

State of Minnesota
County of AitkinDistrict Court
9th Judicial DistrictProsecutor File No.
Court File No.CA 21-410
01-CR-21-689**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

AMORY LEI ZHOU-KOURVO DOB: 09/15/19991309 Arella Blvd
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

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: Felony Aiding Attempted Suicide**

Minnesota Statute: 609.215.2, with reference to: 609.215.2

Maximum Sentence: 7 years prison, \$14,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/25/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21001921

Charge Description: On or about July 25, 2021, in Verdon Township, Aitkin County, Amory Lei Zhou-Kourvo did intentionally advise, encourage, or assist another who attempted but failed to take the other's own life.

COUNT II**Charge: Felony Obstructing Legal Process**

Minnesota Statute: 609.50.1(2), with reference to: 609.50.2(1)

Maximum Sentence: 5 years prison, \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/25/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21001921

Charge Description: On or about July 25, 2021, in Verdon Township, Aitkin County, Amory Lei Zhou-Kourvo did intentionally obstruct, resist, or interfere with a peace officer while the officer was engaged in the performance of official duties and the person knew or had reason to know that the act created a risk of death, substantial bodily harm, or serious property damage.

COUNT III**Charge: Gross Misdemeanor Trespass on Critical Public Service Facilities - Pipeline - Property**

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Minnesota Statute: 609.6055.2(a)(3), with reference to: 609.6055.2(a)

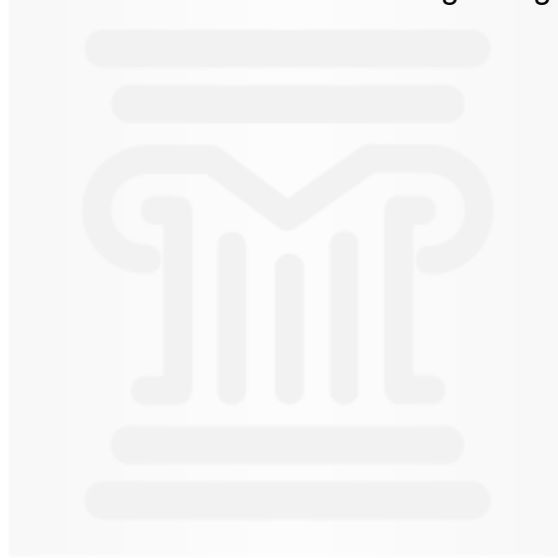
Maximum Sentence: One year jail, \$3,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 07/25/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21001921

Charge Description: On or about July 25, 2021, in Verdon Township, Aitkin County, Amory Lei Zhou-Kourvo did enter or was found upon property containing a critical public service facility, utility, or pipeline, without claim of right or consent of one who has the right to give consent to be on the property, which was posted.



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STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Complainant is a licensed peace officer in and for the State of Minnesota. In that capacity, the Complainant has reviewed the official reports filed and received regarding the below-described offense.

On July 25, 2021, at approximately 1:19 p.m., Sheriff Dan Guida was on the east side of the Willow River in Verdon Township, Aitkin County, providing security for the Enbridge Line 3 project when he was advised that two individuals, later identified as Madeline Bayzaee and AMORY LEI ZHOU-KOURVO, d.o.b. 09/15/1999, hereinafter "defendant," had climbed into the east end of the pipe. Sheriff Dan Guida went to the east end of the pipe where he observed a female, later identified as Signe Peterson, following the pipeline crew. Sheriff Dan Guida noted Peterson was inside the fence and there was pipe located directly next to her. Sheriff Dan Guida spoke to Peterson who indicated defendant and defendant had climbed into the pipe. Sheriff Dan Guida placed Peterson under arrest and Investigator Sheryl Cook secured her in her squad.

Sheriff Dan Guida looked into the pipe and observed Bayzaee and defendant were crawling farther into the pipe and were dragging a sleeping dragon device. Sheriff Dan Guida spoke to the equipment operator who indicated Bayzaee and defendant had jumped up into the pipe and pulled a big metal tube device with them into the pipe. The pipe was lowered to the cribs a short distance below to stabilize the pipe. Sheriff Dan Guida was informed that Bayzaee and defendant were subjected to extreme heat and a lack of oxygen inside the pipe. Sheriff Dan Guida learned the farther Bayzaee and defendant went down the pipe the more serious the situation would get, as the west end of the pipe had been welded shut and inserted into the ground, therefore creating a no airflow situation in the pipe. Sheriff Dan Guida requested assistance from the Jacobson Fire Department and an ambulance equipped with self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) and rescue gear. There was concern that cutting the pipe would greatly increase the temperature and reduce the oxygen level inside the pipe.

