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Minneapolis man convicted of sex trafficking two victims, including a 14-year-old girl

STILLWATER, MN --- A Washington County jury has found a Minneapolis man guilty on multiple felony charges related to the sex trafficking and sexual assaults of a 14-year-old girl and a 20-year-old woman, Washington County Attorney Kevin M. Magnuson announced Friday.

Billy Ray Wiley, 52, was convicted of two counts of sex trafficking, one count of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, and one count of third-degree criminal sexual conduct following a multi-agency investigation led by the East Metro Human Trafficking Task Force (EMHTTF). The jury also found aggravating factors that support a sentence above the standard guidelines.

Wiley looked for women and girls in the Twin Cities area, often approaching them near grocery stores or on the street in Minneapolis and St. Paul. He would offer them rides, drugs, or money, and then drive them to a man's apartment at Piccadilly Apartments in Mahtomedi.

During the trial, witnesses testified that on June 30, 2025, a 14-year-old girl was seen outside the apartment complex displaying signs of extreme drug intoxication and emotional distress. She was behaving erratically and appeared unable to control her movements. A concerned resident called 911, prompting a response from Washington County Sheriff's Deputies, who then notified EMHTTF.

The girl was brought to St. John's Hospital, where EMHTTF members—Washington County Sergeant Danelle Erickson and Cottage Grove Detective Jeff Rydeen—interviewed her in the emergency room. She disclosed to them that Wiley had given her crack cocaine and brought her to an apartment where she was sexually and physically assaulted by both Wiley and the other man. Surveillance footage confirmed she was at the apartment with Wiley.

A second victim, a 20-year-old woman, reported that Wiley picked her up in Minneapolis on June 28, 2025, and brought her to an apartment, where he physically and sexually assaulted her. He recorded the assault on his phone, and investigators later recovered the video, ultimately identifying the location as the same Mahtomedi apartment used in the other trafficking incident.

"This case is a horrifying example of a predator preying on the most vulnerable members of our community," said County Attorney Kevin M. Magnuson. "I truly admire the courage of the two young victims who not only survived these horrific assaults, but also bravely testified at trial—despite being



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forced to relive their trauma when the defendant, representing himself, cross-examined them in open court.”

“We are extremely fortunate to have the East Metro Human Trafficking Task Force in our community,” Magnuson said. “Their skill, compassion, and quick action not only helped bring Wiley to justice, but also helped build the trust necessary for these victims to identify additional victims and then testify so bravely.”

Wiley remains in custody at the Washington County Jail, where he is being held without bail pending sentencing. The sentencing hearing is set for January 7 at 8:30 a.m.

Assistant Washington County Attorney Scott Haldeman prosecuted the case.

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State of Minnesota
County of Washington

Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
10/24/2025

District Court
10th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. CR-2025-946
Court File No. 82-CR-25-2857

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

vs.

BILLY RAY WILEY DOB: 03/08/1973

3105 23rd Avenue S
Apt 104
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Order of Detention

Amended

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: Engages in the sex trafficking of an individual

Minnesota Statute: 609.322.1a(4), with reference to: 609.322.1(b)(4)

Maximum Sentence: 30 years and \$60,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/13/2025 to 07/08/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25034611

Charge Description: intentionally, and while acting other than as a prostitute or patron, engage in the sex trafficking of an individual

COUNT II

Charge: Criminal Sexual Conduct-1st Degree-Penetration-Use force as defined in section 609.341, subd 3(1)

Minnesota Statute: 609.342.1(d), with reference to: 609.342.2(b)

Maximum Sentence: 30 years and \$40,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/13/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25034611

Charge Description: Engage in sexual penetration with T.S. and use force as defined in section 609.341 subdivision 3, clause 1.

