



Office of the Washington County Attorney

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Champlin man sentenced for assaulting Washington County deputies during traffic stop

Stillwater, Minn. – A Champlin man was sentenced to consecutive probationary sentences and jail time for physically assaulting, spitting on, and threatening law enforcement officers during a traffic stop in 2021, Washington County Attorney Kevin Magnuson announced.

In May, a jury found Anyeth Abdalla Deng, 27, guilty of three counts of felony fourth-degree assault against a peace officer and one count of threats of violence after he assaulted and threatened two Washington County sheriff's deputies during a traffic stop in September 2021.

On August 27, Judge Helen Brosnahan sentenced Deng to stayed prison sentences ranging from a year to 18 months in length, as called for by the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines. Judge Brosnahan imposed consecutive probationary terms, meaning Deng will be on probation for a total of six years, as well as a total of 120 days jail.

"Judge Brosnahan, in my view, clearly understood the serious nature of Deng's crimes and gave him the toughest sentence she could under the circumstances," Magnuson said.

According to the criminal complaint, Deng was stopped for a covered license plate and other equipment violations on Frenchman Road in the City of Hugo. When deputies approached the vehicle, Deng was verbally confrontational, and deputies detected the odor of marijuana. After stepping out of the vehicle, Deng refused to remove his hands from his pockets along with other orders. He became physically aggressive when the deputies attempted to place him in handcuffs and punched a deputy four times with a closed fist in the face and head. While the deputies were taking Deng to the ground to control him, a deputy suffered an injury to his head that resulted in bleeding. Deng continued to be combative after other officers arrived to assist in putting him in the squad car. He mule kicked, tried to bite a deputy, spat on both deputies, and damaged the squad vehicle. During the transport to jail, Deng made repeated graphic and violent threats against the second deputy and his family to be carried out once he was released the next day.

At the sentencing hearing, Assistant County Attorney Keshini Ratnayake argued that our society must stop normalizing assaults against police officers. "Nobody should have to go to work expecting that they could be punched in the face and spat on for simply executing their job duties," Ratnayake said.

"The fact that assaulting law enforcement officer didn't faze Deng at the time of his crimes, during his trial, or at his sentencing is very concerning," Magnuson said. "Assault is not somehow less serious because the victims are peace officers. I am very concerned about anyone who believes they are above the law, especially when it involves violence against police or correctional officers."

Magnuson added, "The Washington County Attorney's Office takes cases of assaults against police and correctional officers seriously and vigorously prosecutes these crimes, which are all too common. I am grateful for the jury's verdict and Judge Brosnahan's sentence in this case."

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State of Minnesota
County of Washington

District Court
10th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

CR-2021-1602
82-CR-21-3425

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ANYETH ABDALLA DENG DOB: 04/24/1997

11020 134th Circle N
Champlin, MN 55316

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: Assault - 4th Degree - Peace Officer - Demonstrable bodily harm

Minnesota Statute: 609.2231.1(c)(1), with reference to: 609.2231.1(c)

Maximum Sentence: 3 years and \$6,000.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/30/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21047794

Charge Description: physically assault a peace officer, to wit: Deputy Shawn Irvin, when said officer is effecting a lawful arrest or executing any other duty imposed by law, and inflict demonstrable bodily harm.

COUNT II

Charge: Assault - 4th Degree - Peace Officer - Throws/transfers bodily fluids or feces at or onto officer

Minnesota Statute: 609.2231.1(c)(2), with reference to: 609.2231.1(c)

Maximum Sentence: 3 years and \$6,000.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/30/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21047794

Charge Description: physically assault a peace officer, to wit: Deputy David Sawacke, by intentionally throwing or otherwise transferring bodily fluids or feces at or onto the officer when said officer is effecting a lawful arrest or executing any other duty imposed by law.

COUNT III

Charge: Assault - 4th Degree - Peace Officer - Throws/transfers bodily fluids or feces at or onto officer

Minnesota Statute: 609.2231.1(c)(2), with reference to: 609.2231.1(c)

Maximum Sentence: 3 years and \$6,000.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/30/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21047794

Charge Description: physically assault a peace officer, to wit: Deputy David Sawacke, by intentionally throwing or otherwise transferring bodily fluids or feces at or onto the officer when said officer is effecting a lawful arrest or executing any other duty imposed by law.

COUNT IV

Charge: Threats of Violence - Reckless Disregard Risk

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1, with reference to: 609.713.1

Maximum Sentence: Not more than 5 years and not more than \$10,000.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/30/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21047794

Charge Description: threaten, directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence to wit: 609.223, subd. 1, with purpose to terrorize another or to cause evacuation of a building, place of assembly, vehicle or facility of public transportation or otherwise to cause serious public inconvenience, or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror or inconvenience.

COUNT V

Charge: Threats of Violence - Reckless Disregard Risk

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1, with reference to: 609.713.1

Maximum Sentence: Not more than 5 years and not more than \$10,000.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/30/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21047794

Charge Description: threaten, directly or indirectly, to commit any crime of violence to wit: 609.345, subd. 1, with purpose to terrorize another or to cause evacuation of a building, place of assembly, vehicle or facility of public transportation or otherwise to cause serious public inconvenience, or in a reckless disregard of the risk of causing such terror or inconvenience.

