
State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

ROBERT ABRAHAM LEE DOB: 01/22/1991

3517 3RD AVE S
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55408

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: Aggravated Robbery-1st Degree

Minnesota Statute: 609.245.1, with reference to: 609.245.1

Maximum Sentence: 20 YEARS AND/OR \$35,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/08/2014

Control #(ICR#): 14319698

Charge Description: That on or about 9/8/2014, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, ROBERT ABRAHAM LEE, took personal property from the person or in the presence of D.J.C., knowing that he was not entitled to the property and used and/or threatened the imminent use of force against D.J.C. to overcome his resistance or powers of resistance to or to compel acquiescence in the taking or carrying away of the property, while using an article used or fashioned in a manner to lead the victim to reasonably believe it to be a dangerous weapon.

COUNT II

Charge: Aggravated Robbery-1st Degree

Minnesota Statute: 609.245.1, with reference to: 609.245.1

Maximum Sentence: 20 YEARS AND/OR \$35,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/08/2014

Control #(ICR#): 14319698

Charge Description: That on or about 9/8/2014, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, ROBERT ABRAHAM LEE, took personal property from the person or in the presence of D.A.G., knowing that he was not entitled to the property and used and/or threatened the imminent use of force against D.A.G. to overcome her resistance or powers of resistance to or to compel acquiescence in the taking or carrying away of the property, while using an article used or fashioned in a manner to lead the victim to reasonably believe it to be a dangerous weapon.

COUNT III

Charge: Aggravated Robbery-2nd Degree

Minnesota Statute: 609.245.2, with reference to: 609.245.2

Maximum Sentence: 15 YEARS AND/OR \$30,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/08/2014

Control #(ICR#): 14319698

Charge Description: That on or about 9/8/2014, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, ROBERT ABRAHAM LEE took personal property from the person or in the presence of D.A.G., knowing that he was not entitled to the property, while implying, by word or act, possession of a dangerous weapon.

COUNT IV

Charge: Simple Robbery

Minnesota Statute: 609.24, with reference to: 609.24

Maximum Sentence: 10 YEARS AND/OR \$20,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/08/2014

Control #(ICR#): 14319698

Charge Description: That on or about 9/8/2014, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, ROBERT ABRAHAM LEE took personal property, from the person or in the presence of D.A.G., knowing that he was not entitled to the property and used and/or threatened the imminent use of force against the victim, D.A.G., to overcome her resistance or powers of resistance to or to compel acquiescence in the taking or carrying away of the property.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On September 8, 2014, Minneapolis police responded to a robbery in progress at 4547 Hiawatha Avenue in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Witnesses informed police the suspect boarded a Metro Transit bus at the nearby light rail transit station. Witnesses provided the bus number, route, and description of the suspect. They described the suspect as being a heavy-set black male wearing black clothing and armed with a handgun.

Police stopped the bus, located the suspect, and apprehended him. The suspect, identified as ROBERT ABRAHAM LEE (the Defendant) uttered *sua sponte*: It's in there. He referred to a backpack set in the seat next to him. Police searched the Defendant and seized a quantity of cash from his pants pocket. Police seized an electronic incapacitating device (a TAZER) from the backpack next to the Defendant.

Two witnesses followed the Defendant to the bus after he left the Walgreens pharmacy at 4547 Hiawatha Avenue. As police led the Defendant off the bus, the witnesses positively identified the Defendant as the person who robbed the Walgreens. Police conducted a show-up identification for the pharmacy technician at the Walgreens. The pharmacy technician positively identified the Defendant as the person who robbed the pharmacy counter at Walgreens.

Police learned the following: the Defendant entered the Walgreens store. He went to the pharmacy counter and walked to the front of the line. The Defendant pulled a black shirt over his head, partially concealing his face. The Defendant demanded money and 2 mg Xanax from the pharmacy technician, D.J.C. The Defendant displayed the handle of the TAZER from inside his backpack. D.J.C. believed the handle was that of a handgun. The Defendant took the cash. D.J.C. could not provide the Xanax as it was in a locked area. The Defendant walked to the front of the store. As he came near the front he told D.A.G., a cashier, to open up the register. His hand was inside the backpack. Another employee having observed the robbery at the pharmacy counter, told D.A.G. to comply. D.A.G. opened the register and handed the Defendant money from the drawer. The Defendant exited the store and walked to the light rail station. A clerk and customer of the store followed him, providing police information on his location and description.

In a statement to police, the Defendant confessed to robbing the Walgreen's while using a black TAZER to threaten the employees. The Defendant also confessed to five unresolved reported robberies in Minneapolis with similar *modus operandi*.

The Defendant is 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

Michael E Sanden
Sergeant
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Badge: 6281

Electronically Signed:
09/10/2014 11:21 AM

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned.

**Notary Public or
Judicial Official**

Kristine Ann Phelps
PST1, County of Hennepin
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Notary ID: 20283036

Commission expires: 01/31/2017
Electronically Signed:
09/10/2014 11:22 AM

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Chuck Gerlach
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
09/10/2014 11:09 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 on _____, _____ at _____ AM/PM before the above-named court at 401 Fourth Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55415 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: \$250,000.00

Conditions of Release: No Contact with Victim; No Contact with Witnesses; No use of drugs/alcohol; Random UAs; No Possession of Weapons; Make All Appearances; Remain Law Abiding; Other: SUPERVISED CONDITIONAL RELEASE

This complaint is issued by the undersigned Judge as of the following date: September 10, 2014.

Judicial Officer

David Duffy
Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/10/2014 11:40 AM

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Robert Abraham Lee

Defendant

Clerk's Signature or File Stamp:

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: