

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 20A03191
Court File No. 27-CR-20-6206

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

STEPHANIE LOUISE CLARK DOB: 08/23/1990

6262 MAGDA DRIVE
#A
MAPLE GROVE, MN 55369
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): 03/05/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20003057

Charge Description: That on or about 3/5/2020, in Maple Grove, Hennepin County, Minnesota, STEPHANIE LOUISE CLARK, 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

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

On March 5, 2020 at 5:59 p.m., officers were dispatched to 6262 Magda Drive, Apartment A, Maple Grove, Hennepin County, Minnesota, on a report of shooting. Witness 1 had reported hearing loud bangs from a nearby apartment and then after a few minutes heard knocking on her door. Witness 1 reported, STEPHANIE LOUISE CLARK, DOB: 8/23/1990, Defendant herein, was outside of her door and was crying. Defendant was with her minor son, Witness 2. Defendant told Witness 1, "he's dead." Witness 1 then called 911. Witness 1 tried to comfort Defendant who was crouched the ground. Defendant said, "I shot him because he hit me." When officers arrived, they located defendant near the main door of the apartment complex.

Officers entered Apartment A and detected the strong odor of gunpowder. They could also smell the odor of burnt marijuana inside the unit. Officers located an adult male Victim, in the back-right bedroom with what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the head. Victim was laying on his back between the bed and the wall. There was a pool of blood under Victim's head. Victim was pronounced dead at the scene. Victim was identified and determined to be Defendant's boyfriend.

Officers conducted a protective sweep and located five firearms in the apartment. Two revolvers were found lying on the couch in the main living room. One revolver was a black 22 double-barrel double action revolver Thunderstruck. Two rounds fired with each pull of the trigger for a total of 8 rounds. The second revolver was a black and red 380 revolver that holds a total of 5 rounds. A large Taurus silver revolver with a black and red handle was located on the bed in the master bedroom. On the nightstand by the bed in the master bedroom was two black revolvers.

Officers observed a half-eaten sandwich on a kid's s plate on the kitchen table. The investigation determined, Witness 2, Defendant's five year old child, was present in the apartment at the time of the homicide.

The preliminary medical examination determined Victim had numerous bullet holes on his back, side and back of his head.

Once in custody Defendant complained about her back hurting from Victim assaulting her. Officers observed Defendant had a bruise on the left side of the middle of her back.

In a post-Miranda interview, Defendant stated earlier in the day, Victim had confronted her about talking to a male inside of a store. When they got home, Victim began to assault her and punched her in the stomach and back. Defendant left to pick-up her son, Witness 2, and then returned to the apartment. When Defendant returned, the argument continued. Victim started to walk in the the bedroom and Defendant began following him holding the 22 double-barrel action revolver. Once in the bedroom, Victim turned around to face Defendant and she shot him in the chest. Defendant thought seven-to-eight bullets hit him in the chest. Victim fell on the bed and then rolled on the floor. The 22 double-barrel action ran out of bullets, so she grabbed the 380 revolver and shot Victim in the head. Defendant said she, "wanted him to stop talking," so she shot him in the head. Defendant then shot Victim in the head one-to-two times more. Defendant then went out to the kitchen where Witness 2 was. Defendant and Witness 2 then left the apartment to get help.

Defendant is 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

Melissa Parker
Police Officer
12800 Arbor Lakes Pkwy
Maple Grove, MN 55311
Badge: 106

Electronically Signed:
03/06/2020 03:57 PM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Jacqueline Bailey
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
03/06/2020 03:55 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.

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 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: March 6, 2020.

Judicial Officer

Karen A. Janisch
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 03/06/2020 04:01 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.

STEPHANIE LOUISE CLARK

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: STEPHANIE LOUISE CLARK
DOB: 08/23/1990
Address: 6262 MAGDA DRIVE
#A
MAPLE GROVE, MN 55369

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN20CB2944

Height:

Weight:

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender: FEMALE

Race: White

Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: Yes

Driver's License #:

SILS Person ID #: 877560

SILS Tracking No. 3162439

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	3/5/2020	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2012		MN0272700	20003057
	Modifier	3/5/2020	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2012		MN0272700	20003057
	Penalty	3/5/2020	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2012		MN0272700	20003057
	Penalty	3/5/2020	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	H2012		MN0272700	20003057