COUNT VI

Charge: Damage to Property - 1st Degree - Value Reduced Over \$1000

Minnesota Statute: 609.595.1(4), with reference to: 609.595.1

Maximum Sentence: 5 years and \$10,000.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/30/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21047794

Charge Description: intentionally cause damage to physical property, to wit: a squad vehicle, of another, without the latter's consent and the damage reduced the value of the property by more than \$1,000 measured by the cost of repair and replacement.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

Your complainant is a licensed peace officer with the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Complainant offers the following statement to establish probable cause:

On September 30, 2021, at 6:42 p.m., Washington County Deputy Irvin conducted a routine patrol in the area of Frenchman Road and Victor Hugo Boulevard North, which is in the city of Hugo. Deputy Irvin attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a black colored sedan with dark tinted windows/windshield and a smoke colored lens over the license plate. Deputy Sawacke assisted with the investigation arriving when the vehicle was stopped. Upon approaching the vehicle, deputies identified the driver and sole occupant of the vehicle as ANYETH ABDALLA DENG (DOB: 4-24-1997). DENG was verbally confrontational with deputies, and once the window was rolled down deputies smelled an order of marijuana coming from the vehicle.

Deputies ordered DENG to step out of the vehicle while they investigated. Upon speaking with deputies, DENG refused to remove his hands from his pockets after being ordered to do so for officer safety. While deputies were attempting to handcuff DENG, he physically resisted by tensing his body in an effort to break free from the deputies grasps. DENG was able to free his right arm and struck Deputy Irvin, with a close fist, on the back of the head and cheek at least four times. This caused Deputy Irvin swelling and pain which was photographed and observed by others. While deputies were taking DENG to the ground, Deputy Irvin hit his head on the ground causing it to bleed. During this process DENG made comments toward Deputy Irvin that he would "beat his f***ing a***" when he gets out of jail. DENG remained combative attempting to kick and bite Deputy Irvin while deputies attempted to place him in the squad vehicle. DENG spit on Deputy Irvin and Sawacke, the fluid landing on multiple locations including the face, neck, chest, arms, and hands.

Once in the squad vehicle but still on scene, DENG kicked and damaged the inside of the squad vehicle causing damage to the rear seat, dome light, and weather stripping. The estimated cost of these items that need to be replaced is over \$1,000.00.

During transport, DENG made repeated comments to Deputy Sawacke that he would sexually assault his wife and daughter.

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

Bradley Volk
Deputy Sheriff
15015 62nd Street N
PO Box 3801
Stillwater, MN 55082-3801
Badge: 194

Electronically Signed:
10/01/2021 12:33 PM
Washington County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Kayla Kristine Wengronowitz
Assistant County Attorney
PO Box 6
15015 62nd Street North
Stillwater, MN 55082
(651) 430-6115

Electronically Signed:
10/01/2021 12:21 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 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: \$
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: October 1, 2021.

Judicial Officer

Laura A Pietan

Electronically Signed: 10/01/2021 12:48 PM

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

**COUNTY OF WASHINGTON
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Anyeth Abdalla Deng

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:

DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Name: Anyeth Abdalla Deng
DOB: 04/24/1997
Address: 11020 134th Circle N
Champlin, MN 55316

Alias Names/DOB:
SID:
Height:
Weight:
Eye Color:
Hair Color:
Gender: MALE
Race:
Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes
Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: No
Driver's License #: J740169501711 (MN)
Alcohol Concentration:

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	9/30/2021	609.2231.1(c)(1) Assault - 4th Degree - Peace Officer - Demonstrable bodily harm	Felony	A4307	N	MN0820000	21047794
	Penalty	9/30/2021	609.2231.1(c) Assault - 4th Degree - Peace Officer - Penalty for violation of 609.2231.1(c)(1) or (c)(2)	Felony	A4307	N	MN0820000	21047794
2	Charge	9/30/2021	609.2231.1(c)(2) Assault - 4th Degree - Peace Officer - Throws/transfers bodily fluids or feces at or onto officer	Felony	A4G07	N	MN0820000	21047794
	Penalty	9/30/2021	609.2231.1(c) Assault - 4th Degree - Peace Officer - Penalty for violation of 609.2231.1(c)(1) or (c)(2)	Felony	A4G07	N	MN0820000	21047794
3	Charge	9/30/2021	609.2231.1(c)(2) Assault - 4th Degree - Peace Officer - Throws/transfers bodily fluids or feces at or onto officer	Felony	A4G07	N	MN0820000	21047794
	Penalty	9/30/2021	609.2231.1(c) Assault - 4th Degree - Peace Officer - Penalty for violation of 609.2231.1(c)(1) or (c)(2)	Felony	A4G07	N	MN0820000	21047794
4	Charge	9/30/2021	609.713.1 Threats of Violence - Reckless Disregard Risk	Felony	A9B07	N	MN0820000	21047794
	Penalty	9/30/2021	609.713.1 Threats of Violence - Reckless Disregard Risk	Felony	A9B07	N	MN0820000	21047794
5	Charge	9/30/2021	609.713.1 Threats of Violence - Reckless Disregard Risk	Felony	A4B07	N	MN0820000	21047794
	Penalty	9/30/2021	609.713.1 Threats of Violence - Reckless Disregard Risk	Felony	A4B07	N	MN0820000	21047794
6	Charge	9/30/2021	609.595.1(4) Damage to Property - 1st Degree - Value Reduced Over \$1000	Felony	P119H	N	MN0820000	21047794
	Penalty	9/30/2021	609.595.1 Damage to Property-1st Degree	Felony	P119H	N	MN0820000	21047794

