

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

DISTRICT COURT  
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

**REQUEST TO RETURN BAIL TO A  
THIRD PARTY**

vs.

Timothy Wayne Columbus  
Defendant.

Court File: 27-CR- 20-14425

I, Timothy Wayne Columbus, am the defendant in this case.

I understand bail money may be posted on my behalf in this case.

I understand that any bail money posted belongs to me according to Minn. Stat. § 629.53.

I understand the Court must return any refunded bail to me, unless I make a written request for the bail money to be returned to someone else.

I am asking the Court to return any refunded bail in this case to:

Name: Minnesota Freedom Fund Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (leave blank if entity)

Address: P.O. Box 6398

Minneapolis, MN 55406-0398

I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116.

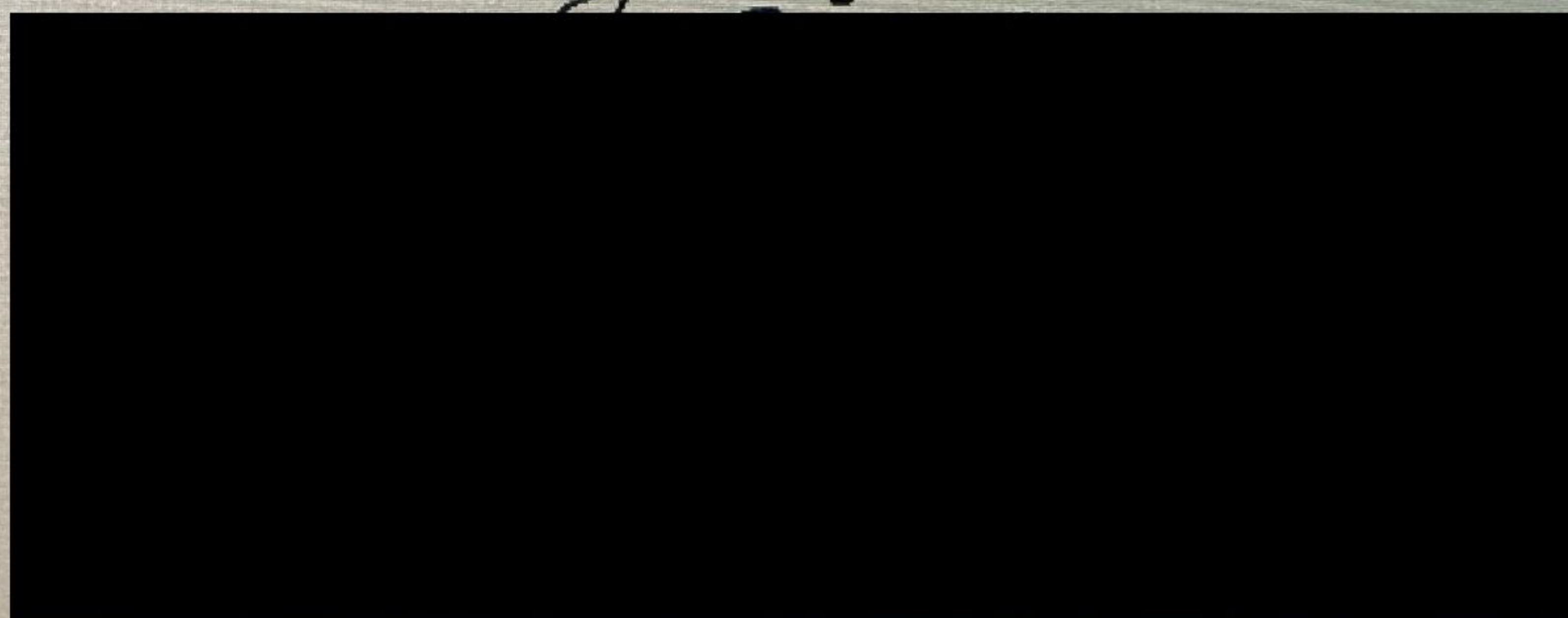
Dated: 7/2/2020

[Signature]  
Signature

Hennepin, Minneapolis

Name: Timothy Wayne Columbus

County and State where signed





State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 19A14641  
Court File No. 27-CR-20-14425

State of Minnesota,  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Warrant

vs.

**TIMOTHY WAYNE COLUMBUS DOB: 10/17/1983**



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 Cond-1st Degree-Penetration or Contact with Person Under 13-Actor >36m older**

Minnesota Statute: 609.342.1(a), with reference to: 609.342.2(a), 609.342.2(b), 609.101.2, 609.342.2(c), 609.3455.7, 609.3455.10

Maximum Sentence: 30 YEARS AND/OR \$12,000-\$40,000, PLUS CONDITIONAL RELEASE

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/01/2015

Control #(ICR#): 19259831

Charge Description: That on or about 1/1/2015, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, TIMOTHY WAYNE COLUMBUS, born 10/17/1983, engaged in sexual penetration with victim, a person under the age of thirteen years, and more than thirty-six months younger than TIMOTHY WAYNE COLUMBUS.

**STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

Complainant has investigated the facts and circumstances of this offense and believes the following establishes probable cause:

On August 23, 2019 the Minneapolis Police Department began an investigation into the maltreatment of a known 11-year old juvenile female, hereinafter, Victim. During the course of the investigation, Victim reported she had been sexually assaulted by a friend of her family years earlier. Victim believed she was 8 years old at the time. Through investigation, the family friend was identified as TIMOTHY WAYNE COLUMBUS, DOB: 10/17/83, the Defendant herein. Victim, her parents, grandmother, and Defendant were all interviewed during the course of the investigation. Police learned the following:

Victim currently lives [REDACTED] When she was seven and eight years old, she lived [REDACTED] During that time, her mother spent a lot of time with a friend named "Tim." Victim reported during a CornerHouse interview that "Tim" sexually assaulted her at her mother's home when she was approximately 8 years old. Victim stated "Tim" laid her on her couch and held her down as he unbuckled his pants and then pulled down her pants. Victim stated he then "put his thing inside me." Victim stated "Tim" told her to not tell anyone and continued to penetrate her. Victim did not tell anyone what happened at that time but years later told a family member. Victim has not seen "Tim" since the incident. Victim was asked to positively identify a photograph of Defendant. Upon seeing the photo she had a physical reaction and became extremely upset. Victim was able to share with a social worker that the photo she saw was of the man who had assaulted her.

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Victim's mother confirmed that Defendant would visit their home frequently and spend time with Victim during the time period Victim reported the sexual assault occurred. Victim's mother stated she learned years later that "something happened" to her daughter but she did not know the full details. Defendant abruptly stopped seeing the family about the same time Victim reported the incident occurred.

Victim's grandmother also confirmed that she believed Defendant had hurt Victim in some way a few years ago. Victim's grandmother stated that one day when Defendant was leaving her daughter's home she saw Victim outside and heard Defendant tell Victim "This is our secret." Victim's grandmother thought the statement was strange and asked Victim about what that meant but Victim did not want to talk about it.

Defendant was interviewed by police during the investigation. Defendant confirmed he knew Victim's mother and Victim herself. He confirmed he spent time with the family during the time period Victim described. He also admitted that he abruptly stopped visiting the family a few years ago, though he stated it was due to a conflict. Defendant denied Victim's report of abuse and stated Victim always really liked him and he was protective of her in her chaotic home environment at the time.

Defendant has a prior juvenile adjudication for Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Second Degree in court file 80-J8-99-050006. Defendant is a registered predatory offender and has on prior conviction for Failure to Register 56-K1-04-000407.

Defendant's current whereabouts are known due to his registration requirements. However, due to the seriousness of this crime and the danger posed to minors in the community, the State requests that this complaint issue by warrant.