

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.  
Court File No.

19A03207  
27-CR-19-6572

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**KENYATTA DEVINE BUCKLES DOB: 09/28/1994**

2414 3rd Ave S  
Apt 101  
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Defendant.

**COMPLAINT**

Warrant

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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: Criminal Sexual Conduct-1st Degree-Penetration -Armed w/Danger Weapon**

Minnesota Statute: 609.342.1(d), with reference to: 609.11.4, 609.342.2(a), 609.342.2(b), 609.17.4(2), 609.101.2, 609.342.2(c)

Maximum Sentence: 30 YEARS AND/OR \$12,000-\$40,000, PLUS CONDITIONAL RELEASE

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/20/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19019184

Charge Description: That on or about 1/20/2019, in Minneapolis, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, KENYATTA DEVINE BUCKLES attempted to engage in sexual penetration with Victim, and KENYATTA DEVINE BUCKLES, while armed with a dangerous weapon or any article used or fashioned in a manner to lead the victim to reasonably believe it to be a dangerous weapon, used or threatened to use the weapon to cause the victim to submit.

Minimum Sentence: 1 YEAR AND 1 DAY

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Aggravated Robbery-1st Degree**

Minnesota Statute: 609.245.1, with reference to: 609.245.1, 609.11.4

Maximum Sentence: 20 YEARS AND/OR \$35,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/20/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19019184

Charge Description: That on or about 1/20/2019, in Minneapolis, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, KENYATTA DEVINE BUCKLES, took personal property from the person or in the presence of Victim, knowing that he was not entitled to the property and used and/or threatened the imminent use of force against Victim to overcome her resistance or powers of resistance to or to compel acquiescence in the taking or carrying away of the property, while using a dangerous weapon.

Minimum Sentence: 1 YEAR AND 1 DAY

### COUNT III

**Charge: Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon**

Minnesota Statute: 609.222.1, with reference to: 609.222.1, 609.11.4, 609.101.2

Maximum Sentence: 7 YEARS AND/OR \$4,200-\$14,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/20/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19019184

Charge Description: That on or about 1/20/2019, in Minneapolis, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, KENYATTA DEVINE BUCKLES, assaulted Victim, 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:

On January 20, 2019, Minneapolis Police officers were dispatched to 2206 Clinton Ave South, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota on a report of a woman screaming. The 911 caller made contact with the woman who reported that she had just escaped a male who put a knife to her throat.

Officers arrived and spoke with Victim, who appeared very shaken up. She reported that the suspect made contact with her through a website called megapersonals.com. He called himself "Rodney" and arranged to have victim pick him up just a few blocks from where the assault ultimately occurred. Victim described the place she picked the suspect up as being near a white wall with a parking lot nearby. Victim picked up the suspect and drove him to the area of E 22nd Street and 4th Avenue South, near a "Road Closed" sign by construction at the Franklin Avenue overpass over I-35W. When they arrived in that area, the suspect pulled a knife, held it to Victim's throat, and told her, "give me money or give me pussy." Victim replied that she didn't have money. The suspect asked where the condom was, and she replied that it was in her purse.

This distracted the suspect long enough for Victim to run from the car. The suspect caught up to her, punched her in the face, and threw her to the ground face down. The suspect placed his hand over her mouth as she was screaming, and Victim bit down on the suspect's hands, causing him to release his grip. Victim was able to run away screaming and caught the attention of the 911 caller.

Victim reported that she dropped her phone near where she left her car. As officers walked her back to where her car was, they located a knife on the ground that Victim identified as the knife the attacker used. Her car was gone and her phone was missing from the area. Officers soon located Victim's car halfway down a nearby alley. Her wallet was missing from the car.

Victim described the suspect as a black male, with dark complexion, in his early 20s, wearing eyeglasses, a black coat, and a white or yellow hat and light colored scarf that he used to partially obscure his face. Victim reported that she had seen a post on the megapersonals.com website by another woman warning them about this suspect.

Officers followed up with Victim several hours later to gather more information, and she reported that the hat the suspect was wearing was located inside her car and she had not disturbed it. Officers collected the hat. DNA testing on the hat revealed the presence of a major male DNA profile that was compared against known DNA profiles in a convicted offender database. That comparison revealed a match with KENYATTA DEVINE BUCKLES, Defendant.

