

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 19A09898
Court File No. 27-CR-19-21711

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Warrant

vs.

ROBERT EARL BUCKINGHAM DOB: 05/22/1986

2944 Knox Ave N
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: Burglary-1st Deg-Poss Dangerous Weapon/Explosive

Minnesota Statute: 609.582.1(b), with reference to: 609.582.1, 609.11.9

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/26/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19185493

Charge Description: That on or about June 26, 2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Robert Earl Buckingham, DOB 5/22/1986, either directly or as an accomplice, entered an building, without consent and with intent to commit a crime or committed a crime while in the building and possessed 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, while in the building.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On June 26, 2019, around 6:53pm, Minneapolis Police Department responded to a report of a burglary at a residence on the 2700 block of 15th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Victim 2, a known juvenile female, had called Victim 3, a known adult female and mother of Victim 1 and 2, and told her that there was an unknown male inside their home with a gun. Victim 3 then called police. Police arrived and the suspect was gone. Police spoke with Victim 1, a known adult male, reported that he was at the home and he answered the door after hearing a knock. The male suspect, later identified as Robert Earl Buckingham, DOB 5/22/1986, "Defendant" herein, pushed the door open and pointed a black semi-automatic handgun at Victim 1. Defendant grabbed Victim 1's cell phone and turned it off. Defendant then forced Victim 1 into a bedroom and made him ransack the room. At one point Defendant punched Victim 1 in the face while pointing the gun at him. Defendant then looked out the front window and fled from the apartment.

Victim 2 reported that she was in the back bedroom with door slightly ajar when she heard Victim 1 say, "wait, don't shoot!" Victim 2 saw Defendant pointing the gun at Victim 1 and heard a smack, which she assumed was Defendant hitting Victim 1. Victim 2 then called her mother, Victim 3. At one point, Victim 2 felt her door start to open so she slammed it shut and locked it.

Victim 3 was on the phone with Victim 2 when Victim 3 arrived home in a car. Victim 3 saw Defendant running along the south side of her house, open a gate, and then run northbound through the alley.

Police located a backpack in the area with a black pellet gun in it. Surveillance video from the area showed Defendant in the area wearing the backpack and also Defendant's car in the area. Defendant was identified by the surveillance video. Police obtained a search warrant for the historical call detail records of Defendant's cell phone. Analysis of the data showed that Defendant's phone was in the area of the burglary at the time of the offense.

The following facts may be used as Blakely factors support an upward sentencing departure and increased bail: the offense occurred where Victims 1 and 2 had an expectation of privacy; Defendant has prior convictions where a victim was harmed; Defendant committed the charged crime in the presence of a child; and Defendant has at least five prior convictions for felony burglary in the first degree. Defendant is a dangerous offender who has two or more prior convictions for violent crimes and is a danger to public safety.

Defendant is currently in custody in court file 27-CR-19-19665.

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

Jarrod Kunze
Police Sergeant
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Badge: 003910

Electronically Signed:
09/04/2019 09:24 AM
Hennepin County, MN

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Christopher Nippoldt
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
09/03/2019 01:55 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: \$250,000.00

Conditions of Release: No Contact with Victim; No Possession of Weapons; 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: September 4, 2019.

Judicial Officer

Nelson Peralta
Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/04/2019 09:31 AM

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

ROBERT EARL BUCKINGHAM

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: ROBERT EARL BUCKINGHAM
DOB: 05/22/1986
Address: 2944 Knox Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55411

Alias Names/DOB: Robert Earl Paul Buckingham DOB: 5/22/1986
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 #: 544320
SILS Tracking No. 3120313
Case Scheduling Information: Deft has OMPT on September 10th, 2019 at 10 AM w/J. Meyer
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	6/26/2019	609.582.1(b) Burglary-1st Deg-Poss Dangerous Weapon/Explosive	Felony	B1124		MN0271100	19185493
	Modifier	6/26/2019	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	B1124		MN0271100	19185493
	Penalty	6/26/2019	609.582.1 Burglary-1st Degree	Felony	B1124		MN0271100	19185493