

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 20A05745
Court File No. 27-CR-20-10944

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSHUA DAVID FURY DOB: 05/12/1991

11749 REDFOX DR
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): 04/30/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20005296

Charge Description: That on or about April 30, 2020, in Maple Grove, Hennepin County, Minnesota, Joshua David Fury, caused the death of M.F., a human being, with intent but without premeditation.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On April 30, 2020 at approximately 6:00 p.m., officers with the Maple Grove Police Department responded to 11XXX Red Fox Drive, Maple Grove, Hennepin County, Minnesota on a report of a missing female.

Upon their arrival, officers spoke with JOSHUA DAVID FURY (DOB: 05/12/1991; hereinafter "Defendant"), who stated that he left his house for work around 11:00/11:30 a.m. According to the Defendant, his wife, M.F. ("Victim"), was talking to her mother and said she was going for a walk. When Defendant returned home around 4:30/5:00 p.m., Victim was not there. Her cell phone was on the kitchen counter. Defendant said he biked Victim's normal walking route to try to find her. Unsuccessful, Defendant returned home at about 6:00 p.m. Victim was still not home. Defendant called police.

For approximately two hours, police searched the surrounding area, which included the use of helicopter flyovers. Defendant also allowed officers to sweep the couple's home. Officers did not notice anything suspicious or out of place. To officers, Defendant genuinely appeared concerned for Victim's wellbeing. She was officially reported as missing and an alert was sent to the surrounding areas.

On May 1, 2020, law enforcement conducted a largescale search for Victim. They canvassed the neighborhood and surrounding areas, including lakes and woods. They spoke to friends and family, who indicated that Defendant and Victim were having marital problems. Others described Defendant as controlling and possessive. Victim's mother told officers that Victim intended to leave Defendant. Law enforcement also helped Victim's friends and family organize a public search. With a search warrant, officers also searched the couple's home and with the aid of human recovery K9s. In a lower-level crawl space with a dirt floor covered in plastic, the K9s indicated to the presence of human remains. Another search warrant was obtained to excavate the small crawl space floor.

Victim's body was found on May 2 at approximately 1:30 a.m. It took officers hours to exhume her body. The crawl space is long but short with ceilings only 3-4 feet tall. Multiple officers worked together with a system of buckets and tarps to remove the dirt.

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner took Victim from the scene. A full autopsy report is pending but preliminary results document the cause of death as asphyxiation from duct tape and a plastic bag placed directly over Victim's mouth and nose, which had still been in place when she was exhumed. She had trauma to her neck, but it did not appear to be broken.

Defendant was arrested. Prior to his arrest, Defendant gave multiple statements in which he denied harming the Victim. He attempted to cast blame on Victim's ex-boyfriend. Defendant told police he was telling the truth about everything. After his arrest and in a post-Miranda statement, Defendant admitted killing Victim and burying her body in the crawl space the morning of Thursday, April 30. He said he strangled her during an argument about Victim leaving him. Defendant said he placed both hands around Victim's neck and squeezed until he felt a snap. Victim was then "death breathing," so Defendant secured a plastic bag over her head and nose until she stopped. After Victim was dead, Defendant wrapped her arms in duct tape, carried her body to the crawl space, dug a hole, placed her body in the hole, filled it up, covered and chalked plastic over the space, and then cleaned-up the surrounding area and himself before going to work. Defendant told officer he suffers from depression and attempted to commit suicide after killing Victim. He had threatened to kill himself before if Victim left as they have been having martial problems. According to Defendant, the killing and cover-up took only two and half hours. Defendant said he

intended to use the duct tape roll that he used to wrap Victim's body to also hang missing posters for her on 11/15/2020

Defendant is in-custody. Given the extremely violent nature of the offense and evidence of planning and cover-up, the State requests high bail.

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

Grant Smith
Detective
12800 Arbor Lakes Pkwy
Maple Grove, MN 55311
Badge: 121

Electronically Signed:
05/05/2020 11:26 AM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Leah Erickson
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
05/05/2020 11:23 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.

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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: \$2,000,000.00

Conditions of Release: No use of drugs/alcohol; No Possession of Weapons; Make All Appearances; Remain Law Abiding; Surrender Passport

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: May 5, 2020.

Judicial Officer

Luis Bartolomei
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/05/2020 11:31 AM

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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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: JOSHUA DAVID FURY
DOB: 05/12/1991
Address: 11749 REDFOX DR
Maple Grove, MN 55369

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN20CD2362

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 #: 879421

SILS Tracking No. 3170566

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	4/30/2020	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2051		MN0272700	20005296
	Modifier	4/30/2020	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2051		MN0272700	20005296
	Penalty	4/30/2020	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2051		MN0272700	20005296