

State of Minnesota
County of Ramsey

District Court
2nd Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0620583186
Court File No. 62-CR-25-8430

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT

Order of Detention

vs.

TED MATTHEW BENNETT DOB: 10/28/1967

3518 Xerxes Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55412

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: Criminal Sexual Conduct - 3rd Degree - Penetration under 18 - Prohibited occupational relationship

Minnesota Statute: 609.344.1a(i), with reference to: 609.344.2(1)

Maximum Sentence: 15 years or \$30,000, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/15/2025 to 11/10/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25054537

Charge Description: On or between October 10, 2025 and November 10, 2025, in the county of Ramsey, Minnesota, Ted Matthew Bennett engaged in sexual penetration with another person, age 16, and, at the time of the act, the defendant was in a prohibited occupational relationship with the victim.

COUNT II

Charge: Criminal Sexual Conduct - 4th Degree - Contact under 18 - Prohibited occupational relationship

Minnesota Statute: 609.345.1a(i), with reference to: 609.345.2

Maximum Sentence: 15 years or \$30,000, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/15/2025 to 11/10/2025

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Charge Description: On or between October 10, 2025 and November 10, 2025, in the county of Ramsey, Minnesota, Ted Matthew Bennett engaged in sexual contact with another person, age 16, and, at the time of the act, the defendant was in a prohibited occupational relationship with the victim.

On November 10, 2025, police responded to a high school on the 1900 block of Lake Valentine Road, Arden Hills, Ramsey County, on a report of an inappropriate relationship between a teacher, identified as TED MATTHEW BENNETT, (DOB 10/28/1967), and sixteen-year-old student, identified herein as V1. Investigation results revealed that BENNETT was involved in a sexual relationship with V1, including engaging in multiple forms of sexual contact and penetration. Evidence also shows that BENNETT provided V1 with alcohol and narcotics.

V1 said she and BENNETT communicated via their personal phones and personal e-mail since the end of 2024/2025 school year. She described having a “light” conversation with BENNETT over the summer which continued into the current school year. V1 said she had been going through some hard times and had no one else to talk to; BENNETT listened and understood her problems. V1 initially denied that BENNETT engaged her in sexual activity. She also said she didn’t want to get him in trouble and blamed herself for their connection.

V1’s father, SK, is the account holder and responsible payor for the family’s cellphone plan. SK gave police permission to conduct a forensic search of V1’s phone. The search revealed a significant amount of evidence establishing that BENNETT had sexual contact with V1, including fondling and touching of the breasts, buttocks and vaginal area, and sexually penetrated V1’s vagina digitally on multiple occasions. BENNETT also engaged in graphic sexual conversations with V1. During a November 3, 2025, message exchange, as BENNETT was discussing highly specific details of sexually penetrating V1, he told her, “You are my fu**ing slut...Hottest slut ever I’m so lucky...Need to take care of my slut well...punish you.”

The phone exam also revealed evidence of BENNETT providing V1 with alcohol and narcotics. On November 2, 2025, V1 texted BENNETT saying a friend suggested she go on Adderall after she told the friend she wanted to kill herself. BENNETT responded, “I have like 400 pills.. it’s so easy to get on it.” V1 asked BENNETT if he would give her some of the Adderall and BENNETT said, “Maybe...Add on some more illegal behaviors to the list.”

Four days later, on November 6, 2025, BENNETT met V1 in the school parking lot and gave her alcohol and Adderall. Afterward, he messaged V1, “I’m a little high, a little juiced up from add (Adderall), as (sic) maybe a bit tipsy from Jungle Juice and still a bit high from car activities.” He again provided alcohol to V1 on November 8, 2025, and they discussed using cocaine.

On November 11, 2025, police conducted a follow-up interview of V1. V1 said BENNETT was her English teacher throughout the 2024/2025 school year. They began communicating via personal phones and emails in the Spring of 2025. V1 said throughout her 10th grade year, BENNETT commented on her looks, telling her she was “hot” and commenting on her body.

