

DEFENDANT: Moyium Willomon  
DOB: 07/24/1996 AGE: 26  
ADDRESS:  
60 Henry Street, #201  
Shelburne, VT 05482

ARRAIGNMENT DATE: February 28, 2023  
SA CASE ID.: 23-3124  
ASSIGNED (D)SA: Kelton Olney Esq. ERN:  
POLICE DEPT.: Burlington Police Department  
INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Ofc. Michael Moran  
VICTIM ADVOCATE: Nietra Panagoulis  
INCIDENT NO.: 23BU003250

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT  
CHITTENDEN UNIT

STATE OF VERMONT

v.

MOYIUM WILLOMON

CRIMINAL DIVISION

DOCKET NO. **23-CR-01970**

INFORMATION BY STATE'S ATTORNEY

By the authority of the State of Vermont, the State's Attorney for Chittenden County, upon the oath of office charges:

COUNT 1 OF 1

CHARGE CODE: 13V2405A2 | CODE ID: 379 | OFFENSE CLASS: F  
CHARGE NAME: KIDNAPPING-VICTIM <16 YRS

Moyium Willomon, in the County of Chittenden, at Burlington on or about February 21, 2023, not being a relative of a person under the age of 16, knowingly restrained that person, without the consent of the person's custodian, with the intent to keep the person from his or her lawful custodian for a substantial period, to wit, J.P. (age two), in violation of 13 V.S.A. 2405(a)(2).

Penalty: Imprisoned not more than life or fined \$50,000.00 or both.

Against the peace and dignity of the State.

DATED: February 28, 2023

/s/ Susan G. Hardin

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State's Attorney (Deputy)

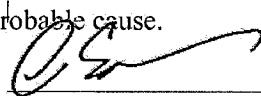
**Referral(s) if applicable: -**

☐ Diversion ☐ Tamarack ☐ No Referral -- Reason:

This information has been presented to me and I have found probable cause.

DATED:

2/28/2023

  
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Alison Sheppard Arms  
Superior Court Judge

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Superior Court Judge

Incident #: 23BU003250

**BURLINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

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**Moyium Willomon (DOB 07/24/1996), Defendant**

Now comes Ofc. Michael S. Moran, affiant, being duly sworn and on oath deposes and says he has probable cause to believe that Moyium Willomon (DOB 07/24/1996), has committed the crime of Kidnapping in violation of Title 13 V.S.A. 2405.

*Summary: On February 21, 2023 at approximately 1654 hours, Officers responded to the area of Union Street and Adams Street in Burlington Vermont for the report that a woman, later identified as Moyium Willomon (DOB 07/24/1996) was attempting to kidnap a child from the GMT bus. After the investigation, Willomon was transported to UVMMC for an Emergency Evaluation Warrant, and is being charged with Kidnapping.*

1. On February 21, 2023, at approximately 1645 hours, Officers were dispatched to the area in between King Street and Main Street, of a possibly child abduction. The caller was driver of a public bus from Green Mountain Transit Authority (GMT) and reported via 911 that a woman was attempting to kidnap a child from another female on the bus. Prior to Officers arrival, dispatch stated that the bus, in which the alleged kidnapping was taking place, had stopped in the area of Union Street at Adams Street in Burlington Vermont.
2. Detective Vivori happened to be in the area at the time of the call and was the first on scene. Senior Officer Beal and I arrived just after Det. Vivori. As I approached the bus, I did not see any obvious signs of a struggle or fight. Once on the bus, I attempted to figure out who was involved in the potentially kidnapping. A woman who was sitting directly in front of me and identified as Moyium Willomon (DOB 04/24/1996) stated, "That woman has my child." Willomon was sitting down and calm. As she pointed to the back of the bus, I observed a woman, later identified a Jennifer Poirier, who appeared frantic and anxious. It should be noted that there were approximately 10 other people on the bus who was all seated.
3. As I attempted to gather more information from Willomon, Det. Vivori advised that Willomon was possibly experiencing a mental health issue. As I was still attempting to gather more information, a male on the bus stated that he transferred busses with Poirier and advised that Poirier was with the child the entire time. Willomon interrupted and started to say something to the effect of "No, that's mine... I need my child." Willomon then asked that we exit the bus to discuss this further.
4. When I exited the bus with Willomon, she stated that he was "Part of a thoroughbred program." Willomon the stated that she could obtain a blood test to prove that the child was hers. I asked Willomon for the name of the

