

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 19A03192
Court File No. 27-CR-19-12877

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT

Warrant

vs.

KENYATTA DEVINE BUCKLES DOB: 09/28/1994

2014 3rd Ave S
Apt 301
Minneapolis, MN 55404

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: Criminal Sexual Conduct-1st Degree-Penetration -Armed w/Danger Weapon

Minnesota Statute: 609.342.1(d), with reference to: 609.342.2(a), 609.342.2(b), 609.101.2, 609.342.2(c)
Maximum Sentence: 30 YEARS AND/OR \$12,000-\$40,000, PLUS CONDITIONAL RELEASE
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/18/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19077414

Charge Description: That on or about 3/18/2019, in Minneapolis, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, KENYATTA DEVINE BUCKLES, engaged in sexual penetration with Victim, and KENYATTA DEVINE BUCKLES, while armed with a dangerous weapon or any article used or fashioned in a manner to lead the victim to reasonably believe it to be a dangerous weapon, used or threatened to use the weapon to cause the victim to submit, to wit: a gun.

COUNT II

Charge: Kidnapping-To Facilitate Felony or Flight

Minnesota Statute: 609.25.1(2), with reference to: 609.25.2(2)
Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS AND/OR \$50,000
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/18/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19077414

Charge Description: That on or about 3/18/2019, in Minneapolis, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, KENYATTA DEVINE BUCKLES confined and removed Victim from one place to another without her consent, in order to facilitate commission of a felony or flight thereafter, and Victim was not released in a safe place.

COUNT III

Charge: Aggravated Robbery-1st Degree

Minnesota Statute: 609.245.1, with reference to: 609.245.1, 609.11.5(a)

Maximum Sentence: 20 YEARS AND/OR \$35,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/18/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19077414

Charge Description: That on or about 3/18/2019, in Minneapolis, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, KENYATTA DEVINE BUCKLES, took personal property from the person or in the presence of Victim, knowing that he was not entitled to the property and used and/or threatened the imminent use of force against Victim to overcome her resistance or powers of resistance to or to compel acquiescence in the taking or carrying away of the property, while possessing a firearm.

Minimum Sentence: 3 YEARS

COUNT IV

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): 03/18/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19077414

Charge Description: That on or about 3/18/2019, in Minneapolis, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, KENYATTA DEVINE BUCKLES possessed ammunition or a firearm and KENYATTA DEVINE BUCKLES has been convicted or adjudicated delinquent in this state or elsewhere of a crime of violence, Aggravated Robbery 1 on May 27, 2014, for which the sentence or court supervision expired on or after August 1, 1993.

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 March 18, 2019, officers were dispatched to a report of a female who said she was sexually assaulted and robbed at gunpoint.

Officers arrived and spoke with Victim, who was located at 2400 3rd Avenue South, just blocks from the apartment of KENYATTA DEVINE BUCKLES, Defendant. She reported that she arrived at 2216 4th Avenue South to meet a male she was communicating with through the TextNow application who had identified himself as "Adam." She arrived in the area in a Lyft ride arranged by the male. While knocking at the door, a male matching Defendant's description ran up to her with a gun, held his hand over her mouth and put the gun to her stomach. Officers later recovered surveillance video corroborating Victim's account and showing Defendant lying in wait for Victim after she was dropped off by the Lyft. Defendant then pulled out a silver handgun and held it against Victim as he forced her down the alley.

He took Victim's phone, told her to shut up, and walked her a yard behind 2315 Clinton Avenue South. There, he went through Victim's wallet looking for cash. That victim told him she didn't have any. He then ordered her to pull her pants down and he put on a condom. Defendant then vaginally penetrated her with his penis while he made Victim film the assault on her phone. When Defendant finished, he took Victim's phone and told Victim to put her head down and count to 100. He then ran westbound from the area. Officers later recovered Victim's wallet for DNA testing.

Officers located Defendant in a parking lot of his apartment building inside a car, and he matched the description of the suspect that Victim gave. Defendant was pulled out of the car and searched. He had suspected ecstasy pills in his pocket and he was arrested. Inside his car, officers located a used condom as well as unused condoms. DNA testing is underway on items related to this offense. Victim was unable to identify him in a show up because he was wearing red shoes at the time of the show-up and was not wearing red shoes during the assault.

In a search of Defendant's apartment, officers located a silver handgun and Victim's cell phone.

Investigators executed search warrants on numerous e-mail, social media, and application accounts. They discovered that the Lyft account used to arrange the ride that brought Victim to the location of the kidnapping uses Defendant's e-mail address. IP records associated with that e-mail address are associated with the apartment where Defendant was staying at 2014 3rd Ave S, Minneapolis. The e-mail accounts also connect to Defendant's Facebook account.

The TextNow number used to communicate with Victim to set up the kidnapping is associated with Defendant's e-mail address as well.

SPREIGL NOTICE: Defendant is the suspect in a series of sexual assaults and robberies that occurred within blocks of where Victim was attacked. Defendant often targeted escorts who respond to ads through the same website or similar websites, and the attacks have been occurring since early 2018.

