

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 21A04752
Court File No. 27-CR-21-9018

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JEROME ANTHONY WOODLAND DOB: 08/04/1967

435 RIDGEWOOD AVE
Minneapolis, MN 55403

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 - Without Intent - While Committing a Felony

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.2(1), with reference to: 609.19.2(1)

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/07/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21072265

Charge Description: That on or about 4/7/2021, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, JEROME ANTHONY WOODLAND, did without intent to effect the death of any person, cause the death of victim, a human being, while committing or attempting to commit the felony offense.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On April 7, 2021, Minneapolis police were dispatched to an address on the 400 block of Ridgewood Avenue in the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County on reports of a bleeding female. The initial caller was panicked, screaming, and did not provide any information about what had occurred. In a follow up call by a second caller, a known adult male, hereinafter Witness 1, reported to police that a woman was bleeding in his bathroom and he believed she was dying.

Police arrived on scene and met with Witness 1 who was sitting in his living room in stocking feet. Bloody shoe prints were visible in the home. A known adult female, hereinafter Victim, was located in a rear room of the house with a visible stab wound to the chest. A bloodied butcher knife was located nearby. Victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

Through investigation, police learned that Witness 1 was the homeowner and that he had been allowing JEROME ANTHONY WOODLAND, 8/4/67, the Defendant herein, to stay at his home in recent weeks. On April 7, 2021, Defendant was at the home with Witness 1 and Victim. Witness 1 stated he left the home to go to a doctor's appointment and when he returned, Victim was injured in the back room. Initially, Witness 1 did not indicate Defendant was still in the home when he came back from the doctor but later Witness 1 confirmed Defendant was in the home and that Defendant was on the phone with 911 when Witness 1 arrived home. Defendant then fled out the back door and told Witness 1 to call for an ambulance. A neighbor reported to police that they observed Defendant running from the address shortly after hearing shrieks coming from the residence.

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner concluded that Victim died as a result of a blunt force traumatic injury to her chest region.

Defendant was not immediately apprehended. Police interviewed at least two witnesses who had contact with Defendant after Victim's death while Defendant was wanted by police. Witness 2 reported to police that Defendant told her that he and Victim argued and Victim "fell" on the knife causing her death. Witness 2 also stated Defendant told her he planned to attempt a "suicide by cop." Witness 3 reported that Defendant told her over the phone that he was in trouble and that he really messed up. Defendant told Witness 3 that he and Victim had been fighting and that during the course of the fight that he was backing away from Victim and that she tripped and "the knife went in her."

Defendant is currently in custody at the Hennepin County Jail.

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	Marcus Benner Sergeant 350 S 5th St Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389 Badge: 000404	Electronically Signed: 05/11/2021 12:17 PM Hennepin County, bennems0
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Being authorized to prosecute the offenses charged, I approve this complaint.

Prosecuting Attorney	Rachel Kraker 300 S 6th St Minneapolis, MN 55487 (612) 348-5550	Electronically Signed: 05/11/2021 11:59 AM
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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.

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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: May 11, 2021.

Judicial Officer

Luis Bartolomei
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/11/2021 12:21 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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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.

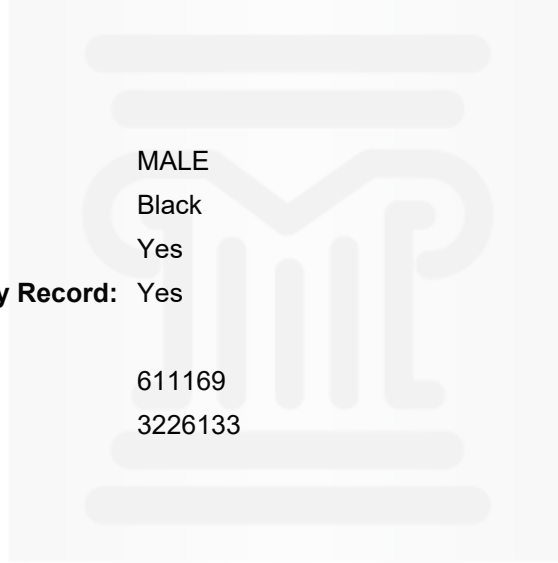
Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Name: JEROME ANTHONY WOODLAND
DOB: 08/04/1967
Address: 435 RIDGEWOOD AVE
 Minneapolis, MN 55403

Alias Names/DOB: Jerome Anthony Woodland Sr DOB: 8/4/1967
SID: MN07093638

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 #: 611169
SILS Tracking No. 3226133
Alcohol Concentration:



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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	4/7/2021	609.19.2(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - Without Intent - While Committing a Felony	Felony	H2831		MN0271100	21072265
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