

# Incident Report

EAGAN POLICE DEPARTMENT  
3830 PILOT KNOB RD  
EAGAN, MINNESOTA 55122  
6516755700

Incident Number: EA04-00005171

## Incident Summary

[See Case Notes](#)

Inc Type: CRIMINAL OFFENSE(S)  
Inc Occurred Address: 3460 GOLFOVIEW DR, EAGAN,  
Inc Occurred Start: 08/09/2004 20:18      Inc Occurred End:  
Domestic: Y      Bias Motivated:      Gang Related: U  
Contact Nature: PHONE  
Reporting Officer: EVANS,RICH      Primary Assigned Officer:  
Case Status: CLOSED      Disposition: ADULT ARREST      Disposition Date: 8/10/2004 07:13  
Approved by: GILBERTSON,JILL      Approved date/time: 8/10/2004 08:49      Approve status: Approved  
Report Type:  
Sector/Beat: EA50  
Report Taken:  
Substance: U  
Reported Date/Time: 08/09/2004 20:18

## Offenses

Statute Code: 609-713      Enhancers:  
Statute Desc: ASSAULT-TERR THREATS-INTIMIDATION  
Counts: 1      Statute Severity: FELONY  
Statute Code: 609-78-2      Enhancers:  
Statute Desc: DISTURB-INTERFERE WITH 911 CALL-GM  
Counts: 1      Statute Severity: GROSS MISDEMEANOR  
Statute Code: 609-2242-1      Enhancers:  
Statute Desc: ASSAULT-DOM ASSAULT-MISD  
Counts: 1      Statute Severity: MISDEMEANOR

## Officers

Event Association	Emp#	Badge#	Name	Squad#
PRIMARY REPORTING OFFICER	95	95	EVANS,RICH	
Primary Responding Officer	95	95	EVANS,RICH	
BACK-UP	102	102	SWEENEY,SEAN	
BACK-UP	103	103	LEJCHER,TONY	
BACK-UP	58	58	PIKE,DUANE	
BACK-UP	81	81	TENNESSEN,NATE	
BACK-UP	87	87	TOCKO,DAN	
BACK-UP	92	92	FANCHER,LISA	
BACK-UP	48	48	RYAN,MARK	

## Persons Involved

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Event Association: VICTIM  
[Name: AUSTIN, ALEATHA CLEVEANN](#)  
Contact Date/Time: [REDACTED]  
SSN: [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] Age: 28 - 28 Sex: FEMALE Race: [REDACTED]  
Height: [REDACTED] Weight: [REDACTED] Eye color: [REDACTED] Hair Color: [REDACTED]  
Address: 3460 GOLFVIEW DR 2110, EAGAN, MINNESOTA 55123  
Phone Type 1: HOME Phone# 1: 6513309882 Ext 1:  
Phone Type 2: WORK Phone# 2: 6514528778 Ext 2:  
DL State: DL#: DL Exp. Date:  
Occupation: Employer/School:

Person#: 0005 MNI#: 346084 Can ID Suspect: N  
Event Association: ARREST  
[Name: THOMPSON, JOHN DERRICK](#)  
Contact Date/Time: [REDACTED]  
SSN: [REDACTED] DOB: 11/2/1971 Age: 32 - 32 Sex: MALE Race: [REDACTED]  
Height: [REDACTED] Weight: [REDACTED] Eye color: [REDACTED] Hair Color: [REDACTED]  
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DL State: DL#: DL Exp. Date:  
Occupation: Employer/School:

Person#: 0006 MNI#: 346086 Can ID Suspect: N  
Event Association: WITNESS  
Contact Date/Time: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

### Parents/Guardians

Parent Name: ALEATHA AUSTIN  
Address 1: Phone 1:  
Address 2: Phone 2:  
Parent Notified: N Parent Notified By: Notified Date/Time:

### Vehicles Involved

Vehicle#: 0001  
Event Assoc: MENTIONED  
Vehicle Type: A  
VIN:  
Style:  
Status Dt/Tm:  
Year: 1992  
License#: LTS397  
Prim Color: MAROON  
Status Value:  
Vehicle Status:  
Make: CHEVROLET  
State: MN  
Sec Color:  
Recovered Date:  
Model: CORSICA  
Expires On:  
Ter Color:  
Recovered Value:

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NCIC Date:	NCIC Reported By:
NCIC#:	NCIC Cancelled:
Registered Owner Name: AUSTIN, ALEATHA CLEVEANN	
Address: 3460 GOLFFVIEW DR 2110 EAGAN, MN 55123	Phone#: 6513309882