COUNT III

Charge: Engages in Sex Trafficking of Individual-Under 18 years old

Minnesota Statute: 609.322.1(a)(4), with reference to: 609.322.1(b)(4)

Maximum Sentence: 30 years and \$60,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/13/2025 to 07/07/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25034611

Charge Description: intentionally, and while acting other than as a prostitute or patron, engage in the sex trafficking of an individual under the age of 18 years

COUNT IV

Charge: Criminal Sexual Conduct - 3rd Degree - Penetration; Victim 14 - 15 Actor greater than 24m older

Minnesota Statute: 609.344.1a(b), with reference to: 609.344.2(2)

Maximum Sentence: 15 years and \$30,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/30/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25034611

Charge Description: engage in sexual penetration with another person at least 14 but less than 16 years of age, to wit: L.R., said defendant being more than 24 months older than the victim

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

On June 30, 2025, officers were dispatched to the Piccadilly Apartments located at 70 Mahtomedi Avenue on a report of a juvenile female dancing in the parking lot and screaming "no no no." The reporting party, Witness 1, stated that an unknown male had dropped her off about four hours prior.

Officers arrived on scene and observed a female, later identified as 14-year-old, victim 1. Victim 1 was unable to stand still and appeared to be under the influence of drugs. Victim 1 told officers she was going home and started digging through her purse. Officers observed a glass pipe with what appeared to be burnt residue and a white powdery substance inside the purse.

Victim 1 stated she was there to see a friend. At the same time, a male, identified as Michael Lewis, dob 6/23/1956, stepped outside of the front door of the apartment. Victim 1 pointed to Lewis and said that she was with Lewis and another one of his friends. Officers spoke to Lewis, who stated that he did not know Victim 1. Officers noticed Lewis' eyes to be bloodshot and watery. Lewis also entered and exited the building several times attempting to talk with officers.

Lewis stated that his veteran's affairs counselor named "John" had just gone to his apartment to give him cigarettes. Lewis said that a few minutes after John left his apartment, victim 1 showed up outside the apartment complex. Lewis said he believed victim 1 was with John but said he was just speculating.

EMS arrived on scene. Officers searched Victim 1's purse and found several unopened condoms and alcohol prep wipes. Several items of drug paraphernalia were located in the purse. EMS transported victim 1 to the hospital.

Officers again spoke with witness 1, who stated that around 6 pm, a Mazda CX-9 arrived at the apartment complex, driven by a large male. Witness 1 said she watched the male and victim 1 go inside the building and heard them enter room 234. Witness 1 said the male stayed inside the apartment until approximately 9:45 pm before leaving without victim 1. Witness 1 said that she had observed victim 1 and the male at the apartment complex before.

Officers alerted investigators from the East Metro Human Trafficking Task Force (EMHTTF), who met with victim 1 while she was at the hospital. Victim 1 stated she attended school online and was going into eighth grade. When asked how she knew the man who brought her to the apartment complex, she stated that he was a "friend" who often drove around her neighborhood. Victim 1 stated that her friend, "Billy" typically picked her up near an Aldi's a few blocks from her apartment. Victim 1 said on June 30, Billy picked her up in a Mazda. Victim 1 told officers that Billy took her to different places and told her she "needed to shower." When asked what happened inside the Mahtomedi apartment, victim 1 said that "Billy" walked her to the apartment where another man was inside. Victim 1 identified Lewis as the man inside the apartment after looking at a photo. Victim 1 said that "Billy" gave her crack cocaine. Victim 1 nodded her head yes when asked if anything sexual happened in the apartment. Victim 1 said that Billy left her alone in the apartment with Lewis and by the time she ran out to look for him, he was already gone. Victim 1 stated she was tired and did not want to speak any longer.

Officers identified the male as Billy Ray Wiley (3/8/1973). Officers obtained surveillance of the apartment. At 6:36 p.m. footage shows Wiley arrive at the apartment in a Mazda CX-9 with victim 1. Both entered the vestibule to get buzzed into the apartment complex. Victim 1 is carrying two small bags, including an Aldi's shopping bag. Wiley uses the security pad to buzz room 234. Wiley and victim 1 then enter the apartment

building. At approximately 10:04 pm, Wiley exits the apartment and drives away. A few minutes later, victim 1 runs out of the building exhibiting erratic behavior. Victim 1's actions and movements were drastically different from when she arrived at the apartment.

