

AO 91 (Rev. 11/11) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

District of New Mexico

United States of America)

v.)

Ronnie Pernell Evans)

Case No. 24-99 MJ

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of November 8, 2023 in the county of Otero in the City of Mescalero District of New Mexico, the defendant(s) violated:

Table with 2 columns: Code Section, Offense Description. Rows include 18 U.S.C. § 113(a)(8) Assault by Strangulation and/or suffocating a spouse or intimate partner, a dating partner. and 18 U.S.C. § 1151, 1153(a) Crimes occurring in Indian Country.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See attached affidavit.

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JACOB GLOSSOP

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Complainant's signature

Jacob W. Glossop, Special Agent, BIA-OJS

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 01/24/2024

City and state: Las Cruces, New Mexico

Judge's signature

GREGORY J. FOUNARI, U.S. Magistrate Judge Printed name and title

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

1. I, Jacob Wade Glossop, having been duly sworn according to law, depose and state:
2. I am a Special Agent with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Office of Justice Services (OJS), Department of interior (DOI), and have been since January of 2023. I am currently assigned as a criminal investigator for the BIA Mescalero Agency, New Mexico. I am currently assigned to investigate Title 18 violations occurring on the Mescalero Apache Reservation, Otero County, New Mexico. During my career, I have investigated violent crimes (including cases involving victims), death investigations, child sexual abuse, domestic violence, aggravated assault, and assault by strangulation. I previously served as a New Mexico State Police Officer for approximately four years, nine months. I was classified, trained, and employed as a certified State Police Officer with statutory arrest authority charged with conducting criminal investigations of alleged violations of state criminal statutes. I currently serve as an Infantry Officer in the U.S. Army Reserves. I have served eighteen years in a combination between regular active-duty Army, New Mexico National Guard, and U.S Army Reserve. During my military service, I have conducted multiple 15-6 UCMJ and Article-15 investigations at Platoon, Company, Battalion, and Brigade level. During my tenure with the BIA, I have received formal and informal training involving violent crimes, including multiple strangulation, assault, and major crimes trainings, new detective trainings, investigative techniques trainings, and crime processing trainings.
3. I am the case agent investigating Ronnie Pernell Evans (hereinafter "Evans"). The facts in this affidavit come from my personal observations, my training and experience, and information obtained from other agents, law enforcement officials, and witnesses. I have read reports and had discussions with investigators and have relied on their information as part of

this affidavit. Based on the information below, there is probable cause to believe that Evans has committed a violation of assault of a dating partner by strangling, suffocating, or attempting to strangle or suffocate, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 113(a)(8).

4. My BIA investigation began in November 2023. Through the course of my investigation, I have read, and reviewed reports generated by the BIA and the Mescalero Apache Tribal Court. I have also read open-source information regarding Evans. I have reviewed audio and video recordings. I have met with victims and witnesses identified in this investigation. I have reviewed evidence, including, but not limited to, photographs, digital evidence, physical evidence, and medical reports as it relates to this investigation. This affidavit does not include all the information I know about the case. Unless otherwise noted, the dates I refer to in this affidavit are approximate.
5. Below is a summary of what my investigation has revealed regarding the facts in the assault in this case:
6. On November 8, 2023, BIA Mescalero Dispatch received a 911 call from the victim's (hereinafter Jane Doe) neighbor reporting a physical altercation outside Jane Doe's residence, located in Mescalero, New Mexico. At the time of this incident, Jane Doe was seventeen years old. The residence is within the exterior boundaries of the Mescalero Apache Indian Reservation.
7. On the same day, BIA Officers responded to the residence mentioned above. Upon arrival, officers spoke with a witness (hereinafter Witness 1) who advised that he heard a girl (Jane Doe) yelling for help. Witness 1 observed Evans pulling and dragging Jane Doe towards his vehicle. Witness 1 intervened in the situation and Evans fled the scene by vehicle.

8. BIA Officer spoke with Jane Doe inside her residence. Jane Doe stated she was coming home from work and school when her ex-boyfriend Evans emerged from the darkness. Evans started arguing with Jane Doe on the walkway in front of the residence. Evans was mad about Jane Doe seeing someone new. Evans would not let Jane Doe by him to enter the residence. When she attempted to walk by him, Evans shoved her. Jane Doe tried pushing Evans away, but Evans grabbed her throat with one hand squeezing it tight. Evans also grabbed the back of Jane Doe's head with the other hand and began pushing her towards his vehicle while strangling her. She could not breathe, scream, or fight back. She said this lasted approximately 20-30 seconds until they tripped over something. They both fell to the ground causing Evan's grip on her throat to be broken, which allowed Jane Doe to breathe again. Evans was yelling at her to get in his vehicle. He tried dragging and pulling Jane Doe to his vehicle when Witness 1 intervened in the situation. Evans let Jane Doe go and fled the scene in his vehicle.
9. The BIA Officer observed redness on Jane Doe's chest and right side of her neck. She had skin irritation on her neck. Initially, Jane Doe denied medical treatment but later went to Lincoln County Medical Center for further treatment.
10. Officers responded and located Evans after he fled following the assault on Jane Doe. Officers later stopped Evans on the highway on U.S. 70 and arrested Evans for domestic violence. Evans is an enrolled member of the Mescalero Apache Tribe.
11. On the same day, when Mescalero Fire Rescue Emergency medical services (EMS) responded, Jane Doe told EMS personnel that she was assaulted by Evans. Evans strangled her and dragged her by her arm.

