

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 19A15017
Court File No. 27-CR-20-6664

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Warrant

vs.

DERRICK DEWAYNE BLANTON DOB: 05/08/1981

4447 17th Avenue South
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: 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: Forty years.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/21/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19214413

Charge Description: That on or about July 21, 2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, DERRICK DEWAYNE BLANTON, caused the death of G.H., a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation, while using or possessing a firearm.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On or about July 21, 2019, at approximately 12:24 a.m. officers with the Minneapolis Police Department were dispatched to a residence located at 1509 Plymouth Avenue North, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, on the report of a shooting. Upon arrival, officers observed the adult male victim G.H. lying deceased on the ground near the back steps of the residence. Officers observed the victim suffered multiple gunshot wounds to the chest area.

Investigators spoke to witness X. Witness X informed investigators he/she was in the area and witnessed the shooting. Witness X knows the shooter and positively identified the shooter as DERRICK DEWAYNE BLANTON, Defendant herein. Witness X informed officers the victim had just returned home and was carrying groceries into his residence when Defendant exited a black Chrysler 300, ran up to the victim and fired multiple shots at the victim. Witness X provided investigators with a detailed description of the distinctive clothing Defendant was wearing at the time of shooting. Witness X was administered a six-person sequential photo line-up by investigators. Witness X positively identified Defendant as the shooter.

Officers spoke to Witness Y. Witness Y informed officers he/she was sitting on the back steps of 1511 Plymouth Avenue North talking with a friend. Witness Y saw the victim park his vehicle and walk up to the rear of his address. The victim stopped to talk with Witness Y's friend when a male ran up and fired multiple shots at the victim while he stood at the steps of his residence. Witness Y described the shooter as a black male and approximately 20 to 30 years old with a short fade haircut.

Investigators spoke to Witness Z. Witness Z informed investigators shortly after the murder Defendant arrived at Witness Z's residence carrying clothes with purchase tags still attached. Defendant asked to use Witness Z's bathroom to take a bath. Defendant then placed the clothes he was wearing inside a plastic bag and told Witness Z to dispose of the clothes in the dumpster behind the apartment building. Witness Z disposed of the clothes for Defendant. Defendant told Witness Z he had gotten into a fight with another male in north Minneapolis and hit the male in the head with a gun.

Investigators reviewed video surveillance from the scene of the shooting. Video surveillance captures the victim parking his car, retrieving groceries from his vehicle and walking toward his residence. Video surveillance then captures Defendant run towards the victim, fire a gun multiple times at the victim and then flee the area.

Investigators reviewed video surveillance from Witness Z's apartment building. Video surveillance captures Defendant arriving at Witness Z's residence in a black colored vehicle. Defendant is wearing the same distinctive clothing he wore during the shooting. Defendant is also observed carrying a backpack and additional clothing. Witness Z is subsequently observed throwing a black plastic bag into a dumpster behind the apartment building. Witness Z confirmed the contents of the bag was clothing previously worn by Defendant when he first arrived at Witness Z's residence. Witness Z also confirmed Defendant routinely drives a black Chrysler 300.

Defendant has a pending Murder in the Second Degree case (27-CR-19-20478) and is set for trial on March 30, 2020.

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

Christopher Gaiters
Sergeant
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Badge: 2189

Electronically Signed:
03/12/2020 11:24 AM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Dominick Mathews
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
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Electronically Signed:
03/12/2020 09:15 AM

DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Name: DERRICK DEWAYNE BLANTON
DOB: 05/08/1981
Address: 4447 17th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Alias Names/DOB:
SID:
Height:
Weight:
Eye Color:
Hair Color:
Gender: MALE
Race: Black
Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes
Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: No
Driver's License #:
SILS Person ID #: 525157
SILS Tracking No. 3143978
Case Scheduling Information: Defendant has a pending Murder in the Second Degree case (27-CR-19-20478). Defendant is set for trial in front of Judge Tamara Garcia on March 30, 2020.

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	7/21/2019	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2012		MN0271100	19214413
	Modifier	7/21/2019	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2012		MN0271100	19214413
	Penalty	7/21/2019	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2012		MN0271100	19214413
	Penalty	7/21/2019	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	H2012		MN0271100	19214413