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Case Information

Case Number: 25-CR-20-1014
Case Title: State of Minnesota vs Joseph Charles Strickland
Case Type: Crim/Traf Mandatory
Date Filed: 05/13/2020
Case Location: Goodhue County
Case Status: Under Court Jurisdiction

Party Information

Jurisdiction
State of Minnesota

Attorneys Active
- **GROVE, DAVID JAMES - Lead Attorney**

Defendant
Strickland, Joseph Charles
DOB: 04/29/1993
Defuniak Springs, FL 32433

Attorneys Active
- **DILLON, TIMOTHY K - Lead Attorney**

Attorneys Inactive
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- MCDONOUGH, MICHAEL ANDREW

Warrants

Inactive Warrants

Strickland, Joseph Charles Bench Warrant-fail to appear at a hearing
Judicial Officer: Biren, Patrick M.
04/12/2023 10:35 AM Status: Recalled Inactive
04/07/2021 09:00 AM Status: Issued Active

Bond/Bail Options
Hold Without Bond

Strickland, Joseph Charles Bench Warrant-fail to appear at a hearing
Judicial Officer: Biren, Patrick M.
01/13/2021 10:54 AM Status: Served
12/10/2020 09:00 AM Status: Issued Active

Bond/Bail Options
Hold Without Bond

Strickland, Joseph Charles Bench Warrant-fail to appear at a hearing
Judicial Officer: Bayley, Douglas C.
10/15/2020 10:51 AM Status: Served
09/09/2020 08:30 AM Status: Issued Active

Bond/Bail Options

Bond or Cash Bail Amount: $10,000.00

Charges

1 Overwork/Mistreat Animals-Torture **Statute:** 343.21.1

Additional Statute: Torture or cruelty to pet or companion animal- Death or Great Bodily Harm (343.21.9(d))

Disposition: Convicted **Disposition Date:** 06/28/2023
Level of Sentence: Convicted of a Felony

Level of Charge: Felony
Offense Date: 03/16/2020
Community Of Offense: Cannon Falls
Law Enforcement Agency: Cannon Falls Police Department
Prosecuting Agency: Goodhue County Attorney

2 Overwork/Mistreat Animals-Torture **Statute:** 343.21.1

Additional Statute: Torture or cruelty to pet or companion animal- Death or Great Bodily Harm (343.21.9(d))

Disposition: Dismissed **Disposition Date:** 06/28/2023

Level of Charge: Felony
Offense Date: 03/16/2020
Community Of Offense: Cannon Falls
Law Enforcement Agency: Cannon Falls Police Department
Prosecuting Agency: Goodhue County Attorney

Interim Conditions

06/28/2023 Interim conditions for Strickland, Joseph Charles
Judicial Officer: Biren, Patrick M.
Expiration Date: 06/28/2023

- Release with Conditions
  $0.00
- Make all future court appearances
- Remain law-abiding
- Keep court/attorney informed of current address
- Conditions, other
- No alcohol/controlled substance use
- No possession of alcohol or drugs
- No use or possession of firearms or dangerous weapons
- Random testing

02/10/2021 Interim conditions for Strickland, Joseph Charles
Judicial Officer: Mark, Kevin F.
Expiration Date: 02/10/2022

- Release with Conditions
  $0.00
- Make all future court appearances
- Remain law-abiding
- Keep court/attorney informed of current address
- Conditions, other
- No alcohol/controlled substance use
- No possession of alcohol or drugs
- No use or possession of firearms or dangerous weapons
- Random testing

01/13/2021

Interim conditions for Strickland, Joseph Charles
Judicial Officer: Bayley, Douglas C.
Expiration Date: 02/10/2021

- Release with Conditions
  $0.00
- Make all future court appearances
- Remain law-abiding
- Keep court/attorney informed of current address
- Conditions, other
- No alcohol/controlled substance use
- No possession of alcohol or drugs
- No use or possession of firearms or dangerous weapons
- Random testing

