

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 21A02668
Court File No. 27-CR-21-5498

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Warrant

vs.

GREGORY DONNELL STARR-TAYLOR DOB: 06/02/1990

9630 37th Place
Apt 103
Plymouth, MN 55441

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): 02/21/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21036724

Charge Description: That on or about February 21, 2021, in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, GREGORY DONNELL STARR-TAYLOR, caused the death of Victim, a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, while using a firearm.

Minimum Sentence: 3 YEARS

COUNT II

Charge: Murder - 2nd Degree - Drive-by Shooting

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.1(2), with reference to: 609.11.5(a), 609.19.1

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/21/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21036724

Charge Description: That on or about February 21, 2021, in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, GREGORY DONNELL STARR-TAYLOR, caused the death of Victim, a human being, while GREGORY DONNELL STARR-TAYLOR committed or attempted to commit a drive-by shooting in violation of Minn. Stat. 609.66, Subd. 1e 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 February 21, 2021, at approximately 2:50 p.m., Officers responded to the intersection of Lowry Avenue North and 2nd St NE in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in Hennepin County, on a report of a minivan that had crashed into a streetlight. First responders immediately observed that the driver, an identified male (hereafter "VICTIM") had sustained gunshot injuries to the upper torso, neck, and arm. Victim was transported to HCMC and was pronounced dead due to the gunshot wounds. Inside the vehicle, Officers observed an open bag of leafy marijuana and a scale.

Officers spoke to Witness 1, who observed an interaction between Victim and a suspect in a White Tahoe just prior to the shooting. He observed the White Tahoe pull up beside Victim's vehicle, heard a brief argument, and then heard three shots fired at Victim's vehicle. After the shots, Victim did a U-Turn and drove west, crashing his vehicle soon after. The suspect's vehicle is identifiable on surveillance cameras fleeing the scene in the opposite direction.

Officers spoke with an identified female, Witness 2, who had been dating Victim for approximately six months before the shooting. Witness 2 said that approximately 60-90 minutes before the shooting, a male driving the suspect vehicle approached her at an intersection in North Minneapolis looking for Victim. Witness 2 was presented a photo line-up in which she identified this male as Gregory Donnell Starr-Taylor, DOB 6/2/1990 ("Defendant"). Witness 2 told Officers that Defendant was angry with Victim for owing him money and said that Defendant and Victim had a conflict regarding Victim's sexual partners. Officers recovered text message and other phone evidence suggesting that Defendant was pursuing Victim with the intent to cause him harm.

Analysis of Defendant's phone records place him at the scene within three minutes of the murder, and then track him driving to the mother of his child's house in St. Paul immediately after. After the murder, Defendant changed his phone number and later denied to police that he ever had that number. When Officers went to Defendant's home on March 11, 2021, they located the suspect vehicle in the parking lot.

In a post-Miranda statement, Defendant admitted that he met Victim approximately six months ago. He said that he bought marijuana from him and they saw each other on a near-daily basis. Defendant admitted that the car in the surveillance video appeared to be his, but he denied that he was involved in the homicide and said he had no knowledge of it.

Defendant is currently in custody on a probation violation. Therefore, a rush warrant is requested.

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

James R Jensen
Sergeant
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Badge: 3282

Electronically Signed:
03/19/2021 02:04 PM
Hennepin County, jensejr0

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Anna Petosky
Assistant County Attorney
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
03/19/2021 01:58 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: March 19, 2021.

Judicial Officer

Luis Bartolomei
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 03/19/2021 02:51 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.

GREGORY DONNELL STARR-TAYLOR

Defendant

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

Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Name: GREGORY DONNELL STARR-TAYLOR
DOB: 06/02/1990
Address: 9630 37th Place
Apt 103
Plymouth, MN 55441

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN08BE1224

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 #: 644061

SILS Tracking No. 3218486

Case Scheduling Information: *RUSH WARRANT* Defendant is currently in custody on another matter for a probation violation. Please serve defendant at the jail.

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 | 2/21/2021 | 609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated | Felony | H2012 | | MN0271100 | 21036724 |
| | Modifier | 2/21/2021 | 609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses | No-Level | H2012 | | MN0271100 | 21036724 |
| | Penalty | 2/21/2021 | 609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree | Felony | H2012 | | MN0271100 | 21036724 |
| | Penalty | 2/21/2021 | 609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession | Felony | H2012 | | MN0271100 | 21036724 |
| 2 | Charge | 2/21/2021 | 609.19.1(2) Murder - 2nd Degree - Drive-by Shooting | Felony | H2812 | | MN0271100 | 21036724 |
| | Penalty | 2/21/2021 | 609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree | Felony | H2812 | | MN0271100 | 21036724 |
| | Penalty | 2/21/2021 | 609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession | Felony | H2812 | | MN0271100 | 21036724 |