additional details regarding Victim's death. Harding stated that she had been dating a man named EDWIN COSMO TRUDEAU, the defendant herein, who did not like her child, and he wanted her to give Victim up for adoption. She stated that the defendant wanted her to prove that he was her top priority.

Harding stated that on February 28th, she was alone in her hotel room in Bloomington, Hennepin County, Minnesota and was taking a bath. She stated that Victim was in the other room and started crying. Harding admitted that she was upset that she could not enjoy her bath. According to Harding, she then put Victim in the full bathtub and drowned him. Harding took a photo of Victim floating face down in the full tub. The photo was recovered from her phone. She said she picked Victim up out of the water after he was "done moving, done twitching."

Harding stated that she started texting the defendant during the incident. Officers were able to recover the text messages. Around 4:45 p.m., Harding texted and said "he doing to much rn, I cant fucking sleep, Im trying tho, Im about to do something bad, Please answer me, He going to no be here much longer." The defendant's response was "Ok that's ok." Harding texted the defendant minutes later and stated that Victim was dead and that she was sorry. The defendant's response was "Don't be."

During the text exchange, a few minutes after Harding indicated Victim was dead, she said she was trying CPR. The defendant responded and told her to stop. He then stated, "Just stop trying". The defendant also texted and said, "its ok ima help" and later "your making things harder stop we are a team we do this."

Harding told officers that the defendant came to the hotel room after she had killed Victim. She stated that the defendant gave an effort at CPR, which was unsuccessful, and that they then had sex in the other room while Victim lay dead on the bathroom floor. The defendant did not call 911 or seek assistance for Victim.

According to Harding, the defendant told her to bring Victim to the garbage by throwing [the bag] into the trash to make it look like she was throwing trash out. Harding admitted that she did just that. Harding also explained that the defendant kept telling her to keep her mouth shut and that they had to get out of this situation. He told her "If you go down, I go down no matter what" and that "it is always going to be us, Bonnie and Clyde."

The defendant admitted going to the hotel room and finding Victim dead in the bathroom. The defendant

admitted that he didn't call for help, but rather, had sex with Harding before leaving the hotel room.

Victim's body has yet to be located.

The defendant is currently in custody.



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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

Kerri Nolden
Detective
1800 W Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN 55431
Badge: 237

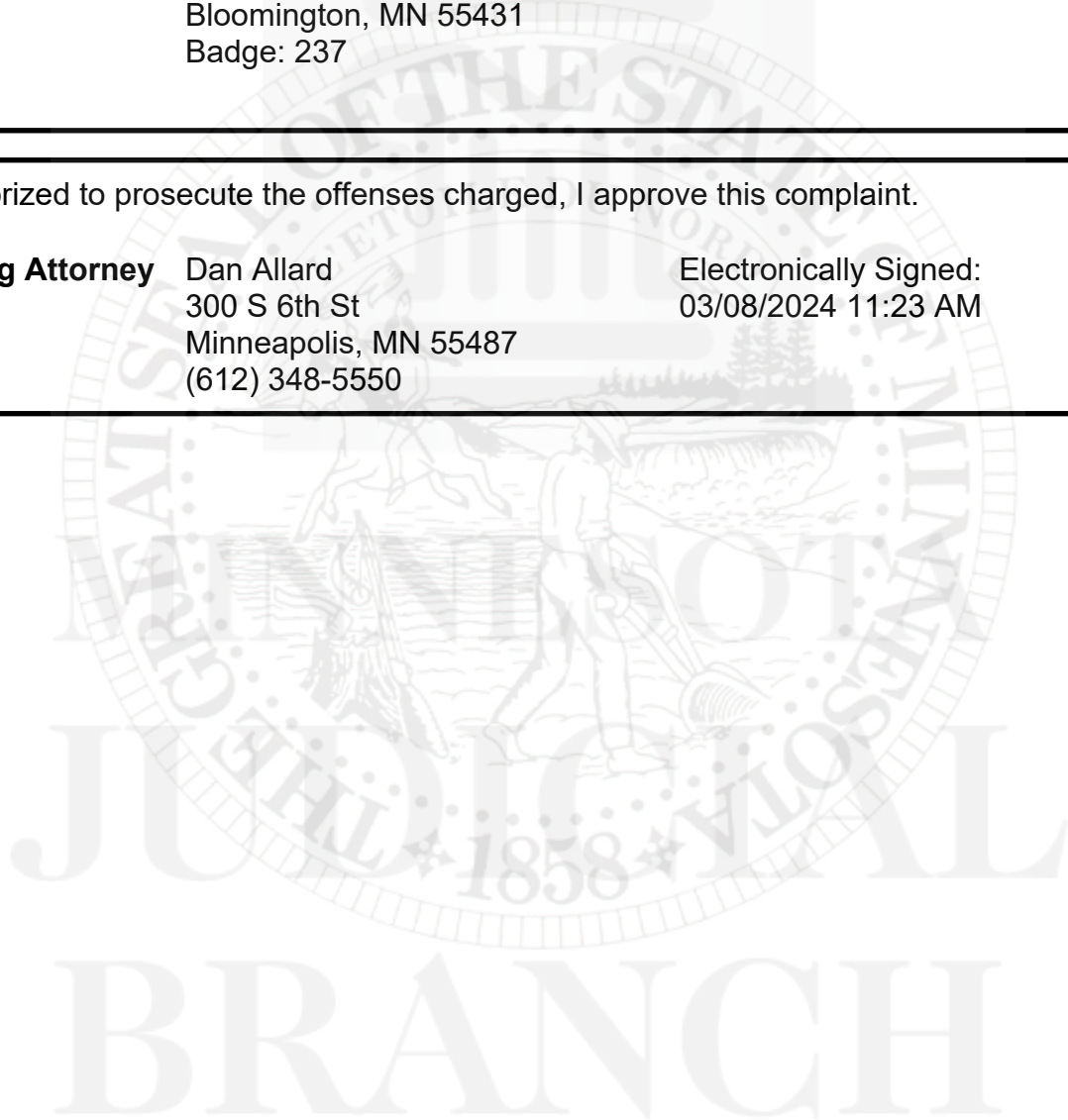
Electronically Signed:
03/08/2024 11:25 AM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Dan Allard
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
03/08/2024 11:23 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 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.

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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: \$1,000,000.00

Conditions of Release: No Contact with Co-Defendant(s)

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: March 8, 2024.

Judicial Officer

Laurie Miller
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 03/08/2024 11:39 AM

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

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EDWIN COSMO TRUDEAU

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:

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DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
3/8/2024

Name: EDWIN COSMO TRUDEAU
DOB: 04/28/2005
Address: 15010 Woods Edge
Minnetonka, MN 55345

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN24ES6020

Height:

Weight:

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender:

Race:

Fingerprints Required per Statute:

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:

Driver's License #:

SILS Person ID #:

SILS Tracking No.

Alcohol Concentration:

MALE

White

Yes

Yes

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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	2/28/2024	609.495.3 Aiding an Offender - Accomplice After the Fact	Felony	E1B50		MN0270100	24002289
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