

ARREST WARRANT APPLICATION

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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C.G.S. §54-2a  
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Police Case number 2000026122	Agency name Naugatuck Police	Agency number 0088
Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Grant, Kevin	Residence (Town) of accused Naugatuck	Court to be held at (Town) Waterbury
		Geographical Area number 04

Application For Arrest Warrant  
To: A Judge of the Superior Court

The undersigned hereby applies for a warrant for the arrest of the above-named accused on the basis of the facts set forth in the:  Affidavit Below.  Affidavit(s) Attached.

Date 10/14/2020	Signed (Prosecuting authority) <i>Catherine B Austin</i>	Type/print name of prosecuting authority Catherine B. Austin
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Affidavit

The undersigned affiant, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

The undersigned, Det. Robert O'Donnell DB7, being duly sworn, does depose and state that he is a member of the Naugatuck Police Department and has been since 05/21/2004. At all times mentioned herein he was acting as a member of said department. The following facts and circumstances are stated from personal knowledge and observations as well as information received from other police officers acting in their official capacity and from official police reports and statements made by prudent and credible witnesses.

1). This affiant states that on 10/01/2020 at approximately 1806 hours, Officer Durette and Officer Johnson were dispatched to an address in [redacted] to assist the Connecticut Department of Children & Families (DCF). It was reported an anonymous person made a complaint to DCF regarding one of the children in the house being locked in a laundry room and only let out when it was time to eat and for educational purposes. Sergeant Castro would also respond to assist.

2). This affiant states that upon Officer's arrival, they were met by the DCF workers who were identified as Amanda Alvarado DOB: 01/04/1980 and Morgan McGinnis DOB: 11/10/1998. Alvarado stated the complainant later identified as witness 1, detailed a living situation in which [redacted], Kevin Grant DOB: 04/10/1989, was locking Juvenile Male Victim 1 (JMV#1) (D.O.B. [redacted]) in a laundry room and only letting him out to eat and do school work. Alvarado would also state the complaint detailed JMV#1

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Jurat Subscribed and sworn to before me on (Date) 10/13/20	Signed (Judge/Clerk/Commissioner of Superior Court, Notary Public) <i>[Signature]</i>

Finding

The foregoing Application for an arrest warrant, and affidavit(s) attached to said Application, having been submitted to and considered by the undersigned, the undersigned finds from said affidavit(s) that there is probable cause to believe that an offense has been committed and that the accused committed it and, therefore, that probable cause exists for the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of the above-named accused.

Date and Signature	Signed at (City or town) Waterbury	On (Date) 10-14-20	Signed (Judge/Judge Trial Referee) <i>[Signature]</i>	Name of Judge/Judge Trial Referee R. Smith
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was being made to kneel on sharp tacks and eat extremely spicy hot peppers. Alvarado also stated the complaint detailed if JMV#1 threw up from eating too much spicy food he was made to ingest the vomit. Alvarado stated she spoke with [REDACTED] Kaitlin Baptiste DOB: 05/01/1991 who appeared to be unaware of the situation but stated earlier in the evening Grant called her and told her she needed to take the kids and leave because someone made a DCF complaint again. Baptiste stated she works many hours and isn't always home with the children. When asked if JMV#1 was showing any different behaviors, she stated JMV#1 seemed to be becoming more aggressive lately.

3). This affiant states that at this time Officer Johnson asked Alvarado if they had already gone into the house to which she stated they have and they already spoke with Grant. Officer Johnson asked Alvarado if she saw the laundry room to which she stated she did. Alvarado described the laundry room as a small room with a washer and dryer on one side and a small mattress with bedding on the other side. Alvarado also stated there was a latch on the exterior of the laundry room door that was only accessible from outside of the laundry room. I asked Alvarado if she observed any other bedroom for JMV#1 in the house to which she stated she did not. Alvarado also stated Grant tried to leave upon their arrival and after learning of the new complaint. Alvarado stated there are a total of five children on the house however only JMV#1, Juvenile 2, and Juvenile 3 [REDACTED]. The other two children are her stepchildren and Grant is their father.

4). This affiant states that Officer Johnson then spoke with JMV#1 who was in the back yard with McGinnis and Baptiste. JMV#1 appeared to be unharmed and without injury although Alvarado stated she observed a scar on his face which was later determined to be from a bottle rocket that was held in his mouth by Kevin. Officer Johnson stated he asked JMV#1 if he knew why he was at the location and he stated he does not.