## Modus Operandi

Against Person:	Y
Against Property:	N
Ocupied:	Y
General Premise 1:	RESIDENTIAL-MULTIPLE FAMILY/RESIDENT OWNED
General Premise 2:	
Specific Premise:	
Surrounding Area 1:	
Surrounding Area 2:	
Surrounding Area 3:	
Relationship to Suspect 1:	SIGNIFICANT OTHER (OR DATING)
Relationship to Suspect 2:	
Weapon Type 1:	HANDS, FISTS, FEET, ETC.
Automatic:	N
Weapon Type 2:	
Automatic:	N
Weapon Type 3:	
Automatic:	N

## Crime Against Property

# of Premises Entered:	Suspect Action 1:
Entry Point:	Suspect Action 2:
Exit Point:	Suspect Action 3:
Entry Loc 1:	Suspect Action 4:
Exit Loc 1:	Suspect Action 5:
Entry Loc 2:	Additional Factor 1:
Exit Loc 2:	Additional Factor 2:
Entry Method 1:	Additional Factor 3:
Exit Method 1:	Additional Factor 4:
Entry Method 2:	Additional Factor 5:
Exit Method 2:	Security Type:
Entry Tool 1:	Victim Location:
Exit Tool 1:	Electronic Locks: N
Entry Tool 2:	Video Surveillance N
Exit Tool 2:	Maid:
Vehicle Entry:	Inspectress:
Safe Entry:	

## Crime Against Persons

Pre-Incident Contact 1:	Suspect Action 1:
Pre-Incident Contact 2:	Suspect Action 2:
Pre-Incident Contact 3:	Suspect Action 3:
Victim Condition 1:	Suspect Action 4:
Victim Condition 2:	Suspect Action 5:
Victim Condition 3:	Sex Crime 1:
Victim Condition 4:	Sex Crime 2:
Victim Condition 5:	Sex Crime 3:
Suspect Solicited 1:	Sex Crime 4:
Suspect Solicited 2:	Sex Crime 5:

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Suspect Pretended to Be:

Vehicle Involvement 1:

Vehicle Involvement 2:

### Narratives

ENTERED DATE/TIME: 8/10/2004 07:25

NARRATIVE TYPE: SYNOPSIS

SUBJECT: SYNOPSIS

AUTHOR: EVANS,RICH

Officers investigated a 911 hang-up call from 3460 Golfview Drive, #2110. Officers discovered that a domestic assault had occurred with the suspect having fled on arrival. Officers did locate the suspect and he was arrested for terroristic threats, interference with 911 and 5th degree domestic assault. See main report.

ENTERED DATE/TIME: 8/10/2004 07:30

NARRATIVE TYPE: MAIN REPORT

SUBJECT: MAIN REPORT

AUTHOR: EVANS,RICH

On 8/9/04 at 2018 hours, I responded to 3460 Golfview Drive, #2110 on a 911 hang-up call. I arrived and was walking down the hallway towards #2110 when I saw a black male, later identified as JOHN DERRICK THOMPSON

[REDACTED]. I stopped Thompson and asked him where he lived. He said he lived in #2102 and was taking his boys back to their residence. While I was speaking with Thompson, dispatch advised that the suspect had attempted to take license plates from a vehicle parked in the parking lot that belonged to the victim. Dispatch also advised that the victim was requesting immediate police assistance. I allowed Thompson to pass by and I proceeded to #2110.

I was met by victim, ALEATHA AUSTIN. She pointed towards the southeast stairwell and stated the suspect went down that way. She said his name was John Thompson and that he had assaulted her. I asked her how he assaulted her and she said he punched her in the face. I looked back towards where I had previously talked with Thompson and the two boys. I observed that they were running at the end of the hallway and turning into a stairwell. I asked if that was the suspect and she said yes.

I did chase after Thompson and the two boys, but was unable to locate them in the stairwell. I exited the building and set up a perimeter with other Eagan officers. Officer Sweeney and I searched the 3460 and 3480 buildings but did not locate Thompson.

I returned to the apartment and spoke with Austin. I took a digitally recorded statement from her. I observed that she was still shaking and noticed several bruises and marks on her body. I asked her what happened. She said yesterday, her daughter, [REDACTED] Thompson were at the community pool. She stated that the boys had teased [REDACTED] and she came home crying. Austin told me that Thompson got angry that she was accusing [REDACTED] for teasing [REDACTED]. He called [REDACTED] a "fucking bitch", a "little motherfucker", a "spoiled ass" and told Austin "fuck you, fuck your daughter, I hope you both die".

