



# CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF COLFAX  
CITY OF SPRINGER  
MAGISTRATE COURT  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
V.

HIGHTREE, DEREK PAUL, Defendant

No.: M-10-VM-2025-00005

Address: 1450 S 5TH ST APT 1H, RATON, NM 877404218

Judge Assigned: Felix Pena

Date Of Birth: [REDACTED] Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Agency Case #: NMSPR2513949

Height: 6' 00" Weight: 187 lbs Hair: BLD Eyes: GRN Race: W

STN: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver License Number: [REDACTED] State: NM

Arrest Date: 11/08/2025

CRIMES: BATTERY AGAINST A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER

The undersigned, under penalty of perjury, complains and says that

(Count 1) Battery Against a Household Member on or about the 8th day of November, 2025, in COLFAX County, State of New Mexico, the above-named defendant did unlawfully, intentionally, touch or apply force to Jennifer Rose Hightree, a household member of the defendant, in a rude, insolent or angry manner, a misdemeanor, contrary to NMSA 1978, Section 30-3-15 (2008). (Charge Code 2107)(30-03-15)

To Wit: On November 8th, 2025, at approx. 0158 I was dispatched to 1450 State st apt 1H in the City of Raton, County of Colfax, State of New Mexico. I was in full class A uniform displaying my badge of Office in a fully marked state police patrol unit. I arrived on scene at approximately 0220. I observed the victim (identified as Jennifer Hightree) sitting on the stairs of the apartment building with her son and two Raton Police Officers present. According to Jennifer she arrived home at approx. 0100 from spending time with friends. According to her the aggressor (identified as Derek Paul Hightree) confronted her about coming home late according to Jennifer. She said he was berating her and calling her names. The verbal fight reportedly escalated with Derek pushing Jennifer into a dresser near the bedroom door. After this physical altercation Jennifer called police and left the residence briefly with her son to look for the vape from her car. Then she returned and she found that she was locked out of the apartment and began to kick the door. Derek opened the door and let her back into the house she and her son locked themselves in the master bedroom until Raton Police arrived. When I arrived on scene I observed and photographed a bruise on Jennifers back that was constant with her statement.

Derek Paul Hightree statement:

According to Derek, Jennifer came home and smelled of alcohol. He began to argue with her regarding how irresponsible she was to drive home drunk with their son. The argument moved from the kitchen into the bedroom. According to him Jennifer made a motion toward him like she was going to punch him. Feeling cornered in the bedroom he stated he pushed Jennifer away from him which resulted in her hitting the dresser by the door. She then left out the door with their son. He thought she had a key to getting back into the house before hearing her pounding on the door. After he let her in she locked herself with their son in the master bedroom. He waited on the couch for police to arrive.

Investigation:

Based on the physical evidence and the statements of both Derek and Jennifer. I determined that there was probable cause to believe that Derek pushed Jennifer (his wife) into the dresser by the door in the bedroom door. Derek was placed under arrest for Battery on a household member pursuant to NMSA 30-3-15. For additional details see full report NMSPR2513949.

I SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FACTS SET FORTH ABOVE ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY INFORMATION AND BELIEF. I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE, SUBJECT TO THE PENALTY OF IMPRISONMENT TO MAKE FALSE STATEMENT IN A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT.

Complainant:  \_\_\_\_\_

Name: TIMMS, TYLER

ID Number (if any): 6658

Title (if any): PATROLMAN

Agency (if any): NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE

This complaint may not be filed without the prior payment of a filing fee, unless approved by the District Attorney or a law enforcement officer authorized to serve an Arrest or Search Warrant. Approval of the district attorney or a law enforcement officer is not otherwise required.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

[As amended, approved by the Supreme Court of New Mexico, effective September 1, 1990; April 1, 1991; November 1, 1991.]

If Probable Cause Determination required:

Probable Cause Found

Probable Cause Not Found, and Defendant Released from Custody

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_