

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 20A09693
Court File No. 27-CR-20-18328

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Warrant

vs.

CHRISTOPHER MALIK TODD DOB: 10/07/2000

1717 Thomas Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55411

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: 609.11.5(a), 609.19.1, 609.11.9

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/14/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20211951

Charge Description: That on or about August 14, 2020, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, CHRISTOPHER MALIK TODD, DOB: 10/07/2000, 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 firearm.

Minimum Sentence: 3 YEARS

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On August 14, 2020, Minneapolis police were called to a shooting in the parking ramp of a Minneapolis Hotel. EMTs were already on scene when officers arrived. A subsequently identified male, victim hereafter, was laying on the ground and appeared to be deceased. There was a blood trail leading down the parking ramp from the victim's head.

Both EMTs told officers they believed the scene was a homicide for a number of reasons. The officers set up crime scene tape around the scene to preserve it. The EMTs told me/officers that hotel staff had the deceased party's information and that he was a tenant at the hotel. The EMTs further stated that when they entered the parking ramp for the original call, they were flagged down by an older Native Female that told them a man was down on the ground on the "B level" of the ramp.

When the EMTs went to that section of the ramp, they observed the victim. They checked his pulse, found none, and discovered a gunshot wound to the side of the victim's head. At that point, they stopped touching the victim and waited for police.

Investigators spoke with hotel staff and viewed surveillance video of the victim. The last time he was observed alive was in the ramp where he was found, and he was speaking with another male. Further investigation revealed that the victim had been documented driving a black Dodge Charger in the recent past.

On August 15, 2020, at approximately 11:00 a.m., an identified male who was related to the victim called investigators and informed them that the victim had recently purchased a black Dodge Charger about one or two months ago.

On August 20, 2020, investigators learned of a possible suspect in the victim's murder. The possible suspect was CHRISTOPHER MALIK TODD, DOB: 10/07/2000 (hereinafter Defendant "TODD"). TODD's name was discovered while officers from St. Paul Police Department's Homicide and Minneapolis Police Department's Homicide investigators were interviewing an individual about another homicide.

The person being interviewed, Witness 1, was shown surveillance photographs of the victim and the unidentified male with the victim in the hotel parking ramp near the time of the victim's murder. Witness 1 recognized the unknown male as someone she knew as "Criddy." It was learned that "Criddy" was the street name for CHRISTOPHER MALIK TODD. Further, hotel staff picked TODD out of a six-person sequential lineup as the individual they had observed with the victim prior to his murder.

On August 21, 2020, TODD was taken into custody at Hennepin County on another incident. TODD was shown a still image of him and the victim leaving the hotel. He was further advised that a witness put him and the victim in the parking ramp just before the victim was murdered. TODD was asked what happened. TODD said that the victim got a hold of some of his friends with a white Dodge Challenger Hellcat model. Todd denied knowing the identity of this person.

TODD was asked if he saw the victim get murdered. After a brief hesitation, TODD said he did. TODD said that he was in the front passenger seat of the victim's charger and that the victim was in the driver's seat. TODD said they were the only people in the car. TODD told investigators that he saw the white Dodge Challenger arrive, and as he was telling the story, he looked over his right shoulder. TODD said he

motioned to the victim to duck as TODD demonstrated that he ducked. TODD said that the shooter shot through the victim's window which was down, and it struck the victim in the head because he saw the victim's head jerk and then fall forward.

TODD was asked about the position of the white Dodge Challenger in relation to the position of the black Dodge Charger. Investigators drew a map of the location of the black Dodge Charger in the parking ramp. TODD was asked where the white Dodge Challenger parked to take the shot. TODD positioned the white Dodge Challenger on the driver's side of the victim's car, about a car's width back, but on the downward portion of the ramp with the fencing and concrete barriers between the cars.

TODD told investigators that after the victim was shot, TODD was scared and crying and got out of the passenger seat of the car and removed the victim from the driver's seat. He described bear-hugging the victim to pull him out. TODD then got into the driver's seat and left in the black Dodge Charger. TODD was asked if he did any life-saving measure on the victim or called 911 and he said he did not. TODD was asked if he removed anything from Smith's pockets that were pulled out or if he removed Smith's shoes and he said that he did not.

Investigators returned to the parking ramp to check on the plausibility of TODD's version of events and determined that, based upon the physical evidence and the layout of the parking ramp, TODD's version of events was not possible.

On August 22, 2020, investigators returned to the Hennepin County Jail to speak with an identified male, Witness 2. Witness 2 was in-custody for another incident involving the black Dodge Charger that had been purchased by the victim.

Witness 2 was brought to a private interview room. The interview was digitally recorded. Witness 2 was advised that investigators were not there to interview him about his recent arrest. Witness 2 was given the Miranda warning and agreed to speak with investigators.

Witness 2 was shown photographs of the victim and TODD. He denied knowing the victim but identified TODD as someone he knew to go by the name "Criddy." Witness 2 signed and dated a photograph of TODD. Witness 2 was also shown a picture of the victim's black Dodge Charger. Witness 2 recognized the vehicle.

Witness 2 stated that on Friday, August 21, 2020, TODD and his brother picked Witness 2 up in the Dodge Charger. Witness 2 noticed the vehicle did not have license plates. He also noticed the 21-day temporary sticker in the window was expired. TODD told Witness 2 the license plates had probably been mailed to his mother's home or his girlfriend's house.

On August 21, 2020, TODD asked Witness 2 if he had a driver's license. He told him he did. TODD asked Witness 2 to drive him and his brother to a funeral being held at Hillside Cemetery. Witness 2 agreed to drive. TODD was seated in the front, passenger seat and TODD's brother was seated in the rear.

While en route to the funeral, TODD stated to Witness 2 that he was "partying," and/or "kickin it," with the victim when they ended up in a parking ramp at a hotel. TODD stated, "my last smack, I hit him one time in his head." Witness 2 stated this was street slang for shooting someone. TODD never indicated why he shot the victim.

Witness 2 stated that TODD told them that he used a 38-caliber handgun. Witness 2 admitted that he saw the gun and believed it may have been a revolver with a pink or purple finish. Witness 2 stated that TODD either traded the gun or sold it to someone else to get rid of it.

TODD is currently in custody on another shooting which will be charged by Tuesday, August 25, 2020, so this matter is being submitted as a warrant.

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

Chris Thomsen
Sergeant
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Badge: 7201

Electronically Signed:
08/24/2020 11:09 AM
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:
08/24/2020 09:56 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: \$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: August 24, 2020.

Judicial Officer

Luis Bartolomei
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/24/2020 11:22 AM

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Christopher Malik Todd

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: Christopher Malik Todd
DOB: 10/07/2000
Address: 1717 Thomas Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55411

Alias Names/DOB: Christopher M Todd DOB: 10/7/2000
Christopher Todd DOB: 10/7/2000
Christopher Malik Todd DOB: 10/1/2000

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 #: 844862
SILS Tracking No. 3184429
Case Scheduling Information: WARRANT: TODD is currently in custody (HCJ) on another shooting which will be charged by Tuesday, August 25, 2020, so this matter is being submitted as a warrant.
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	8/14/2020	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2012		MN0271100	20211951
	Modifier	8/14/2020	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2012		MN0271100	20211951
	Penalty	8/14/2020	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2012		MN0271100	20211951
	Penalty	8/14/2020	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	H2012		MN0271100	20211951