For instance, one woman reported that in December 2017 or January 2018, she was advertising as an escort on Backpages.com. She received a message from Defendant and was told to meet at 2011 2nd Avenue S, Minneapolis, Hennepin County. She arrived there around 5:00am on the day of the assault. She parked her car and spoke to Defendant again by phone, who told her to go to the side of 2103 2nd Avenue

S. She complied, but got confused and started walking back toward her car. She then saw Defendant cross the street toward her as she re-entered her car. Defendant was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and dark-colored jogging pants. He was covering the lower part of his face, but she was able to see his eyes and the upper portion of his face. He asked her to step out of the car and directed her back toward 2103 2nd Avenue S. He took her to a secluded spot and grabbed her from behind. Defendant put a silver handgun to her head and said "Shut the fuck up!" She asked if he wanted money, and he responded that he did, but wanted "to get some pussy first." He dragged her behind a large commercial dumpster and ordered her to remove her sweater and pull down her pants. Defendant took the woman's cell phone and demanded the code to unlock the device. He put on a condom and vaginally penetrated the woman while he used her cell phone to record the sexual assault. Defendant also made her say obscene phrases, like that she was "a filthy whore." Defendant ejaculated on the woman's face. He then told her to turn around and count to one hundred. He stole cash and the woman's phone and left her behind the dumpster at a location that she was unfamiliar with in the dark. Investigators showed the woman a six-photograph lineup containing Defendant's photograph. She selected Defendant as the person who sexually assaulted her.

On November 1, 2018, Defendant responded to an escort service ad on a similar website. He directed that woman to meet him at his apartment building, located at 2014 3rd Avenue South. The victim arrived and Defendant took her inside the building to a vacant apartment on the same floor as Defendant. She gave a description of this person that is consistent with Defendant's description. Defendant claimed to have just moved in to this vacant apartment. He took her to a bedroom and pulled out a knife, at which point he told the victim, "Shut the fuck up bitch or I'll kill you". That victim started to fight back and ran from the apartment screaming. She was able to get away, and Defendant began texting her threats. That victim reported what happened to the police and posted on the escort website. She received responses from 12 women that they had encountered a similar experience.

On January 7, 2019, officers were dispatched to the area of 2117 2nd Avenue South, just blocks from Defendant's apartment, on a report of a male dragging a screaming female across 2nd Avenue. Officers were not initially able to locate that victim, but she later called 911 to report she had been raped. Officers located her in a car at the gas station next to Defendant's apartment. She said she was approached by the suspect with a knife and she tried running away while screaming. The suspect followed her and put the knife to her throat. He initially demanded money, but she said she didn't have any. He forced her into her car and sexually assaulted Victim in the back seat of her car, forcing his penis into Victim's vagina. He struck her in the head with an open hand several times during the assault. The suspect used a condom that he retrieved from his pocket. The suspect left the car and told the victim to look down and count to 100 as he fled. Crime scene investigators processed the victim's car and located a used condom in the rear driver side door arm rest.

On January 20, 2019, Minneapolis Police officers were dispatched to 2206 Clinton Avenue South, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota on a report of a woman screaming. The 911 caller made contact with the woman who reported that she had just escaped a male who put a knife to her throat. Officers arrived and spoke with that victim, who reported that the suspect made contact with her through a website called megapersonals.com. He called himself "Rodney" and arranged to have victim pick him up just a few blocks from where the assault ultimately occurred in a place that is consistent with where Defendant lives. Victim picked up the suspect and drove him to the area of E 22nd Street and 4th Avenue South. When they arrived in that area, the suspect pulled a knife, held it to that victim's throat, and told her, "give me money or give me pussy". She replied that she didn't have money. The suspect asked where the condom was, and she replied that it was in her purse. This distracted the suspect long enough for Victim to run from the car. The suspect caught up to her, punched her in the face, and threw her to the ground face down. The suspect placed his hand over her mouth as she was screaming, and that victim bit down on the suspect's hands, causing him to release his grip. The victim was able to run away screaming and caught the attention of the 911 caller. The victim reported that she dropped her phone near where she left her car. As officers walked

her back to where her car was, they saw that the phone was gone but they located a knife on the ground that that victim identified as the knife the attacker used. Her car was gone and officers soon located the victim's car halfway down a nearby alley. Her wallet was missing from the car. She provided a description that matched Defendant. Officers located the hat the suspect was wearing in the backseat of the victim's car. Officers collected the hat. DNA testing on the hat revealed the presence of a major male DNA profile that was compared against known DNA profiles in a convicted offender database. That comparison revealed a match with Defendant.

