

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 18A05686  
Court File No. 27-CR-18-11946

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**State of Minnesota,**  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Order of Detention

vs.

**DONNA MAE BASTYR DOB: 05/01/1972**

8110 12 AVE S  
#207  
BLOOMINGTON, MN 55425  
Defendant.

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The Complainant submits this complaint to the Court and states that there is probable cause to believe Defendant committed the following offense(s):

**COUNT I**

**Charge: Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated**

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.1(1), with reference to: 609.19.1

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/06/2018

Control #(ICR#): 18004253

Charge Description: That on or about 5/6/2018, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, DONNA MAE BASTYR, caused the death of C.G., a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Complainant has investigated the facts and circumstances of this offense and believes the following establishes probable cause:

On May 6, 2018 at approximately 8:08 pm, Bloomington police received an emergency call for service at an apartment located in the 8100 block of 12th Avenue in Bloomington, Hennepin County Minnesota. The caller, Witness 1, indicated that her roommate was dead inside the apartment.

Upon arriving at the scene, police identified the deceased as the victim as C.G., a 69-year old female resident of the apartment. C.G. was found lying on the floor in her bedroom. C.G.'s body appeared to be partially obscured by clothes and boxes. A large amount of blood was visible on the boxes, the bed, the wall, and the floor. C.G. had multiple visible bloody injuries on her body including on her face and head. An electrical cord was wrapped around her neck. Police observed a dumbbell and ceramic bowl in the immediate area around C.G. that appeared to have blood on them.

An autopsy was done on C.G. by the Hennepin County Medical Examiner. C.G.'s injuries included six broken ribs, left and right fractures of the superior horns of the thyroid cartilage, a fractured hyoid bone, bruising on both of her upper arms and multiple lacerations to the head, cheeks and tongue. The preliminary autopsy report concluded that C.G. died as the result of complex homicidal violence.

During the investigation, police officers learned that C.G. had two roommates: Witness 1 and DONNA MAE BASTYR, DOB: 5/1/72, the Defendant. The apartment was part of a sober living complex and the women were not permitted to drink on the premises. Witness 1 reported she wasn't at the apartment all weekend and when she returned on May 6, 2018 just before 8:00 pm Witness 1 entered the apartment and noted that the television was on. She entered the bedroom, saw C.G. on the floor and immediately called 911.

As police were processing the crime scene, a separate emergency call was aired regarding a drunk and disorderly female who was involved in a domestic altercation two blocks away at another sober living complex. Police responded to the 1100 block of East 80th Street where learned that the DEFENDANT was assaulting a male, later identified as Witness 2, in the parking lot.

When police identified Defendant at the second scene, she confirmed she resided in the apartment where C.G.'s death was being investigated. Defendant told police she hadn't been home all day and she left the apartment at noon to take the train to go meet her boyfriend, Witness 2. Defendant had visible scrapes and bruises about her body. Defendant was taken to the police station to take a report about the alleged domestic assault and to answer questions about what was described to her by police as "a very serious situation" at her apartment. Defendant gave several different explanations for where she was during the day and how much time she had spent with Witness 2.

Police were able to locate and interview Witness 2 on May 7, 2018. Witness 2 informed police that Defendant was extremely intoxicated on May 6, 2018. Witness 2 confirmed communicating with Defendant throughout the day on May 6th in person, through phone calls and text messages. Witness 2 was aware the Defendant and C.G. did not get along and that Defendant told him that C.G., was "going to get hers." Witness 2 stated when he picked Defendant up from her apartment, but did not go inside the apartment on the night of May 6th, Defendant was disheveled and had cuts to her face and bruises on her arms. When Witness 2 asked Defendant what happened, Defendant stated she had "gotten into it" with C.G. Witness 2 later admitted to police that Defendant told him over the phone that she had killed C.G. by bludgeoning her and wrapping a cord around her neck.

Witness 2 explained further that Defendant was angry with C.G. because she believed C.G. had reported Defendant for drinking at the sober house and Defendant believed she was going to be kicked out of the program. Witness 2 confirmed Defendant told him multiple times C.G. was dead and was lying on the floor of her bedroom.

