

State of Minnesota  
County of Carver

District Court  
1st Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. FE-17-50988  
Court File No. 10-CR-17-1204

State of Minnesota,  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Order of Detention

vs.

**BRANDI JO GILSTER DOB: 10/03/1973**

240 Birch Street  
Waconia, MN 55387

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: Assault-1st Degree-Great Bodily Harm**

Minnesota Statute: 609.221.1, with reference to: 609.221.1

Maximum Sentence: 20 years in prison, a \$30,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/18/2017

Control #(ICR#): 17037472

Charge Description: On or about 11/18/2017, within the County of Carver, State of Minnesota, the defendant assaulted another and inflicted great bodily harm.

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF CARVER  
Certified to be a true and correct copy of the  
original on file and of record in my office  
Mary P. Dalbec  
Court Administrator

11-22-17 By Joomo  
Deputy

**STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

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On Saturday, November 18, 2017, at approximately 5:40 p.m., Carver County deputies were dispatched to a single home residence located at 240 South Birch Street, in the City of Waconia, County of Carver, regarding an adult male who suffered a stab wound to the chest.

Upon arrival, deputies located an adult male, Michael Alan Gilster, supine on his back just inside the residence. Mr. Gilster's shirt was soaked with blood. Mr. Gilster was having trouble breathing, could not walk, and stated that he thought he was going to die. Deputies administered pressure on the stab wound to slow the bleeding until paramedics could arrive. Mr. Gilster asked deputies multiple times if he was going to die.

Paramedics arrived a short time later and Mr. Gilster was treated for a collapsed lung and internal bleeding at Ridgeview Hospital Emergency Room. Following initial treatment, Mr. Gilster was transported to the Hennepin County Medical Center.

While waiting for the ambulance, Mr. Gilster indicated that "Brandi" had stabbed him but he did not know where Brandi had gone after he was stabbed.

Following medical treatment, Mr. Gilster explained that he has been married to Brandi Jo Gilster, hereafter referred to as the Defendant for the past twenty-two years. Mr. Gilster indicated that the Defendant was an "angry alcoholic." Mr. Gilster stated that the Defendant was drunk when he got home on Saturday. Following an argument about the Defendant's drinking and behavior, he locked himself in his bedroom as he commonly did when the Defendant was drunk. However, because the Defendant then threatened to slash his tires, he went outside to prevent the Defendant from slashing his tires. Once outside, he found her sitting in his car with his car door open. The Defendant then got out of the car and there was a brief argument during which the Defendant said, "I really want to stab you right now." Mr. Gilster replied, "Go for it." The Defendant was holding a silver knife in her right hand and then immediately stabbed Mr. Gilster in the chest. The Defendant removed the knife, did not say anything further, and went back into the house.

In securing the residence, deputies located a black handled knife with a six-inch stainless steel blade. It appeared that the blade had blood on it, and that some of the blood had been wiped off.

The Defendant did not respond to commands to present herself. A number of deputies along with a Hennepin County Sheriff's K-9 unit and Minnesota State Troopers deployed to search the premises and surrounding neighborhood. Following a search, the Defendant was ultimately located at the rear of the yard where she was placed under arrest.

The Defendant smelled strongly of alcohol upon her arrest. The Defendant agreed to give a statement. In part, she admitted to having a knife because she was cleaning a marijuana pipe. She agreed that she did stab Mr. Gilster but said, "I didn't ever think it would actually go in."

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 609.49., intentional failure to appear for duly scheduled court appearances may result in additional criminal charges, and in addition to any arrest warrant that may otherwise be issued by the Court.

**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.

<b>Complainant</b>	Josh Baker Corporal 606 E 4th Street Chaska, MN 55318 Badge: 896	Electronically Signed: 11/21/2017 10:04 AM Carver County, Minnesota
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Being authorized to prosecute the offenses charged, I approve this complaint.

<b>Prosecuting Attorney</b>	Peter Ivy Chief Deputy County Attorney 604 E 4th Street Chaska, MN 55318-2102 (952) 361-1400	Electronically Signed: 11/21/2017 09:15 AM
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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 on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM before the above-named court at 604 E 4th Street, Chaska, MN 55318 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: \$  
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 21, 2017.

Judicial Officer

Michael D. Wentzell

Electronically Signed: 11/21/2017 11:21 AM

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

COUNTY OF CARVER  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

vs.

**Brandi Jo Gilster**

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: