

Offender Chronology: Are DANCO's enough?

At the young age of 28, Larico Jaron Berry has committed several acts of violence towards women he has dated in the past. Currently serving out his 30 month sentence in prison for violating a no contact order, Berry has been arrested for at least 15 incidents involving domestic related offenses since 2010. Since 2010 court records show at least 5 women who have been victimized by Berry. Throughout this time Berry was facing charges of assault, stalking, domestic assault, violating a domestic abuse no contact order, terroristic threats, damage to property, and burglary. Outside of these crimes Berry also has several convictions for low level drug offenses, illegal possession of a firearm and numerous traffic violations. Despite having been charged with these crimes, Berry was not always convicted and cases were being dismissed.

In 2010 Berry was charged with one count of misdemeanor domestic assault and one count of disorderly conduct. There was not a criminal complaint available to the public for this case therefore we did not know anything about the victim. Berry plead guilty to misdemeanor disorderly conduct and was sentenced to 8 days in the Hennepin County Workhouse.

Victim 1

In **December of 2011** a warrant for Berry's arrest was issued in Anoka County. According to the transcripts from the plea hearing, the two incidents took place on January 17th and 18th. Berry admitted to looking through the victim's phone and accused her of cheating on him. He admitted to yelling at her and that his intent was to scare her. The following day the Berry claimed the victim threw a 2 liter Sprite bottle at him and he threw it back, breaking her nose. The victim ran out of the residence and the defendant chased after her. Berry and the victim had a child together. In January of 2012 Berry was charged with felony assault in the 2nd degree and gross misdemeanor stalking with intent to injure in one case and felony assault in the 2nd degree in a second case. Both cases involved the same female victim. Five months later Berry plead guilty to the stalking charge and assault in the 3rd degree, which was deemed a misdemeanor pursuant to M.S. 609.13. In the stalking case Berry received 365 days in the Anoka County Jail, he was to serve 133 days and the remaining 232 days were stayed for a period of two years. Berry was also ordered to be on supervised probation for 2 years, to complete domestic abuse counseling/treatment and a DANCO was issued. In the assault case Berry received a Stay of Imposition Pursuant to M.S. 609.135 and ordered to 5 years of supervised probation, to be served concurrently with the stalking case. Berry was also ordered to complete community service in lieu of a \$300 fine.

Victim 2

March 30th of 2013- According to the criminal complaint on Berry punched his girlfriend, who was pregnant at the time with his child, in the mouth, causing swelling and bleeding. The victim told officers that the defendant was upset that she was looking for the defendant's car keys because she needed her work uniform and he thought she was going through his personal things. Berry became upset and called the victim a "bitch" and a "whore" and "came at the victim with hands clenched into fists and moving aggressively" so the victim swung at the defendant in self-defense and missed. Berry then punched her in the mouth and the neck. Berry was charged with one count of felony domestic assault. On April 7th, 2013 the victim reported to police that while they were driving in the car Berry hit her in the stomach while she was pregnant with his child when she would not give him her apartment keys. The victim attempted to leave the vehicle when Berry punched the left side of her head. The victim was able to escape the vehicle and called police. Berry fled the scene when he realized she was on the phone. Berry was charged with one count of felony domestic assault.

August 13, 2013- After entering a guilty plea Berry was sentenced to 18 months in prison, stayed for 5 years. He was ordered to serve 56 days in the Ramsey County Correctional Facility and to be on supervised probation for 5 years. Berry was ordered to complete domestic abuse counseling/treatment and a DANCO was imposed. The second case of domestic assault was dismissed.

August 27th, 2013- The victim was picking up her paycheck with her 1 month old when she was approached by Berry on the street. Disregarding the Domestic Abuse No Contact Order, he took the 1 month old child from the victim and demanded that the victim drive him to his sister's house. Once they got in the vehicle the victim told the defendant that she needed to file papers, grabbed the baby and walked into the Ramsey County Courthouse and told the deputy at the door that Berry was following her and that she had a DANCO in place. Upon arrest, Berry told officers he was waiting for a bus. Berry was charged with felony violation of a no contact order. Nine days later Berry was seen by witnesses stepping out of his vehicle with two bricks in his hands. The witnesses called 911. Once Berry walked back through the yard they noticed he was no longer carrying the bricks. The witnesses went around the corner and saw that the victim's car had been smashed by the bricks. When officers spoke with the victim she shared with them that he had been calling and threatening he would kill her about contacting the police about violating the DANCO. Berry was charged with felony violating a no contact order, felony terroristic threats and damage to property.

