

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 22A01629
Court File No. 27-CR-22-2947

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

EDGAR DANIELLO MARTINEZ-MONTEZ DOB: 12/31/1985

NPA

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: 609.05.1, 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 to March 29, 2021, in Minneapolis, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Edgar Daniello Martinez-Montez, acting alone or intentionally aiding, advising, hiring, counseling or conspiring with another caused the death of victim 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 to March 29, 2021, in Minneapolis, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Edgar Daniello Martinez-Montez, 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 victim 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 Fifth 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.

Subsequent investigation showed that on March 29, 2021 at approximately 8:28 p.m. a cell phone owned by Ivan Contreras-Sanchez had been in the immediate area of the culvert where M.M.'s body was found. The cell phone information also showed the cell phone at the Speedway gas station in Inver Grove Heights at approximately 7:36 p.m. that same day. Investigators reviewed video from the Speedway and observed two vehicles arriving at the gas station together, a light-colored Honda CRV and a black Chevrolet Malibu Maxx. Court records show that Contreras-Sanchez was cited for driving without a license in February of 2021 in a dark colored Chevrolet Maxx. Officers located and towed a black Chevrolet Malibu Maxx from the rear of 3214 Irving Avenue North in Minneapolis. At the time, Contreras-Sanchez was also present and had gutted the interior of the vehicle. Contreras-Sanchez was taken into custody on November 2, 2021, and in a post-Miranda, taped statement he admitted that he was present at 425 36th Street in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, with victim M.M. and observed several people beating victim M.M. Contreras-Sanchez identified two of the males who were beating M.M. as ARTURO MORALES-CERAS (defendant Morales-Ceras hereinafter) and EDGAR DANIELLO MARTINEZ-MONTEZ (Defendant Martinez-Montez hereinafter). There were also several others present at the residence, including Morales-Ceras' girlfriend, TOMASA LESHAE MARTINEZ, (hereinafter Defendant Tomasa Martinez)

On November 5, 2021, Defendant Tomasa Martinez and Defendant Morales-Ceras were both located and taken into custody. In a post-Miranda, taped statement, Defendant Morales-Ceras admitted to investigators that he went to a tent encampment at 5th Avenue South and Lake Street in Minneapolis with Ivan Contreras-Sanchez and that they located victim M.M. there. Contreras-Sanchez then forced victim M.M. into his black Chevrolet Malibu Maxx at gunpoint. Defendant Morales-Ceras suggested taking victim M.M. to the residence at 425 36th Street in Minneapolis. When they arrived, victim M.M. was taken into the basement. Both Defendant Morales-Ceras, Defendant Martinez-Montez and Contreras-Sanchez were present in the basement along with several other people. Defendant Morales-Ceras admitted that he kicked victim M.M. and stated that everyone in the basement kicked and hit victim M.M. at the direction of Contreras-Sanchez. Defendant Morales-Ceras admitted that while in the basement he used a hammer to pound a roofing nail into the bone of victim M.M.'s foot/heel. Victim M.M. was then taken to the main floor of the residence where Defendant Morales-Ceras and Contreras-Sanchez interrogated him about working with the police and being a snitch. While this was happening, Defendant Morales-Ceras was holding a hammer and using it to intimidate victim M.M. Victim M.M. was then moved to the second floor of the residence and Defendant Morales-Ceras admitted that after some time he and Defendant Martinez brought him out of the house. According to Defendant Morales-Ceras, victim M.M. was in very bad shape and had a hard time walking, but he was still alive. Victim M.M. was wrapped in plastic and placed in the way back hatch area of the Malibu Maxx. Defendant Morales-Ceras, Contreras-Sanchez and Defendant Tomasa Martinez all got in the vehicle and drove south. Defendant Tomasa Martinez was driving. At some point while they were driving, Contreras-Sanchez, who was in the back seat, told them that victim M.M. had died.

Defendant Morales-Ceras told investigators that they then met up with another vehicle. The occupants of that vehicle were "Miestro" and "old man Victor" (Victor Manuel Gurrero). At that point, there were two vehicles, the Malibu Maxx and a silver Honda CRV. They then drove around looking for a place where there was water and talked about finding a place to dump victim M.M.'s body. Video from a Speedway in Inver grove Heights show the two vehicles stop just prior to dumping M.M.'s body. Surveillance video from the Speedway shows Defendant Martinez-Montez and another male identified as Victor Guerro go inside the store where one of them purchases a Lipton Brisk Fruit Punch. An unopened Lipton Brisk Fruit Punch was found by M.M.'s body in the culvert.

During the course of this investigation, officers were provided three videos by Contreras-Sanchez. In one video an unknown person can be seen with their arm wrapped around victim M.M.'s neck. The person is identified by Contreras-Sanchez as Defendant Morales-Ceras. In another video, a male in a sweatshirt comes into camera view and waives a hammer at victim M.M. That male is also identified as Defendant Morales-Ceras. In a third video M.M. is seen crying, his face is bloody, and he is out of breath. There are several males around him, including Defendant Martinez-Montez.

In a post-Miranda, taped statement, Defendant Martinez-Montez gave multiple versions of the events surrounding the murder of M.M. During the course of his interview, Defendant Martinez-Montez admitted that it was him in the still photos from Speedway. He also identified himself from a still image of the third video that was taken from Contreras-Sanchez's phone showing M.M. bloody and surrounded by several males. After denying any involvement and being confronted with contradictory evidence multiple times, Defendant Martinez-Montez finally admitted that he was in the basement when M.M. was beaten and that the beating lasted approximately 2-3 hours. Defendant Martinez-Montez also admitted that he held M.M.'s hands behind his back while another male tied them together with a cord. Defendant told officers that M.M. walked out to the car on his own and that he could feel M.M. moving around while he was in the back. M.M. died at some point when they were in the car. Defendant Martinez-Montez also admitted to officers that when they arrived at the culvert, he pushed M.M.'s body out of the car and then watched as two other males pulled M.M.'s body down to the ditch towards the culvert.

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.

Defendant is currently 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

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

Electronically Signed:
02/15/2022 12:03 PM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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:
02/15/2022 11:54 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: February 15, 2022.

Judicial Officer

Laurie Miller
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 02/15/2022 12:13 PM

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

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EDGAR DANIELLO MARTINEZ-MONTEZ

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: EDGAR DANIELLO MARTINEZ-MONTEZ
DOB: 12/31/1985
Address: NPA
Alias Names/DOB: Edgar Danello Martinez-Montez DOB: 12/31/1985
SID: MN10D27943
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 #: 677898
SILS Tracking No. 3264158
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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