



Minnesota Freedom Fund bailed out 37-year-old man accused of raping 8-year-old girl

The Minnesota Freedom Fund secured the release of an alleged child rapist, a man who reportedly left his own 71-year-old mother in a pool of blood, a man accused of curb stomping a Minneapolis resident who walks with a cane, and more.

By [Kyle Hooten](#)

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Timothy Wayne Columbus

He “put his thing inside me,” an 8-year-old girl told authorities as they investigated allegations that 37-year-old Timothy Wayne Columbus sexually assaulted a child.

The report states that “Tim’ laid her [the victim] on the couch and held her down as he unbuckled his pants and then pulled down her pants.”

He then “told her not to tell anyone and continued to penetrate her,” according to the report.

This is not the first time Columbus has been investigated in connection with sexual crimes. He “has a prior juvenile adjudication for criminal sexual conduct ... and is a registered sex offender,” the report notes.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Complainant has investigated the facts and circumstances of this offense and believes the following establishes probable cause:

On August 23, 2019 the Minneapolis Police Department began an investigation into the maltreatment of a known 11-year old juvenile female, hereinafter, Victim. During the course of the investigation, Victim reported she had been sexually assaulted by a friend of her family years earlier. Victim believed she was 8 years old at the time. Through investigation, the family friend was identified as TIMOTHY WAYNE COLUMBUS, DOB: 10/17/83, the Defendant herein. Victim, her parents, grandmother, and Defendant were all interviewed during the course of the investigation. Police learned the following:

Victim currently lives with her grandmother in Minneapolis, Hennepin County. When she was seven and eight years old, she lived with her mother next door to her Grandmother. During that time, her mother spent a lot of time with a friend named "Tim." Victim reported during a CornerHouse interview that "Tim" sexually assaulted her at her mother's home when she was approximately 8 years old. Victim stated "Tim" laid her on her couch and held her down as he unbuckled his pants and then pulled down her pants. Victim stated he then "put his thing inside me." Victim stated "Tim" told her to not tell anyone and continued to penetrate her. Victim did not tell anyone what happened at that time but years later told a family member. Victim has not seen "Tim" since the incident. Victim was asked to positively identify a photograph of Defendant. Upon seeing the photo she had a physical reaction and became extremely upset. Victim was able to share with a social worker that the photo she saw was of the man who had assaulted her.

Victim's mother confirmed that Defendant would visit their home frequently and spend time with Victim during the time period Victim reported the sexual assault occurred. Victim's mother stated she learned years later that "something happened" to her daughter but she did not know the full details. Defendant abruptly stopped seeing the family about the same time Victim reported the incident occurred.

Victim's grandmother also confirmed that she believed Defendant had hurt Victim in some way a few years ago. Victim's grandmother stated that one day when Defendant was leaving her daughter's home she saw Victim outside and heard Defendant tell Victim "This is our secret." Victim's grandmother thought the statement was strange and asked Victim about what that meant but Victim did not want to talk about it.

Defendant was interviewed by police during the investigation. Defendant confirmed he knew Victim's mother and Victim herself. He confirmed he spent time with the family during the time period Victim described. He also admitted that he abruptly stopped visiting the family a few years ago, though he stated it was due to a conflict. Defendant denied Victim's report of abuse and stated Victim always really liked him and he was protective of her in her chaotic home environment at the time.

Defendant has a prior juvenile adjudication for Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Second Degree in court file 80-J8-99-050006. Defendant is a registered predatory offender and has on prior conviction for Failure to Register 56-K1-04-000407.

Defendant's current whereabouts are known due to his registration requirements. However, due to the seriousness of this crime and the danger posed to minors in the community, the State requests that this complaint issue by warrant.

This is a photograph of the statement of probable cause related to Columbus's ongoing case. (Image source: Kyle Hooten/Hennepin County Courthouse)

If convicted, he faces up to 30 years in prison.

The MFF paid at least \$75,000 for his conditional release and as much as \$300,000 for his unconditional release, according to [records](#) related to his ongoing case (court file number 27-CR-20-14425).

REGISTER OF ACTIONS
Case No. 27-CR-20-14425

State of Minnesota vs TIMOTHY WAYNE COLUMBUS

Case Type: Crim/Traf Mandatory
Date Filed: 06/25/2020
Location: Hennepin Criminal/Traffic/Petty Downtown
Judicial Officer: Hutton Demick, Martha Anne

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Party Information			
Defendant	COLUMBUS, TIMOTHY WAYNE Minneapolis, MN 55404	State DOB: 10/17/1983	Lead Attorneys TRIFANY CHRISTINE SPOOR Public Defender 612-348-0233(V)
Jurisdiction	State of Minnesota		RACHEL LYNN KRAKER 612-343-4622(V)

Case Information						
Charges	COLUMBUS, TIMOTHY WAYNE	Statute	Level	Date	Disposition	Level of Sentence
1.	Criminal Sexual Conduct Degree-Penetration or Contact with Person Under 13-Arter > 35m older	609.342.1(a)	Felony	01/01/2015		

