



## **PRESS RELEASE**

From the office of:  
Sheriff James Stuart  
Anoka County Sheriff's Office  
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Andover, MN 55304  
(763) 324-5000

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**August 2, 2019**

#### **Suspect Charged in Fridley Case**

On August 2, 2019 the Anoka County Attorney's Office charged Aaron Daniel Johnson with two counts of criminal sexual conduct in the second degree and one count of false imprisonment. A copy of the signed complaint is attached.

The Anoka County Sheriff's Office and the Fridley Police Department would like to thank the public for assistance and willingness to provide information in this case. No additional information will be provided at this time.

Lt. Dan Douglas  
Anoka County Sheriff's Office

State of Minnesota  
County of Anoka

District Court  
10th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. CA-2019-01456  
Court File No. 02-CR-19-4986

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State of Minnesota,  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Order of Detention

vs.

**AARON DANIEL JOHNSON DOB: 10/22/1990**

11215 Hanson Blvd NW, #107  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Defendant.

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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 in the Second Degree**

Minnesota Statute: 609.343.1(c), with reference to: 609.343.2(a), 609.343.2(b)

Maximum Sentence: 90 Months to 25 Years plus conditional release term and/or \$10,500.00 - \$35,000.00

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/26/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19187276

Charge Description: On or about July 26, 2019, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, AARON DANIEL JOHNSON, did engage in sexual contact with another person, and circumstances existing at the time of the act cause the complainant to have a reasonable fear of imminent great bodily harm to the complainant or another.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Second Degree**

Minnesota Statute: 609.343.1(a), with reference to: 609.343.2(a)

Maximum Sentence: 0-25 Years plus conditional release term and/or \$10,500.00 - \$35,000.00

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/26/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19187276

Charge Description: On or about July 26, 2019, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, AARON DANIEL JOHNSON, did engage in sexual contact with another person, and the complainant is under 13 years of age and the actor is more than 36 months older than the complainant.

**COUNT III**

**Charge: False Imprisonment (Intentional Restraint)**

Minnesota Statute: 609.255.2

Maximum Sentence: 0-3 Years and/or \$1,500.00 - \$5,000.00

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/26/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19187276

Charge Description: On or about July 26, 2019, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, AARON DANIEL JOHNSON, did knowingly lacking lawful authority to do so, intentionally confine or restrain someone else's child under the age of 18 years without consent of the child's parent or legal custodian, or any other person without the person's consent.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

At just before 1:00 pm on July 26th, 2019, the Fridley police responded to a call of an attempted abduction on Taylor Street NE in Fridley, Anoka County. Officers initially learned a red passenger car was driving on the 7300 block of Taylor Street NE and was making multiple passes on the street. At the same time, 2 young girls were riding their bikes on the same street. A male who lives nearby then observed the red car come to a stop near the girls. The witness then observed the male driver of the red car open the driver's door. The witness knew this was odd and he began to walk towards the street location. The witness saw the male driver then reach out from the car and grab one of the girls (7 year-old victim) by the arm. The witness then yelled at the driver. The driver then immediately drove away from the scene – with his driver's door still open. The incident was captured by neighborhood surveillance cameras.

The child victim was interviewed and describes riding her bike in her neighborhood with her friend. The victim said a "crazy guy" stopped in his red car where they were riding. The victim said the guy wanted her to touch his "peanut", indicating his genitals. The child said the guy wanted her to come closer to him but she didn't want to. The child said that is when the guy grabbed her by the arm. The child said the guy then reached out to her and grabbed her arm and pulled her towards himself as he was seated in the car. The victim said the guy put her hand on his "peanut". The child described the male as being in the car by himself. The victim said the guy was "tan", had black hair and was wearing sunglasses. The victim said the incident ended when she heard a man she knows from the neighborhood coming towards the car. The victim said the guy then drove off with his door still open. The victim said the incident made her "feel really bad" and that she wanted to "punch" the man. The victim described being scared and thought the man would have a knife.

The victim's friend, a 6 year-old girl, described riding bikes with her friend in the neighborhood. She said a "boy" was driving around and came by them a couple of times. The friend saw the car stop and the man inside grab the victim by the hand. The friend saw the victim's hand on the man's genital area, which she identified as his "private". The friend said the man had black hair, was wearing sunglasses and was in a red car. The friend said the man left so fast that his door was still open.

The male witness took the girls home and to safety.

Detectives used video to identify the car as a red Acura RSX, having a sun roof and a unique, off-center license plate placement. A press release seeking public assistance in further identifying the car was issued and resulted in a tip. On July 31st, 2019, detectives learned a red Acura RSX with an off-center license plate belonged to a male who lives on Hanson Boulevard in Coon Rapids, Anoka County. The male is identified as Aaron Daniel Johnson (DOB: 10/22/90), the defendant herein. The defendant worked at a nearby business. There, detectives observed a red Acura RSX with the unique off-center license plate which matches the video. At the scene, the defendant was found inside the car attempting to remove adhesive from the windows. The car was also seen on the video having what appeared to be "window flares" which are attached with adhesive. Co-workers stated they asked the defendant why he was removing his "window flares" given his prior statements that he liked them.

The defendant was arrested and acknowledged he is the only person who drives or has access to his car – the red Acura. The defendant initially told detectives he was not near Fridley on July 26th. When confronted with the specific details of the car the defendant then admitted he was driving in Fridley and his car overheated. The defendant said he was trying to let it cool down when he made contact with the girls on Taylor Street. The defendant said he only told the girls not to play in the street and he left when he saw an adult male approaching. Then, the defendant admitted he "had a problem" and that he "guided" a young girl's hand to touch his penis. The defendant said his fly was open and that her hand did touch the clothing over his penis.

## 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, subs. 1, 2.

**Complainant**

Gary Patterson  
Detective  
7071 University Avenue NE  
Fridley, MN 55432

Electronically Signed:  
08/02/2019 04:35 AM  
Anoka County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney** Paul L. Young  
Assistant County Attorney  
2100 3rd Ave  
Anoka, MN 55303-2265  
(763) 324-5550

Electronically Signed:  
08/01/2019 02:57 PM

**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 2100 Third Avenue, Anoka, MN 55303 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: August 2, 2019.

**Judicial Officer**

Thomas Fitzpatrick  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/02/2019 08:47 AM

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

**COUNTY OF ANOKA  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

vs.

**Aaron Daniel Johnson**

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: