

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 19A09973  
Court File No. 27-CR-19-19966

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**MARQUELL DEON JOHNSON DOB: 05/01/1992**

LKA: 3852 THOMAS AVE N  
Minneapolis, MN 55412

Defendant.

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**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: Dangerous Weapons-Drive by Shooting toward person, occupied motor vehicle or occupied building**

Minnesota Statute: 609.66.1e(b), with reference to: 609.66.1e(b), 609.11.5(a), 609.11.9  
Maximum Sentence: 10 YEARS AND/OR \$20,000  
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/12/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19240282

Charge Description: That on or about 8/12/2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, MARQUELL DEON JOHNSON while in or having just exited a motor vehicle, recklessly discharged, a firearm at or toward a building and the building was occupied.

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): 08/12/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19240282

Charge Description: That on or about 8/12/2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, MARQUELL DEON JOHNSON possessed ammunition or a firearm and MARQUELL DEON JOHNSON has been convicted or adjudicated delinquent in this state or elsewhere of a crime of violence, Burglary, Second Degree on May 15, 2012, 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 8-12-2019 at approximately 6:43 a.m. Minneapolis police officers responded to a shooting on the 2100 block of 4th Street North in Minneapolis, Hennepin County. The remarks in the call stated that this was a drive-by shooting and a 5 year old female was shot in the foot.

Officers arrived to find that the residence was a duplex with an upstairs and downstairs unit, and police found seven bullet defects on the rear of the residence, some entering the upstairs and two hitting the downstairs unit. Seven 9mm discharged cartridge casings were located behind the duplex. The 5 year old female, hereinafter referred to as "victim," was sleeping in the downstairs unit when a bullet went through the wall and struck her in the foot.

One of the responding officers rode with the victim in the ambulance to Hennepin County Medical Center. Emergency Room staff informed the police that the victim suffered a gun shot wound to her right foot, and her second, third, and fourth metatarsals were fractured. The bullet appeared to have passed through the foot from the great toe towards the little toe.

The victim's mother told the officer when she was leaving her home that morning, she observed an older, black colored Honda Civic slowly driving towards her residence. She described this driver and sole occupant of the vehicle as a black male, with below the shoulder dread locks, a moustache, and a beard that didn't touch around the mouth. She watched this vehicle stop by a charcoal colored mini-van that was parked across the street from her residence. The victim's mother noted having a bad feeling as she observed this vehicle drive by her home. She then went to the gas station, noting it was about a block away from her house, when she heard gun shots. The victim's mother returned home immediately and found her daughter was wounded.

Further, the victim's mother indicated she knew JOHNSON to be an associate of the individuals who lived above her residence. When she asked these individuals about JOHNSON, they attempted to distance themselves from him, and stated, "we don't know him like that."

While in the hospital, the victim's mother was able to provide a Facebook photograph and a name of who she had observed in the black Honda. His Facebook identity was "Quell Widat Johnson." Subsequent investigation revealed this individual to be MARQUELL DEON JOHNSON, DOB 5/1/1992. A review of his Facebook account revealed several photographs of JOHNSON posing with real handguns, (the "GLOCK" brand could be seen and read in some of the photographs). "GLOCK," is a popular and recognizable brand of 9mm handgun.

JOHNSON has a substantial criminal history, including a felony conviction for Burglary, Second Degree from 5/15/2012 (MNCIS No. 27-CR-13-7046). As such, he is prohibited from using or possessing firearms.

As the neighborhood was canvassed, investigators came across an identified male who described a vehicle he had seen speeding down the alley after the gunshots. This male described the vehicle almost identically as the victim's mother, indicating it was "not shiny," and, "possibly dusty."

A number of surveillance cameras were located in the area, and some of them captured JOHNSON arriving in the neighborhood, then speeding out of the alley shortly after the gunshots. The seven shots were recorded on a nearby "ShotSpotter" device, which recorded the shots at 6:34 a.m. No other individuals

were seen entering or leaving the alley where the shots were fired at any point during the relevant time frame.

## 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**

Jaclyn Tuma  
Sgt  
350 S 5th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389  
Badge: 3414

Electronically Signed:  
08/15/2019 02:52 PM  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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 01:34 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: \$150,000.00

Conditions of Release: No Contact with Victim

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 02:55 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.

**MARQUELL DEON JOHNSON**

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:** MARQUELL DEON JOHNSON  
**DOB:** 05/01/1992  
**Address:** LKA: 3852 THOMAS AVE N  
Minneapolis, MN 55412

**Alias Names/DOB:**

**SID:** MN10DC3961

**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 #:** 683819

**SILS Tracking No.** 3120409

**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	8/12/2019	609.66.1e(b) Dangerous Weapons-Drive by Shooting toward person, occupied motor vehicle or occupied building	Felony	A0223		MN0271100	19240282
	Modifier	8/12/2019	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	A0223		MN0271100	19240282
	Penalty	8/12/2019	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	A0223		MN0271100	19240282
	Penalty	8/12/2019	609.66.1e(b) Dangerous Weapons-Drive by Shooting toward person, occupied motor vehicle or occupied building	Felony	A0223		MN0271100	19240282
2	Charge	8/12/2019	624.713.1(2) Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence	Felony	W1123		MN0271100	19240282
	Penalty	8/12/2019	624.713.2(b) Possesses any type of firearm/ammo - Crime of Violence - ineligible under 624.713.1(2)	Felony	W1123		MN0271100	19240282
	Penalty	8/12/2019	609.11.5(b) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm-Felon Convicted Crime of Violence	Felony	W1123		MN0271100	19240282