

ROSEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
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## **Attempted Murder Charges Filed**

On September 25, 2020, Thorbjorn Vadnis Koyen MacBain, 38 of St. Paul, was charged with 2<sup>nd</sup> degree attempted murder and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree assault for a domestic incident that occurred at Central Park, 2540 Lexington Avenue, on September 23, 2020.

On Wednesday at 7:40 p.m., Roseville Police responded to a female suffering a medical emergency at Central Park. Officers learned the victim and her children were at the park for a custody visit with MacBain. MacBain told officers that he and his children had been playing with water guns. He claimed the victim had a panic attack after he sprayed her with water. He also told responding officers she had other underlying health problems that may have contributed to her condition. The victim was transported to the hospital, where her condition deteriorated.

Medical experts reported the victim nearly died and her symptoms were consistent with being poisoned with an organophosphate. Once the victim's condition stabilized, she reported to detectives she had been sitting on a park bench, when MacBain came up behind her and poured a liquid on her. The liquid had a smell and feeling inconsistent with water. She immediately felt like she was going to lose consciousness and was unable to stand up. Although she had difficulty speaking, she was able to call 911. Her symptoms quickly progressed. After further investigation and interviews, detectives learned one of the two children was slightly splashed with the liquid and developed mild symptoms.

Out of an abundance of caution, the FBI Minneapolis Hazardous Evidence Response Team and the Minnesota National Guard's 55<sup>th</sup> Civil Support Team returned to Central Park and determined there was no risk to public safety in the park.

Officers conducted surveillance of MacBain's residence in the 600 block of Asbury Street, St. Paul. He was taken into custody on September 24, 2020.

On September 25, 2020, detectives obtained a search warrant for MacBain's residence. Due to the potential presence of hazardous materials, the FBI's Hazardous Evidence Response Team (HERT) and FBI personnel are executing the search warrant, with assistance from Minnesota's National Guard 55<sup>th</sup> Civil Support Team, and the St. Paul Police and Fire Department. Any evidence collected will be delivered to the FBI Lab in Quantico, Virginia.

Detectives are asking anyone with information related to this case to call the Roseville Police Department at 651-792-7008. Online tips may be submitted at [www.cityofroseville.com/3194/Crime-Tips](http://www.cityofroseville.com/3194/Crime-Tips).

Since this remains an active and ongoing criminal investigation, no additional details are available at this time.

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