Austin told me that when she and [REDACTED] got up this morning, she took [REDACTED] grandmother's house to stay for the day while she was at work. Austin said she had her daughter stay with her grandmother to get away from the verbal abuse. Austin told me that Thompson found out that she took [REDACTED] to her grandmother's house and he got angry. She said he followed her around while she was making her housekeeping rounds at the 3460 and 3480

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Golfview Drive buildings, and kept calling her a bitch and saying he hoped she died. He also said he hoped her baby would die. He stated "fuck you and fuck your daughter". Austin said she told him if he touched her, she would call the police.

At approximately 8:00 p.m., they were in the apartment together. Austin said Thompson got angry because she changed the answering machine message retrieval code. They argued and when they went back to the master bedroom, she told him if he touched her, she would call the police. She stated he jumped on her on the bed, put both his hands around her neck and started choking her and told her "I'll choke you until you can't breathe anymore". Austin said she could not breathe, it hurt and she was scared. She said when she felt like she was going to pass out, he let go and they fell off the bed. She said she tried to get up and he slapped her. She said she told him if he hit her again, she'd call the police. He did hit her again and when she tried to grab the phone, he grabbed it and dismantled it so she could not use it. Austin said she ran out of the apartment and into the hallway to try to get a neighbor to call the police. She said Thompson chased her out of the hallway, grabbed her and dragged her back into the apartment. She said he ripped her white tank top. She said she screamed for help, but Thompson slammed the door and locked her in the apartment.

Austin said she ran to [REDACTED] room to try to call the police. When she grabbed the phone, she said Thompson ran in and grabbed the cord and broke the cord in half. She said she ran to the window and tried to climb out the window, but Thompson grabbed her and pulled her back. She said she was hanging onto the blinds and the blinds ripped off the wall. She said [REDACTED] was in the room and watched the assault occur. She said she ran into the master bedroom and tried to climb out the window, and the same thing happened. Thompson pulled her back and she ripped off the blinds from the master bedroom window. She said she ran towards the kitchen to get the kitchen phone. When she grabbed for the phone and dialed 911, Thompson started choking her again. Austin said she was unable to talk to the dispatcher because she could not breathe. She said she grabbed a small club and hit Thompson on the head to try to get him to let go. She said that really made him angry and he hung up the phone. Austin said she dialed 911 again and he started hitting her in the head, punching her in the face and then he grabbed her and threw her into the kitchen table, which broke. She said when she hit the table, she landed on her front on the table, scratching and causing abrasions to her arms and injuring her right thigh, causing swelling.

Austin said Thompson ran out with one of his sons. She said the other son forgot his shoes. She locked the door, locking one of his sons inside to try to buy time so the police could get there to help her out. Austin said Thompson ran around the back and came in through the balcony window to get his other son. She said that after getting both kids, he ran out. She said he grabbed her car keys and was going to try to take her car, MN/LTS397. She said he had not tried to remove the license plates and that was just confusion between her and dispatch.

Austin said Thompson told her several times that he was going to kill her and if she called the police, he would kill her and her daughter. She said she believes he is capable of doing this. She said he assaulted her once before in October 2003 in Superior, Wisconsin. She said he was jailed for the assault. She said she received a concussion from the incident.

Austin said she and Thompson have dated for five years and have lived together for most of that time. They do not have any children in common. [REDACTED] has a different father and Thompson's two sons have a different mother. She said he has pushed her around before and has assaulted her twice, once back in October 2003 and the other time today. I asked her what the kids saw and she said [REDACTED] saw almost the entire assault. She said the boys were sitting in the living room and they observed what happened in the living room and kitchen.

I asked her to tell me where she had been injured. She showed me bruises consistent with fingertips on her neck consistent with being choked. She had abrasions on her right arm which she said occurred when she was thrown into the kitchen table. She had swelling on her right thigh from hitting the kitchen table and pain in her lower lip from being punched. She said she had pain and swelling in her left cheek from being slapped and punched and pain in her left index finger. I photographed the bruising on her neck and abrasions on her right arm. I saw some swelling on her right thigh, but was unable to view the swelling from the camera.

I took a digitally recorded statement from [REDACTED]. She told me she was scared of Thompson. She walked me through different areas of the house where the assault occurred and what she told me was consistent with what Austin told

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me. She said she had been in her bedroom when Thompson chased her mother in there. She said they knocked over her Barbie house and some of the toys hit her when they were wrestling around. She said she saw Thompson push her mom into the kitchen table and saw him "pounding" on her mom. I asked if she needed any medical treatment and she said she was going to wait until her parents arrived and then possibly go to the hospital. She signed a medical release form and I advised her to call if she went to the hospital so that we could obtain the medical records.