On July 7th officers again spoke with victim 1, who was noticeably in better condition than on June 30th. Victim 1 told officers that Wiley would find her walking around the Aldi store by her house and just pick her up. There was no time or location planned, Wiley would just find her. Victim 1 stated that when Wiley picked her up, she knew she would be expected to engage in sexual acts in exchange for money and drugs. Victim 1 stated that when brought her to Lewis' apartment on June 30, 2025, Lewis performed oral sex on her, and she performed oral sex on Wiley. Victim 1 said the sexual acts took place in the bedroom, which had white walls and white sheets. Victim 1 stated when you walked into the apartment the kitchen was directly in view and there was a large table in the kitchen. Victim 1 stated that she was given drugs before and after the sexual assaults. Victim 1 said that Wiley left before giving her money but that he usually gives her "enough" money.

Officers were provided additional surveillance footage of Wiley transporting young females to the Piccadilly Apartments. On June 28th 2025, Wiley arrived at the apartments in a different car with two younger females, the first one identified as victim 2. Victim 2 walked into the apartment and did not appear to be under the influence of any intoxicating substance. The second female, unidentified victim 3, had extreme difficulty getting out of the car and appeared to be under the influence of drugs. Wiley assisted victim 3 inside the apartment entrance. Victims 2 and 3 were carrying multiple bags, including an Aldi shopping bag. Wiley entered the apartment vestibule at 8:23 pm with both victims and dialed Lewis' room. Wiley and the victims were buzzed into the apartment building. Several hours later Wiley and victim 3 exit the building and get into Wiley's car. Victim 2 is later seen on surveillance in the apartment stairwell bent over, drooling, swaying, and appeared under the influence of drugs. This appearance was notably different from when she arrived at the apartment. Officers were called out to address Victim 2, who was found sleeping in a resident's vehicle in the underground garage. Victim two got out of the car and went up to room 234. Victim 2 was not located when officers arrived.

Officers located Wiley's phone number and obtained a tracking warrant. On July 8, 2025, pings from the warrant indicated that Wiley was in the vicinity of I-694 and White Bear Avenue, moving towards the Piccadilly Apartments. Officers located Wiley driving the car. When Wiley drove by the Piccadilly apartments, officers initiated a traffic stop and placed Wiley under arrest. Inside the car was a 17-year-old juvenile female, A.E. In a spontaneous statement, Wiley asked an officer if it was illegal to "pay for pussy." Officers searched the car and found two white papers with cell phone numbers, 13 unopened condoms, an iPhone, and a clear grey pen tub with a white chystalline substance inside that weighted 1.7 g. NIK testing is pending on the substance.

Officers also arrested Lewis and searched his apartment. Lewis' apartment matched the description given by Victim 1. Multiple items of drug paraphernalia were located around the apartment.

Officers interviewed A.E., who stated that Wiley picked her up earlier in the day in the area of Dale Street and University Avenue in St. Paul. A.E. stated that Wiley pulled up right next to her and asked her what she needed. He then gave her a cigarette and asked if she wanted to go for a ride. A.E. said they drove around for several hours and drove to numerous apartment complexes. Wiley told her that she was pretty and had a nice body. A.E. told officers that she told Wiley to drop her off on several occasions, but he kept driving.

Wiley got food for A.E at Culvers. Wiley told A.E. that they could eat at his apartment in Mahtomedi. A.E. told officers that she felt uncomfortable and said she just wanted to eat in the car. Just before pulling into the Piccadilly Apartments, Wiley said he needed to stop at Holiday gas station. A.E. said officers pulled them over shortly after. A.E. told officers that many girls who are struggling with addiction hang around Dale and University. A.E. said that Wiley is known to pick up a lot of girls in the area. Officers showed A.E. a

photo of Victim 2, who she positively identified.

Investigation is ongoing as results from phone search warrants on Wiley and Lewis' devices are pending. Medical information from victim 1 is pending.

Officers obtained a warrant and searched Wiley's phone. Officers located a video of Wiley sexually assaulting an underage female. The female had a tattoo but was otherwise unidentifiable. The video was dated June 13, 2025. After Wiley sexually assaults the female, he tells the girl that she can make \$40 extra dollars if she lets his friend perform oral sex on her. The female stated that she needed to call her mom and her probation officer and needed to get home. The female asks Wiley where they are. Wiley states that they are at an apartment in White Bear Lake.

