State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

State of Minnesota,

                Plaintiff,

   vs.

JEROME TYLON THOMAS   DOB: 08/27/1976

NPA
minneapolis, MN

                Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Order of Detention

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: 609.11.4, 609.17.4(2), 609.19.1, 609.11.9
Maximum Sentence: HALF OF, 40 YEARS
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/17/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19076233

Charge Description: That on or about 3/17/2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, JEROME TYLON THOMAS, attempted to cause the death of Victim, a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation, while using a dangerous weapon.

Minimum Sentence: 1 YEAR AND 1 DAY

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

Just before 6 p.m. on or about 3/17/2019, Minneapolis police officers were dispatched to a stabbing complaint near the intersection of 5th Street SE and 2nd Avenue SE, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Upon arrival, the officers observed an adult male, M.W. (Victim), on the ground. Victim was unresponsive and had a large laceration to the left side of his neck. Victim had a lot of blood on his person, and blood was pooling on the ground around him. Emergency medical personnel rushed Victim to the hospital where he underwent emergency surgery. Medical personnel reported that Victim suffered a large laceration to the left side of his neck, a stab wound that appeared to have gone in the front left of his upper chest/shoulder and exited the rear of the left shoulder, a large stab wound to the right rear shoulder which was very deep and large, and what appeared to be defensive wounds on Victim's hands and arms.

Police identified multiple eyewitnesses at the scene. They all reported seeing two males fighting in the street. One identified witness was in a vehicle in the street and reported that the suspect stabbed Victim multiple times. Another eyewitness said that the suspect appeared to have punched Victim approximately ten times while the suspect was standing over Victim in the street. One eyewitness said the suspect male was a tall African-American male with a bald or shaved head. Multiple eyewitnesses stated that the suspect fled the scene in a tan sport utility vehicle (SUV), eastbound on 5th Street SE, and that the vehicle had a broken rear window.

Police identified a witness who saw Victim with JEROME TYLON THOMAS (Defendant), at approximately 3 p.m. on 3/17/2019. The witness said that Defendant drove a tan SUV with damage to the rear window. Police later learned that Defendant's head was shaved, that he was African-American, and that he was approximately 6'9" tall. Another witness told police that Defendant contacted her on 3/18/2019 and said that his hands had been cut. When the witness asked Defendant how it happened, Defendant said that a friend and another were fighting, that he wasn't going to let them fight, that he stepped in and tried to stop them from fighting, and that one of the guys had a knife and cut Defendant's hands while Defendant was trying to break up the fight.

Police learned that Defendant was located at a motel in Roseville, Minnesota. They went to the motel on 3/18/2019 and observed a gold Chevrolet Tahoe (an SUV) in the parking lot that had damage to the rear window. Defendant was in the driver's seat, and police arrested him. Police observed what they suspect was dried blood-like substance on the center console inside Defendant's car. In a search incident to arrest, police recovered a knife from Defendant's person. Officers observed that Defendant had cuts on his hands and a bandage on one of his fingers. Defendant was wearing a jacket that had been turned inside-out. Police observed what they suspect was dried blood-like substance on the outside of his jacket. Defendant was wearing two pairs of pants. Police observed what they suspect was dried blood-like substance on the left leg of the pants Defendant had on underneath his other pair. Officers learned that Defendant had been staying in a room at the motel. Inside the room, officers recovered a black backpack that had suspected blood-like substance on it.

In a post-Miranda statement, Defendant admitted that he was at the scene of the stabbing but stated that he was trying to stop a fight between two other men. Defendant identified Victim as one of the men and said that the suspect was a man he did not know but who looked a lot like Defendant. Defendant said that the unidentified assailant took the knife from Defendant, assaulted Victim with said knife, and that Defendant was able to disarm the unidentified assailant, and that Defendant was in possession of said knife when police arrested him. Defendant's statements were inconsistent with all of the eyewitness

accounts that there were only two men fighting; no one described a third party who tried to intervene. Some members of Defendant's family have expressed concern regarding Defendant's mental health.

On 3/18/2019, an investigator spoke with medical personnel who were aware of Victim's condition. They reported that he was in critical condition and was unlikely to survive. Police have been unable to interview Victim about what happened due to his condition. The investigation is ongoing.

Defendant remains 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

Chris Thomsen
Sergeant
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Badge: 7201

Electronically Signed:
03/20/2019 12:00 PM
Hennepin County, MN

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Nicholas Linstroth
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
03/20/2019 11:26 AM

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: No Contact with Victim; Make All Appearances; Remain Law Abiding

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: March 20, 2019.

Judicial Officer	Kerry Meyer	Electronically Signed: 03/20/2019 12:05 PM
	District Court Judge	

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

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN **STATE OF MINNESOTA**	
State of Minnesota Plaintiff vs. **JEROME TYLON THOMAS** 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: JEROME TYLON THOMAS

DOB: 08/27/1976

Address: NPA
                                                             minneapolis, MN

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN96008374

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 #:   294618

SILS Tracking No.   3089668

Case Scheduling Information: Note to Court: The State is seeking a high bail amount in this case due to Victim's medical prognosis.

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	3/17/2019	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2032	A	MN0271100	19076233
	Penalty	3/17/2019	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2032	A	MN0271100	19076233
	Modifier	3/17/2019	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2032	A	MN0271100	19076233
	Penalty	3/17/2019	609.11.4 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Use Dangerous Weapon	Felony	H2032	A	MN0271100	19076233
	Penalty	3/17/2019	609.17.4(2) Anticipatory Crimes-Attempts-Penalty-1/2 Of Intended	Felony	H2032	A	MN0271100	19076233