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

STATE OF OHIO,

CASE NO. 25-CRM-008

Plaintiff

VS.

THOMAS W. MARTEL 1636 Settler's Lane Celina, OH 45822

DOB: 1/23/1990 SSN: XXX-XX-3712 **COMPLAINT**

Defendant.

Count One

Strangulation - F4

§2903.18(B)(3), 2903.18(C)(3)

Date of Offense

On or about January 24, 2025

Complainant being duly sworn states that Thomas W. Martel, in Mercer County, Ohio, on or about January 24, 2025, unlawfully

did knowingly cause or create a substantial risk of physical harm to {victim's name} by means of strangulation or suffocation.

FURTHERMORE, {victim's name} is a family or household member, or is a person with whom Thomas W. Martel is or was in a dating relationship

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

Domestic Violence - M1

§2919.25(A), 2919.25(D)(2)

Date of Offense

On or about January 24, 2025

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Complainant being duly sworn states that Thomas W. Martel, in Mercer County, Ohio, on or about January 24, 2025, unlawfully

did knowingly cause or attempt to cause physical harm to Victim # 1, a family or household member.

The offense is contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided, and

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against the peace and dignity of the State of Ohio.

Patrolman Zac Nelson Celina Police Department

Sworn before me by Patrolman Zac Nelson, Celina Police Department, on this day of January 27, 2025.

JUDGE/Clerk/Notary Public

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

STATE OF OHIO, MERCER COUNTY, SS:

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

On January 24, 2025 at approximately 4:56 P.M, Officers were dispatched to 1636 Settler's Lane, in the City of Celina, Ohio. We were told that the parties were separated, and the female would be outside in a car. When I arrived, I found the female to be an Victim # 1 said that her husband, Thomas Martel, came home drunk. He was angry and told her to get out of the house. He grabbed her forcibly by the arm and choked her.

Victim # 1 had an audio recording of the event. I heard a male confronting a female, asking her questions. Throughout the recording, I could hear the female asking him to not take the child and could hear a child crying. I then hear the female, that sounded like victim # 1, say, "don't hit me," "don't hit me like that," and don't pull my hair." The male starts yelling again and then the female can be heard telling him it hurts, and I can't breathe. The last time, it appeared she couldn't breathe or talk, because her air was cut off. When the victim mentions calling 911, the phone sounds like it is being struck and then the victim asks for the phone back.

The male was located inside the home. He was identified as Thomas Martel, Martel had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath. He denied any physical violence.

Thomas was taken into custody and transported to the Mercer County Detention Facility.

Victim # 1 emailed us photos of the injury that she had on her arm from being grabbed.

Patrolman Zac Nelson Celina Police Department

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