

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 18A05156
Court File No. 27-CR-18-10755

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

WILLIE B BROWN JR DOB: 01/24/1983

2922 Aldrich Ave N
Apt 1
Minneapolis, MN 55411

Defendant.

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: 609.11.5(a), 609.19.1

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/26/2018

Control #(ICR#): 18131061

Charge Description: That on or about 4/26/2018, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, WILLIE B BROWN Jr, caused the death of victim, a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation, while using a firearm.

Minimum Sentence: 3 YEARS

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

That on April 26, 2018, at approximately 5:08 a.m., officers were dispatched to 1910 Newton Avenue North in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, in response to a shot spotter activation indicating three shots were fired at this location. Upon arrival, officers observed the body of an adult male, hereafter victim, lying in the street. Victim was determined to have sustained three gunshot wounds to the face/neck area and was bleeding profusely. Victim was transported to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. Officers located three discharged cartridge casings at the scene.

Officers spoke with a nearby resident who reported she heard shots, looked outside, and saw a black male standing by a black colored vehicle. This witness observed the black male step over a body lying on the street, enter the vehicle, and leave the scene. This witness initially described the vehicle as a black Mazda but then indicated it was a black Chevrolet Impala.

Officers spoke with several individuals who reported victim was with WILLIE B BROWN, JR., hereafter defendant, earlier in the morning. These witnesses explained that on April 24, 2018, defendant was at a residence on the 2900 block of Sheridan Avenue North and attempted to proposition a female inside the residence. Male relatives of the female intervened and an argument ensued. Defendant ended up leaving. Defendant returned to this residence on the night of April 25/early morning of April 26 and confronted the male relatives. Victim arrived driving a black Chevrolet Impala and intervened to diffuse the situation. Thereafter, victim and defendant left in victim's Chevrolet Impala.

Officers spoke with victim's wife who reported she had rented the Chevrolet Impala and that victim was in possession of the vehicle.

On April 26, 2018, at approximately 7:39 a.m., as the investigation into the homicide at 1910 Newton Avenue North continued, officers were dispatched to the 2900 block of Sheridan Avenue North to investigate a report of multiple shots fired. In route, officers were advised that a black male driving a black Chevrolet Impala was firing multiple rounds into the above-referenced residence on the 2900 block of Sheridan Avenue North. Upon arrival, officers spoke to the resident (the same female who was propositioned earlier by defendant) who reported she observed defendant driving past and shooting at her residence. Defendant was driving victim's Chevrolet Impala. Other witnesses reported seeing a male shooting at the residence and that the male was in possession of two handguns.

Officers searched the area and located the black Chevrolet Impala parked and abandoned. The vehicle was running. The vehicle's interior was covered in a blood like substance. The vehicle was confirmed to be the rental vehicle of victim's wife.

Officers located defendant walking in the area and arrested him. Officers retraced defendant's steps and located two handguns stashed in a gutter of a detached garage in the area. One of the handguns had a blood like substance on it. The handguns were determined to be a .40 caliber and a .9mm. The three discharged cartridge casings found at the murder scene were .40 caliber and the large number of discharged cartridge casings located in front of the residence on the 2900 block of Sheridan Avenue North were a mix of .40 caliber and .9mm.

Officers received information from the Brooklyn Park Police Department that blood soaked clothing was located in a car wash in that city. Officers were also advised that video surveillance was available. Officers

recovered the bloody clothing and video surveillance. The video is of sufficient quality such that individuals and vehicles can be identified. The video depicts defendant at the car wash driving victim's Chevrolet Impala, exiting the vehicle, and entering the car wash where the bloody clothing was deposited. These recorded actions occur at a time between the homicide on Newton Avenue North and the later shooting on Sheridan Avenue North.

At present, defendant is in custody.

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

Ann Kjos
Sergeant
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Badge: 004898

Electronically Signed:
04/27/2018 02:14 PM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Darren Borg
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
04/27/2018 02:04 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: April 27, 2018.

Judicial Officer

Cara Lee Neville
judge

Electronically Signed: 04/27/2018 03:29 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.

WILLIE B BROWN Jr

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: WILLIE B BROWN Jr
DOB: 01/24/1983
Address: 2922 Aldrich Ave N
Apt 1
Minneapolis, MN 55411

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN01027278

Height:

Weight:

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender: MALE

Race: Black

Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: Yes

Driver's License #:

SILS Person ID #: 441472

SILS Tracking No. 3009701

Alcohol Concentration:

STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID

Cnt Nbr	Statute Type	Offense Date(s)	Statute Nbrs and Descriptions	Offense Level	MOC	GOC	Controlling Agencies	Case Numbers
1	Charge	4/26/2018	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2012		MN0271100	18131061
	Penalty	4/26/2018	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2012		MN0271100	18131061
	Penalty	4/26/2018	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	H2012		MN0271100	18131061