

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 20A08156  
Court File No. 27-CR-20-15967

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**TRIMEANNA NICOLE WILLIAMS DOB: 05/01/1981**

740 E 17th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Defendant.

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**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: Aiding an Offender - Accomplice After the Fact**

Minnesota Statute: 609.495.3, with reference to: 609.495.3, 609.05.1, 609.05.2

Maximum Sentence: 1/2 statutory maximum for underlying crime

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/11/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20006061

Charge Description: That on or between July 11, 2020 and July 14, 2020, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, TRIMEANNA NICOLE WILLIAMS acting alone or intentionally aiding, advising, hiring, counseling or conspiring with L.V., M.W., and/or K.L. or otherwise procuring the other to commit the crime, aided D.S. DOB 9/23/02, a person TRIMEANNA NICOLE WILLIAMS knew or had reason to know had committed a criminal act, to wit: murder, by destroying or concealing evidence of that crime and/or providing false or misleading information about that crime.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Aiding an Offender to Avoid Arrest-Harbor/Conceal**

Minnesota Statute: 609.495.1(a), with reference to: 609.05.1, 609.05.2, 609.495.1(b)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/11/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20006061

Charge Description: That on or between July 11, 2020 and July 13, 2020, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, TRIMEANNA NICOLE WILLIAMS acting alone or intentionally aiding, advising, hiring, counseling or conspiring with L.V., M.W. and/or K.L. or otherwise procuring the other to commit the crime, harbored, concealed, aided or assisted by word or acts D.S. DOB 9/23/02, a person TRIMEANNA

NICOLE WILLIAMS knew or had reason to know committed or attempted to commit a felony crime, to wit: murder, with intent that D.S. should avoid or escape from arrest, trial, conviction or punishment.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

That on July 12, 2020 at approximately 11:51 a.m., A.G. was working as a housekeeper at LaQuinta Hotel, 7815 Nicollet Avenue South, in Bloomington, Hennepin County, Minnesota. That morning, A.G. went to clean room #1061. As A.G. entered the room, she observed a female lying on the floor. A.G. got scared, ran out and called 911. When officers arrived at the room, they found an adult female, later identified as Jennifer Swaggert, DOB 1/5/81, Victim herein, lying on the floor. Victim was unresponsive. It was clear to officers that the Victim was deceased and resuscitation efforts would not be helpful. Victim was laying on her back between the wall and the bed. She had blood on her face and there was blood on the wall and blankets. There was no one else in the hotel room. An autopsy determined that Victim's cause of death was a single gunshot to the face.

The investigation revealed that the room had been rented by a known adult male, D.L. from July 9, 2020 through July 12, 2020. In addition to numerous bottles of emptied or partially full alcoholic beverages, a significant amount of personal items were found in various places around the hotel room including an iPhone on the bed, an iPhone on the nightstand, a tablet on the nightstand, clothing on the floor, numerous bags containing personal effects, and a taser on the desk. On July 13, 2020, a woman, later identified as Trimeanna Williams, Defendant herein, called the LaQuinta Hotel asking if she could retrieve some personal property she had left behind in Room #1061. Upon receiving the call, hotel management contacted police. Officers spoke to Defendant, who is homeless and learned that D.L. rented the hotel room for the weekend for Defendant and her children.

Defendant gave a couple of different versions of events to police, but officers learned that Defendant was in the hotel room on the evening of July 11, 2020 and into the early morning hours of July 12, 2020. Defendant stated that she was in the room with the Victim, (whom Defendant called her "best friend" that she has known for five years) and several identified juveniles including, her son Child A, age 12, her son Child B, age 13, her son, D.S. DOB 9/23/02, and friends of D.S., L.V. DOB 11/8/02, M.W. DOB 11/1/02 and K.L. DOB 4/19/04. The Victim and Defendant were the only adults in the room. Defendant indicated that she and others used methamphetamine, ecstasy and alcohol while in the hotel room that night.

In a statement to police, Child A confirmed that the above noted individuals were in the hotel room. Child A stated that earlier in the day of July 11, 2020, he had seen his mother, Defendant, with a small black and tan handgun. Child A stated that the Defendant took the gun outside and shot it in the air. (During their investigation, officers did find a spent small caliber cartridge in the parking lot of the hotel.) Child A stated that later his brother, D.S., tried to fight Victim and Defendant broke up the fight. Child A stated that everyone was sitting down and D.S. was holding the gun. D.S. pointed the gun at Victim for 15-30 seconds. Victim asked, "Are you going to shoot me?" Defendant told D.S. not to shoot Victim. Child A stated he turned his head for a minute and heard, "Boom" and Victim fell to her knees, then backwards and onto the floor. Child A knew she was dead because he saw blood on the wall. After Victim was shot, Child A said Defendant told them they had to go. They left the hotel, went to the Holiday gas station, got an Uber and went to "the studio". (Further investigation indicates "the studio" is a location above a barbershop in south Minneapolis.)

In a post-Miranda statement to police, K.L., stated that on July 11, 2020, she was with D.S., L.V. and M.W. At about 2:00 p.m., they went to the LaQuinta Hotel to see the mother of D.S. (Defendant.) While there, they drank and smoked. K.L. stated that there was a black gun with green or tan in the hotel room and she observed Defendant fire off a round from the gun in the parking lot of the hotel. At some point later, Victim

and Defendant began arguing. Defendant was asking Victim for money to pay for the Defendant's storage unit. D.S. then started to "get into Victim's face" with the gun asking Victim to give money to Defendant (his mother) for her storage unit. Victim stated that she would not give Defendant the money. D.S. said something to Victim about shooting Victim. The others in the room told D.S. not to shoot Victim. D.S. then said, "One, Two . . ." and K.L. heard a gunshot and saw D.S. had shot Victim. K.L. saw Victim with blood on her.