Defendant asked Witness 2 to help him move and hide C.G.'s body. Defendant stated that C.G. had "turned her in" and "paid for what she did."

Defendant is currently in custody.

Based on the particular cruelty of this crime and the particular vulnerability of this victim the State will seek an aggravated sentence.

## SIGNATURES AND APPROVALS

Complainant requests that Defendant, subject to bail or conditions of release, be:  
(1) arrested or that other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court; or  
(2) detained, if already in custody, pending further proceedings; and that said Defendant otherwise be dealt with according to law.

Complainant declares under penalty of perjury that everything stated in this document is true and correct. Minn. Stat. § 358.116; Minn. R. Crim. P. 2.01, subds. 1, 2.

**Complainant**

Kerri Nolden  
Detective  
1800 W Old Shakopee Road  
Bloomington, MN 55431  
Badge: 237

Electronically Signed:  
05/09/2018 04:14 PM  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Being authorized to prosecute the offenses charged, I approve this complaint.

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Rachel Kraker  
300 S 6th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55487  
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:  
05/09/2018 04:11 PM

**FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

From the above sworn facts, and any supporting affidavits or supplemental sworn testimony, I, the Issuing Officer, have determined that probable cause exists to support, subject to bail or conditions of release where applicable, Defendant's arrest or other lawful steps be taken to obtain Defendant's appearance in court, or Defendant's detention, if already in custody, pending further proceedings. Defendant is therefore charged with the above-stated offense(s).

**SUMMONS**

THEREFORE YOU, THE DEFENDANT, ARE SUMMONED to appear on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM before the above-named court at 300 S Sixth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55487 to answer this complaint.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR in response to this SUMMONS, a WARRANT FOR YOUR ARREST shall be issued.

**WARRANT**

To the Sheriff of the above-named county; or other person authorized to execute this warrant: I order, in the name of the State of Minnesota, that the Defendant be apprehended and arrested without delay and brought promptly before the court (if in session), and if not, before a Judge or Judicial Officer of such court without unnecessary delay, and in any event not later than 36 hours after the arrest or as soon as such Judge or Judicial Officer is available to be dealt with according to law.

*Execute in MN Only*

*Execute Nationwide*

*Execute in Border States*

**ORDER OF DETENTION**

Since the Defendant is already in custody, I order, subject to bail or conditions of release, that the Defendant continue to be detained pending further proceedings.

Bail: \$1,000,000.00

Conditions of Release:

This complaint, duly subscribed and sworn to or signed under penalty of perjury, is issued by the undersigned Judicial Officer as of the following date: May 9, 2018.

**Judicial Officer**

Kerry Meyer  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/09/2018 04:21 PM

Sworn testimony has been given before the Judicial Officer by the following witnesses:

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

vs.

**DONNA MAE BASTYR**

Defendant

*LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE  
I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Order of  
Detention upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

## DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

**Name:** DONNA MAE BASTYR  
**DOB:** 05/01/1972  
**Address:** 8110 12 AVE S  
#207  
BLOOMINGTON, MN 55425

**Alias Names/DOB:**

**SID:** MN12FK2344

**Height:**

**Weight:**

**Eye Color:**

**Hair Color:**

**Gender:** FEMALE

**Race:** White

**Fingerprints Required per Statute:** Yes

**Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:** Yes

**Driver's License #:**

**SILS Person ID #:** 730008

**SILS Tracking No.** 3011884

**Alcohol Concentration:**

## STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID

<b>Cnt Nbr</b>	<b>Statute Type</b>	<b>Offense Date(s)</b>	<b>Statute Nbrs and Descriptions</b>	<b>Offense Level</b>	<b>MOC</b>	<b>GOC</b>	<b>Controlling Agencies</b>	<b>Case Numbers</b>
1	Charge	5/6/2018	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2042		MN0270100	18004253
	Penalty	5/6/2018	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2042		MN0270100	18004253