Berry plead guilty to one count damage to property and one count of violation of a no contact order. On October 18th, 2013 he was convicted of the violation of no contact order and sentenced to 21 months in prison, stayed for 5 years. He was ordered to serve 120 days in the Ramsey County Correctional Facility. He was again ordered to complete domestic abuse counseling/treatment and a DANCO remained in effect. In the case where he plead guilty to damage to property he received 365 days in the correctional facility, but was only ordered to serve 120 days (to be served concurrent with his two other cases against this victim). Berry ultimately had his original stayed prison time revoked after violating probation by receiving new charges against a new girlfriend.

Victim 3

November 3rd, 2014- According to the criminal complaint Berry was arrested for assaulting his then pregnant 17 year-old girlfriend at a store in Ramsey County. The victim in this case called 911 and upon arriving to the scene the officers noticed bruising around the victim's left eye and right ear. Berry saw the officers and began to run, they chased him down and made an arrest. The victim told the officers that Berry became jealous after he looked through her social media accounts and found out she was talking to other guys. The victim stated that Berry began yelling at her, punched her, and threatened her saying "I'm going to kill you and your baby!!!" The victim told officers he had abused her before and showed her fresh scars from stitches. Berry was charged with terroristic threats and domestic assault. Berry plead guilty to terroristic threats and was sentenced on January 9th, 2015.

Berry was ordered to serve 21 months in prison for this case and the cases involving victim 2.

Victim 4

On **February 21st, 2017** officers responded to a call of a disturbance that resulted in new charges for Berry. The victim told officers that she had been assault by Berry, her ex-boyfriend, while at home with her three young sons. According to the criminal complaint the victim told the officers that Berry entered her residence without permission. As the victim and her sons tried to leave Berry threw her down on the couch and pulled her hair. The victim was able to run to the kitchen and grab a knife but the defendant wrestled it away. The victims three sons fled and called 911. Berry left before officers arrived and a warrant was issued for his arrest. Berry was charged with burglary and terroristic threats. Berry made his first appearance in court on March 27th, 2017, a DANCO was issued. On November 20th, 2017 the violent task force and the U.S. Marshall's service executed a search warrant a residence to apprehend Berry. Berry, the victim and other individuals were found in the residence. Berry was taken into custody and charged with violating a no contact order.

Victim 5

On **March 14th, 2017** Berry was arrested. The victim in this case was described as a known juvenile female at the time of the first reported incident. According to the criminal complaint the victim had been dating Berry for 6 months and was pregnant with his child. Berry accused the victim of cheating and hit the victim approximately 10 times before dragging her out of the car and hitting her again. The victim ran away and flagged down officers who noticed she was bleeding from her right ear and her eye was swollen. Berry was charged with domestic assault. A month later the victim shared with officers that she did not want to press charged because she was going to have his child. On May 25th officers responded to the victims work where Berry, the victim and the victim's friend showed up, there was a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order in place to protect the victim. Upon arrive the victim shared with the officers that she feared for her safety. The next day officers responded to a call that Berry had been violating his domestic abuse

not contact order by contacting the victim via a friend's phone. At the time of this incident officers learned Berry had active warrants out for his arrest because he failed to appear in court for the cases against this victim. On November 12th, 2017 officers responded to the victims residence after she called 911 to report that Berry had threatened to kill her. According to the criminal complaint the victim shared with the officers that Berry sent her a video chat in which he was posing with a firearm and pulling the trigger. Berry then proceeded to call her and asked her where she was and that he would show up to her work. The victim believed Berry was going to follow through on his threats. Berry was charged with violation of a no contact order.

In the cases involving both victim 4 and 5 Berry plead guilty to domestic assault and 2 counts violation of no contact order, other charges related to domestic assault, violation of no contact order, terroristic threats and burglary were dismissed. On January 26th, 2018 Berry was sentenced to 17 months in prison for the 1st violation of no contact order, 30 months for 2nd violation of no contact order and 28 months in prison for domestic assault. These three prison sentences were ordered to be serve concurrently, meaning Berry will serve only 30 months in prison.

Berry is currently in prison and is expected to be released in 2020.