

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

DISTRICT COURT – CRIMINAL DIVISION  
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Grahm Mark Fletcher,

Defendant.

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF PETITION  
AND MOTION TO REINSTATE AND  
DISCHARGE APPEARANCE BOND**  
File No. 27-CR-21-3797

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I, Joshua J. Stussy, being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and say:

1. That I am the Vice President of Midwest Bonding, LLC. Midwest Bonding, LLC, is Agent for the Surety, Lexington National Insurance Corporation, for the above-named Defendant's appearance bond. I have personal knowledge of the matters in this Affidavit, except for the matters stated on information and belief, as to those matters, I believe them to be true. I am competent to testify on them and if called to testify, would do so in accordance with this affidavit.

2. On or about DECEMBER 22, 2022, Midwest Bonding, LLC posted Bail Bond No. 2022-AA-067515 in the amount of \$1,000.00. This Bond was to assure Defendant's appearance at further proceedings in the above-captioned matter.

3. Defendant's last known address is 11041 134<sup>th</sup> Circle N. in Champlin, Minnesota (55316).

4. On or about JULY 25, 2023, a hearing was held in which Defendant's appearance was required. The Defendant did not appear at this hearing.

5. Due to Defendant's non-appearance, the Court issued an Order dated AUGUST 3, 2023, Ordering the bond be forfeited with a bond payment due date of NOVEMBER 1, 2023.

6. Midwest Bonding, LLC received the Forfeiture Notice dated AUGUST 3, 2023, in connection with this matter on AUGUST 7, 2023.

7. Midwest Bonding, LLC has procedures in place to ensure Defendant's future appearances before the Court. On JULY 21, 2023, prior to the scheduled Court date, agents for Midwest Bonding, LLC initiated contact with the Indemnitor and Defendant to ensure Defendant would appear as ordered. The Defendant accepted notification of the hearing date through an automated appointment reminder voice messaging system.

8. On JULY 27, 2023, prior to receiving the Notice of Bail Bond Forfeiture, agents for Midwest Bonding, LLC revealed that Defendant did not appear before the Court as ordered. Agents immediately began investigative efforts to locate Defendant and return them to the jurisdiction and custody of the Court. Initial investigative efforts included further attempts to contact Defendant and Indemnitor via telephone and running an electronic search of all the jails in Minnesota for Defendant to ensure the Defendant hadn't already been brought back into custody.

9. When this investigation was not immediately successful, a professional fugitive recovery agency was hired at an added expense to Midwest Bonding, LLC to locate and apprehend the Defendant. The recovery agency conducted efforts to locate the Defendant, including investigating the contact information collected at the time the Bond was posted, and investigative software to search for the Defendant.

10. Amid the Agent's investigation, it was revealed that the Defendant was back in the custody of the Hennepin County Sheriff having been arrested by the Bloomington Police Department in the City of Bloomington on AUGUST 20, 2023, on the strength of the arrest warrant issued by the Court.

11. The Defendant appeared before the Court on AUGUST 21, 2023, where the Court set a new court date for the Defendant and subsequently released the Defendant on their own recognizance without requirement of posting a new bond. The Defendant was released from custody pending the next scheduled court appearance of OCTOBER 24, 2023.

12. In consideration of the foregoing, I respectfully request the Court to Reinstate the bond and Discharge the bond 2022-AA-067515 in the amount of \$1,000.00 as satisfied. Should the Court contemplate continued forfeiture of this bond, I respectfully request that a hearing be Ordered, and a date for said hearing be set, so cause may be argued as to why the bond should not be Forfeited.

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

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023 in Winona County, Minnesota

/s/ Joshua J. Stussy  
Vice President  
Midwest Bonding, LLC