10/15/2020

Interim conditions for Strickland, Joseph Charles
Judicial Officer: Biren, Patrick M.
Expiration Date: 01/13/2021

- Release with Conditions
  $0.00
- Make all future court appearances
- Remain law-abiding
- Keep court/attorney informed of current address
- Conditions, other
- No alcohol/controlled substance use
- No possession of alcohol or drugs
- No use or possession of firearms or dangerous weapons
- Random testing

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04/12/2023 09:00 AM	Plea Hearing Judicial Officer: Biren, Patrick M.	**Result:** Held On the Record

11/23/2022	**09:00 AM**	Hearing Judicial Officer: Bayley, Douglas C. Location: Remote	**Result:** Held On the Record
04/07/2021	**09:00 AM**	Hearing Judicial Officer: Biren, Patrick M. Location: Remote	**Result:** Held On the Record
02/10/2021	**09:00 AM**	Hearing Judicial Officer: Mark, Kevin F. Location: Remote	**Result:** Held On the Record
01/13/2021	**11:00 AM**	Bail Hearing Judicial Officer: Bayley, Douglas C. Location: Courtroom2A, Remote	**Result:** Held On the Record
12/10/2020	**09:00 AM**	Hearing Judicial Officer: Biren, Patrick M. Location: Remote	**Result:** Held On the Record
10/15/2020	**11:00 AM**	Bail Hearing Judicial Officer: Biren, Patrick M. Location: Remote	**Result:** Held On the Record
09/09/2020	**08:30 AM**	Hearing Judicial Officer: Bayley, Douglas C. Location: Courtroom2A, Remote	**Result:** Held On the Record

Dispositions

06/28/2023

Court Decision - Sentenced
Judicial Officer: Biren, Patrick M.

1 Overwork/Mistreat Animals-Torture **Statute:** 343.21.1

Additional Statute: Torture or cruelty to pet or companion animal- Death or Great Bodily Harm (343.21.9(d))

Disposition: Convicted
Level of Sentence: Convicted of a Felony

Level of Charge: Felony

Offense Date: 03/16/2020

Community Of Offense: Cannon Falls

Law Enforcement Agency: Cannon Falls Police Department

Prosecuting Agency: Goodhue County Attorney

Fees: (Grand Total: $138.00)
Fine Totals: $50.00
Fine: $50.00

Law Library Fees: $13.00
County/Sheriff & Felony Fines: $50.00
Crim/Traffic Surcharge (once per case): $75.00

Commit to Commissioner of Corrections - Adult:
MN Correctional Facility - St. Cloud 12 Mo 1 Days
Report on 06/28/2023
Credit for time served for 222 Days

Condition - Adult:
1. Restitution reserved, for 30 days, 06/28/2023

Concurrent/Consecutive:
Concurrent

Other Case: 272021CR000817CFAXMX

Level of Sentence:
Convicted of a Felony

06/28/2023

Disposition
Judicial Officer: Biren, Patrick M.

1 Overwork/Mistreat Animals-Torture **Statute:** 343.21.1

Additional Statute: Torture or cruelty to pet or companion animal- Death or Great Bodily Harm (343.21.9(d))

Disposition: Convicted

Level of Charge: Felony

Offense Date: 03/16/2020

Community Of Offense: Cannon Falls

Law Enforcement Agency: Cannon Falls Police Department

Prosecuting Agency: Goodhue County Attorney

2 Overwork/Mistreat Animals-Torture **Statute:** 343.21.1

Additional Statute: Torture or cruelty to pet or companion animal- Death or Great Bodily Harm (343.21.9(d))

Disposition: Dismissed

Level of Charge: Felony

Offense Date: 03/16/2020

Community Of Offense: Cannon Falls

Law Enforcement Agency: Cannon Falls Police Department

Prosecuting Agency: Goodhue County Attorney

04/12/2023

Plea
Judicial Officer: Biren, Patrick M.