Officers are aware that Defendant lives at 2014 3rd Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minnesota which is just a few blocks away from where Victim was attacked. The area around Defendant's apartment building also matches the description given by Victim as the place she picked the suspect up. Defendant matches the description of the suspect Victim provided.

SPREIGL NOTICE: Officers are familiar with Defendant because he is the suspect in a series of rapes and robberies that occurred within blocks of where Victim was attacked. Defendant targets these rapes and robberies at escorts who respond to ads through the same website or similar websites, and the attacks have been occurring since late 2018.

For instance, on November 6, 2018, Defendant responded to an escort service ad on a similar website.

He directed that woman to meet him at his apartment building, located at 2014 3rd Avenue South. The victim arrived and Defendant took her inside the building to a vacant apartment on the same floor as Defendant. She gave a description of this person that is consistent with Defendant's description. Defendant claimed to have just moved in to this vacant apartment. He took her to a bedroom and pulled out a knife, at which point he told the victim, "Shut the fuck up bitch or I'll kill you." That victim started to fight back and ran from the apartment screaming. She was able to get away, and Defendant began texting her threats. That victim reported what happened to the police and posted on the escort website. She received responses from 12 women that they had encountered a similar experience.

On January 7, 2019, officers were dispatched to the area of 2117 2nd Avenue South, just blocks from Defendant's apartment, on a report of a male dragging a screaming female across 2nd Avenue. Officers were not initially able to locate that victim, but she later called 911 to report she had been raped. Officers located her in a car at the gas station next to Defendant's apartment. She said she was approached by the suspect with a knife and she tried running away while screaming. The suspect followed her and put the knife to her throat. He initially demanded money, but she said she didn't have any. He forced her into her car and sexually assaulted Victim in the back seat of her car, forcing his penis into Victim's vagina. He struck her in the head with an open hand several times during the assault. The suspect used a condom that he retrieved from his pocket. The suspect left the car and told the victim to look down and count to 100 as he fled. Crime scene investigators processed the victim's car and located a used condom in the rear driver side door arm rest.

On February 10, 2019, officers were dispatched to the area of S 21st Street and 2nd Avenue South, within blocks of Defendant's apartment, to meet a victim who reported she had just been raped in a car nearby and the suspect had fled on foot. That victim reported she had arranged to meet the suspect through a dating app. He listed his name as Terrell on the app. She went to the address the suspect provided, 2103 2nd Avenue South, a block from Defendant's apartment. She went into the vestibule to wait for him, and was approached by the suspect who entered the vestibule from the outside. He was carrying a knife and wrapped his arm around her neck, put the knife to her, and said "Don't do anything. Don't move. Listen to what I say." He took that victim to her car and forced her into the back seat. That victim provided a description of the suspect that is consistent with Defendant, and reported he was wearing red Nike shoes. The suspect initially demanded money and went through her purse. He told that victim to look the other way. Then he pulled down his pants and demanded that victim perform oral sex on him. She complied and grabbed that victim's cell phone and recorded the act. The suspect ordered her to turn around and he penetrated her vagina with his penis, and he used a condom. When the suspect finished, he left the car and left the used condom behind. He took that victim's phone and some cash. That victim went for a sexual assault examination. DNA testing on the condom revealed a major male DNA profile that matches Defendant and also a major female profile matching that victim. A perineal swab from that victim also revealed Defendant's DNA.

On March 18, 2019, officers were dispatched to a report of a female who said she was assaulted and robbed at gunpoint. That victim was located at 2400 3rd Avenue South, just blocks from Defendant's apartment. She reported that she arrived at 2216 4th Avenue South to meet a male named "Adam." While knocking at the door, a male matching Defendant's description ran up to her with a gun, held his hand over her mouth and put the gun to her stomach. He took that victim's phone, told her to shut up, and walked her a yard behind 2315 Clinton Avenue South. There, he went through that victim's wallet looking for cash. That victim told him she didn't have any. He then ordered her to pull her pants down and he put on a condom. The suspect then vaginally penetrated her with his penis while he made that victim film the assault on her phone. When that suspect finished, he took that victim's phone and told the victim to put her head down and count to 100. He then ran westbound from the area. Officers recovered victim's wallet for DNA testing. Officers located Defendant in a parking lot of his apartment building inside a car, and he matched the description of the suspect that the victim gave. Defendant was pulled out of the car and searched. He had

ecstasy pills in his pocket and he was arrested. Inside his car, officers located a used condom as well as unused condoms. DNA testing is underway on items related to that offense. That victim was unable to identify him in a show up. Defendant was wearing red Nike shoes, consistent with the victim's description from the February 10 rape and robbery.