A firefighter donned rescue gear and entered the pipe. After crawling for approximately 15 minutes, the firefighter made contact with Bayzaee and defendant, who refused to exit the pipe voluntarily. When the firefighter's SCBA alarm started going off alerting that the tank was running out of oxygen he was pulled out of the pipe. The firefighter advised Bayzaee and defendant were locked together with a sleeping dragon device, with defendant being closer to the end with his head facing out. The firefighter reported defendant was sweating profusely and looked very tired and he was unable to see Bayzaee. The firefighter estimated the temperature to be over 130 degrees where Bayzaee and defendant were located.

At approximately 2:20 p.m., Sheriff Dan Guida donned fire gear and entered the pipe. Sheriff Dan Guida noted Bayzaee and defendant had been inside the pipe for a full hour. Sheriff Dan Guida crawled approximately 200 feet to the area where Bayzaee and defendant were located and observed that they were wearing respirators. Sheriff Dan Guida was advised by defendant that Bayzaee had three and one-half minutes left. When Sheriff Dan Guida asked Bayzaee and defendant to get out of the pipe, they informed him they would die in there. Bayzaee and defendant stated they were there for the water and Sheriff Dan Guida's grandkids. Bayzaee and defendant refused to hold onto the rope. Sheriff Dan Guida noted defendant was no longer sweating and had signs of fatigue and heat stroke. Sheriff Dan Guida secured a strap around defendant's torso, which defendant tried to unhook. As the team outside began to pull defendant out, he used his feet to lock onto the pipe and screamed that he was being suffocated. When Sheriff Dan Guida tried to get defendant onto the cart, he refused and laid across the pipe with feet against the wall. When the SCBA bell began ringing, signaling there was only five minutes of air left, Sheriff Dan Guida forced defendant to turn around and tied his feet in a manner that he could not remove. Sheriff Dan Guida signaled the team to pull them out of the pipe. Once outside, ambulance personnel treated Bayzaee and defendant. Once they were stabilized, Bayzaee and defendant were placed under arrest and

transported to the Aitkin County Jail.

NOTICE: YOU MUST APPEAR FOR EVERY COURT HEARING REGARDING THIS CASE. FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR COURT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND MAY RESULT IN ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL CHARGES BEING IMPOSED AND PUNISHED AS PROVIDED IN MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 609.49.



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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

Daniel G. Guida
Sheriff
218 2nd Street NW
Aitkin, MN 56431
Badge: 217

Electronically Signed:
07/26/2021 03:37 PM
Aitkin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

James P. Ratz
COUNTY ATTORNEY
209 2nd Street NW
Room 268
Aitkin, MN 56431
(218) 927-7347

Electronically Signed:
07/26/2021 12:41 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.

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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: July 26, 2021.

Judicial Officer

Erik Askegaard
Judge

Electronically Signed: 07/26/2021 06:27 PM

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

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STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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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: Amory Lei Zhou-Kourvo
DOB: 09/15/1999
Address: 1309 Arella Blvd
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MA21170030

Height:

Weight:

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender:

MALE

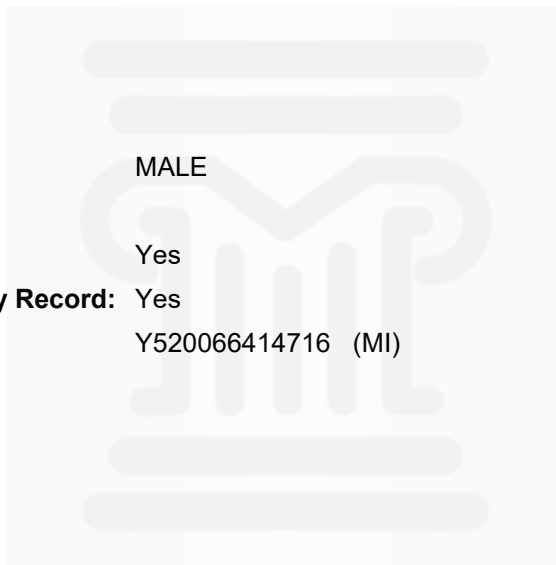
Race:

Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: Yes

Driver's License #: Y520066414716 (MI)

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	7/25/2021	609.215.2 Suicide - Aiding Attempted	Felony	H8942	N	MN0010000	21001921
	Penalty	7/25/2021	609.215.2 Suicide - Aiding Attempted	Felony	H8942	N	MN0010000	21001921
2	Charge	7/25/2021	609.50.1(2) Obstruct Legal Process-Interfere w/Peace Officer	Felony	X1080	N	MN0010000	21001921
	Penalty	7/25/2021	609.50.2(1) Obstruct Legal Process-Risk Death/Subs Bod Harm	Felony	X1080	N	MN0010000	21001921
3	Charge	7/25/2021	609.6055.2(a)(3) Trespass on Critical Public Service Facilities, Pipeline, Utility - Property Posted	Gross Misdemeanor	P23K3	N	MN0010000	21001921
	Penalty	7/25/2021	609.6055.2(a) Trespass on Critical Public Service Facilities, Pipeline, Utility - Penalty	Gross Misdemeanor	P23K3	N	MN0010000	21001921

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