

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 21A11488
Court File No. 27-CR-21-20626

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

IVAN CONTRERAS-SANCHEZ DOB: 04/11/1981

3214 Irving Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55411

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: 609.05.1, 609.05.2, 609.19.1, 609.11.9

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/27/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21069862

Charge Description: That on or about March 27, 2021, in Minneapolis in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Ivan Contreras-Sanchez, acting alone or intentionally aiding, advising, hiring, counseling or conspiring with another caused the death of M.M., a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation.

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), 609.05.1, 609.05.2

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/27/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21069862

Charge Description: That on or about March 27, 2021, in Minneapolis in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Ivan Cntreras-Sanchez, acting alone or intentionally aiding, advising, hiring, counseling or conspiring with another did without intent to effect the death of any person, cause the death of M.M., a human being, while committing or attempting to commit the felony offense of Assault.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On April 4, 2021, family members of victim M.M. walked into the Minneapolis Police Department 5th Precinct to report that he was missing. According to his family, M.M. was last seen at approximately 6:00 p.m. on March 27, 2021. The family had been told by people at a homeless camp that M.M. had gotten into a fight with another male and was hit over the head with a shovel, killing him.

On April 26, 2021, M.M.'s body was found in a farming culvert in Dakota County. M.M.'s hands were bound behind his back and a nail was observed in the back heel of one of his feet.

A geo fence search warrant was obtained for the immediate area covering the culvert where M.M.'s body was found. The search warrant results showed that on March 29, 2021 at 8:28 p.m. a device was located in the immediate area of M.M.'s body. Device ID was linked to the email address flamas81sanchez@gmail.com. Subscriber information for this email account showed the possible subscriber to be IVAN CONTRERAS-SANCHEZ, Defendant herein. Location history for the device showed that prior to traveling to the culvert, it had stopped at a Speedway gas station in Inver Grove Heights at approximately 7:36 p.m.. Investigators from the Dakota County Sheriff's Office were able to obtain digital evidence from the Speedway that showed two vehicles arriving together, a black Chevrolet Malibu Maxx and a light colored SUV that is believed to be a Honda CRV. Two Hispanic males enter the store and one of them purchases a Lipton Brisk fruit punch. It should be noted that an unopened bottle of Lipton Frisk fruit punch was found by M.M.'s body. Court records indicate that in February of 2021, the Defendant was cited for driving without a license in a dark colored Chevrolet Malibu Max.

Additional location history from the Defendant's gmail account showed that he geo-located at 3214 Irving Avenue North in Minneapolis several times. On June 19, 2021, Sgt. Olson with the Minneapolis Police Department went to 3214 Irving Avenue North and observed a black Chevrolet Malibu Maxx in the rear of the address. The Defendant was observed outside working on the car. Sgt. Olson observed that the interior of the vehicle had been gutted and had the vehicle towed to the forensic lot.

During the course of this investigation, investigators spoke to a confidential informant who told them that a female named Tammy had confessed to helping move M.M.'s body. According to details given by Tammy, M.M. was killed at a house at 36th and 4th in Minneapolis, Hennepin County on March 29, 2021. One of the males involved went by the street name Chilango but his real name was Evan or Ivan. Based on information obtained, investigators believed that M.M. had been killed at 425 36th Street in Minneapolis, Hennepin County. Consent was given by the owner to search this residence. During the search, MPD Crime Lab found what appeared to be blood spatter in the basement on the water heater, walls near the stairs. Samples were collected and sent to the BCA for analysis. Testing showed the presence of human blood, however there was insufficient genetic material to determine the source of the DNA.

Investigators also spoke to B.F. as part of this investigation. B.F. was the former renter of 425 36th Street in Minneapolis and had been renting that home at the time M.M. was killed. B.F. told investigators she had been staying with her mother around that time and was not there, but had heard that M.M. had been killed at that residence. B.F. told officers that people had told her that Chilango and Old man Victor had beaten M.M. up. Since then Chilango had been threatening everyone and people were scared of him. B.F. also said that Chilango was known to drive a black car. B.F. was shown a confirmatory photo of the Defendant and she identified the photo as Chilango.

