

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 21A07344
Court File No. 27-CR-21-13528

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TROY LIERRE FOWLER DOB: 08/16/1990

5880 73RD AVE N

#307

BROOKLYN PARK, MN 55429

Defendant.

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 - 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): 07/17/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21158022

Charge Description: That on or about July 17, 2021, in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, TROY LIERRE FOWLER caused the death of the known 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, 1 YEAR AND 1 DAY

COUNT II

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): 07/17/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21158022

Charge Description: That on or about July 17, 2021 in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, TROY LIERRE FOWLER did without intent to effect the death of any person, cause the death of the known victim, a human being, while committing or attempting to commit the felony offense of Assault in the Second Degree while possessing a firearm.

Minimum Sentence: 3 YEARS

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On July 17, 2021, officers of the Minneapolis Police Department were dispatched to the area of a parking ramp east of Hennepin Avenue South at 33—6th Street South in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, on a report of a gunshot being fired.

Responding officer located a male who had been shot in the back on the ground near the mouth of the parking ramp. The suspect, who was described as a black male wearing a black shirt, ran from the scene after firing one gunshot.

A nearby police officer saw the suspect flee the area and she pursued him. The suspect, later identified as TROY LIERRE FOWLER, the Defendant herein, was caught near a pillar in the parking lot. He had possession of a handgun which he shoved to the side.

The known victim was placed in an ambulance for transportation to the hospital. The known victim was pronounced dead at the Hennepin County Medical Center.

Video of the incident was obtained from a nearby business. The video shows at approximately 3:00 a.m. on July 17, 2021 two males, one being the Defendant, are seen walking eastbound from Hennepin Avenue on the south sidewalk of 6th Street South, approaching the mouth of the parking ramp at that location.

The Defendant is wearing a black cap, black shirt, blue jeans, and white shoes. The male he is with is wearing a white cap, white shirt, blue jeans, and white shoes.

The Defendant is seen entering the ramp from the inbound lane of the ramp. The male with him follows the Defendant in the ramp and, before he does so, pulls out a handgun from his waist and points it into the ramp.

The known victim's shoe-tip can be seen to the left of a yellow pillar and under the lower edge of the red "Exit Only" sign. He appears to be looking at his phone.

In the ramp, the Defendant pulls out a handgun from his waist as he passes by the known victim and the known victim's brother who is nearby.

The known victim, who has a gun pointed at him begins to raise the flap on a bag that is hanging around his body. The known victim then releases the flap and raises his hands in the air as though he is surrendering or giving up. A handgun was found in the bag when police arrived, but it was never removed from the bag.

The Defendant is pointing a handgun at the known victim from behind, while the other male the Defendant was with has a gun pointed at the known victim from the front.

The Defendant then fires his gun at the known victim and then runs away. The Defendant jumps the retaining fence and runs up the exit ramp towards 6th Street South.

In a post arrest, post Miranda interview, the Defendant admits he shot the victim. He claims the victim bumped into him at the Union bar earlier that night. The victim's brother gave a different version of what happened at the bar. He says the Defendant and the people he was with were "muggin" his brother, him,

and the people they were with and they had no contact with the Defendant or the people he was with at the bar.

The shooting incident happened away from the bar at the parking ramp after they had all left the bar at different times but came into contact near the parking ramp.

One bullet casing was located at the scene.

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:
07/20/2021 12:06 PM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Stuart Shapiro
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
07/20/2021 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 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 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: July 20, 2021.

Judicial Officer

Theresa Couri
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 07/20/2021 12:12 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.

TROY LIERRE FOWLER

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: TROY LIERRE FOWLER
DOB: 08/16/1990
Address: 5880 73RD AVE N
#307
BROOKLYN PARK, MN 55429

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN13FW8623

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 #: 894832

SILS Tracking No. 3235709

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	7/17/2021	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2013		MN0271100	21158022
	Modifier	7/17/2021	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2013		MN0271100	21158022
	Penalty	7/17/2021	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2013		MN0271100	21158022
	Penalty	7/17/2021	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	H2013		MN0271100	21158022
2	Charge	7/17/2021	609.19.2(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - Without Intent - While Committing a Felony	Felony	H2813		MN0271100	21158022
	Modifier	7/17/2021	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2813		MN0271100	21158022
	Penalty	7/17/2021	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	H2813		MN0271100	21158022
	Penalty	7/17/2021	609.19.2(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - Without Intent - While Committing a Felony	Felony	H2813		MN0271100	21158022