

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 19A11268
Court File No. 27-CR-19-22645

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,
vs.

COMPLAINT
Summons
 Amended

ERIK KRAVCHUK DOB: 06/18/1991
5100 WAYZATA BLVD
#417E
GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55416
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 - Without Intent - While Committing a Felony

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.2(1), with reference to: 609.19.2(1)

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/28/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19224134

Charge Description: That on or about 7/28/2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Erik Kravchuk, did without intent to effect the death of any person, cause the death of victim, a human being, while committing or attempting to commit the felony offense of Assault in the Third Degree.

COUNT II

Charge: Manslaughter - 1st Degree - While Committing Gross Misdemeanor/Misdemeanor with Violence.

Minnesota Statute: 609.20(2), with reference to: 609.20

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/28/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19224134

Charge Description: That on or about 7/28/2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Erik Kravchuk, caused the death of victim, while violating Minn. Stat. 609.224, or while committing or attempting to commit the misdemeanor crime of Assault in the Fifth Degree with such force and violence that death or great bodily harm to any person was reasonably foreseeable.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

That on July 29, 2019, at approximately 4:02 p.m., officers were dispatched to Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC) to investigate an assault. Upon arrival, officers spoke with an identified adult male, hereafter Witness #1. Witness #1 reported he is friends with A.T.S., hereafter victim. Witness #1 reported victim was admitted to HCMC for a head injury. Witness #1 reported victim attended a get together at a bar located at 10 South Fifth Street in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota on the night of July 28, 2019, was found unconscious on the floor, and admitted to HCMC for a possible brain injury.

Officers learned the get together at the bar was an organized ethnic event and that a roster of participants was available from event organizers. Officers obtained this information. Officers also contacted bar management and obtained surveillance video from multiple angles within and outside the bar. Officers also obtained credit card transaction history for the bar that night.

Video surveillance revealed the following:

1. From video surveillance inside the bar: On July 28, 2019, at approximately 1:36 a.m., victim is observed inside the bar. Victim walks towards a male, subsequently identified as ERIK KRAVCHUK, hereafter defendant. Victim does not appear aggressive and no sign of conflict is apparent. As victim nears defendant, defendant suddenly and violently "head-butts" victim. Defendant's forehead appears to make direct contact with victim's forehead/face. Victim appears to be immediately knocked unconscious, falls backwards, and strikes his head on the floor. Defendant walks away. Officers made note of defendant's physique, facial features, hairline, beard, and unique clothing.

2. From video surveillance outside the bar: Officers observed defendant entering the bar and going through security in the late evening hours of July 27, 2019. Officers noted the individual recorded in this video looks and is dressed identical to the individual who assaulted victim as detailed in the previous paragraph.

3. From video surveillance inside the bar: Officers observed defendant signing a credit card receipt at the bar on July 28, 2019, at approximately 1:00 a.m. Again, the individual recorded in this video looks and is dressed identical to the individual who assaulted victim as detailed in the prior paragraph.

As noted, officers obtained credit card transaction history from the bar and identified the credit card used in the transaction described in the preceding paragraph. This credit card was registered to a company owned by defendant. Officers then obtained a photograph of defendant and circulated it to attendees at the function. Attendees identified the photograph as that of defendant.

Officers learned victim was hospitalized at HCMC with a brain injury. Victim did not recover from this injury and died at the hospital on August 23, 2019. An autopsy revealed the following: victim sustained multiple fractures to the base of his skull (in the rear) that were consistent with falling backwards and striking his head; impact forces caused a substantial subdural hematoma to form within victim's skull; this hematoma caused a notable mid-line shift of defendant's brain within the skull; and surgical efforts to relieve the pressure caused by the hematoma were ultimately unsuccessful in saving victim's life.

Officers located and arrested defendant. Defendant was read the Miranda warning and agreed to speak with officers. Defendant admitted he was at the bar in question on July 27-28, 2019. Defendant was advised an assault occurred and a patron was seriously injured. When asked if he was involved in any

confrontations, defendant asked what evidence officers possessed. Officers summarized the incident and defendant asked to see video evidence. Officers showed defendant video of him entering the bar (see paragraph labeled #2, above). Defendant admitted this was him entering the bar. Officers then showed defendant video of him signing a credit card receipt (see paragraph labeled #3, above). Defendant admitted this was him signing the credit card receipt. Officers then showed defendant video of him "head-butting" victim (see paragraph labeled #1, above). Defendant stated he did not know the victim depicted in the video and refused to acknowledge that it was him on video "head butting" victim. Officers then advised defendant that victim died as a result of injuries sustained from the assault. Defendant invoked his right to counsel and the interview was terminated.

Defendant was originally charged in-custody via complaint. The present filing is an amended complaint reflecting new/additional charge(s). The probable cause portion has also been amended, adding information derived from the autopsy.

At present, defendant is not 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

Dean Christiansen
Sgt
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Badge: 1099

Electronically Signed:
01/29/2020 09:21 AM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Darren Borg
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
01/29/2020 09:18 AM

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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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: \$

Conditions of Release: Bail remains as previously ordered.

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: January 29, 2020.

Judicial Officer

Jeannice M. Reding
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 01/29/2020 10:14 AM

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Erik Kravchuk

Defendant

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE
*I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this
Summons upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Name: Erik Kravchuk
DOB: 06/18/1991
Address: 5100 WAYZATA BLVD
#417E
GOLDEN VALLEY, MN 55416

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN12FB0110

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 #: 733575

SILS Tracking No. 3126676

Case Scheduling Information: Case is assigned to Judge Quam. This is an amended complaint adding an additional charge with additions to the PC statement as well. Court and defense counsel have been notified amended complaint is forthcoming. Next court date is: Contested OH: February 26, 2020 at 1000. Trial: May 26, 2020 at 9

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	7/28/2019	609.19.2(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - Without Intent - While Committing a Felony	Felony	H2853		MN0271100	19224134
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2	Charge	7/28/2019	609.20(2) Manslaughter - 1st Degree - While Committing Gross Misdemeanor/Misdemeanor with Violence.	Felony	H4953		MN0271100	19224134
	Penalty	7/28/2019	609.20 Manslaughter - 1st Degree	Felony	H4953		MN0271100	19224134