1 Overwork/Mistreat Animals-Torture **Statute:** 343.21.1

Level of Charge: Felony

Offense Date: 03/16/2020

Guilty

Financial Information

Defendant - Strickland, Joseph Charles

Fines and Fees	$	138.00
Total Payments and Credits	- $	0.00
Current Balance as of 07/21/2023	**$**	**138.00**

Transaction Details

06/28/2023	Charge	$	138.00

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State of Minnesota
County of Goodhue

District Court
1st Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 20CR01490
Court File No. 25-CR-20-1014

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSEPH CHARLES STRICKLAND DOB: 04/29/1993
634 Robert Ave
Franklinville, NJ 08322
Defendant.

COMPLAINT
Summons

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 imprisonment, a $5,000 fine, or both
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/16/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20001751

Charge Description: On or about March 14, 2020 to March 16, 2020, within the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota, defendant 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 that person or to another person, and the violation resulted in the death or great bodily harm to a pet or companion animal, to wit: a cat named Nala.

COUNT II

Charge: Overwork/Mistreat Animals-Torture
Minnesota Statute: 343.21.1, with reference to: 343.21.9(d)
Maximum Sentence: 2 years imprisonment, a $5,000 fine, or both
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/16/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20001751

Charge Description: On or about March 14, 2020 to March 16, 2020, within the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota, defendant 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 that person or to another person, and the violation resulted in the death or great bodily harm to a pet or companion animal, to wit: a cat named Nova.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

On or about March 16, 2020 at 1745, Officer Christine Good of the Cannon Falls Police Department was dispatched to 115 8th Street South in the City of Cannon Falls in Goodhue County, State of Minnesota for a complaint of suspicious activity. Officer Good met with complainant Felicia Hemmah and her neighbor, Karli Padrta. Hemmah stated that she had found her cat, Nala, dead in the woods near her residence. Hemmah further stated that her other cat, Nova, was missing.

Hemmah stated that she believed her ex-boyfriend, JOSEPH CHARLES STRICKLAND, dob 04/29/1993, whom she broke up with that day, was responsible for killing her cat. Hemmah stated that STRICKLAND was living with her. She stated that she went to work that day, and STRICKLAND was alone in the apartment. Hemmah stated that she believed STRICKLAND was mad at her because she refused to make payments on a truck he wished to purchase. She stated that after breaking up with him, she drove STRICKLAND to stay with his friend, Noah (last name unknown) in South St. Paul.

Padrta stated that on Saturday night, March 14, 2020, she heard a cat screeching as if it was being beaten. Padrta stated that she has never heard that kind of screeching from the cats before, and had never heard them fight. Padrta was concerned enough to call Hemmah. She found out that Hemmah was not at her apartment, so she told Hemmah that it sounded like someone was hurting her cats.

Hemmah led Officer Good to view the cat's carcass, which was located approximately 30 feet into the woods at the dead end of 8th Street South. Officer Good observed that the cat's head was removed, and that there was another injury to its abdomen. The cat appeared to have been there for a day or two.

Hemmah stated that her screen was broken out of her bedroom window that day (March 16, 2020). Officer Good photographed the window and the screen, and did not observe any damage to the screen. However, Hemmah stated that the screen appeared to have been tampered with.

Officer Good told Hemmah to call if she found her other cat. She then cleared the scene.

At 6:29 p.m., Officer Good received a call from Hemmah. Hemmah stated that she found her other cat dead in the dumpster in the apartment parking lot.

Officer Good again went to the scene and observed a trash bag that had been removed from the dumpster. Hemmah was there with Padrta and her friend Shinese Dellwo. Hemmah stated that they had removed the bag containing the cat from the dumpster. She stated that the cat had been inside of a trash bag, which was inside another trash bag along with trash from her apartment. Hemmah stated that the trash bags were the same type of trash bags that she has in her apartment. Officer Good observed the other trash bag inside the dumpster, as well as mail that was addressed to Hemmah's residence. She also observed empty packs of cigarettes in the garbage, and asked Hemmah if STRICKLAND smoked cigarettes. Hemmah stated that STRICKLAND smokes menthol cigarettes- either Kool or Marlboro. An empty pack of Marlboro menthol cigarettes was contained in a plastic bag. Hemmah stated that she had observed STRICKLAND bring a bag of trash out to the dumpster before she drove him to South St. Paul, but she did not think much of it at the time.

