

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 20A06069
Court File No. 27-CR-20-11770

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

VENNIE JEROME WILLIAMS DOB: 06/05/1980

1918 Park Ave S #9
Minneapolis, MN 55414

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: Assault-3rd Degree-Substantial Bodily Harm

Minnesota Statute: 609.223.1, with reference to: 609.223.1, 609.101.2

Maximum Sentence: 5 YEARS AND/OR \$3,000-\$10,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/12/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20006155

Charge Description: That on or about 5/12/2020, in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, VENNIE JEROME WILLIAMS assaulted Victim and inflicted substantial bodily harm.

COUNT II

Charge: Harassment - Intent to Injure

Minnesota Statute: 609.749.2(1), with reference to: 609.749.3(a), 609.749.2

Maximum Sentence: 5 YEARS AND/OR \$3,000-\$10,000, 1 YEAR AND/OR \$3,000

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 05/12/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20006155

Charge Description: That on or about 5/12/2020, in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, VENNIE JEROME WILLIAMS harassed Victim by manifesting an intent to injure Victim through the commission of an unlawful act and committed the offense because of the victim's actual or perceived sexual orientation.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On May 12, 2020, at approximately 9:00 a.m., Metro Transit Police Officers responded to 4th Street and Marquette Avenue in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota near the Nicollet Avenue lightrail platform.

There, officers met with a known adult male, Victim herein. Victim reported that he was walking across the Nicollet Avenue lightrail platform when a person he did not know, later identified as Defendant VENNIE JEROME WILLIAMS (6/5/1980), suddenly cocked his right arm back and threw what Victim thought was a rock directly at him. Defendant was about three feet away from Victim when he threw the unknown object. The object struck Victim directly in the left eye and caused a great deal of pain.

Officers observed redness to Victim's eye. Victim stated that his vision was cloudy. Victim went to Hennepin County Medical Center and learned that he had suffered a Corneal and Ocular Abrasion which could lead to permanent damage to his injured eye.

Officers retrieved surveillance camera footage of the incident that clearly captured the assault. Shortly after the assault, Metro Transit officers found Defendant near 6th Street South and Marquette Avenue. Victim was transported to the area for a show-up and he positively identified Defendant as his attacker.

Officers arrested Defendant. While Defendant was seated in the back of the squad car, he began speaking spontaneously. Defendant repeatedly swore and had an angry demeanor. During his rant, Defendant made statements indicating that he had assaulted Victim because he perceived that Victim was homosexual.

Victim attended a follow-up appointment with a specialist who diagnosed him with Traumatic Hyphema of the left eye and Traumatic Iritis. Victim told investigators that his eye was still full of blood and that his vision was still blurry. Doctors advised him that the eye was at a delicate stage of healing and that if the pressure builds up anymore in the eye, he could lose his vision in that eye permanently. Victim was told to stay home to recover and not to do anything physical, including driving or going to work. Victim is required to remain seated upright at all times and is only supposed to move in essential situations. These restrictions are expected to last for at least a week. Doctors also told Victim that as a result of this injury, he will remain at risk for serious medical complications involving the injured eye for many years to come.

Defendant is currently 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

Lori Ammend
Sergeant
560 6th Avenue N
Minneapolis, MN 55411
Badge: 3500

Electronically Signed:
05/15/2020 02:12 PM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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:
05/15/2020 02:09 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.

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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: \$100,000.00

Conditions of Release: No Contact with Victim; No Possession of Weapons; Make All Appearances; Remain Law Abiding;

Other: May not use Metro Transit lightrail or bus services; No Contact with Address

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 15, 2020.

Judicial Officer

Luis Bartolomei
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/15/2020 02:17 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.

VENNIE JEROME WILLIAMS

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: VENNIE JEROME WILLIAMS
DOB: 06/05/1980
Address: 1918 Park Ave S #9
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Alias Names/DOB: Martin Durell Stewert DOB: 6/11/1978
VENNIE JEROME WILLIAMS DOB: 6/11/1978
Vennie Jerome Williams Sr DOB: 6/5/1980

SID: MN99020569

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 #: 371671
SILS Tracking No. 3171837
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	5/12/2020	609.223.1 Assault-3rd Degree-Substantial Bodily Harm	Felony	A3243		MN0274300	20006155
	Definition	5/12/2020	609.101.2 Minimum Fines – Victim Assistance Programs	No-Level	A3243		MN0274300	20006155
	Penalty	5/12/2020	609.223.1 Assault-3rd Degree-Substantial Bodily Harm	Felony	A3243		MN0274300	20006155
2	Charge	5/12/2020	609.749.2(1) Harassment - Intent to Injure	Gross Misdemeanor	N1311		MN0274300	20006155
	Penalty	5/12/2020	609.749.2 Harassment Crimes - Penalty	Gross Misdemeanor	N1311		MN0274300	20006155
	Penalty	5/12/2020	609.749.3(a) Harassment - Aggravated Violations - Penalty	Felony	N1311		MN0274300	20006155