child and she stated that Poirier called the child "Jacob" but Willomon stated the child's real name was "Andrew." When I attempted to gather more proof that Willomon was the mother of the child, Willomon stated she also has "A man living right across from me, who is like, killing all my babies." Willomon also stated, "A hospital has all her babies that are getting raped."

5. I attempted to gather Willomon's recollection of the event in its entirety. Willomon stated something to the effect that she has been finding her children everywhere because she is part of a thoroughbred research program and they took her kids to the hospital and started killing them and raping them. Willomon continued to state that her children are being kept in a house, where they are being killed and raped. Willomon was uncertain of all the details, but she was adamant that someone was killing her babies.
6. When redirected to what happened that day, Willomon stated that she knew that child to be hers because the child has grey eyes and she has grey eyes and because she had sex with a white man. It should be noted that Willomon is an African American and the child and biological mother are both Caucasian. I again redirected Willomon to the events that occurred that day, and Willomon stated that Poirier got on the bus with her child. Willomon stated that she has not seen her child in a couple of months, but essentially by happenstance; her child entered the same bus that she was riding.
7. Willomon stated that when she knew that child to be hers, she "Picked him up and took him away, and then she like grabbed him back and just like, that's my kid, she shouldn't be touching my kid." As I suspected this to be a mental health issue, I asked Willomon if she has seen any of her other kids and what actions she took in those instances. Willomon stated that she saw another one of her children a couple months back. Willomon was unclear with the details and started incoherently talking about a man and a woman who live near her that took her children. Willomon stated that the children are not alive any more. Willomon continued to talk about the child on the bus and again offered to get a maternity test done to prove her statements.
8. When asked if Willomon has attempted to get her children back in the past, she stated, "This was not the first time." During the interview with Willomon, she stated several times that she did not want her child with "that lady" and was extremely adamant that the child was in fact hers. As Willomon was so adamant that she was the subject of a result program and had children scattered about the state, I was afraid that Willomon would attempt to abduct more children if she was not medically evaluated.
9. As I spoke to Willomon, Officers on scene obtained sworn statements for witnesses to the event. Cpl. Cousins report states the following:

"3. I met with Jennifer Poirier and her child, JP (age 2). Poirier advised she got on the bus with her child, JP, and was seated near the back of the bus. She advised that Willomon came to the back of the bus and sat in the seat across from them, which I observed was facing them. Poirier advised Willomon began asking Poirier, "Is that my baby?" regarding JP. She advised Willomon was very calm and kept asking her and she kept telling her that JP was not Willomon's baby and was definitely her (Poirier's) baby. She advised that Willomon then "leaned in" and picked JP up "so quick". She advised she asked Willomon what she was doing and told Willomon JP was not her baby, but Willomon kept insisting JP was "her kid" and would not let him go. She advised they finally got JP away from Willomon, but Willomon did not want to let him go. Poirier advised she was afraid to try to physically remove JP from Willomon's hold because she was scared Willomon would "punch him in the face or something". I asked if the bus was stopped at that point and she advised that as soon as Willomon "grabbed him"

(JP), she yelled for the bus driver to stop the bus and she did and she asked for someone to call 911.

4. Poirier advised she was worried other bus riders helping may get “aggressive” and she did not want JP to get hurt. She advised then people physically held Willomon and she was able to get JP back from Willomon. She advised she was saying she takes the bus every day and this was her child and that Willomon then said something to the effect of, “So you’re not his mom on the weekend, then?”

