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District Court Administrator - Traffic/Criminal Division - BY eFILE

Re: 27-CR-23-8551 - St. v. Matthew Scott Brenneman

Dear Judge:

This Defendant is in custody on a charge of misdemeanor domestic assault. The purpose of this letter is to request bail and to request the imposition of a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order (DANCO). The allegations in the reports are that the Defendant was intoxicated and repeatedly struck and bit the victim. The responding officer documented numerous bite marks all over the victim's body. The Defendant told the officer he was so intoxicated he doesn't know what happened. The officer reported damage to the residence as well. The victim told the officer the Defendant had previously assaulted her although there had not been charges. Perhaps most importantly, the victim told the officer she was intoxicated and felt some responsibility for being assaulted. Those statements suggest the victim is not in a good position to protect herself and the DANCO is appropriate. Finally, in 2021, another woman sought and obtained an OFP against the Defendant so there is some history of alleged abuse. Based on these factors, the State requests bail in the amount of \$10,000.00 without conditions and \$5,000.00 with the conditions that the Defendant remain law abiding, not consume alcohol or non-prescribed drugs, be subject to monitoring by court services and have no contact with the alleged victim. Even if the Court issues a conditional release, the State still requests a DANCO as well given the serious nature of the assault. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Wynn Curtiss
Hopkins Prosecutor