Events & Orders of the Court		
OTHER EVENTS AND HEARINGS		
06/25/2020	E-Filed Comp-Warrant	Index # 1
06/25/2020	Warrant Issued	Index # 2
06/30/2020	Warrant Cleared by WI Office	
06/30/2020	Application for Public Defender	Index # 3
06/30/2020	Pretrial Release Evaluation Form	Index # 4
07/01/2020	Final Appearance (1:30 PM)	Judicial Officer Garcia, Tamara G.)
	Result:	Held On the Record
07/01/2020	Identity Verified	
07/01/2020	Order Granting Public Defender	Index # 5 (Judicial Officer: Garcia, Tamara G.)
07/01/2020	Statement of Rights	Index # 6
07/01/2020	Interim Condition for COLUMBUS, TIMOTHY WAYNE	
	Stay a reasonable distance away from victim's residence	
	Follow all instructions of probation	
	- Conditions, other	
	- Contact with probation	
	- Do not leave Minnesota without written court approval	
	- Do not strip (gun/possesses or receive firearm or ammo	
	- No contact with victim(s)	
	- Remain law-abiding	
	Make all future court appearances	
	- Post BBI or Bond with NO CONDITIONS	\$300,000.00
	- Post Bail or Bond with Conditions	\$75,000.00
07/01/2020	ORDER FOR CONTINUOUS RELEASE	Index # 7 (Judicial Officer: Garcia, Tamara G.)
07/02/2020	Demand or Request for Discovery	Index # 8
07/02/2020	e-Service	State of Minnesota Served 07/02/2020
07/09/2020	IR3 Form 8500	Index # 9
07/10/2020	Other Document	Index # 10
07/13/2020	Pre-Plea Worksheet	Index # 11
07/13/2020	e-Service	State of Minnesota Served 07/13/2020
07/13/2020	COLUMBUS, TIMOTHY WAYNE	Served 07/13/2020
07/31/2020	Oral/In Camera Hearing (9:30 AM)	Judicial Officer Scoggin, Paul)
	Result:	Held Off the Record
07/31/2020	Notice of Hearing	Index # 12
08/15/2020	Omnibus Hearing (9:00 AM)	Judicial Officer Quan, Jay)

This record shows the two possible amounts the MFF paid to release an accused child rapist. (Image source: screenshot/http://pa.courts.state.mn.us/)

Columbus filed to have his bail money returned to the MFF prior to his release, indicating that the group provided the funds to set him free.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF HENNEPINDISTRICT COURT
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**REQUEST TO RETURN BAIL TO A
THIRD PARTY**Timothy Wayne Columbus
Defendant.Court File: 27-CR-20-14425I, Timothy Wayne Columbus, am the defendant in this case.

I understand bail money may be posted on my behalf in this case.

I understand that any bail money posted belongs to me according to Minn. Stat. § 629.53.

I understand the Court must return any refunded bail to me, unless I make a written request for the bail money to be returned to someone else.

I am asking the Court to return any refunded bail in this case to:

Name: Minnesota Freedom Fund Date of Birth: _____ (leave blank if entity)Address: P.O. Box 6398Minneapolis, MN 55406-0398

I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116.

Dated: 7/2/2020

Signature

Hennepin, Minneapolis
County and State where signedName: Timothy Wayne ColumbusStreet Address: 1918 Park AveCity: Minneapolis, MNState/Zip: 55404

Telephone: () _____

Email: _____

This is a

photograph of the Columbus's request for his bail to be returned to the MFF. (Image source: Kyle Hooten/Hennepin County Courthouse)

Richard Raynell Kelley

When officers responded to the home of a 71-year-old woman who called in regarding a domestic assault, they "observed a pool of blood" and found her nursing "a swollen eye that was competently red/bloodshot" with "bruises on her chest, shoulders, back and legs," per a [statement of probable cause](#) on file with the Hennepin County District Court.

The aged lady told officers that it was her son, 54-year-old Richard Raynell Kelley, who broke into her home, grabbed her, beat her, bound her with duct tape and left her “laying on the floor at the foot of the stairs where officers later found a pool of blood.”

“Defendant [Kelley] proceeded to run up and down the stairs multiple times, stepping on Victim each time he passed her,” according to the statement of probable cause.

Kelley also told his elderly mother “he was going to kill her,” and kept her bound for a period of time while he napped and made food in her home.

The statement of probable cause also notes that by invading his mother’s home, he violated a no-contact order. The statement adds that authorities are concerned Kelley may do further harm to his mother if freed from custody.

The MFF freed him for between \$4,000 and \$50,000, depending on the terms of his bail, per a court [document](#) that indicates his set bail amounts.

Kelley later went on to violate a court order requiring him to remain in his home, according to another [court document](#).

Kelley is currently at large, and his whereabouts are unknown, according to the Hennepin County Sheriff’s Office, the DCNF discovered.

Like Columbus, the fact that Kelley [filed for his bail to be returned](#) to the Freedom Fund indicates that the MFF paid his way out of police custody.

Deshaun Jermaine Boyd

Surveillance video shows Deshaun Jermaine Boyd knocking a man with a cane to the ground, and then stomping on his head before robbing him, according a [statement of probable cause](#) on file with the Hennepin County courts.

Boyd allegedly caused “significant injuries” to his victim’s “face and head.” When police found the victim, he “had difficulty talking and seemed to not understand where he was,” per the statement.

Just one day after he was arrested, Boyd [filed](#) to have his bail money returned to the MFF, again indicating that the fund secured his release.

The three individuals listed in this article are just some of the many individuals bailed out by the Minnesota Freedom Fund and identified by Alpha News and the DCNF. Both outlets will continue to publish more stories about these individuals.