

State of Minnesota  
County of St. Louis

District Court  
6th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0690216135  
Court File No. 69DU-CR-23-3054

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**RAINNA ANN KORBY DOB: 03/29/1999**

1401 2nd ST E, Apt. D  
Duluth, MN 55803-1336

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: Overwork/Mistreat Animals-Torture**

Minnesota Statute: 343.21.1, with reference to: 343.21.9(d)

Maximum Sentence: 2 years or \$5,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/11/2023

Control #(ICR#): 23164660

Charge Description: on or about November 11, 2023, in the County of St Louis, Minnesota, Rainna Ann Korby did overdrive, overload, torture, cruelly beat, neglect or unjustifiably injure, maim, mutilate or kill any animal, or cruelly work any animal when it was unfit for labor, whether it belonged to the defendant or another, and the violation resulted in death or great bodily harm to the pet or companion animal.

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

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Complainant is a duly licensed peace officer and a member of law enforcement and knows the content of this Complaint to be true of his/her own knowledge and/or based on the reports of other peace officers. All of the conduct described herein occurred within the County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, unless otherwise noted.

On November 11, 2023, Mckenzie Angell brought a multi-colored pit bull to Animal Allies in Duluth. The dog was unable to walk, severely malnourished, covered in urine and feces, and had open wounds. Angell said she was a Door Dash driver and found the dog in the ditch near Boomtown Restaurant in the City of Rice Lake. Believing the story, Animal Allies employees and volunteers took in the animal, named the dog Lovebug, and made Facebook post hoping to learn more information. Early the next morning, Animal Allies updated the Facebook post to say that Lovebug had perished due to the severity of the neglect.

State Human Agent Kyleen Pederson received information that Lovebug actually belonged to a woman later identified as RIANNA ANN KORBY, date of birth 3/29/1999, hereinafter referred to as the Defendant. Agent Pederson contacted St. Louis County Sheriff's Deputy Alyssa Schlichting. Deputy Schlichting contacted the Defendant via telephone.

The Defendant admitted that the dog from the Animal Allies Facebook post was her dog "Gio." The Defendant said she adopted the dog when he was approximately 6 months old and he lived with the Defendant and her young daughter at her apartment in the East Hillside of Duluth, St. Louis County, Minnesota. The Defendant explained that in August or September of this year, Mckenzie Angell began staying with her and helping take care of the dog and the child. The Defendant said she was struggling and became very overwhelmed with her living situation about a month ago and decided to leave her apartment and stay with friends. The Defendant explained that she assumed Angell would continue to take care of the dog while she was away. The Defendant admitted that she never asked Angell to take care of the dog in her absence.

Angell told Deputy Schlichting that she had sometimes stayed with the Defendant. Angell said she knew the Defendant was having some mental health issues and had been working a lot. Angell clarified she did not move in with the Defendant, but just had a bag there and occasionally helped out with the child.

Angell provided law enforcement with text conversations between her and the Defendant. One exchange from November 1, 2023, shows the Defendant asking Angell to check on the dog and feed him. Angell did so and told the Defendant the dog was skinny but was able to go to the kitchen and eat food. The next time the Defendant asked for assistance was November 11, 2023.

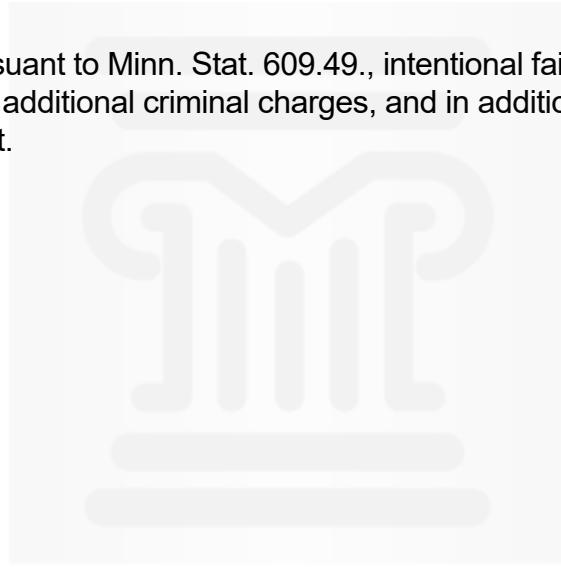
In those text messages, the Defendant talks about not wanting to go home to a dead dog. The Defendant acknowledges her awareness of how bad the situation had become. The Defendant left the dog in a small metal kennel which was locked. The Defendant did not give food and water to the dog. The dog was left in the kennel by himself, unable to fully extend his limbs, and had to lay in his own feces and urine.

On November 11th, before taking the dog to Animal Allies, the Defendant asks Angell if she would go check on the dog so she does not have to see him in a neglected condition, or dead. The Defendant asks Angell, that if the dog is dead, to bury him or to bring him up the North Shore so he will not be found right away.

When Angell informs the Defendant of the dog's dire status, the Defendant suggests that Angell bring the dog to a shelter. The Defendant recommends a variety of cover stories to suggest to the workers at the shelter that the dog was simply found in this condition and does not belong to her or anyone she knows. In emphasizing how the Defendant needed the dog out of her house, she wrote to Angell, "like I'm not tryna go drop him somewhere to die but if I have to lg I'll do it and live w it [sic]".

Deputy Schlichting learned the Defendant was staying with her mother in Carlton County, along with her five year old daughter. The Defendant's mother expressed concern about the Defendant's mental health and a belief that the Defendant was currently using controlled substances. The Defendant was located and safely taken into custody.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 609.49., intentional failure to appear for duly scheduled court appearances may result in additional criminal charges, and in addition to any arrest warrant that may otherwise be issued by the Court.



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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**

Christopher Nylund  
Deputy Sheriff- Sergeant  
100 N 5th Avenue W  
Duluth, MN 55802  
Badge: 5212

Electronically Signed:  
11/15/2023 10:24 AM  
St. Louis County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Anthony Rubin  
100 N 5th Avenue W  
Duluth Courthouse, #501  
Duluth, MN 55802  
(218) 726-2323

Electronically Signed:  
11/15/2023 10:18 AM

**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: November 15, 2023.

**Judicial Officer**

Leslie E. Beiers

Electronically Signed: 11/15/2023 10:29 AM

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

**COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

vs.

**Rainna Ann Korby**

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:** Rainna Ann Korby  
**DOB:** 03/29/1999  
**Address:** 1401 2nd ST E, Apt. D  
Duluth, MN 55803-1336

**Alias Names/DOB:**

**SID:** MN23EK4915

**Height:**

**Weight:** 245lbs.

**Eye Color:**

**Hair Color:**

**Gender:**

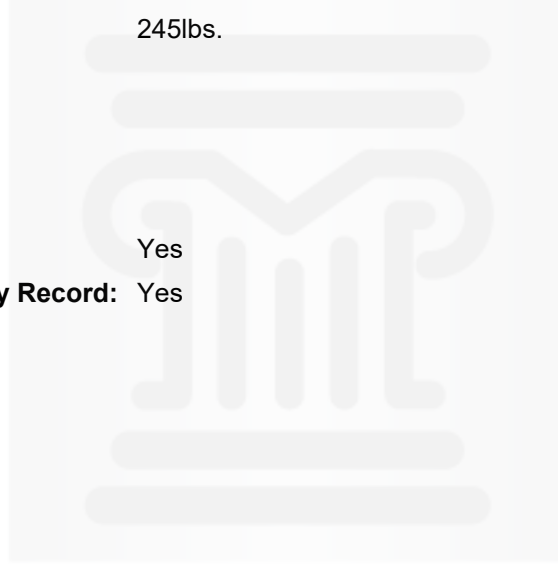
**Race:**

**Fingerprints Required per Statute:** Yes

**Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:** Yes

**Driver's License #:**

**Alcohol Concentration:**



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**STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID**

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<b>Cnt Nbr</b>	<b>Statute Type</b>	<b>Offense Date(s)</b>	<b>Statute Nbrs and Descriptions</b>	<b>Offense Level</b>	<b>MOC</b>	<b>GOC</b>	<b>Controlling Agencies</b>	<b>Case Numbers</b>
1	Charge	11/11/2023	343.21.1 Overwork/Mistreat Animals-Torture	Felony	M8196		MN0690000	23164660
	Penalty	11/11/2023	343.21.9(d) Torture or cruelty to pet or companion animal- Death or Great Bodily Harm	Felony	M8196		MN0690000	23164660



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