5). This affiant states that Sergeant Castro and Officer Johnson spoke further with Baptiste and asked her if Grant would be willing to talk to us. Grant was not willing to speak with police. Baptiste then asked Susan Istvan DOB: 09/12/1959, (who owns the house) and is Grant's mother if police could enter the residence to look around and ensure the living quarters of the children were adequate. Istvan was not comfortable with police going into her house. Officer Johnson would later make contact with Istvan at the front door of the residence and was allowed to see inside the house from where he was standing. Officer Johnson was only able to observe the foyer and living room which appeared to be orderly. Officer Johnson also observed Juvenile#1's siblings running around and playing. Juvenile#1's siblings did not appear to be

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harmred or injured. Sergeant Castro and Johnson also spoke further with Alvarado who stated when she was speaking to Grant he stated he only puts JMV#1 in the laundry room as punishment because he can get physical with his brother and sister.

6). This affiant states that Baptiste, Grant, and DCF came up with a safety plan which involved Baptiste, JMV#1, Juvenile 2, and Juvenile 3 leaving the residence and going to Baptiste's mothers' house in East Haven. Sergeant Castro and Officer Johnson assisted putting JMV#1, Juvenile 2, and Juvenile 3 belongings and car seat in Baptiste's mothers' vehicle to which they then left the residence understanding this may be a long term arrangement.

7). This affiant states that at this time, I was contacted by Alvarado in regards to this case. Alvarado and I discussed the case and determined based on the minimal facts to schedule a forensic interview for JMV#1. The interview was scheduled for 10/07/2020 at 11:00 hours at Waterbury Youth Services CAC.

8). This affiant states that on 10/07/2020 at approximately 11:00 hours a forensic interview of JMV#1 was conducted at Waterbury Youth Services by a Lisa Murphy Cipola. The interview started with JMV#1 explaining to Lisa about his school days and then about his living situation. JMV#1 explained that he used to reside with Kevin and his mother and step family. JMF#1 stated he is no longer in that residence, due to the fact that Kevin was doing things that were wrong to him.

9). This affiant states that Lisa then asked JMV#1 to explain the things that were being done to him by Kevin. JMV#1 stated back sometime in June he was sitting on the couch watching T.V. while his siblings were playing. JMV#1 stated his younger brother fell and cracked his head open while they were playing, and JMV#1 was blamed for the incident, and he got in really big trouble. JMV#1 stated that he did not injure his brother, and that he brought his brother to his step grandparents and they blamed him for the injury. JMV#1 stated that he was scared because he was being blamed so he was hiding in his room and when Kevin came home he could hear him "saying where is he".

10). This affiant states that at this time JMV#1 stated that Kevin had grabbed him and repeatedly struck him with a belt really hard all over his body causing him pain. JMV#1 stated he was running away from Kevin as he was striking him with the belt, and then Kevin grabbed him and told him to look at his brother's injury in the bathroom. JMV#1 stated Kevin then grabbed him and picked him up by the back of his neck, and threw him across the room. JMV#1 stated that Kevin and his mother then brought his brother to the

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hospital. JMV#1 stated he was forced to stand in the corner for approximately a week with his head facing the wall. JMV#1 stated he was even forced to stand as he ate, and that he wasn't allowed to eat everything good that the rest of the family was eating. JMV#1 stated on the evening his brother was injured, when it was time for him to go to bed, Kevin brought him outside and made him sleep in a trailer that was outside of their residence by himself. JMV#1 later stated that Kevin then came back to the trailer later in the evening and brought him to the garage where he slept for approximately five (5) days.

11). This affiant states that JMV#1 would then advise Lisa that after sleeping in the garage for several days, Kevin brought JMV#1 into the residence and made him sleep in the laundry room for four months. JMV#1 stated as he was forced to stay in the laundry room, Kevin would constantly do things to him and make him do things that would hurt him. JMV#1 stated Kevin would make him kneel on rice for an entire day. JMV#1 stated he was forced to do push-ups until he couldn't move his arms. JMV#1 stated that he was also forced to stand on a ladder with one foot in the air, and Kevin put tacks on the ladder steps and under the ladder. JMV#1 stated when he couldn't hold his foot up any longer he would put his foot down, and step on the tacks which caused his feet to bleed a lot.