Officer Good also observed that the other trash in the dumpster appeared to have been burned. Along the bottom of the dumpster was burned material, including a small bone. The bag that contained the cat was

wet, and the cat inside the bag had not been burned. However, upon viewing the cat, it was missing its back right leg, which appeared to have been removed cleanly at the joint. The burned bone appeared to be consisted in size with the missing leg. Officer Good also observed that the cat's head had been removed, similar to Hemmah's other cat.

Because the cat was wet inside the bag, it seemed possible that the cat had been in the bathtub. Hemmah led Officer Good inside her apartment to view the bathtub. Officer Good observed small spots of bloody tissue, and spots on the tub and the walls that appeared to be a blood and water mix. She also observed white and black hair, consistent with cat hair, on the tub and shower curtain. Samples of the blood/tissues were entered into evidence.

Officer Good told Hemmah that she wanted to get a full statement from Hemmah regarding this incident. Hemmah agreed to come to the Cannon Falls Police Department (CFPD), and she gave a full statement.

Hemmah stated that she met STRICKLAND online approximately three months earlier. Hemmah stated that STRICKLAND got kicked out of the house where he was staying in South St. Paul, and came to live with her. She stated that STRICKLAND had gotten into a motor vehicle accident in Dakota County approximately three weeks ago. Hemmah stated that she told STRICKLAND to leave her residence after that because she found out that he had been cheating on her. Hemmah stated that approximately a week later, she and STRICKLAND got back together.

Hemmah stated that approximately four to five days earlier, STRICKLAND had worked out a deal on a truck that he wanted to buy from his friend "Goose" Shafther in Burnsville for $150.00. Hemmah stated that she told STRICKLAND she might be able to help him buy the truck.

Hemmah stated that on March 14, 2020, she and STRICKLAND went to the laundromat and Hemmah started her laundry. Hemmah stated that she and STRICKLAND then got something to eat. She said she brought STRICKLAND back to the apartment was there with him for approximately 20 minutes before she went back to the laundromat to put her laundry in the dryer and made a trip to the liquor store. This was at approximately 9:00 p.m. Hemmah stated that she was only gone for approximately 15 to 20 minutes. She stated that in that time, she received a call from Padrta (neighbor that lives directly below her) stating that someone was in her apartment hurting her cats. Hemmah stated that she returned home and asked STRICKLAND where her cats were. Hemmah stated that she found Nova hiding under the stairs in the bathroom and she appeared "super scared." She stated that she picked up Nova and brought her to the bathroom. STRICKLAND stated that the cats had been fighting, which accounted for the noise. Hemmah stated that the cats fight all the time, so that was not abnormal. She said she thought Nala was hiding under the bed, but there was a lot of stuff under the bed, so she was not sure. She said she shrugged it off, thinking that eventually Nala would come out. Hemmah stated that she left again to get her laundry.

Officer Good asked Hemmah if she and STRICKLAND had been arguing or fighting on Saturday evening, and Hemmah stated that they were not fighting, but she was annoyed that STRICKLAND wouldn't help her with laundry. STRICKLAND stated that his back was still hurting from his car accident. Hemmah stated that she had some beers, and STRICKLAND had a shot of alcohol and had smoked marijuana. Hemmah stated that she was looking again for Nala, and STRICKLAND stated that he was going to get the laundry from her minivan and then they could fold it together. She thought it was strange that he could go get the laundry from the minivan after he said his back was hurting and he could not help her earlier.

