

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 21A04786
Court File No. 27-CR-21-9054

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

OTIS TERRELL GIVENS DOB: 04/23/1976

6727 NOBLE LANE
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

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): 05/08/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21097162

Charge Description: That on or about 5/8/2021, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, OTIS TERRELL GIVENS, 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

On May 8, 2021, officers were dispatched to a report of a shooting in the area of South Ninth Street and LaSalle Avenue, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. After rendering aid to a man on the street who had been shot in the leg, officers located a deceased woman on the first floor of a parking ramp. The woman, a known adult female, Victim herein, had been shot twice, once in the back of the head and once in the arm. The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office determined that Victim had died as a result of the gunshot wounds. Investigation later revealed that Victim was shot by OTIS TERRELL GIVENS, Defendant herein.

Investigation revealed that Victim had been in the alley near the parking garage immediately prior to the shooting. Surveillance footage and witness statements revealed that Victim was involved in a verbal confrontation with a known adult female, Witness 1, in the area of the alley. Witness 1 reported that during the verbal confrontation, a man who had been accompanying Victim had displayed a handgun. In response, Witness 1 also withdrew a handgun, which she discharged in the alley, accidentally shooting an acquaintance, a known adult male, Witness 2, in the leg. After she mistakenly shot Witness 2, Witness 1 rendered aid, while other people in the area began to walk away. Witness 1 stated that at that time, Defendant, who she knew as "Folks," took possession of the handgun.

Witness 1 stated that she had spent the evening with Defendant both in the alley as well as at the nearby Saloon bar, located at 830 Hennepin Avenue. Surveillance footage showed that Defendant was wearing distinctive clothing on the night of the murder, including brightly colored salmon pants. Witness 2 reported that he was familiar with both Witness 1 and Defendant who he knew by the street name "Popeye." Witness 2 also stated that Witness 1 had given the handgun to Defendant after she shot Witness 2.

Victim and her male companion had left the alley after the shooting of Witness 2. Surveillance video revealed that they went into the nearby parking garage, and surveillance video showed the man with the salmon pants – later identified as Defendant – walking into the parking garage, passing the male companion. Surveillance video showed the man in the salmon pants approaching the area where Victim was in the parking garage, then showed Victim being shot in the back of the head and falling as she tried to run away. After Victim was shot, surveillance showed the man in the salmon pants calmly exiting the parking garage returning to the area of the alley.

A known adult male, Witness 3, was also in the alley during the verbal confrontation and subsequent shooting of Witness 2. Witness 3 stated that he also knew the man in the salmon colored pants – later identified as Defendant – as "Popeye." Witness 3 said that after Witness 2 was shot, he heard two additional shots, and Defendant returned to the group in the alley and stated, "I got at 'em."

Witness 1 further stated that she left the area of the shooting after police responded, and that she and Defendant went to a gas station in North Minneapolis, and Defendant said, "I can't believe that I shot that girl." Witness 1 said that prior to that time, she had been unaware that Defendant had shot anyone. Witness 1 stated that Defendant told her he shot Victim twice.

Reviewing surveillance video, investigators were able to confirm that Witness 1 and the man wearing salmon pants – later identified as Defendant – had been to the Saloon bar, and located a Covid tracking form on which Witness 1 had signed in. Employees at the Saloon bar reviewed their receipts from the evening and located a credit card receipt for a purchase made by the man wearing the salmon pants, in the name of Otis T Givens. Investigators created a sequential line-up and presented it to Witness 1, who identified the photo of OTIS TERRELL GIVENS, Defendant, as her companion who had been wearing salmon pants.

On May 10, 2021, officers located and arrested Defendant at the corner of South Ninth Street and LaSalle Avenue. Defendant was wearing the same salmon colored pants as the night of the murder. The credit card used for the purchase at the Saloon bar was in his pocket. Defendant was found to have "Popeye" tattooed on his chest.

Defendant is currently in custody.

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:
05/12/2021 08:50 AM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Amy Blagoev
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
05/11/2021 06:21 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 as directed in the Notice of Hearing before the above-named court 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 Contact with Victim; No Contact with Witnesses; No Possession of Weapons; Make All Appearances; Remain Law Abiding

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: May 12, 2021.

Judicial Officer

Luis Bartolomei
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/12/2021 09:50 AM

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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Plaintiff

vs.

OTIS TERRELL GIVENS

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: OTIS TERRELL GIVENS
DOB: 04/23/1976
Address: 6727 NOBLE LANE
Brooklyn Center, MN 55429

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN02005744

Height:

Weight:

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender: MALE

Race: Black

Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: Yes

Driver's License #:

SILS Person ID #: 464069

SILS Tracking No. 3226381

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	5/8/2021	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2913		MN0271100	21097162
	Modifier	5/8/2021	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2913		MN0271100	21097162
	Penalty	5/8/2021	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2913		MN0271100	21097162
	Penalty	5/8/2021	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	H2913		MN0271100	21097162