12). This affiant states that JMV#1 stated there was another incident where Kevin brought JMV#1 outside with his step siblings as they were lighting off bottle caps. JMV#1 stated Kevin told JMV#1 that he needed to put a bottle rocket in his mouth to light it off. JMV#1 stated he told Kevin he didn't want to, to which Kevin replied to him its either he lights off the bottle rocket in his mouth or gets hit with the belt. JMV#1 stated Kevin then put the bottle rocket in his mouth, lit the fuse and the rocket exploded. JMV#1 stated he had scars on his cheeks that required his mother Kaitlin and Kevin to put medicine on to allow it to heal. At this time Lisa asked JMV#1 if he had told anyone about the bottle rocket. JMV#1 stated that he told his step grandfather, and Kevin denied it. JMV#1 stated that there was no way he did it himself because he doesn't even have a lighter.

13). This affiant states that Lisa then again asked JMV#1 to go over how his brother got injured that afternoon. JMV#1 stated that his mother and Kevin were going somewhere for the day, and that his step grandparents were watching the children. JMV stated again his siblings were in the room and that he was watching TV, while his grandparents were in the garage. Lisa then asked JMV#1 what his brother hit his head on. JMV#1 replied, I don't remember I think it was the glass table. Lisa then asked what was the next thing that happened after that, to which JMV#1 stated he immediately went to his brother to see if he was ok. JMV#1 stated he then ran to his big sister's room and asked her to come here. JMV#1 stated his sister

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wasn't really like freaking out over the incident, and probably thought it was like a little cut, but she flipped out and was yelling when she saw the cut. JMV#1 stated he ran into the garage and advised his grandparents. JMV#1 stated that's when everyone started blaming him, and he ran in his room and started crying because he was scared.

14). This affiant states that Lisa continued the interview just clarifying the points that JMV#1 had made. JMV#1 stated again stated he had a mattress on the floor in the laundry room, and the door was locked from the outside when he went to bed. JMV#1 stated if he had to go to the bathroom, either Kaitlin or Kevin would come to unlock the door so that he could use the restroom. JMV#1 stated Kevin would yell at him for knocking on the door, and stated he was no longer allowed to knock, and he could pee his pants. JMV#1 stated Kaitlin advised him that he was allowed to knock on the door only if he had to go to the bathroom. Lisa asked JMV#1 what made him stopped sleeping in the laundry room. JMV#1 stated when DCF was at the house and moved him to his grandmas.

15). This affiant states that Lisa then asked JMV#1 if he was worried about Kevin doing this to any of the other siblings. JMV#1 stated that Kevin only does this to him, and the other children are unharmed. JMV#1 stated that he is scared of Kevin and that he always makes him do things that hurt him. JMV#1 stated Kevin had told him one day that if he wanted to bully his little brother then Kevin was going to bully him. JMV#1 also stated that Kevin once took all his drawings and burned them in front him, and gave all his books to his siblings. JMV#1 also stated that Kevin would make him drink cups of hot sauce and that he would throw up from drinking the hot sauce. JMV#1 stated he would have stomach pains from drinking the hot sauce. Lisa then asked JMV#1 what type of rice he was sitting on. JMV#1 stated it was uncooked rice that would stick to his legs and hurt for days afterwards. At this time, Lisa advised JMV#1 that the interview was over, and that if he had any further questions or concerns she would assist him in any way.

16). This affiant states that on 10/07/2020 I contacted Kevin on his cell phone in regards to the incident. I advised Kevin that I needed to speak with him. Kevin agreed and stated he would come to the Police Department on 10/08/2020 at 11:30 hours. On 10/08/2020 at approximately 11:45 hours Kevin contacted me and advised me that neither himself or Kaitlin would be coming in for an interview per their Attorney Ed Giacci of Shelton Ct.

17). This affiant states that due to the above mentioned circumstances, I respectfully request that an arrest warrant be issued for the arrest of Kevin Grant (4/10/1989) for violating C.G.S. 53-21 "Risk of Injury

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to a Minor", C.G.S. 53a-60 "Assault in the Second Degree", C.G.S. 53-20(a)(1) " Intentional Cruelty to Persons", C.G.S. 53a-182 "Disorderly Conduct", and 53a-64 "Reckless Endangerment".

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