

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 19A09067
Court File No. 27-CR-19-17828

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MATTHEW GEORGE WITT DOB: 02/10/1977

6609 Eagle Lake Drive N
Maple Grove, MN 55369

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: 609.19.1, 609.11.9

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/24/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19011237

Charge Description: That on or about 7/24/2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, MATTHEW GEORGE WITT, caused the death of Victim 1, a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation.

COUNT II

Charge: Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.1(1), with reference to: 609.17.4(2), 609.19.1, 609.11.9

Maximum Sentence: HALF OF 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/24/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19011237

Charge Description: That on or about 7/24/2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, MATTHEW GEORGE WITT, attempted to cause the death of Victim 2, a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

At approximately 7:30 p.m. on or about July 24, 2019, Maple Grove police officers were dispatched to a residence located on the 6600 block of Eagle Lake Drive North, Maple Grove, Hennepin County, Minnesota, in response to a 911 call hang-up.

Responding officers knocked on the door. An adult male identified as MATTHEW GEORGE WITT (Defendant), answered the door. Officers observed that Defendant was covered in blood, and they saw a motionless human body on the floor inside the front door of the home. Defendant then put his hands in the air and said, "Take me to jail. I did it. I didn't kill them. They're alive. I let them live...They're hurt bad," or words to the effect. Officers asked Defendant about whom he was speaking, and Defendant said, "my parents."

Officers took Defendant into custody and entered the residence. They located two persons. Inside the front door, officers observed an adult female later identified as B.W. (Victim 1). She appeared to have suffered severe head trauma and was not breathing. The officers observed blood splatter on the walls near Victim 1's body. Officers attempted life-saving measures on Victim 1 until paramedics arrived at the scene. Responding officers also observed an adult male later identified as G.W. (Victim 2) on the floor of an upstairs bathroom. Victim 2 had bruises on his face and a laceration under his eye; he was bleeding from his head, but he was conscious.

A pathologist from the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office arrived on scene and pronounced Victim 1 dead. The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office has offered a preliminary opinion that Victim 1's manner of death was homicide.

Paramedics transported Victim 2 to the hospital. He told police that Defendant lived with the victims and that Defendant has suffered from mental health problems. Victim 2 reported that he was at home with Victim 1 and Defendant when Defendant attacked the two victims. Victim 2 said that he believed Defendant had been using methamphetamine. Victim 2 did not recall Defendant using any weapons. He only recalled Defendant using his fists to harm them. He said Defendant struck the two victims "all over" and that the last thing he remembered, Victim 1 was on the floor near the kitchen on the main floor of the residence. Victim 2 suffered multiple facial fractures, a laceration to his head that required staples to close and severe facial contusions.

Police spoke with a known adult female (Witness 1) who said that Defendant spoke with her at approximately 6:45 p.m. on the date of the incident. Witness 1 said Defendant mentioned that he and his parents had not been getting along. Defendant told her that victims' house and money would be his someday and specified that day would be soon.

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

J. Proulx
Detective
12800 Arbor Lakes Pkwy
Maple Grove, MN 55311
Badge: 124

Electronically Signed:
07/26/2019 11:47 AM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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:
07/26/2019 11:44 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 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: No Contact with Victim; No use of drugs/alcohol; Random UAs; 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: July 26, 2019.

Judicial Officer

Ivy S. Bernhardson
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 07/26/2019 11:53 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.

Matthew George Witt

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: Matthew George Witt
DOB: 02/10/1977
Address: 6609 Eagle Lake Drive N
Maple Grove, MN 55369

Alias Names/DOB: MATTHEW GEORGE WITTE DOB: 2/10/1977
SID: MN97018339

Height:
Weight:
Eye Color:
Hair Color:

Gender: MALE
Race: White
Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes
Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: Yes

Driver's License #:
SILS Person ID #: 346387
SILS Tracking No. 3116164
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	7/24/2019	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2051		MN0272700	19011237
	Modifier	7/24/2019	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2051		MN0272700	19011237
	Penalty	7/24/2019	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2051		MN0272700	19011237
2	Charge	7/24/2019	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2051	A	MN0272700	19011237
	Modifier	7/24/2019	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2051	A	MN0272700	19011237
	Penalty	7/24/2019	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2051	A	MN0272700	19011237
	Penalty	7/24/2019	609.17.4(2) Anticipatory Crimes-Attempts-Penalty-1/2 Of Intended	Felony	H2051	A	MN0272700	19011237