Hemmah stated that on Sunday, she was "freaking out" looking for Nala and could not find her anywhere. Hemmah stated that she was thinking that Nala may have gotten out because she sleeps with her window partially open, so she checked to make sure the screen was not broken, and it was not.

Hemmah said that morning, she told STRICKLAND that she did not think she would be able to help with the $150.00 to buy the truck. STRICKLAND got angry and threw a lighter in the kitchen, breaking it. Hemmah and STRICKLAND then went to the pawn shop so she could pay off a loan she had gotten a few weeks earlier. On the way back, Hemmah told STRICKLAND that she would not be able to help him with the money for the truck. Hemmah stated that STRICKLAND again got angry and punched her minivan window.

Hemmah stated that she went to work that afternoon, and she got a phone call around 2:30 p.m. from Padrta. Padrta told her that STRICKLAND was pounding so hard in the apartment that stuff was falling from Padrta's ceiling. Hemmah stated that at 4:00 p.m., she was not busy at work and decided to take her half-hour break. She went back to her apartment, and STRICKLAND was there alone. Hemmah said that she had a bad feeling and went to look for Nova but could not find her. Hemmah stated that she checked the screen in her bedroom, and this time it was busted out. Hemmah asked STRICKLAND where Nova was, and STRICKLAND jumped up and said, "Oh my God! What? She's missing now?"

Hemmah stated that STRICKLAND then put some cans into a garbage bag that was on the floor in the kitchen and took that out to the dumpster. She said STRICKLAND cleans when he gets angry. Hemmah stated that she mentioned to STRICKLAND that the screen was busted out, and he said that must have been how they got out. Hemmah stated that she thought that if Nova got out, it must have just happened in the past couple of hours because she saw Nova before she went to work. She then went out looking for Nova and walked into the woods. It was then that she found Nala dead in the woods with no head.

Hemmah stated that STRICKLAND was outside with her looking for Nova. Hemmah then told STRICKLAND that she had to go back to work and tell them that she could not come back due to finding Nala dead. She said she told her Team Lead, Julie Whipple, that she thought STRICKLAND killed her cat. Whipple then went with Hemmah back to her apartment.

Hemmah stated that she told STRICKLAND "Pack your shit and go." Hemmah asked STRICKLAND, "Where's Nala's head, Joe?" and STRICKLAND replied as if he was crying, but no tears were present. Hemmah stated that STRICKLAND said that those cats were his babies and he would never do anything like that. Hemmah stated STRICKLAND was packing his stuff, and she let STRICKLAND use her phone to try to arrange a ride, but he was unable to. She then agreed to drive him to his friend's house in South St. Paul. Hemmah stated that on the drive, she asked him over and over where was Nala's head and where was Nova. STRICKLAND repeatedly denied doing anything to the cats.

Hemmah stated that she never saw STRICKLAND do anything to the cats, but they were afraid of him, and she did not know why. She stated that no one else had access to her apartment except STRICKLAND.

On March 17, 2020, Officer Good received a call from Cannon Falls Animal Health Center. She went there and further examined the cats' remains with Dr. Michael Pedersen. Dr. Pedersen's opinion was Nova's back right leg had been snapped off at the joint. The back, left leg was also broken, with a bone clearly protruding under the skin. Also on the back left paw, two toes had been removed. As previously stated, both cats' heads were removed at the junction of the vertebrae and skulls. Both cats were also gutted. Nova's intestines, bowels, and bladder were inside another bag which had been inside the bag with Nova's body. The cats' heads have not been recovered. Dr. Pedersen stated that neither of the cats were attacked by animals because the cuts along the abdomen were clean and showed no tear marks from teeth. He further stated that the interior organs typically removed by animals were present. Dr. Pedersen stated that the mutilation was clearly done by a person.