In the call log from Wiley's phone, officers found a call was made to a probation officer in Washington County. Officers spoke to the probation officer and were eventually able to identify the female in the video as victim T.S., dob 11/30/2004.

Officers found that on June 13, 2025, T.S. made a report to St. Paul Police that she was sexually assaulted. T.S. was bleeding from the nose and was very upset. T.S. told officers that she was waiting for a bus on Lake Street in Minneapolis when a black male with a bald head and a large build, later determined to be Wiley, pulled up to her and asked her where she was going. T.S. stated she told the male that she was going to a friend's house. Wiley told her that he knew her friend and offered to drive her there. T.S. stated they ended up at an apartment in White Bear Lake. An older black male was also in the apartment. When T.S. started becoming worried about the situation, she said she wanted to leave and went into the bathroom. T.S. told officers that Wiley came into the bathroom, grabbed her by her hair, punched in the face, and drug her into the bedroom.

T.S. told officers that after Wiley drug her into the bedroom, he sexually assaulted her and took a video of the assault. T.S. stated that Wiley forced her to act as though she liked it because she was crying. T.S. stated Wiley threatened to punch her in the face. T.S. stated she was afraid if she did not comply that Wiley would kill her. After the assault Wiley transported her to downtown St. Paul. Once she got out of the car, she asked people on the street for help, and they flagged down an officer.

Officers were able to geolocate the recording of the sexual assault found on Wiley's phone to the Piccadilly Apartments in Mahtomedi, Washington County, Minnesota. The video showed the interior of the apartment which matched the interior of Lewis' apartment.

T.S. was taken to the hospital and completed a SANE exam. Swabs were taken from her mouth and sent to the BCA. Results from the swab indicate a Y-chromosome present. Confirmatory tests with Wiley's known DNA sample are pending.

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

Sara Peulen
Deputy Sheriff
15015 62nd Street N
PO Box 3801
Stillwater, MN 55082-3801
Badge: 163

Electronically Signed:
10/24/2025 03:15 PM
Washington County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Scott E. Haldeman
PO Box 6
15015 62nd Street North
Stillwater, MN 55082
(651) 430-6115

Electronically Signed:
10/24/2025 03:11 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 24, 2025.

Judicial Officer

Juanita Freeman
Tenth Judicial District Judge

Electronically Signed: 10/24/2025 03:43 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.

Billy Ray Wiley
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: Billy Ray Wiley
DOB: 03/08/1973
Address: 3105 23rd Avenue S
Apt 104
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN91010334

Height:

Weight:

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender: MALE

Race:

Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: Yes

Driver's License #: S069172958315 (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	6/13/2025	609.322.1a(4) Engages in the sex trafficking of an individual	Felony	Z1183	N	MN0820000	25034611
	Penalty	6/13/2025	609.322.1(b)(4) Enhanced Penalty - Offense involved more than one sex trafficking victim	Felony	Z1183	N	MN0820000	25034611
2	Charge	6/13/2025	609.342.1(d) Criminal Sexual Conduct-1st Degree-Penetration-Use force as defined in section 609.341, subd 3(1)	Felony	L1387	N	MN0820000	25034611
	Penalty	6/13/2025	609.342.2(b) Criminal Sexual Conduct - 1st Degree - Penalty - Presumptive 144 mo.	Felony	L1387	N	MN0820000	25034611
3	Charge	6/13/2025	609.322.1(a)(4) Engages in Sex Trafficking of Individual-Under 18 years old	Felony	Z1D81	N	MN0820000	25034611
	Penalty	6/13/2025	609.322.1(b)(4) Enhanced Penalty - Offense involved more than one sex trafficking victim	Felony	Z1D81	N	MN0820000	25034611
4	Charge	6/30/2025	609.344.1a(b) Criminal Sexual Conduct - 3rd Degree - Penetration; Victim 14 - 15 Actor > 24m older	Felony	L5083	N	MN0820000	25034611
	Penalty	6/30/2025	609.344.2(2) Criminal Sexual Conduct-3rd Degree-Convicted under subd 1(b); Actor 24 to 36 months older-Penalty	Felony	L5083	N	MN0820000	25034611