On February 10, 2019, officers were dispatched to the area of S 21st Street and 2nd Avenue South to meet Victim who reported she had just been raped in a car nearby and the suspect had fled on foot. Victim reported she had arranged to meet the suspect through a dating app. He listed his name as "Terrell" on the app. She went to the address the suspect provided, 2103 2nd Avenue South, a block from Defendant's apartment. She went into the vestibule to wait for him, and was approached by the suspect who entered the vestibule from the outside. He was carrying a knife and wrapped his arm around her neck, put the knife to her, and said "Don't do anything. Don't move. Listen to what I say". He took Victim to her car and forced her into the back seat. Victim provided a description of the suspect that is consistent with Defendant, and reported he was wearing red Nike shoes. The suspect initially demanded money and went through her purse. He told the victim to look the other way. Then he pulled down his pants and demanded that victim perform oral sex on him, she complied. He grabbed the victim's cell phone and recorded the act. The suspect ordered her to turn around and he penetrated her vagina with his penis, and he used a condom. When the suspect finished, he left the car and left the used condom behind. He took that victim's phone and some cash. That victim went for a sexual assault examination. DNA testing on the condom revealed a major male DNA profile that matches Defendant and also a major female profile matching that victim. A perineal swab from that victim also revealed Defendant's DNA.

On February 21, 2019, at approximately 9:00pm, Minneapolis Police were dispatched to the area of 1800 Stevens Avenue S, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, on a robbery report. Officers spoke with that victim, who stated that Defendant approached him as he walked in an alley after parking his car near the intersection of Clinton Avenue S and 3rd Avenue S. Defendant held a silver handgun to that victim's head and said he would kill him if he didn't give him what he wanted. Defendant took the victim's wallet, iPhone, and Samsung Galaxy. Defendant demanded the passcodes to the phones and bank cards. He then told the victim to get on his knees and count to 200 while Defendant fled to the south. After calling 911, the victim called his bank and learned that Defendant had already used his bank cards to make an ATM withdrawal at the BP gas station located at 2000 3rd Avenue S in the amount of \$140. That gas station is next to Defendant's apartment building. Officers obtained surveillance video of the ATM transaction, and the person making the withdrawal matches Defendant's description, clothing and shoes. When Defendant was arrested on March 18 he was in possession of this victim's iPhone, and a search of the phone revealed that Defendant programmed in his user information to the phone shortly after the robbery.

Investigators continue to follow leads regarding other attempted and completed rapes and robberies from the same area.

The state intends to offer this evidence of other crimes to prove identity, intent, and common scheme or plan. Defendant is currently on probation to Anoka County for two Aggravated Robbery 1 convictions from May 27, 2014. He is prohibited to possess firearms as a result.

Defendant is currently in custody at the Hennepin County Jail on related sexual assault and robbery charges.

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

John Grove
Sgt
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Badge: 0293

Electronically Signed:
06/04/2019 10:28 AM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

James Hanneman
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
06/03/2019 01:34 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.

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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 Victim; No Possession of Weapons

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: June 4, 2019.

Judicial Officer Regina Chu Electronically Signed: 06/04/2019 10:34 AM
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.

KENYATTA DEVINE BUCKLES

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: KENYATTA DEVINE BUCKLES
DOB: 09/28/1994
Address: 2014 3rd Ave S
Apt 301
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN13FV1154

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 #: 739643

SILS Tracking No. 3089614

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	3/18/2019	609.342.1(d) Criminal Sexual Conduct-1st Degree-Penetration -Armed w/Danger Weapon	Felony	L2287		MN0271100	19077414
	Definition	3/18/2019	609.101.2 Minimum Fines – Victim Assistance Programs	No-Level	L2287		MN0271100	19077414
	Definition	3/18/2019	609.342.2(c) Criminal Sexual Conduct-1st Degree-Subject to conditional release under section 609.3455	No-Level	L2287		MN0271100	19077414
	Penalty	3/18/2019	609.342.2(a) Criminal Sexual Conduct-1st Degree-Penalty-Stat Max	Felony	L2287		MN0271100	19077414
	Penalty	3/18/2019	609.342.2(b) Criminal Sexual Conduct-1st Degree-Penalty-Presumptive 144 mo.	Felony	L2287		MN0271100	19077414
2	Charge	3/18/2019	609.25.1(2) Kidnapping-To Facilitate Felony or Flight	Felony	K3213		MN0271100	19077414
	Penalty	3/18/2019	609.25.2(2) Kidnap-Not Release Safe Place-Great Bodily Harm or U/16 - Sentence	Felony	K3213		MN0271100	19077414
3	Charge	3/18/2019	609.245.1 Aggravated Robbery-1st Degree	Felony	R2113		MN0271100	19077414
	Penalty	3/18/2019	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	R2113		MN0271100	19077414
	Penalty	3/18/2019	609.245.1 Aggravated Robbery-1st Degree	Felony	R2113		MN0271100	19077414
4	Charge	3/18/2019	624.713.1(2) Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence	Felony	W1B23		MN0271100	19077414
	Penalty	3/18/2019	624.713.2(b) Possesses any type of firearm/ammo - Crime of Violence - ineligible under 624.713.1(2)	Felony	W1B23		MN0271100	19077414
	Penalty	3/18/2019	609.11.5(b) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm-Felon Convicted Crime of Violence	Felony	W1B23		MN0271100	19077414