On March 26, 2020, Officer Good was able to speak with Padrta. Padrta stated that she had been friends with Hemmah for approximately 12 years. She stated that she did not talk to STRICKLAND often because he had a "bad vibe" about him. Padrta pointed out that STRICKLAND would lie for seemingly no reason-

such as telling her he was 23 years old, but he told a neighbor that he was 27. Padrta stated that STRICKLAND told her that the cops were always after him, which he thought was cool. She stated that STRICKLAND was very into his car and racing. STRICKLAND would talk about getting into fights with Hmong racers in St. Paul and make racial slurs while talking about it. She thought this was particularly strange because she did not know him, and he was making these comments as if he assumed it was okay with her.

Officer Good asked Padrta if she knew anything about STRICKLAND or Hemmah being involved in rituals, or any kind of religion that might involve rituals. Padrta stated she was wondering the same thing about STRICKLAND because of how the cats were mutilated and body parts missing, but she never witnessed anything that would suggest he was involved in anything like that. Padrta stated that Hemmah was definitely not involved in anything like that.

Officer Good again asked Padrta about the night of Saturday, March 14, 2020. Padrta stated that she and her fianc were outside smoking, and she suddenly heard one of Hemmah's cats screaming. She stated that she had never heard the cat scream like that before. She said she and her fianc went to Hemmah and STRICKLAND's apartment door to listen, and she heard STRICKLAND yelling, "Stop biting me! Stop biting me!"

Padrta stated that she ran down to her apartment to get her phone and called Hemmah. She stated that she told Hemmah, "Joe's hurting your cats! You need to get here!" Hemmah then told Padrta she was on her way. Padrta stated that she went back to Hemmah's apartment door, and her fianc said he was going to do something about it. Padrta stated that at that point, she was afraid that STRICKLAND might do something to them as well.

Padrta stated that she texted Hemmah a little later asking what happened, and Hemmah told her that the cats had been fighting. Padrta asked if they normally do that, and Hemmah stated that lately the cats have been fighting. Padrta again stated that she has never heard the cats screaming or fighting like that.

Padrta stated that she texted Hemmah asking if she was back together with STRICKLAND, and Hemmah stated, "Yeah, we'll see how that goes." Padrta was aware that Hemmah and STRICKLAND had been broken up for about two weeks after STRICKLAND crashed his car. Padrta stated that Hemmah advised her that her cat, Nala, was missing on Sunday 3/15/20. Padrta stated that she immediately had a horrible feeling that STRICKLAND had done something bad to Nala.

On Monday, March 16, 2020, Padrta stated that she was home alone with her infant son, and she could hear STRICKLAND banging around in the apartment above her. Padrta stated that STRICKLAND has a temper, and she was used to hearing him stomp around, so she just tries to ignore it. Padrta stated that suddenly she heard "the loudest bang" that made plaster fall from her ceiling. She stated that she was afraid that STRICKLAND was beating Hemmah, so she called Hemmah to make sure she was okay. Padrta asked Hemmah what was going on, and Hemmah asked, "Why? I'm at work." Padrta told Hemmah, "Well Joe is up there throwin' a fit! You need to do something." Padrta stated that a few hours later, Hemmah was frantically knocking on her door saying, "Nala's dead. I found her in the woods."

Padrta stated that she did not see STRICKLAND that day. When Hemmah knocked on her door, Hemmah had already driven STRICKLAND to South St. Paul.

On April 5, 2020, Officer Good received a call from STRICKLAND. STRICKLAND was immediately confrontational. STRICKLAND confirmed that after he got into the car crash, he and Hemmah broke up and then got back together. He denied living with Hemmah after they got back together, and he instead said that he had only stayed there for a few nights. STRICKLAND stated that Hemmah was getting "completely

plastered" every night and he was getting tired of it.

Officer Good told STRICKLAND that she was called on March 16, 2020, which was the same day that Hemmah drove him to South St. Paul. STRICKLAND confirmed that this was true. STRICKLAND told Officer Good that he could not tell her what he did on Saturday, March 14, 2020. He stated that he was either sleeping or out with friends.

