

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 20A12670  
Court File No. 27-CR-20-23470

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**ANGEL BENITO VILLALVA DOB: 08/09/1991**

4239 Minnehaha Ave S  
Minneapolis, MN 55406

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: Murder - 2nd Degree - Without Intent - While Committing a Felony**

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.2(1), with reference to: 609.19.2(1), 609.11.5(a), 609.11.9

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/31/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20005642

Charge Description: That on or about 10/31/2020, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Angel Benito Villalva, did without intent to effect the death of any person, cause the death of Victim, a human being, while committing or attempting to commit a felony offense (Assault 2) and while using and/or possessing a firearm.

Minimum Sentence: 3 YEARS

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Manslaughter - 2nd Degree - Culpable Negligence Creating Unreasonable Risk**

Minnesota Statute: 609.205(1), with reference to: 609.205

Maximum Sentence: 10 YEARS AND/OR \$20,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/31/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20005642

Charge Description: That on or about 10/31/2020, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Angel Benito Villalva, caused the death of Victim by his culpable negligence whereby Angel Benito Villalva created an unreasonable risk and consciously took a chance of causing death or great bodily harm to Victim.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On or about October 31, 2020, at approximately 9:00 pm, officers from the Crystal Police Department were dispatched to a residence located at 5515 Yates Ave N, in the City of Crystal, Hennepin County, State of Minnesota on a report of a shooting.

Upon arrival, officers were met by James Reuben Paredes Jr (DOB: 03/07/1996) who motioned for officers to enter the residence and stated something along the lines of "it was an accident, the gun just went off." Officers entered the residence and observed two additional males, who were identified as Carlos Amado Velasco (DOB: 8/6/1996) and Antonio NMN Thelen (DOB: 01/12/1996), standing over a male, later identified as Maricio Manuel Mata-Thelen (DOB: 09/21/1994), Victim herein, who was laying in his boxers on the floor with blood coming from his mouth. Neither Paredes, Velasco or Thelen would cooperate with officers or advise officers about who the shooter was or what had happened other than to state it was an accident. These individuals also provided false information to police including about their location, and other's presence, in the home at the time of the shooting.

Victim suffered from a gunshot wound to the back of his neck. Efforts to render medical aid to Victim were unsuccessful and Victim was pronounced deceased at 9:14 pm. An autopsy was performed, and revealed the trajectory of the bullet was straight down into the base of the Victim's neck, passing through his lung, stomach, colon and coming to rest in the left side of his abdomen near his hip. An intact fired bullet was recovered from Victim's body which suggests the bullet did not ricochet off something before striking Victim. The autopsy results indicated that a ricochet, especially from the ground up, would not be consistent with the injuries observed.

After the shooting, and while the crime scene team was still processing the residence, a male identified as Angel Benito Villalva (DOB 08/09/1991), Defendant herein, arrived at the Bloomington Police Department and reported that he was involved in the shooting of Victim. Defendant brought a Kimber .45 caliber Ultra Carry 2 firearm with him, which he had wrapped in a jacket. The gun had a magazine loaded into it at the time it was presented to police. Defendant told officers that he had been at his house when Victim, Paredes, Velasco and Thelen came over to his house. Defendant claimed he was trying to be "cool" with the firearm and that one of the other men had told him his gun looked jammed. Defendant claimed that he then removed the "clip" and it fell to the ground. Defendant said that he was banging the gun on the ground and on the "wall thing" when the gun went off. Defendant stated that he did not recall racking a round into the chamber but that he probably did the day before. Defendant claimed he did not have his finger on the trigger, but may have had it in the well and when the gun hit his finger, then his finger hit the trigger. Defendant stated that the casing for the bullet would still be in the area where Victim was shot, and that he thought the bullet would have gone down rather than up but "it happened so fast." Defendant stated that Victim had been standing in front of him when the gun went off, and that he "just panicked and ran out of the house."

During a search of the home, officers located a spent .45 shell casing and two unfired .45 rounds of ammunition were located in the basement of the residence near the make-shift bedroom believed to be that of Defendant. Officers also located a bag of a white powdery substance in the closet of Defendant's room. The substance, suspected to be a controlled substance, was seized and will be analyzed. Officers did not locate evidence in the area of the shooting in the residence that would support a bullet ricochet.

The trajectory of the bullet fired into Victim suggests that someone pointed the firearm directly down at Victim and fired, or that the bullet ricocheted off the ceiling before striking Victim. There is no evidence from the trajectory, the recovered bullet or the scene that supports a ricocheted bullet struck Victim.

Defendant is in custody. He has pending felony Domestic Assault and Threats of Violence charges in Hennepin County District Court file 27-CR-19-20090.

## 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**

Derrick Hacker  
Police Lieutenant  
4141 Douglas Drive N  
Crystal, MN 55422  
Badge: 3303

Electronically Signed:  
11/03/2020 03:08 PM  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Tara C. Ferguson Lopez  
300 S 6th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55487  
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:  
11/03/2020 02:28 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 Co-Defendant(s); No use of drugs/alcohol; No Possession of Weapons; Random UAs; Make All Appearances; Remain Law Abiding; Surrender Passport; No Contact with Witnesses

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: November 3, 2020.

**Judicial Officer**

Luis Bartolomei  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/03/2020 03:15 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.

**Angel Benito Villalva**

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:** Angel Benito Villalva  
**DOB:** 08/09/1991  
**Address:** 4239 Minnehaha Ave S  
Minneapolis, MN 55406

**Alias Names/DOB:** Angel Ramos DOB:  
Angel Villalba DOB:

**SID:** MN18LB8836

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

**Gender:** MALE  
**Race:** White  
**Fingerprints Required per Statute:** Yes  
**Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:** Yes

**Driver's License #:**  
**SILS Person ID #:** 851551  
**SILS Tracking No.** 3200127  
**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	10/31/2020	609.19.2(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - Without Intent - While Committing a Felony	Felony	H2812		MN0270400	20005642
	Modifier	10/31/2020	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2812		MN0270400	20005642
	Penalty	10/31/2020	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	H2812		MN0270400	20005642
	Penalty	10/31/2020	609.19.2(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - Without Intent - While Committing a Felony	Felony	H2812		MN0270400	20005642
2	Charge	10/31/2020	609.205(1) Manslaughter - 2nd Degree - Culpable Negligence Creating Unreasonable Risk	Felony	H5012		MN0270400	20005642
	Penalty	10/31/2020	609.205 Manslaughter - 2nd Degree	Felony	H5012		MN0270400	20005642