Investigators continue to follow leads regarding other attempted and completed rapes and robberies from the same area.

The state intends to offer this evidence of other crimes to prove identity, intent, and common scheme or plan.

Defendant is currently on probation to Anoka County for two Aggravated Robbery 1 convictions. Defendant is currently in custody on probable cause for the March rape and robbery. Complainant requests a warrant and will ask the Court to impose higher high bail given the threat Defendant poses to the community.

## 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**

Danyelle De Rose  
Sgt  
350 S 5th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389  
Badge: 369

Electronically Signed:  
03/21/2019 12:06 PM  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

James Hanneman  
300 S 6th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55487  
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:  
03/21/2019 11:46 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: \$750,000.00  
Conditions of Release: No Contact with Victim; 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 21, 2019.

**Judicial Officer**                      Kerry Meyer                      Electronically Signed: 03/21/2019 12:12 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.

**KENYATTA DEVINE BUCKLES**

Defendant

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

Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

## DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

**Name:** KENYATTA DEVINE BUCKLES  
**DOB:** 09/28/1994  
**Address:** 2414 3rd Ave S  
Apt 101  
Minneapolis, MN 55404

**Alias Names/DOB:**

**SID:**

**Height:**

**Weight:**

**Eye Color:**

**Hair Color:**

**Gender:** MALE

**Race:** Black

**Fingerprints Required per Statute:** Yes

**Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:** No

**Driver's License #:**

**SILS Person ID #:** 739643

**SILS Tracking No.** 3089965

**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	1/20/2019	609.342.1(d) Criminal Sexual Conduct-1st Degree-Penetration -Armed w/Danger Weapon	Felony	L2077	A	MN0271100	19019184
	Penalty	1/20/2019	609.17.4(2) Anticipatory Crimes-Attempts-Penalty-1/2 Of Intended	Felony	L2077	A	MN0271100	19019184
	Definition	1/20/2019	609.101.2 Minimum Fines – Victim Assistance Programs	No-Level	L2077	A	MN0271100	19019184
	Definition	1/20/2019	609.342.2(c) Criminal Sexual Conduct-1st Degree-Subject to conditional release under section 609.3455	No-Level	L2077	A	MN0271100	19019184
	Penalty	1/20/2019	609.11.4 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Use Dangerous Weapon	Felony	L2077	A	MN0271100	19019184
	Penalty	1/20/2019	609.342.2(a) Criminal Sexual Conduct-1st Degree-Penalty-Stat Max	Felony	L2077	A	MN0271100	19019184
	Penalty	1/20/2019	609.342.2(b) Criminal Sexual Conduct-1st Degree-Penalty-Presumptive 144 mo.	Felony	L2077	A	MN0271100	19019184
2	Charge	1/20/2019	609.245.1 Aggravated Robbery-1st Degree	Felony	R2132		MN0271100	19019184
	Penalty	1/20/2019	609.11.4 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Use Dangerous Weapon	Felony	R2132		MN0271100	19019184
	Penalty	1/20/2019	609.245.1 Aggravated Robbery-1st Degree	Felony	R2132		MN0271100	19019184
3	Charge	1/20/2019	609.222.1 Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon	Felony	A2332		MN0271100	19019184
	Definition	1/20/2019	609.101.2 Minimum Fines – Victim Assistance Programs	No-Level	A2332		MN0271100	19019184
	Penalty	1/20/2019	609.11.4 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Use Dangerous Weapon	Felony	A2332		MN0271100	19019184
	Penalty	1/20/2019	609.222.1 Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon	Felony	A2332		MN0271100	19019184