I provided Austin with victim rights information and explained it to her. I gave her my business card and called the Lewis Shelter. Austin talked to a staff member, Stacy, and Austin requested a ride for her and her daughter to the shelter. She said she needed someplace safe to stay because she felt that Thompson was capable of hurting or killing her and her daughter. She also said she wanted an Order for Protection to protect her and her daughter from Thompson.

I transported Austin and Larraja to the Lewis House. Austin commented that they had just moved here and had only lived in Eagan for a few months. She said they did not know anyone and there was no place Thompson would go. She said he did not have any money and just had car keys and maintenance keys. She said more than likely, he was in the maintenance office in the garage of the 3460 building.

While in route back to 3460 Golfview, I asked dispatch to contact a keyholder to provide maintenance keys to get us into the maintenance office. Officers Rundquist, Koenke, Fancher and I met with the keyholder and checked out the maintenance office at 3460/3480 Golfview building and the 3475 building. We were unable to locate Thompson.

I checked the parking lot routinely over the next several hours and saw that Austin's vehicle had not moved. I drove around behind the building several times and at approximately 0145 hours, I saw a light on in the apartment from the back of the building that had not been on before. I asked for another officer to watch the back of the building while I checked the entry door for any signs of force. Officer Tocko arrived and took a position behind the building to observe the patio and sliding glass door. I went to the door at #2110 and listened. I did not hear any sounds. I touched the door handle to see if the door was still locked. After I turned the door handle and the door handle made noise, I stopped and listened and I heard footsteps moving quickly to the door. I felt the door shift under the body weight of someone on the other side. I asked for additional squads to respond, as I believed Thompson had returned. I asked that dispatch contact the Lewis House to verify that Austin and her daughter were still there and had not returned home. Dispatch advised that no one else was allowed into the apartment and if someone was there, it was Thompson and his two sons.

I knocked repeatedly but Thompson would not answer the door. Officer Lejcher drove back to the Lewis House and met with Austin. She gave him permission to enter the apartment #2110 to make sure it was secure and that Thompson was not there waiting for her. She gave Officer Lejcher keys to the apartment. Officers Fancher, Lejcher and Sgt. Pike and I attempted to make entry to #2110 with the keys Austin had provided. Officer Lejcher turned the key in the lock. The door opened approximately an inch and stopped, as the swing arm lock mechanism was engaged from the inside. I heard Thompson yelling that he was going to unlock it. Thompson's voice was coming from the kitchen area and he was not coming to the door. I kicked the door and broke the swing arm so that officers could enter the residence.

Thompson was ordered to the floor in the kitchen. Officer Lejcher handcuffed him. Thompson was escorted to my squad car. Sgt. Pike and Officer Fancher remained upstairs with Thompson's two sons.

I searched Thompson and he was placed in the back seat of my squad car. He told me that I had nothing better to do with my time and was treating him as if he were a murderer. I turned on my digital recorder and read him his Miranda warning. He refused to talk with me. I turned off the recorder. I then opened a new folder on the recorder and activated the recorder again. Thompson continued to yell and swear from the back seat. Officer Fancher advised that Crisis needed some information about the assault. I called and gave this information to Crisis on my squad cell phone. Thompson overheard that our charges were based upon the damaged phone cord and table. He told me that he was the one who tried to call the police and that Austin had damaged the phone cord. Thompson grunted and commented that the kitchen table had been broken before.

Officer Lejcher and Sgt. Pike contacted Crisis. Thompson requested that we allow his two sons to stay with Austin

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until his mother could come from Chicago and take care of the boys. Crisis did approve this. Officer Lejcher completed 72-hour police health and welfare holds for both [REDACTED] Thompson. They were transported to the Lewis House.

Sgt. Pike said he talked with both [REDACTED]. They said they had been hiding out in the maintenance office at 3460 Golfview. They had been there approximately two hours and then returned to their apartment when they thought the police had left.

Thompson said he had been hit with a billy club and pointed to his forehead. I did take a photograph of an abrasion on his forehead. Thompson is not currently on probation. I checked his criminal history, which indicated charges of disorderly conduct, resisting or obstructing an officer and criminal damage to property. The date of the offense was October 2003 in Superior, Wisconsin, which is consistent with Austin's statement that Thompson had been arrested in October 2003 for assaulting her. There was no domestic assault in the criminal history, however.

