

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 19A12151
Court File No. 27-CR-19-24410

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

STEVEN DJUAN ROSS DOB: 03/07/1971

1625 Sherburn Ave #10
St Paul, MN 55104

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: Criminal Vehicular Operation - Great Bodily Harm - Gross Negligence

Minnesota Statute: 609.2113.1(1), with reference to: 609.2113.1

Maximum Sentence: 5 YEARS AND/OR \$10,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/30/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19297172

Charge Description: That on or about 9/30/2019, in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, Steven Djuan Ross did, by operating a motor vehicle in a grossly negligent manner, cause great bodily harm to C.S.

COUNT II

Charge: Criminal Vehicular Operation - Substantial Bodily Harm - Gross Negligence

Minnesota Statute: 609.2113.2(1), with reference to: 609.2113.2

Maximum Sentence: 3 YEARS AND/OR \$10,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/30/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19297172

Charge Description: That on or about 9/30/2019, in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, Steven Djuan Ross did, by operating a motor vehicle in a grossly negligent manner, cause substantial bodily harm to J.S.

COUNT III

Charge: Simple Robbery

Minnesota Statute: 609.24, with reference to: 609.24

Maximum Sentence: 10 YEARS AND/OR \$20,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/30/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19297172

Charge Description: That on or about 9/30/2019, in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, Steven Djuan Ross took personal property, from the person or in the presence of A.H., knowing that he/she was not entitled to the property and used and/or threatened the imminent use of force against the victim to overcome his/her resistance or powers of resistance to or to compel acquiescence in the taking or carrying away of the property.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On September 30, 2019, at approximately 2:15 P.M., officers of the Minneapolis Police Department were informed of an incident in which an individual, subsequently identified as STEVEN DJUAN ROSS (DOB: 3/7/1971) (hereinafter "the Defendant") used force to take a black Toyota Rav 4 from 37-year-old A.H. (hereinafter "Victim 1") in the area of East 26th Street and 17th Avenue South in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Officers spoke with Victim 1 who indicated that the Defendant was acting strangely and approached Victim 1 as he sat in the driver's seat of his parked vehicle. The Defendant used his head to break through the driver's side window of the Rav 4 and he climbed into the vehicle as the occupants exited in fear. Victim 1 attempted to take the keys out of the vehicle, but the Defendant forcefully took the keys from Victim 1 and drove away, crashing into multiple parked cars while doing so.

The Defendant drove south on 17th Avenue South at a high rate of speed. At the intersection of 17th Avenue South and East Lake Street, 19-year-old C.S. and 14-year-old J.S. (hereinafter "Victim 2" and "Victim 3" respectively) were crossing 17th Avenue South on foot and were in the crosswalk. The Defendant approached the intersection at a high rate of speed and appeared to attempt a right turn. However, the Defendant was unable to complete the turn at the speed that he was traveling and he went through the intersection running a red light. The Defendant's stolen vehicle struck both Victims 2 and 3 with the front end of the vehicle. The collision launched both Victims several feet into the air. Surveillance camera footage from inside of a nearby bakery showed Victim 2 travel approximately 10 to 15 feet in the air, hit the window frame of the bakery located on the corner of the street, and land on the sidewalk. Victim 2 appeared to be unconscious. Victim 3 was launched approximately 15 or more feet through the glass window of the bakery and landed inside of the building. The Defendant's stolen vehicle spun around and came to a stop on the sidewalk. Shortly thereafter, the Defendant accelerated and headed eastbound on Lake Street nearly running over Victim 2 who still laid motionless on the sidewalk.

Victim 2 suffered a brain injury and was taken into surgery at the hospital in order to relieve pressure on her brain from internal bleeding. Victim 3 suffered multiple broken bones and several lacerations.

As the Defendant drove eastbound on Lake Street, he struck the front end of a police squad car and continued driving. A short pursuit ensued and the Defendant eventually crashed into a light pole near the intersection of Lake Street and 20th Avenue South. A small engine fire began in the Rav 4 and officers removed the Defendant from the vehicle. As they did so, the Defendant continued to press the accelerator despite the fact that the vehicle was disabled.

In a post-Miranda statement, the Defendant stated that he had used "crack" and marijuana and that he had consumed alcohol that day. He said that he used his head to break through the window of a vehicle and took the vehicle from the person that was seated in the driver's seat. The Defendant recalled driving away from the area where he took the vehicle and trying to avoid hitting two pedestrians. A sample of the Defendant's blood was taken to test for the presence of any controlled substances. That analysis is currently pending.

The Defendant is currently in the hospital being treated for his injuries. He is currently under the supervision of police and is in the custody of law enforcement.

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:
10/02/2019 11:51 AM
Hennepin County, mn

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Joseph R. Paquette
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
10/02/2019 10:58 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: \$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: October 2, 2019.

Judicial Officer

Jay Quam
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 10/02/2019 12:13 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.

Steven Djuan Ross

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: Steven Djuan Ross
DOB: 03/07/1971
Address: 1625 Sherburn Ave #10
St Paul, MN 55104

Alias Names/DOB: STEVEN DJAUN ROSS DOB: 3/7/1971
Steven DJuan Ross DOB: 3/17/1971
STEVEN DJUAN ROSS DOB: 3/7/1971

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 #: 525153
SILS Tracking No. 3130906
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	9/30/2019	609.2113.1(1) Criminal Vehicular Operation - Great Bodily Harm - Gross Negligence	Felony	J1A21		MN0271100	19297172
	Penalty	9/30/2019	609.2113.1 Criminal Vehicular Operation - Great Bodily Harm - Penalty	Felony	J1A21		MN0271100	19297172
2	Charge	9/30/2019	609.2113.2(1) Criminal Vehicular Operation - Substantial Bodily Harm - Gross Negligence	Felony	J1A31		MN0271100	19297172
	Penalty	9/30/2019	609.2113.2 Criminal Vehicular Operation - Substantial Bodily Harm - Penalty	Felony	J1A31		MN0271100	19297172
3	Charge	9/30/2019	609.24 Simple Robbery	Felony	R3153		MN0271100	19297172
	Penalty	9/30/2019	609.24 Simple Robbery	Felony	R3153		MN0271100	19297172