

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 23A04998  
Court File No. 27-CR-23-9342

**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**DEMETRIUS LAMAR HARRIS DOB: 10/16/1994**

4301 Oregon Ave N Apt 307  
New Hope, MN 55428

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): 05/02/2023

Control #(ICR#): 23001661

Charge Description: That on or about 5/2/2023, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, DEMETRIUS LAMAR HARRIS, 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 of assault in the second degree.

**STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

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

On May 2, 2023, at approximately 9:30 p.m., officers were dispatched to an apartment building parking lot located at 4570 58th Avenue North, Brooklyn Center, Hennepin County, Minnesota, on a report of a confrontation between two males resulting in one of the men needing emergency medical attention for a stab wound. Responding officers located the injured man, Victim herein, who was unconscious with a stab wound to his abdomen. Victim was immediately transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The initial report from the medical examiner indicates that a sharp object punctured Victim's abdomen causing a fatal perforation to an artery.

Officers spoke with Witness, Victim's sister. Witness stated that Victim had been fighting with Witness's child's father, DEMETRIUS LAMAR HARRIS, Defendant, when he was stabbed. Witness explained that although she and Defendant were no longer romantically involved, she was cordial with him because he is the father of her infant. Witness stated that Defendant had come over to her apartment that evening, and during the course of the evening, Witness received a call from another man on her phone, which upset Defendant. Defendant began yelling and swearing at Witness and punched her on the right side of her face two times. Witness told Defendant to leave the apartment, but he refused, so Witness called her brother, Victim, for help, and Victim told her he was on his way over. Witness threw Defendant's property into the apartment hallway and locked him out of the apartment when he went into the hall.

Witness called Victim, who stated he was outside the apartment building in the parking lot, and Witness went out to meet Victim. Defendant came from between the apartment building's garages, and Victim confronted him about hitting his sister. Witness stated that Victim and Defendant began throwing punches at each other but were not actually making contact with the punches. Witness stated that she looked down at her phone to call another of her brothers, and when she looked up again, she saw Victim laying on the ground. Witness stated that Defendant told her to check on Victim and make sure he was okay, and to call an ambulance. Defendant ran away.

Responding officers searched in the area for Defendant but did not locate him until a resident of a nearby apartment building called to report an unwanted person in the building at approximately midnight. Officers made entry to the building, eventually locating Defendant in the laundry room on the ground floor and arrested him.

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**

Joshua G Whittenburg  
Officer  
6645 Humboldt Avenue N  
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430  
Badge: 145