I also checked Wisconsin court information. I found charges of disorderly conduct and resisting an officer in October 2003.

I checked Dakota County court system on Austin. I found that she had several charges for fighting and possession of drug paraphernalia, disorderly conduct and resisting a police officer.

The digital photographs were transferred to a CD-Rom and placed into evidence. I printed several photos for this case file.

A copy of this report should be forwarded to Dakota County Social Services/Crisis.

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ENTERED DATE/TIME: 8/10/2004 07:32

NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENT-103

AUTHOR: LEJCHER, TONY

On 8/10/04, I responded to 3460 Golfview Drive to assist Officer Evans with taking a suspect into custody. Officer Evans advised he believed that the suspect, John Thompson, was inside the apartment. He advised that the victim was staying at the Lewis Shelter. We were able to contact the victim, Aleatha Austin. She advised that no one was supposed to be at the apartment, and she had locked it after she had left.

I responded to the Lewis Shelter and spoke with Aleatha. She stated there was not supposed to be anyone in the apartment. She did give us permission to enter her apartment and check it to make sure no one was there. She did provide me with a key for the apartment.

I then responded back to the apartment and met again with Officer Evans and Sergeant Pike. We knocked on the door and announced our presence. We instructed John to open the door but he did not. At that point, I used the key to enter the apartment. The clasp was over the door, so when we opened it, the door would only open about one inch. Officer Evans gave several kicks to the door and broke the clasp. We found the suspect, John Thompson, standing immediately inside the door in the kitchen. John was instructed to lie down on the ground. He followed

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these instructions. I handcuffed John, and the handcuffs were gapped and double-locked. I then turned him over to Officer Evans who then took custody of him.

Officer Evans requested that I complete a 72-hour hold for Damarco Thompson and Derrick Thompson. John stated it would be okay if Aleatha took custody of the children until their mother, Michelle Thompson, arrived. Officer Fancher did contact Dakota County Crisis who advised it would be okay for us to place the children at the Lewis Shelter with Aleatha Austin. Aleatha stated that she was willing to take custody of the children at that time.

A 72-hour juvenile health and welfare hold was completed. We did attempt to contact the children's mother, Michelle Thompson. Her cell phone number is 773-936-2532. Her work phone number is 708-389-6578. Sergeant Pike attempted to contact Michelle and left her a message. As of the time of this supplemental report, Michelle has not contacted us back.

I then transported Damarco and Derrick to the Lewis Shelter and left them in the custody of Aleatha Austin. See the main report for additional information.

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ENTERED DATE/TIME: 8/14/2004 06:09

NARRATIVE TYPE: SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENT-63

AUTHOR: BORK,DAVE

On 8/10/04, I received a report from Dakota County Child Protection in reference to this incident concerning mental injury to Michelle Thompson's two children, [REDACTED]. I spoke with social worker Cajetan Egbujor, and it was agreed we would attempt to make contact with the victim, Aleatha Austin, at the Lewis Shelter.

I did contact the Lewis Shelter and they advised me that Aleatha was away for the afternoon. They said they would have her call me when she returned.

On 8/11/04, I had not received a return phone call from Aleatha and I once again called the Lewis Shelter, who told me that Aleatha had not come back on 8/10/04. I then called Aleatha's home phone number and ultimately was able to speak with her. She told me that Derek and Damarco had returned to Chicago with their mother, Michelle Thompson, on 8/10/04. Aleatha told me that she still had visible injuries on her body from being assaulted by John Thompson.

At approximately 1000 hours, I responded to 3460 Golfview, Apt. 2110, where I met with Aleatha. I did photograph injuries on Aleatha which consisted of an abrasion on the right side of her neck, and abrasions on the inside portion of her right arm, which she said she received as a result of John Thompson assaulting her. These photos have been downloaded onto a CD and will be placed into evidence.

Aleatha told me that her daughter, [REDACTED] was very upset by what she had witnessed. Aleatha said that [REDACTED] was currently staying at her grandmother's house to ensure that she would be safe, in the event that John Thompson would be released from jail.

Aleatha said that she had received a phone call from Thompson from the jail on 8/10/04. She said primarily the reason Thompson was calling her was to find out where his children, [REDACTED] were.

Dakota County Child Protection will follow up with Aleatha pertaining to the mental injury or mental abuse suffered by the three children. An audio recorded statement had previously been taken from [REDACTED] by Officer Evans.

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Please forward this supplement to the Dakota County Attorney's office to review for charges against John Thompson for mental abuse of a child.

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