

IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF MERCER COUNTY, OHIO  
CRIMINAL DIVISION

State of Ohio,

CASE NO. 24-CRM-075

Plaintiff

VS.

Maxwell E. Gottschalk,  
205 West Mechanic Street  
Wapakoneta, OH 45895  
DOB: 8/5/1999  
SSN: XXX-XX-6037

**COMPLAINT**

Defendant.

**Count One      Felonious Assault - F2**  
§2903.11(A)(2), 2903.11(D)(1)(a)

**Date of Offense**    On or about August 2, 2024

*Complainant being duly sworn states that Maxwell E. Gottschalk, in the City of Celina, Mercer County, Ohio, on or about August 2, 2024, unlawfully*

*did knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to Victim # 1 by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance, to wit: a serrated kitchen knife.*

*The offense is contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.*

**Count Two      Assault - M1**  
§2903.13(A), 2903.13(C)

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**Count Three      Domestic Violence - M1**  
§2919.25(A), 2919.25(D)(2)

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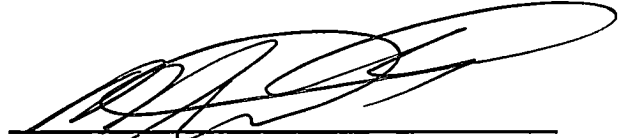
did knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to Victim # 2, a family or household member.

*The offense is contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.*



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Patrolman Jeremy Kerr  
Celina Police Department

Sworn before me by Patrolman Jeremy Kerr, Celina Police Department on August 5, 2024.



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AFFIDAVIT ON COMPLAINT  
(O.R.C. 2935.09)

STATE OF OHIO, MERCER COUNTY, SS:

I, do hereby state that I am employed at the Celina Police Department. The following did occur:

On August 2, 2024 at approximately 8:00 P.M, Officers were dispatched to 1116 Teaberry Lane, in the City of Celina, Mercer County, Ohio for a domestic situation. When Officers arrived, we made contact with a male in the driveway. He was identified as Maxwell Gottschalk. Maxwell had some scratches on his arms and appeared under the influence of an illegal narcotic.

I then spoke with victim # 1 and victim # 2. I established the relationship as victim # 2 being the mother of Gottschalk and that victim # 1 resides at this address, with victim # 2.

Victim # 2 had a large bump on her head and was bleeding from it. I could see that Victim # 1 was bleeding from several places on his head.

Victim # 1 said that she was in bed and victim # 2 was in the living room. Gottschalk walked in through the garage. Gottschalk went into the bedroom, shined a flashlight in her face and asked her why she gave money to a friend of his and started cursing at her. Victim # 1 came in and told Gottschalk that he needed to leave. Both Victim # 1 and Gottschalk went into the kitchen. Victim # 1 kept trying to get Maxwell to leave. Gottschalk shoved Victim # 1 up against a counter, grabbed a spoon and started stabbing him in the head, causing lacerations. Gottschalk dropped the spoon and grabbed a serrated kitchen knife and attempted to stab Victim # 1 in the head. Victim # 2 stepped in and stopped Maxwell from stabbing him. Maxwell then took his free hand and punched Victim # 2 in the face multiple times.

Gottschalk finally left the house. Victim # 1 went out to the car to get the keys to prevent Gottschalk from taking it. Maxwell came up behind Victim # 1 and started hitting him again. Gottschalk now had a fork in his hand. He stabbed Victim # 1 multiple times in the leg with the fork.

I observed the fork stab marks on Victim # 1's leg and blood around the area of the car. The knife was located behind a couch, where Gottschalk threw it. It was a black, in color, handled serrated kitchen knife.

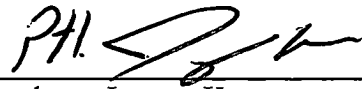
Maxwell Gottschalk was taken to the Mercer County Detention Facility.

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*Richard J. Fannon*  
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Sworn to before me by Patrolman Jeremy Kerr, Celina Police Department on August 5, 2024.



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