On November 2, 2021, officers went to 3214 Irving Avenue North and observed the Defendant coming out of his garage. Officers asked the Defendant if his email address was still flamas81sanchez@gmail.com and he said it was. The Defendant was taken into custody. During a post-Miranda, taped statement, the Defendant initially denied any involvement in the murder of M.M. After being shown a photo of M.M., the Defendant then said that he had been in a fight with him about 20 days prior to the incident, but that was it. Throughout the course of the interview, the Defendant continued to deny having any knowledge about the murder, then eventually admitted that he was the driver of the Chevrolet Malibu Maxx that was used to transport M.M.'s body. He also confirmed that people do call him Chilango.

The Defendant eventually stated that he observed the M.M. get assaulted by multiple people at 425 36th St and observed one of the males take a hammer to the victim's hand and one male hit him on the head with a pipe. He admitted that he observed Edgar and a younger male bring a "bundle" downstairs which he thought they put in his vehicle. Afterwards he drove them down to the farm Culvert and they took the bundle out of his car, put it in a wheel barrel and transported it over to the culvert. The Defendant admitted that it was "simple to figure out what happened" when he observed this.

At the end of the interview the Defendant told investigators that he had videos on his phone that he wanted to show them. The videos were of the Defendant recording the M.M. after he was beaten severely with his eyes swollen shut and blood covering his clothes and face. In one video, the Defendant was the only one speaking to M.M. and the other males around him are quiet. During that video M.M. can be seen wearing a blue hat. The following conversation takes place:

Defendant: That's what you get for being a snitch, right?

Blue Hat: (unintelligible)

Defendant: That's what you get for being a snitch, yes or no?

Blue Hat: Yeah, man.

Defendant: Why?

Blue Hat: For being a liar, man.

Defendant: Thank you. Alright gentlemen, well, here we are. You all know...you be the judge. You all know that people who are fucking snitches don't belong any fucking place.

An autopsy was performed on M.M.'s body at the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office. According to their findings, M.M. had trauma to his face as lacerations. He also had fractured ribs on both sides of his body, a fractured left hand and a nail in his heel that went into the bone. The Medical Examiner's Office concluded that M.M.'s cause of death was blunt trauma and his manner of death was homicide.

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

Mark Suchta
Sergeant
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Badge: 6995

Electronically Signed:
11/05/2021 12:03 PM
Hennepin County, suchtmj0

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Krista White
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
11/05/2021 11:59 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 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:

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: November 5, 2021.

Judicial Officer

Laura Thomas
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 11/05/2021 12:04 PM

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

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STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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Plaintiff

vs.

Ivan Contreras-Sanchez

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: Ivan Contreras-Sanchez
DOB: 04/11/1981
Address: 3214 Irving Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55411

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN15JJ2662

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 #: 731998

SILS Tracking No. 3251539

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	3/27/2021	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2H42	X	MN0271100	21069862
	Penalty	3/27/2021	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2H42	X	MN0271100	21069862
	Modifier	3/27/2021	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2H42	X	MN0271100	21069862
	Modifier	3/27/2021	609.05.1 Liability for Crimes of Another-Intentional	No-Level	H2H42	X	MN0271100	21069862
	Modifier	3/27/2021	609.05.2 Liability for Crimes of Another-Reasonably Forseeable	No-Level	H2H42	X	MN0271100	21069862
2	Charge	3/27/2021	609.19.2(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - Without Intent - While Committing a Felony	Felony	H2H42	X	MN0271100	21069862
	Modifier	3/27/2021	609.05.2 Liability for Crimes of Another-Reasonably Forseeable	No-Level	H2H42	X	MN0271100	21069862
	Modifier	3/27/2021	609.05.1 Liability for Crimes of Another-Intentional	No-Level	H2H42	X	MN0271100	21069862
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