

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 20A07893
Court File No. 27-CR-20-15386

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DAVID RICHMOND EKERS DOB: 10/01/1985

12825 55th Ave N
Plymouth, MN 55442

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Warrant

Amended

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): 07/08/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20008600

Charge Description: That on or about 7/8/2020, in Maple Grove, Hennepin County, Minnesota, DAVID RICHMOND EKERS, caused the death of Victim 3, 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: 609.19.1, 609.11.9

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/08/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20008600

Charge Description: That on or between 7/8/2020 and 7/29/2020, in Maple Grove, Hennepin County, Minnesota, DAVID RICHMOND EKERS, caused the death of Victim 1, a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation.

COUNT III

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): 07/08/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20008600

Charge Description: That on or between 7/8/2020 and 7/22/2020, in Maple Grove, Hennepin County, Minnesota, DAVID RICHMOND EKERS, caused 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

THE CASE IS BEING AMENDED TO UPDATE COUNT 2 AND 3 BASED ON THE STATUS OF VICTIMS 1 AND 2 WHO HAVE NOW PASSED AWAY.

Complainant, a licensed peace officer with the Maple Grove Police Department, has investigated the facts and circumstances of this offense and believes the following establishes probable cause:

On July 8, 2020, Maple Grove Police Officers were dispatched to a known residence located in Maple Grove, Hennepin County, Minnesota, on a familial domestic call. The 911 caller, the father of the family, reported that his son DAVID RICHMOND EKERS, the defendant herein, had seriously assaulted multiple members of the family.

Upon arrival, officers located three seriously injured adult female victims. The victims were identified as Victim 1 (Defendant's mother), Victim 2 (Defendant's sister) and Victim 3 (Defendant's grandmother). Officers immediately noticed that all three victims suffered serious head injuries. The victims were rushed to the hospital.

Officers located the defendant within the home and placed him under arrest. Officers located a wrench near one of the victims.

Officers were able to speak with the defendant's father, J.E., who reported that he had been working in the basement with the defendant, who then went upstairs. J.E. reported that he heard Victim 1 scream something like "David, no." J.E. reported that he rushed upstairs to find the victims on the ground and injured. J.E. located the defendant standing with a wrench in his hand which he then dropped.

The defendant was transported to the police station where he was interviewed Post-Miranda. The defendant admitted that he tried to kill all three victims with a wrench. The defendant stated that he didn't attack his father because he saw his father as an ally. The defendant stated that he grabbed the wrench, put on a glove for a better grip, and then proceeded to attack the victims. The defendant stated that he started by striking Victim 2 five to six times in the head while in the dining room. According to the defendant, he then went to find Victim 3 and struck her around five times. The defendant stated that Victim 1 went downstairs to find his dad and that when she came back up, he hit her five times in the face with the wrench.

The defendant, who has mental health issues, told officers that he wanted to kill the victims because he did not want to be on medication or go back to the hospital. The defendant stated that his mother had thought something was wrong the day before and wanted him to go to the hospital.

The defendant confirmed that his intent was to kill all three victims. The defendant stated that he started to plan to kill them one hour before the attack.

Upon evaluation at the hospital, Victim 3 was found to have extensive blunt force injuries to her head. She was found to have multiple skull fractures and multiple intracranial bleeds. Neurosurgery deemed her injuries non-survivable. Family elected to compassionately extubate for comfort care at 0130hrs on July 9th and she was pronounced deceased at 0146hrs.

VICTIM 1 DIED ON JULY 29, 2020 AS A RESULT OF THE INJURIES SUFFERED. VICTIM 2 DIED ON JULY 22, 2020, AS A RESULT OF HER INJURIES.

The 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

Brad Holzerland
Police Officer
12800 Arbor Lakes Pkwy
Maple Grove, MN 55311
Badge: 104

Electronically Signed:
07/29/2020 04:13 PM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Dan Allard
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
07/29/2020 04:11 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: \$2,000,000.00

Conditions of Release: No Contact with Witnesses; 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: July 29, 2020.

Judicial Officer

Luis Bartolomei
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 07/29/2020 04:18 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.

David Richmond Ekers

Defendant

*LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE
I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Warrant
upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Name: David Richmond Ekers
DOB: 10/01/1985
Address: 12825 55th Ave N
Plymouth, MN 55442

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN20CF8016

Height:

Weight:

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender: MALE

Race:

Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: Yes

Driver's License #:

SILS Person ID #: 670352

SILS Tracking No. 3178571

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 | 7/8/2020 | 609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated | Felony | H2041 | | MN0272700 | 20008600 |
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| | Modifier | 7/8/2020 | 609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses | No-Level | H2041 | | MN0272700 | 20008600 |
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