

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 19A16011
Court File No. 27-CR-19-32094

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Warrant

vs.

DERRICK LEMAR FOREST DOB: 02/09/1979

816 East Grant Street
Apt. 623
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Defendant.

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: 609.11.4, 609.19.1, 609.11.9

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 12/29/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19379157

Charge Description: That on or about 12/29/2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Derrick Lemar Forest, caused the death of victim, a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation, while using a dangerous weapon.

Minimum Sentence: 1 YEAR AND 1 DAY

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On December 29, 2019, Minneapolis police were dispatched to 510 8th Street South in regards to a personal injury accident. While en route, dispatch aired a pedestrian had been struck by a vehicle. Dispatch also aired a stabbing also occurred during the incident.

Upon arrival, officers were flagged down by numerous individuals that were standing in front of the address. The individuals were all pointing to the rear of the building.

As officers got to the rear of the building, they could see there was an adult male, later identified and hereinafter referred to as "victim." The victim was lying down on the ground between a vehicle and a brick wall. Police observed that no one was in the driver's seat of the vehicle.

Numerous people in the alley near the accident scene told police that the driver of the vehicle was sitting near the accident scene outside in the rear of a different vehicle.

Police walked around a fence, and observed a male later identified as DERRICK LEMAR FOREST, DOB 02/09/1979. FOREST informed police he had been stabbed. FOREST raised his shirt, and showed police a stab wound on the left side of his back. At that time, an Hennepin County Medical Center paramedic approached FOREST and began to render first aid to him. FOREST would not discuss the event other than saying he did not know the man who stabbed him and had never seen him before. Paramedics determined that FOREST needed medical attention, and he was transported to HCMC.

Police spoke with an identified male who lived at the scene, but did not know the people involved in the incident. This male indicated that he heard a female scream which prompted him to look out his window. He heard an engine roaring and observed the victim attempting to walk through the gap toward a courtyard adjacent to the parking lot. This witness observed the vehicle strike the victim, run into a fence, then the victim bounced off a brick wall.

Investigators would later speak with an identified female, "Witness 1." In a recorded interview, Witness 1 indicated that the victim told her that FOREST owed the victim \$60 dollars. Witness 1 said that she did not really know FOREST but that she was there when FOREST drove his Jeep into the victim, pinning him between the car and the brick wall. Witness 1 indicated that she jumped into a snowbank to avoid getting hit by FOREST. Witness 1 indicated that after FOREST pinned the victim up against the wall with his Jeep, FOREST got out of the vehicle and walked up to the victim and started swearing and stomping on the victim's head. The victim was later pronounced dead as a result of his injuries at HCMC. Autopsy results are pending.

In a recorded interview, FOREST waived his Miranda rights and told investigators that he was in his vehicle in the parking lot with his girlfriend. FOREST indicated that a male he did not know opened the driver's door and started choking him and stabbing him in his left side. However, FOREST was not sure what happened next.

After some additional questions from investigators, FOREST denied that he targeted the victim or drove at him intentionally. FOREST also denied accelerating into the victim.

The female who was in the Jeep with FOREST, referred to as "Witness 2," gave a recorded interview to

police. She indicated that she was in the Jeep with FOREST (who she knew as "CHUCK,") when the victim opened the door to FOREST's Jeep and stabbed FOREST in the torso. FOREST accelerated away from the victim, then drove around and chased after the victim in the parking lot.

FOREST eventually struck the victim with his vehicle, and also struck a wall after hitting the victim. Witness 2 confirmed that FOREST accelerated before striking the victim, and that FOREST was aware of what he was doing.

Investigators obtained surveillance video of the parking lot during the time of the incident. Despite not capturing the stabbing or FOREST stomping on the victim's head, surveillance video of the parking lot where this incident took place corroborated Witness 1's account of events. The video showed FOREST driving at the victim, and accelerating at him with his Jeep.

The victim was utilizing a parked vehicle to dodge and avoid FOREST. After FOREST accelerated and missed the victim, the victim attempted to escape towards a corner of the parking lot, but the JEEP accelerated at him and Witness 1, striking the victim and knocking him into the wall.

FOREST is currently being treated at HCMC, and it is unknown when he will be discharged. The State is seeking a warrant for his arrest.

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:
12/30/2019 02:19 PM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Thad Tudor
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
12/30/2019 02:07 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: \$1,000,000.00

Conditions of Release:

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: December 30, 2019.

Judicial Officer

Theodora Gaitas
Judge

Electronically Signed: 12/30/2019 02:27 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.

Derrick Lemar Forest

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: Derrick Lemar Forest
DOB: 02/09/1979
Address: 816 East Grant Street
Apt. 623
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Alias Names/DOB:

SID:

Height:

Weight:

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender: MALE

Race:

Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: No

Driver's License #:

SILS Person ID #: 801650

SILS Tracking No. 3148374

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	12/29/2019	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2042		MN0271100	19379157
	Modifier	12/29/2019	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2042		MN0271100	19379157
	Penalty	12/29/2019	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2042		MN0271100	19379157
	Penalty	12/29/2019	609.11.4 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Use Dangerous Weapon	Felony	H2042		MN0271100	19379157