

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 19A11141  
Court File No. 27-CR-19-22574

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**MICHAEL LASHONE FERGUSON DOB: 11/05/1994**

7801 Zane Ave N  
Apt 201  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

Defendant.

**COMPLAINT**

Warrant

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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): 08/24/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19255074

Charge Description: That on or about August 24, 2019, in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, MICHAEL LASHONE FERGUSON, 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

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence**

Minnesota Statute: 624.713.1(2), with reference to: 609.11.5(b), 624.713.2(b)

Maximum Sentence: 15 YEARS AND/OR \$30,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/24/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19255074

Charge Description: That on or about August 24, 2019, in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, MICHAEL LASHONE FERGUSON possessed ammunition or a firearm and MICHAEL LASHONE FERGUSON has been convicted or adjudicated delinquent in this state or elsewhere of a crime of violence, Aggravated Robbery in the First Degree on February 13, 2015.

Minimum Sentence: 5 YEARS

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On August 24, 2019, at approximately 8:20 PM, officers responded to reports of a shooting that occurred at 2018 Aldrich Avenue in North Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Upon arrival, officers saw blood in several locations in the area. Officers received information that the shooting resulted in significant injuries to an adult male who was transported to North Memorial Hospital by a private party. Officers responded to the hospital, at which point the injured party was identified as Victim. Officers learned that Victim had two apparent gunshot wounds on the right side of his head and that he died as a result of those injuries. An autopsy later determined that that gunshot injuries caused Victim's death and that the manner of his death was homicide.

Officers are aware that the shooting occurred at a well-known area where members of the YNT criminal street gang assemble. Officers also observed members of the YNT gang at the hospital.

Officers identified numerous witnesses. Witnesses reported that the gunmen fired 5-6 shots at a group of men. Officers spoke to one witness, identified as Witness, who was standing within ten feet from the gunman when the shooting began. Witness reported that Victim was standing near him in the group. Witness identified the gunman as Michael Lashone Ferguson, Defendant in this case. Witness stated that Defendant fired multiple times at the group; that he (Witness) was grazed by one of the bullets in his right hand; and that Victim was struck in the head by Defendant's gunfire, resulting in his death.

Officers acquired surveillance video from the area and observed that the shooting was captured on video. Officers observed that, shortly before the shooting, approximately twenty males assembled on the sidewalk next to a church. Officers determined that the males in that group included Victim, Witness, and Defendant. At one point, Defendant and another identified male squared up to physically fight each other. Defendant and the identified male then talked to each other and, after several minutes, appeared to defuse their conflict. Defendant then entered the front passenger seat of a vehicle parked on Aldrich Avenue, and that vehicle pulled slightly forward and away from the curb. The remaining members of the group, including the identified male, Victim, and Witness, either remained standing on the sidewalk or walked away from the curb. At that moment, Defendant pulled out a handgun, fully extended his left arm, pointed the firearm directly at the men standing on the sidewalk, and fired the handgun multiple times directly at the men. As Defendant fired at the men, the men attempted to run away, but Victim suddenly dropped to the sidewalk. After the shooting concluded, men approached Victim, reacted dramatically and emotionally, picked up Victim's body, and placed it in the back seat of a vehicle on Aldrich Avenue. The vehicle then drove off.

Officers received information that Defendant had fled the area and traveled to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Defendant was located and arrested in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on September 3, 2019.

In a Mirandized interview, Defendant initially denied his involvement in the murder of Victim. Officers then showed Defendant a portion of the surveillance video, and Defendant again denied any involvement. Defendant then asked officers for the name of Victim, at which point Defendant stated Victim was his "homie" and stopped denying his involvement.

Defendant proceeded to confess that he arrived in the area of 2018 Aldrich Avenue; that the men in his group included his "friends;" that the identified male wanted to get into a fist fight with him; but that he did not want to fight anyone. Defendant admitted that the fight never occurred, and he then got into the passenger seat of a vehicle. Defendant admitted that he had a revolver handgun on his person during his

interactions with the other men. Defendant admitted that, after he got into the vehicle, he told the driver of the vehicle to pull off and that the driver pulled away from the men. Defendant then confessed that he took out the handgun and fired the handgun 3-4 times. Defendant confessed that he is left-handed and fired with his left hand from the passenger seat of the vehicle. Defendant confessed that, after he fled the shooting, he saw the crowd scatter. He later learned that he killed one of the men at whom he was shooting and left Minnesota.

Court records reveal that Defendant has a lengthy criminal history with at least two felony convictions for robbery. On February 13, 2015, in case #27-CR-14-12741, Defendant was convicted of First Degree Aggravated Robbery. On May 30, 2018, in case #27-CR-18-8619, Defendant was convicted of Simple Robbery. At the time of this offense, Defendant was on probation. As a result of his criminal convictions, Defendant is prohibited from possessing any firearms or ammunition.

A warrant is necessary because Defendant is in custody in another jurisdiction on probation violations.

## 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**

Matt C Wentz  
Sgt.  
350 S 5th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389  
Badge: 7640

Electronically Signed:  
09/12/2019 12:07 PM  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Joshua Larson  
300 S 6th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55487  
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:  
09/11/2019 03:25 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: No use of drugs/alcohol; Random UAs; No Possession of Weapons; Remain Law Abiding; Make All Appearances; Other: No contact with gang members

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: September 12, 2019.

**Judicial Officer**                      Peter A Cahill                      Electronically Signed: 09/12/2019 12:15 PM  
District Court Judge

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

vs.

**MICHAEL LASHONE FERGUSON**

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:** MICHAEL LASHONE FERGUSON  
**DOB:** 11/05/1994  
**Address:** 7801 Zane Ave N  
Apt 201  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

**Alias Names/DOB:** Mike Lashone Ferguson DOB: 11/5/1994  
Michael Lashon Ferguson DOB: 11/5/1994

**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 #:** 737264  
**SILS Tracking No.** 3126107  
**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	8/24/2019	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2912		MN0271100	19255074
	Modifier	8/24/2019	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2912		MN0271100	19255074
	Penalty	8/24/2019	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2912		MN0271100	19255074
	Penalty	8/24/2019	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	H2912		MN0271100	19255074
2	Charge	8/24/2019	624.713.1(2) Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence	Felony	W1643		MN0271100	19255074
	Penalty	8/24/2019	624.713.2(b) Possesses any type of firearm/ammo - Crime of Violence - ineligible under 624.713.1(2)	Felony	W1643		MN0271100	19255074
	Penalty	8/24/2019	609.11.5(b) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm-Felon Convicted Crime of Violence	Felony	W1643		MN0271100	19255074