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College student charged with attempted murder for attack on ex

A Chanhassen man accused of attacking a fellow St. Olaf College student with a hammer and knife at an on-campus party Sunday has been charged with premeditated attempted murder and three counts of second-degree assault.

William Davis Schulenberg, 20, was charged late Monday. Judge Christine Long on Tuesday set bail for Schulenberg at \$1 million with no conditions, \$500,000 with conditions including wearing a GPS monitor; having no contact with the victims or witnesses in the case; staying off of the St. Olaf campus and not entering the city of Northfield; and not possessing firearms, explosives or ammunition. If he returns to his parents' home, Long ordered that they provide an affidavit stating any firearms, explosives or ammunition in the home have been removed.

During an interview with Northfield investigators, Schulenberg admitted to climbing through a dorm room window shortly after midnight Sunday to get into the party and harm the female victim, who he dated previously.

The victim reported that the relationship was toxic and that Schulenberg did not want it to end. At the time of the attack, Schulenberg was subject to a college-issued no contact order, requiring him to stay away from the victim in this case.

One witness reported that he had texted with Schulenberg before he arrived at the party and told him not to come because the victim was present. Schulenberg asked the witness to have her leave, but the witness texted that he wouldn't do that.

"Actions have consequences," Schulenberg texted in reply.

Witnesses told officers that Schulenberg, armed with a hammer in his right hand and hunting knife in his left, began swinging them at the victim, stabbing her at least twice and striking her in the head with the hammer at least three times. Three partygoers who tried to get Schulenberg off the victim were also assaulted in the melee.

The female was taken to Northfield Hospital where she was treated for head injuries.

"The seriousness of the allegations here indicate the public safety risk posed by this individual. That he came to a dorm armed with two weapons to attack a young woman and ignored a college-issued no contact order indicates this is a matter that must be taken seriously; her safety is a paramount concern." said Rice County Attorney John Fossum.



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