12. On the same day, Jane Doe was treated at the Lincoln County Medical Center. Jane Doe told medical personnel she was physically assaulted by her daughter's father, and that Evans strangled her for approximately 20-30 seconds. She also tripped backwards and hit the back of her head on the concrete during the assault and the back of her head was still hurting.
13. On November 9, 2023, Jane Doe underwent a domestic violence examination. On November 12, 2023, Jane Doe went back to LCMC for a worsening headache, head pressure, light sensitivity, and repetitive vomiting. Jane Doe reported six episodes of vomiting daily and that she was unable to keep any food or fluids down. Medical personnel indicated that her symptoms were likely post concussive.
14. On November 9, 2023, a BIA Agent conducted an interview with Jane Doe. Because Jane Doe was a minor at the time, her mother was present during the interview. Jane Doe is an enrolled tribal member of the Mescalero Apache Tribe, and she resides at the residence where the incident occurred in the driveway. The residence is located in Mescalero, New Mexico.
15. Jane Doe stated her daughter's father, identified as Ronnie Pernell Evans, strangled and dragged her in the front driveway. Jane Doe stated she just got home from work and school. She grabbed all her personal items from the vehicle and started walking towards the front door. Evans approached her out of the darkness and asked if they could talk. She told him to leave because he could get in trouble. Evans refused to leave.
16. Evans stood in front of Jane Doe blocking her from going inside the residence and asking questions as described above. When Jane Doe tried to go past Evans, he shoved her backwards.

17. Evans got right in front of Jane Doe's face and continued to question her while grabbing Jane Doe's neck and pushing her backwards towards his vehicle. Jane Doe tried to scream but couldn't. When Evans was pushing Jane Doe toward his vehicle, they both tripped and fell on the ground. Jane Doe fell backwards and hit the back of her head on the concrete. Evans got up, grabbed her arm, and strangled Jane Doe while pulling her toward his vehicle and telling her to get in the vehicle. At this point, Witness 1 intervened and Evans fled in his vehicle.
18. On November 16, 2023, a BIA Agent conducted an interview with Witness 1, who lives across the street from where the incident occurred. Witness 1 stated his/her family heard someone screaming outside the residence. Witness 1 went outside to see what is going on. Witness 1 heard a girl screaming across the street and ran to help. Witness 1 noticed a dark colored truck on the main road, and when he got closer to the truck, he observed a male identified as Ronnie Evans standing over Jane Doe. Jane Doe was trying to fight Evans off her. Witness 1 observed Evans strangling Jane Doe with his hands around her neck. Evans got startled and released his hands around Jane Doe's neck, and she was able to escape and run inside her residence. Evans got inside his vehicle and left.
19. On November 14, 2023, a BIA agent advised Evans of his *Miranda* rights and Evans (in the presence of his tribal attorney) agreed to speak to BIA and provide a statement. During the interview, Evans admitted that he had gone to Jane Doe's house on November 8, 2023, and that he and Jane Doe had gotten into an argument. Evans was upset and jealous and he wanted to see the child he shares with Jane Doe. Evans further admitted that he had pushed Jane Doe causing her to fall, and then he fell on top of her. Evans admitted he had his hands on Jane Doe's upper chest area, but denied strangling her.

20. Through my investigation I learned that Evans has a criminal history with the Mescalero Apache Tribal Court. Evans was charged with Aggravated Battery, False Imprisonment, and Domestic Violence on November 9, 2023. Evans was also charged with Battery on July 11, 2023. Evans was also subject to a Protection Order on October 25, 2022, expiring October 25, 2024, which prevented him from having any contact with Jane Doe.
21. Based on the information contained above, there is probable cause to believe that Ronnie Pernell Evans has committed a violation of assault of a dating partner by strangling, suffocating, or attempting to strangle or suffocate, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 113(a)(8).

Criminal prosecution of Ronnie Pernell Evans was approved by AUSA Marisa Ong.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB GLOSSOP Digitally signed by JACOB GLOSSOP
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Jacob Wade Glossop
BIA Special Agent

VIA PHONE
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of January 2024.



THE HONORABLE *Gregory J. Amador*
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO