

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 19A09990  
Court File No. 27-CR-19-19957

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**State of Minnesota,**  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Order of Detention

vs.

**SHANNON LAVELLE BLACKMAN DOB: 03/20/1996**

2323 Dupont Ave N  
#251  
Minneapolis, MN 55411

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: 609.11.5(a), 609.05.1, 609.05.2, 609.19.1, 609.11.9  
Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS  
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/19/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19212895

Charge Description: That on or about 7/19/2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, SHANNON LAVELLE BLACKMAN, acting alone or intentionally aiding, advising, hiring, counseling or conspiring with another, or otherwise procuring the other to commit the crime, 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

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence**

Minnesota Statute: 624.713.1(2), with reference to: 609.11.5(b), 624.713.2(b)  
Maximum Sentence: 15 YEARS AND/OR \$30,000  
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/19/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19212895

Charge Description: That on or about 7/19/2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, SHANNON LAVELLE BLACKMAN possessed ammunition or a firearm and SHANNON LAVELLE BLACKMAN has been

convicted or adjudicated delinquent in this state or elsewhere of a crime of violence, Burglary, Second Degree, on May 30, 2017, for which the sentence or court supervision expired on or after August 1, 1993.  
Minimum Sentence: 5 YEARS

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On July 19, 2019, at approximately 5:30 p.m., Minneapolis police officers were dispatched to a report of shots fired in the area of Colfax Avenue N and 30th Avenue N, in Minneapolis, County of Hennepin. While en route, the call was upgraded to an actual shooting.

Upon arrival, officers noticed a white in color Chevrolet Tahoe facing southbound Colfax Avenue N, in front of 2955 Colfax Avenue N. Standing in the front yard of the address was an identified female, who was visibly emotional, crying, and screaming. She pointed to the white Tahoe and stated, "That boy is shot!"

Police observed a subsequently identified juvenile male, hereinafter referred to as "Victim," laying on the street, right next to the passenger side of the Tahoe. Victim had blood coming out of his head, and appeared unresponsive. Officers radioed for EMS and FIRE to respond to the scene.

While waiting for medical to arrive, officers placed Victim onto the grass from the street, and began CPR. Shortly after, Minneapolis Fire Department arrived and provided medical attention. Victim was transported to North Memorial Medical Center where was pronounced dead at 6:55 p.m.

First responding officers met with some identified females at the scene, who described two shooters who were riding bicycles. An identified male (hereinafter "Witness 1"), who lived near the location, stated he was inside his residence when he heard multiple gunshots. He looked outside and saw a black male who appeared to be in his late teens, riding a bike southbound on the sidewalk on the west side of Colfax Avenue N. Witness 1 saw the male holding a gun and pointing it east across Colfax Avenue North. He stated this suspect never got off his bicycle but, stopped and put his feet down onto the ground when he shot Victim.

After shooting the victim, Witness 1 watched the suspect began to bike away from the scene almost "nonchalantly." Witness 1 described a black male, about 6'0 feet tall, slim/toned build, wearing no shirt, white 'do-rag, black shorts, and long, black dreadlocks. On August 6, 2019, Witness 1 was shown a six person sequential lineup, and identified SHANNON LAVELLE BLACKMAN, DOB 3/20/1996, as the individual he watched shoot Victim.

Once the scene was secure, officers began canvassing the area for any potential witnesses or for anything of evidentiary value. They located numerous discharged cartridge casings (DCC's) laying in the street on the 2900 Block of Colfax Avenue N. Numerous attempts were made to contact residents in the surrounding area, but no one answered their doors.

While canvassing the area, police noticed numerous bullet-holes on the outside of one specific residence on the 2900 block of Colfax Ave N.

Subsequent investigation revealed that the murder was captured on a dash camera video on a vehicle parked down the street. The video captured the shooting from the south. On the video there are two suspects captured on bicycles that go south from 30th Avenue N on Colfax Avenue N. One of the bicycles is in the street. The second bicycle follows south bound on the sidewalk about 10 seconds afterwards. Prior to the bicycles coming southbound, two people can be seen moving around a little north of 2947 Colfax Avenue N.

Through investigation, police were able to identify the two people near 2947 Colfax Avenue N as the victim, and a friend of his, hereinafter referred to as "Witness 2."

Police spoke with Witness 2, who admitted knowing the two shooters on the bicycles. Witness 2 identified one of the shooters as a male known to him as "Suspect," later determined to be ANDRE NMN OWNES, DOB 02/07/99. Witness 2 confirmed knowing OWENS both through OWENS' Facebook page as well as a booking photo. Witness 2 said that he did not see the gun directly but saw OWENS on the bicycle with a fanny pack around his shoulder and he was reaching into the fanny pack just before the shooting.

Witness 2 also said that "Shannon," was the second shooter on the bicycle. Witness 2 identified "Shannon," by pulling up a Facebook account for SHANNON LAVELLE BLACKMAN. Witness 2 said that he saw a gun in BLACKMAN's right hand resting on the handlebars of the bicycle.

The aforementioned dash camera video supported the description of events as provided by Witness 2.

Investigators learned that another similar shooting had been reported at 3:23 p.m. on July 19, 2019, just prior to this murder. No one had been hit, but responding officers spoke with the individuals who claimed to have been the targets of the shooting. They said that they were shot at by two people riding bikes, and identified one of them as someone they knew by his street name, "Suspect" (ANDRE OWENS).

The DCC's from the 3:23 p.m. shooting have been confirmed to have been fired by the same 40 caliber handgun that left the DCC's at the scene of victim's murder. The 40 caliber DCC's from this scene were in the area that OWENS rode his bicycle through.

BLACKMAN has a substantial criminal history, including crimes of violence. He was convicted of Burglary, Second Degree on May 20, 2017 (MNCIS No. 10-CR-18-64), and as such is prohibited from possessing firearms. He has a prior conviction for possessing a firearm from July 14, 2014 (MNCIS No. 27-CR-14-19221).

OWENS also has a substantial criminal history, including an adjudication for Aggravated Robbery, First Degree from January 6, 2016 (MNCIS No. 27-CR-16-146). As such, he is prohibited from using or possessing firearms.

## 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**

James R Jensen  
Sergeant  
350 S 5th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389  
Badge: 3282

Electronically Signed:  
08/15/2019 12:37 PM  
Hennepin County, MN

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Thad Tudor  
300 S 6th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55487  
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:  
08/15/2019 12:29 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 the address listed on the attached court summons 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: August 15, 2019.

**Judicial Officer**

Jeannice M. Reding  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/15/2019 02:01 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.

**SHANNON LAVELLE BLACKMAN**

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:** SHANNON LAVELLE BLACKMAN  
**DOB:** 03/20/1996  
**Address:** 2323 Dupont Ave N  
#251  
Minneapolis, MN 55411

**Alias Names/DOB:**

**SID:** MN14H77170

**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 #:** 765192

**SILS Tracking No.** 3120707

**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	7/19/2019	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2812	X	MN0271100	19212895
	Penalty	7/19/2019	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2812	X	MN0271100	19212895
	Modifier	7/19/2019	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2812	X	MN0271100	19212895
	Modifier	7/19/2019	609.05.2 Liability for Crimes of Another-Reasonably Forseeable	No-Level	H2812	X	MN0271100	19212895
	Penalty	7/19/2019	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	H2812	X	MN0271100	19212895
	Modifier	7/19/2019	609.05.1 Liability for Crimes of Another-Intentional	No-Level	H2812	X	MN0271100	19212895
2	Charge	7/19/2019	624.713.1(2) Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence	Felony	W1123		MN0271100	19212895
	Penalty	7/19/2019	624.713.2(b) Possesses any type of firearm/ammo - Crime of Violence - ineligible under 624.713.1(2)	Felony	W1123		MN0271100	19212895
	Penalty	7/19/2019	609.11.5(b) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm-Felon Convicted Crime of Violence	Felony	W1123		MN0271100	19212895