Officer Good then STRICKLAND that she was told that Hemmah was planning on buying STRICKLAND a truck, and he stated no, he was buying the truck himself for $150.00. STRICKLAND stated that, "She (Hemmah) kept trying to hand me the money for it, and I told her no." STRICKLAND stated that he does not like owing people money. He stated that he ended up not getting the truck and buying a car instead. Officer Good told STRICKLAND that Hemmah said she changed her mind and told him she could not loan him the money for the truck, to which STRICKLAND said, "Yeah, and I told her I was fine with that because I had the money in hand ready to go."

Officer Good told STRICKLAND that she was told he and Hemmah were hanging out on Saturday, March 14, 2020 and when Hemmah left, neighbors heard the cats screaming. STRICKLAND stated, "I don't know what the hell she's going on about… I never got near those cats. I hate cats. Honestly. I don't want to get near them… I break out in hives." Officer Good told STRICKLAND that the cats were reportedly screaming when he was alone in the apartment. STRICKLAND again stated, "I never got near any of those cats. That's funny." Officer Good asked STRICKLAND if the cats ever bit him, and he said, "No."

Officer Good asked STRICKLAND what time Hemmah went to work on Monday, March 16, 2020, and STRICKLAND stated between 12:30 and 2:00 p.m. Officer Good asked STRICKLAND if he was alone in the apartment then, and he stated that he got picked up right after she left by his friend, "Goose" at around 1:00 p.m.

Officer Good informed STRICKLAND that neighbors heard the cats being abused and killed in the apartment. She also told him that blood was found all over the apartment (consistent with what the neighbors reported), along with tissue and cat hair in the bathtub. She further told STRICKLAND that he was the only one in the apartment at the time. STRICKLAND stated, "I can tell you that is very false because I never touched them."

Officer Good spoke again with Hemmah, specifically regarding STRICKLAND leaving right after she left for work on Monday, March 16, 2020. Hemmah stated that STRICKLAND did not have any transportation, and he did not have a phone to call anyone to pick him up. She stated that Padrta called her at 2:30 p.m. when she heard STRICKLAND making loud bangs in the apartment, and Hemmah returned to her apartment on her break just after 4:00 p.m. Hemmah further stated that STRICKLAND was very angry and "freaking out" when she left for work about Hemmah not loaning him the money for the truck. She said STRICKLAND threatened to jump off a bridge, and needed the truck to go see his daughter. Hemmah stated that STRICKLAND was cleaning the apartment when she left, and that when she returned at 4:00 p.m., he was sitting on the couch.

Hemmah also stated that she had been in contact through Snapchat with another female named Chelsea who had been dating STRICKLAND. Hemmah sent Officer Good a screen shot of a Snapchat conversation where STRICKLAND stated that he ran over one of Hemmah's cats: "I ran over one of her fucking cats by accident. Smh. Thats about it. But the fucking thing hid under my car… I love cata. Id never intentionally harm any animal. Ever Im sick over this shit."
STRICKLAND's Snapchat name is "driftmissile_photography1993." Driftmissile_photography is also referenced on his Facebook profile.

Officer Good was able to have a phone conversation with Chelsea Brosig. She was able to confirm that the Snapchat messages were between her and STRICKLAND. Officer Good asked how she knew driftmissile_photography1993 was STRICKLAND, and she stated that STRICKLAND had sent her pictures of himself through Snapchat in the past.

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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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

Mitchell James Althoff
Patrol Officer
918 River Road
Cannon Falls, MN 55009
Badge: 411

Electronically Signed:
05/13/2020 09:05 AM
Goodhue County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

David J. Grove
Assistant County Attorney
454 W 6th Street
Red Wing, MN 55066
(651) 267-4950

Electronically Signed:
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STATE OF MINNESOTA JUDICIAL BRANCH

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).

[X] SUMMONS

THEREFORE YOU, THE DEFENDANT, ARE SUMMONED to appear on **TO BE NOTIFIED OF A DATE AND TIME BY MAIL** before the above-named court at 454 W 6th Street, Red Wing, MN 55066 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: May 13, 2020.