5. While speaking with Poirier, other bus riders were making unsolicited statements about having seen Poirier and JP get on together and another rider told me they had had to physically intervene to get JP back from Willomon. Poirier advised JP did not cry until Willomon had physically taken him and they were trying to get JP away from her. Poirier later swore to her video statement, though my Axon body-worn camera was muted at the time following conferencing with Lt. Brownell and I had accidentally failed to unmute it at that time.

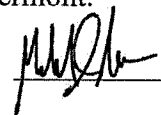
6. I obtained a sworn video statement from a male bus rider, Joshua Huard, who was seated just behind where Poirier and JP were seated at the time of this incident. Huard advised Willomon had been seated near the front of the bus when Poirier and JP boarded the bus downtown and went to the back of the bus to sit down. Huard advised he saw Willomon looking back toward Poirier and JP during the bus ride and that approximately 2 blocks prior to where the bus was stopped for police response, Willomon had gotten up and came to the back of the bus where she sat down across from Poirier and JP and began telling Poirier that JP was her baby.

7. Huard advised Willomon kept telling Poirier, “That’s my kid” repeatedly for a minute or two and then she said “That’s my kid” and “reached over and picked up the kid”. Huard advised “everybody else grabbed her” (Willomon). He indicated toward approximately 3 people he advised helped “grab” Willomon to assist in getting JP back to her mother, Poirier. Huard advised Willomon was “calm” during the entire incident. He pointed Willomon out to me as she spoke with officers outside of the bus and stated that was the woman who had taken JP from Poirier.

10. CCTV footage was later obtained by GMT, one video shows Willomon sitting at the front of the bus as Poirier enters, and heads towards the back. Willomon is seen watching Poirier and her child walk to the back of the bus. The second video starts with Willomon sitting in the rear if the bus adjacent from Poirier and her child. Willomon leans over, lifts the child off the seat, then sits down in seat. After Poirier and Willomon exchange words, Willomon gets up and starts to walk towards the front of the bus. Poirier starts to yell “That’s my child, she kidnapping my child.” Willomon appears to attempt to leave the bus by standing in the area of rear door to the bus. Willomon then sits down and an unknown male is seen standing in the doorway, blocking Willomon. As Willomon sits down on a seat, Poirier is seen attempting to get her child away from Willomon. Bystanders on the bus attempt to reason with Willomon to hand the child back to Poirier as she also pleaded with Willomon. After approximately 1-2 minutes, Poirier with the help of bystanders, were able to wrestle the child from Willomon.

11. After the investigation, I concluded that probable cause existed to the arrest of Willomon under the charge of Kidnapping when she knowingly restrained the child with the intent to flee the area. Willomon also, not being a relative of the child who was under 16 years of age, knowingly restrained the child without consent of the child’s mother and intended to keep the child. However, this instance appeared to be heavily influence by some mental health disorder.

12. I explained to Willomon that I was afraid that she would attempt to abduct another child if she were to be released from the area. After a short conversation, I was able to convince Willomon that she needed to be seen at the University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMCMC) to be evaluated. Willomon was reluctant to go to UVMCMC but eventually agreed just to clear her name, not to receive treatment. Once at UVMCMC, First Call preformed an evaluation and later determined that she needed long term involuntary care as she posed a threat to other families.
13. It should be noted that while Willomon was at the Emergency Department, her mother arrived on scene via Shelburne Police Department. Willomon's mother reported Willomon missing that day and flagged down Shelburne PD, who heard that Willomon was at UVMCMC. When speaking with Willomon mother, it was learned that she has extensive mental health history. On one event, Willomon's mother stated that Willomon was working as a school bus driver in Colorado. Willomon reported that she made many false claims about the bus being followed and people attempting to kidnap the children.
14. On February 22, 2023, I received a call from First Call who stated that Willomon is going to be held for long term, involuntary. I then contacted the States Attorney's Office, who advised that flash citing Willomon would be the most appropriate action, once it is learned where she will be held.
15. A criminal history check shows Willomon has no criminal history in the state of Vermont.

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(Affiant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on February 23, 2023, at Burlington

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Exempt as a Law Enforcement - Related Employee