BENNETT and V1’s texting began to grow more sexual in nature as time went on and turned to hands on sexual contact in October 2025. V1 said she and BENNETT met in each of their vehicles to engage in sexual behaviors at various times on various days. V1 described BENNETT “fingering me,” (i.e., digital penetration) in addition to touching her breasts and other body parts, including her buttocks and vagina. She further described performing fellatio and masturbating BENNETT, and said BENNETT put his penis on, but not into, her vagina. One of the incidents of digital penetration and attempted cunnilingus occurred around 1500 hours, during the “6th hour” of school, in a back room of the theater. BENNETT pointed out there were no cameras.

V1 said BENNETT also sent her “porn clips” electronically and talked about them recreating what was in the video. BENNETT asked V1 to touch herself while watching the clips and explain it to him. On

BENNETT's birthday, October 28, 2025, those conversations led to self-masturbating and providing detail about the masturbation. BENNETT loved it so much he wanted to do it everyday. V1 described feeling exhausted by the pressure.

V1 last spoke with BENNETT the day before the follow-up interview, November 10, 2025. Cellphone evidence shows that during the conversation, BENNETT told V1 he had just been put on administrative leave and said, "I was fired, lie to them and delete everything." School video surveillance records show V1 crying on the phone with someone and dropping to her knees.

School Principal RR said BENNETT had been a teacher at the school for 27 years. RR provided police with an initial report he received on November 7, 2025 in which V1's friend and her boyfriend reported concerns to school staff about BENNETT's relationship with V1. The report provided that V1 had been "seeing" BENNETT since the summer (of 2025), and often visited him in his classroom alone, most recently that day, even though she had no classes with him that semester. V1 further told them she has gone to the auditorium with BENNETT during the school day to do "sexual things." BENNETT and V1 were also seen walking together after school to their vehicles.

School officials located a video of BENNETT and V1 walking together in school hallways and going into a storage closet together. Officials also located e-mail contact between BENNETT and V1 using their school e-mail addresses. BENNETT then switched to using his personal e-mail to communicate with V1 but still used her school email address.

On November 11, 2025, police went to BENNETT's residence to execute a search warrant and arrest BENNETT. He was found in his vehicle with an overnight bag and taken into custody at 1200 hours. Several electronic devices were seized along with other items, including handwritten notes to BENNETT from V1. Police are still analyzing all the evidence seized.

BENNETT opted not to speak with police.

Based on information and belief that there are multiple prior victims of BENNETT, the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office is opening a tip-line for other individuals to come forward.

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.

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

Molly Grandner
Deputy Sheriff
425 Grove St
St Paul, MN 55101
Badge: 1242

Electronically Signed:
11/12/2025 02:41 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:
11/12/2025 02:39 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.

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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: \$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 12, 2025.

Judicial Officer

Stacy Stennes
Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/12/2025 03:04 PM

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

COUNTY OF RAMSEY
STATE OF MINNESOTA

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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

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Name: Ted Matthew Bennett
DOB: 10/28/1967
Address: 3518 Xerxes Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55412

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN91004165

Height:

0lbs.

Weight:

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender: MALE

Race: White

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	10/15/2025	609.344.1a(i) Criminal Sexual Conduct - 3rd Degree - Penetration under 18 - Prohibited occupational relationship	Felony		MN0620000		25054537
	Penalty	10/15/2025	609.344.2(1) Criminal Sexual Conduct-3rd Degree-Penalty	Felony		MN0620000		25054537
2	Charge	10/15/2025	609.345.1a(i) Criminal Sexual Conduct - 4th Degree - Contact under 18 - Prohibited occupational relationship	Felony		MN0620000		25054537
	Penalty	10/15/2025	609.345.2 Criminal Sexual Conduct - 4th Degree - Penalty	Felony		MN0620000		25054537

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