Judicial Officer Douglas Bayley
Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/13/2020 09:41 AM

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

COUNTY OF GOODHUE
STATE OF MINNESOTA

State of Minnesota
Plaintiff
vs.
Joseph Charles Strickland
Defendant

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE
I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Summons upon the Defendant herein named.

Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Name:	Joseph Charles Strickland
DOB:	04/29/1993
Address:	634 Robert Ave Franklinville, NJ 08322
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 #:	
Alcohol Concentration:	

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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	3/16/2020	343.21.1 Overwork/Mistreat Animals-Torture	Felony	M8196	N	MN0250100	20001751
	Penalty	3/16/2020	343.21.9(d) Torture or cruelty to pet or companion animal- Death or Great Bodily Harm	Felony	M8196	N	MN0250100	20001751
2	Charge	3/16/2020	343.21.1 Overwork/Mistreat Animals-Torture	Felony	M8196	N	MN0250100	20001751
	Penalty	3/16/2020	343.21.9(d) Torture or cruelty to pet or companion animal- Death or Great Bodily Harm	Felony	M8196	N	MN0250100	20001751

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State of Minnesota
Goodhue County

District Court
First Judicial District
Court File Number: 25-CR-20-1014
Case Type: Criminal

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff

vs.

Joseph Charles Strickland,
Defendant
Date of Birth: April 29, 1993
Gender: Male

Sentencing Date: June 28, 2023

Order
Warrant of Commitment

CASE CHARGES

Count	Statute	Description	Disposition
1	343.21.1	Overwork/Mistreat Animals-Torture Penalty Statute: 343.21.9(d) - Torture or cruelty to pet or companion animal- Death or Great Bodily Harm	Convicted
2	343.21.1	Overwork/Mistreat Animals-Torture	Dismissed

TERMS OF DISPOSITION OR SENTENCE: COUNT 1

Offense Description: Overwork/Mistreat Animals-Torture
Offense Date: March 16, 2020
Level of Sentence: Felony

SENTENCE DETAILS: COUNT 1

Commit to Commissioner of Corrections
Ordered on June 28, 2023:

- Report on June 28, 2023.
  Commit to Commissioner of Corrections at the MN Correctional Facility - St. Cloud for 12 months and 1 day.
  Credit for time served amount is 222 days.

  This sentence consists of a minimum term of imprisonment equal to two-thirds of the total executed sentence, and a maximum supervised release term equal to one-third of the total executed sentence, unless the sentence is life or life without the possibility of release.

  Time to Serve: 12 months and 1 day

Conditions

Ordered on June 28, 2023:

Defendant must comply with the following conditions:

- Restitution reserved for 30 days

Concurrent/Consecutive

- Concurrent with case number 272021CR000817CFAXMX.

FINES / FEES: COUNT 1

Fines/Fees	Amount	Adjustment	Amount Due	Due Date
Fine	$ 50.00		$ 50.00	June 28, 2023
Criminal/Traffic Surcharge	$ 75.00		$ 75.00	June 28, 2023
Law Library Fees	$ 13.00		$ 13.00	June 28, 2023
Subtotal	**$ 138.00**		**$ 138.00**	

This Fee information only relates to Count 1. Any Due Date may be affected by a payment plan.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Fines/Fees Due: $ 138.00

The amount due may not reflect all payments and credits, or all restitution owed. Visit https://mncourts.gov/PayFines to make a payment or to view updated balances or payment information. Contact court administration with any further questions.

The court may refer the entire amount due on this case for collection if you fail to make any scheduled payment, and collection costs will be added. You have the right to contest a referral for collection based on inability to pay by requesting a hearing no later than the due date. Minn. Stat. § § 480.15, subd. 10c; 609.104.

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Date: July 5, 2023

Patrick M. Biren
Judge of District Court

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