

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

State of Ohio,

CASE NO. 24-CRM-073

Plaintiff

VS.

James J. Garman,  
1100 Myers Rd  
Celina, OH 45822  
DOB: 10/21/1980  
SSN: XXX-XX-7344

COMPLAINT

Defendant.

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

Date of Offense On or about July 22, 2024

*Complainant being duly sworn states that James J. Garman, in the City of Celina, Mercer County, Ohio, on or about July 22, 2024, unlawfully*

*did knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to Victims #1 - #5 by means of a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance, to wit: a deadly weapon being a 2019 Chevrolet Express G3500.*

*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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Sgt. Gabe Bartlett  
Celina Police Department

Sworn before me by Sgt. Gabe Bartlett, Celina Police Department on July 23, 2024.

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

STATE OF OHIO, MERCER COUNTY, SS:

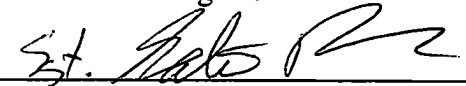
I, do hereby state that I am employed at the Celina Police Department. The following did occur:

On July 22, 2024 at approximately 8:58 P.M, Officers were dispatched to the area of North Buckeye Street and East Fulton Street, in the City of Celina, Mercer County, Ohio, for a report of someone in a motor vehicle trying to run over a group of kids. I located a group of kids, and they said that they were at the Bryson Park playing basketball on the basketball court. A male, driving a white full-sized van came into the park and drove up onto the court. He was looking for two boys that had gotten into a fight with his son earlier in the day. Those two boys had left the park. The male was very agitated. The male then got back into his van and drove at the kids, almost striking them. He then left the area. A witness who observed the incident followed the van after it left the park. The witness contacted the Celina Police Department and provided the license plate number for the van.

Officer Nelson located the vehicle on Kingswood Drive in Celina. The adult male was identified as James J. Garmin. He was still agitated and told Nelson he should be investigating the kids who were fighting with his son instead of him.

I was sent to the Police Department because the other group of boys who were at the park when the incident occurred wanted to make a report. They likewise advised that the male in the white van almost ran them over while they were at the park.

On July 23, 2024, Sgt. Fuelling reviewed surveillance video from the park. He could see that the van did drive up onto the basketball court and almost struck one of the kids and scared the other kids, causing them to run and take evasive action to avoid being hit.

  
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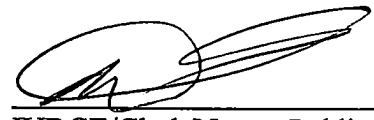
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