K.L. stated that Defendant immediately yelled at D.S. and the others telling them to get out of the room. Defendant yelled, "Come on guys. We gotta go! What did you do [D.S.], what did you do?" K.L. stated they all ran out of the room and eventually ended up at Powderhorn Park at 3400 15th Avenue South, in Minneapolis, Hennepin County. While there, D.S. shot the gun twice in the air and leaving one bullet in the gun. Someone in the group suggested they throw the gun in the lake. K.L., D.S., M.W. and LV. walked down the stairs to Powderhorn Lake. Defendant remained at the top of the stairs. D.S. then threw the gun into the lake from the base of the stairs. Defendant told K.L. and the others to be sure to "get their story straight".

In a post-Miranda statement, Defendant stated that she got the hotel room and had a lot of liquor. Since she could not consume all that liquor herself, she called her son, D.S. and invited him to join her. D.S. came with his friends. When D.S. arrived, he was carrying a handgun in his pants pocket. Defendant described it a brown little gun. She admits that she fired a round with the gun in the parking lot. Later, Defendant stated that she asked Victim to give her money for her storage unit. D.S. then began to argue with Victim. Defendant said D.S. kept picking up the gun and pointing it at Victim. Defendant kept telling D.S. to put the gun down and to not shoot Victim. D.S. then shot Victim in the head. Defendant said she was "shocked and scared as fuck." She said that she grabbed her babies and ran out the door.

Defendant stated that the group went to the Holiday Gas Station where L.V. threw the gun in the trash, but then took it out. L.V. then put the gun in her purse/backpack. Defendant said the group got a ride to "the studio" in Minneapolis and ultimately ended up at Powderhorn Park where they threw the gun into the lake. Defendant voluntarily showed detectives where M.W. threw the handgun into Powderhorn Lake. Defendant stated that the first time M.W. threw the gun, the gun landed in the weeds. M.W. found the gun in the weeds and threw it farther into Powderhorn Lake. The location in the lake where Defendant indicated the gun was thrown was consistent with the spot K.L. described.

Officers spoke with T.P., the overnight employee at the Holiday Gas Station. T.P. stated that when the family came into the store during the early morning hours of July 12, 2020, T.P. noticed that Defendant was not wearing any shoes and Defendant stated that they left all of their stuff back in the hotel room. T.P. noted that the "dude with the dreads in the red shirt" (D.S.) was acting like "something went down." Defendant asked T.P. to call a Lyft to take the group to Loring Towers in Minneapolis. T.P. stated that she called them a Lyft and they left. T.P. then looked up her Lyft ordering history for the officers and determined they changed their destination and were dropped at 4406 5th Avenue South, in Minneapolis. The Lyft driver confirmed to police that he drove the group from Bloomington to South Minneapolis.

Officers confirmed that Defendant had a storage locker and learned Defendant owed approximately \$270 in late rent. On the morning of the murder, Victim went to the storage facility and spoke to a manager indicating she would pay Defendant's overdue bill. After some discussion, Victim changed her mind and left without paying Defendant's bill.

The Defendant is currently in-custody on this charge.

## 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**

Kerri Nolden  
Detective  
1800 W Old Shakopee Road  
Bloomington, MN 55431  
Badge: 237

Electronically Signed:  
07/20/2020 12:05 PM  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Teresa Froehlke  
Assistant Hennepin County  
Attorney  
300 S 6th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55487  
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:  
07/20/2020 12:03 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: \$500,000.00

Conditions of Release: No Contact with Witnesses; No use of drugs/alcohol; Other: No contact with juvenile co-respondent D.S. DOB 9/23/02

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 20, 2020.

**Judicial Officer**

Luis Bartolomei  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 07/20/2020 12:09 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.

**TRIMEANNA NICOLE 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:** TRIMEANNA NICOLE WILLIAMS  
**DOB:** 05/01/1981  
**Address:** 740 E 17th Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55404

**Alias Names/DOB:** TIMEANNA WILLIAMS DOB:  
TIMEANNA WILLIAMS DOB:  
Trimanna Nicole Williams DOB: 5/1/1981

**SID:** MN02421796

**Height:**  
**Weight:**  
**Eye Color:**  
**Hair Color:**

**Gender:** FEMALE  
**Race:** Black  
**Fingerprints Required per Statute:** Yes  
**Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:** Yes

**Driver's License #:**  
**SILS Person ID #:** 489751  
**SILS Tracking No.** 3179474  
**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	7/11/2020	609.495.3 Aiding an Offender - Accomplice After the Fact	Felony	E1B70	X	MN0270100	20006061
	Modifier	7/11/2020	609.05.2 Liability for Crimes of Another-Reasonably Forseeable	No-Level	E1B70	X	MN0270100	20006061
	Modifier	7/11/2020	609.05.1 Liability for Crimes of Another-Intentional	No-Level	E1B70	X	MN0270100	20006061
	Penalty	7/11/2020	609.495.3 Aiding an Offender - Accomplice After the Fact	Felony	E1B70	X	MN0270100	20006061
2	Charge	7/11/2020	609.495.1(a) Aiding an Offender to Avoid Arrest-Harbor/Conceal	Felony	E1970	X	MN0270100	20006061
	Penalty	7/11/2020	609.495.1(b) Aiding an Offender on Probation/Parole/Sup Rel-A&D Order Issued	Felony	E1970	X	MN0270100	20006061
	Modifier	7/11/2020	609.05.2 Liability for Crimes of Another-Reasonably Forseeable	No-Level	E1970	X	MN0270100	20006061
	Modifier	7/11/2020	609.05.1 Liability for Crimes of Another-Intentional	No-Level	E1970	X	MN0270100	20006061