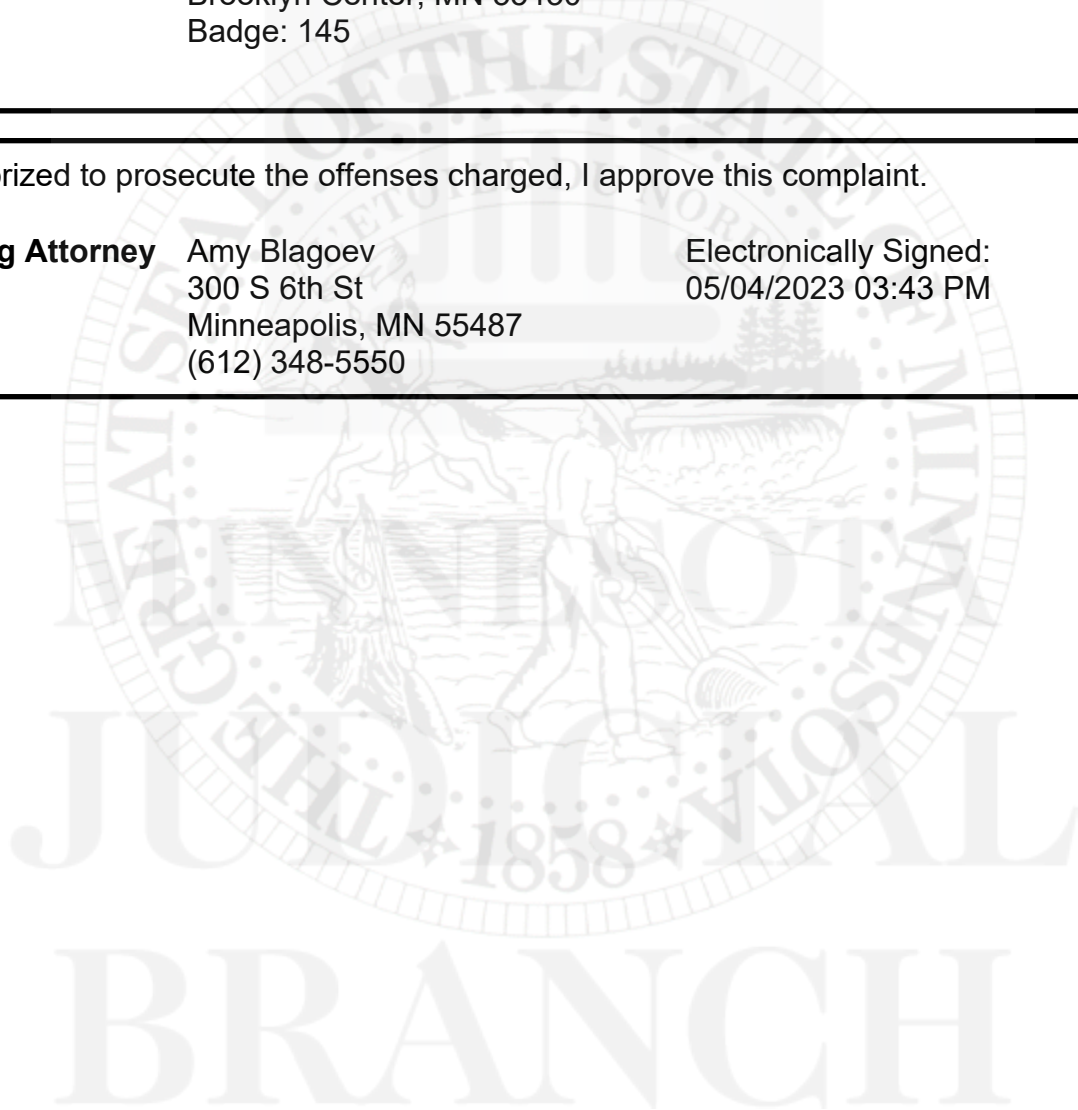
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05/04/2023 03:46 PM  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Amy Blagoev  
300 S 6th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55487  
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:  
05/04/2023 03:43 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: \$500,000.00

Conditions of Release: No Contact with Witnesses; No Possession of Weapons; No use of drugs/alcohol; Random UAs; Make All Appearances

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 4, 2023.

**Judicial Officer**

Karen A. Janisch  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/04/2023 03:52 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.

**DEMETRIUS LAMAR HARRIS**

Defendant

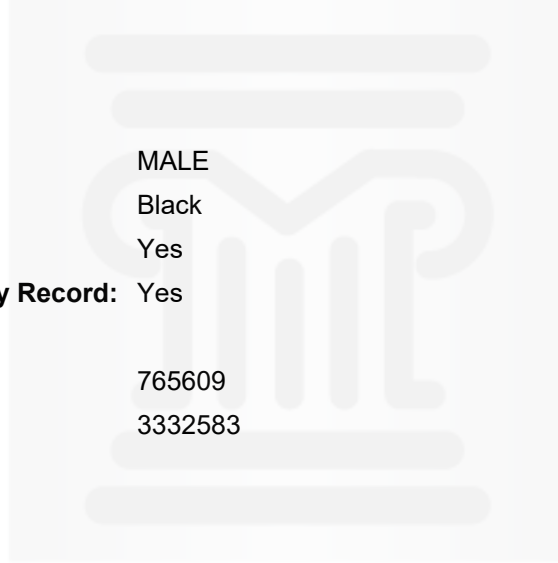
**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE**  
*I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Order of Detention upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

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**DEFENDANT FACT SHEET**

Filed in District Court  
State of Minnesota  
5/4/2023

**Name:** DEMETRIUS LAMAR HARRIS  
**DOB:** 10/16/1994  
**Address:** 4301 Oregon Ave N Apt 307  
New Hope, MN 55428  
**Alias Names/DOB:** Demetrius L Harris DOB: 10/16/1994  
**SID:** MN14H85644  
**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 #:** 765609  
**SILS Tracking No.** 3332583  
**Alcohol Concentration:**



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**STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID**

<b>Cnt Nbr</b>	<b>Statute Type</b>	<b>Offense Date(s)</b>	<b>Statute Nbrs and Descriptions</b>	<b>Offense Level</b>	<b>MOC</b>	<b>GOC</b>	<b>Controlling Agencies</b>	<b>Case Numbers</b>
1	Charge	5/2/2023	609.19.2(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - Without Intent - While Committing a Felony	Felony	H2832		MN0270200	23001661
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