

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 16A05409
Court File No. 27-CR-16-12876

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BRIAN KAVELL EDWARDS DOB: 07/25/1995

3706 DUPONT AVE N
Minneapolis, MN 55412

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Warrant

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: Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence

Minnesota Statute: 624.713.1(2), with reference to: 609.229.3(a), 609.11.5(b), 624.713.2(b), 609.11.9

Maximum Sentence: 20 YEARS AND/OR \$30,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/01/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16166544

Charge Description: That on or between January 1, 2016 and January 8, 2016, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, BRIAN KAVELL EDWARDS possessed ammunition or a firearm and BRIAN KAVELL EDWARDS has been convicted or adjudicated delinquent in this state or elsewhere of a crime of violence, Aggravated Robbery in the 1st Degree on May 19, 2011, for which the sentence or court supervision expired on or after August 1, 1993, and did so for the benefit of, at the direction of, in association with or motivated by involvement with a criminal gang, with the intent to promote, further, or assist in criminal conduct by gang members.

Minimum Sentence: 5 YEARS

COUNT II

Charge: Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence

Minnesota Statute: 624.713.1(2), with reference to: 609.11.5(b), 624.713.2(b), 609.11.9

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/01/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16166544

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Minimum Sentence: 5 YEARS

COUNT III

Charge: Terroristic Threats-Reckless Disregard Risk

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1, with reference to: 609.229.3(a), 609.713.1, 609.05.1, 609.05.2

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/01/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16166544

Charge Description: That on or between January 1, 2016 and January 8, 2016, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, BRIAN KAVELL EDWARDS, acting alone or intentionally aiding, advising, hiring, counseling or conspiring with another or otherwise procured the other to commit the crime, did threaten to commit a crime of violence with the purpose of terrorizing another, and/or in reckless disregard of the risk of causing terror in another, and did so for the benefit of, at the direction of, in association with or motivated by involvement with a criminal gang, with the intent to promote, further, or assist in criminal conduct by gang members.

COUNT IV

Charge: Terroristic Threats-Reckless Disregard Risk

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.1, with reference to: 609.713.1, 609.05.1, 609.05.2

Maximum Sentence: 5 YEARS AND/OR \$10,000

Offense Level: Felony

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COUNT V

Charge: Terroristic Threats-Reckless Disregard Risk

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.3(a)(2), with reference to: 609.229.3(a), 609.05.1, 609.05.2, 609.713.3(a)(2)

Maximum Sentence: 6 YEARS AND 1 DAY AND/OR \$3,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/01/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16166544

Charge Description: That on or between January 1, 2016 and January 8, 2016, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, BRIAN KAVELL EDWARDS, acting alone or intentionally aiding, advising, hiring, counseling or conspiring with another or otherwise procured the other to commit the crime, displayed, exhibited, brandished, or otherwise employed a replica firearm or a BB gun in a threatening manner, acting in

reckless disregard of the risk of causing terror in another, and did so for the benefit of, at the direction of, in association with or motivated by involvement with a criminal gang, with the intent to promote, further, or assist in criminal conduct by gang members.

COUNT VI

Charge: Terroristic Threats-Reckless Disregard Risk

Minnesota Statute: 609.713.3(a)(2), with reference to: 609.05.1, 609.05.2, 609.713.3(a)(2)

Maximum Sentence: 1 YEAR AND 1 DAY AND/OR \$3,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/01/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16166544

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STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

Since at least early January 2016, multiple videos have been posted to the internet and social media that are gang related, show gang members possessing firearms, and threatening violence to rival gangs and gang members. Law enforcement officials and lay witnesses believe that these videos contribute to the on-going rivalry and marked escalation of gun related violence between the criminal street gangs.

The Tre Tre is one of the gangs that is making and posting the videos. Law enforcement officials know that the Tre Tre meet the definition of criminal street gang. The Tre Tre are a criminal street gang that mainly operates in north Minneapolis. They make money through robberies, drug sales and illegal activity. They enforce rules through the use and threat of violence, including, but not limited to murders, assaults, shootings, narcotics crimes, robberies, and illegal weapons possession. The Tre Tre have a geographic area that encompasses an area of north Minneapolis centered around 33rd Avenue North. This is where the Tre Tre draws their name from. The Tre Tre have several rivals. One of these rivals is the Skitz Squad. The Tre Tre are also aligned with other gangs and this alliance is referred to as the "highs" or "high end". The Skitz Squad also have an alliance; this is referred to as the "Lows", "Ls" or "Low end". The highs and Lows refer to geographic areas of north Minneapolis where the gangs operate. The Lows operate or control the lower end of north Minneapolis and the Highs control the upper end.

On January 2, 2016, a video was posted using the social media site Snap Chat. This video has been titled "Jawan Vs Jrock 1-2-2016 snap chat video". Jrock is the street name for Co-Defendant Jawan Contrail Carroll. In this video, Defendant Brian Kavell Edwards and Co-Defendant Elijah Khari Edwards are both holding firearms. One of the guns appears to be a Ruger P89. Co-Defendant Dayshane Antonio Cochran also holds what appears to be firearm; a revolver.

On January 8, 2016, a video entitled "Fed Up x Lijah Loc x Bj Lord" was posted online. The video shows Co-Defendant Dayshane Antonio Cochran, Defendant Brian Kavell Edwards and Co-Defendant Elijah Khari Edwards in the same or similar clothing to the January 2 snap chat video. "Fed Up x Lijah Loc x Bj Lord" appears to have been filmed largely in and around 1001 North Seventh Street in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. In "Fed Up x Lijah Loc x Bj Lord" known Tre Tre members and associates, including but not limited to Co-Defendant Dayshane Antonio Cochran, Co-Defendant Jawan Contrail Carroll, Defendant Brian Kavell Edwards and Co-Defendant Elijah Khari Edwards, are filmed holding, pointing and displaying what appear to be firearms. One of the firearms appears to be a Ruger P89 and a second appears to be the same revolver that Co-Defendant Dayshane Antonio Cochran possessed in the January 2nd snap chat video. Co-Defendant Dayshane Antonio Cochran, and others in the "Fed Up x Lijah Loc x Bj Lord" video also display the Tre Tre hand sign.

The "Fed Up" video also shows the front door of 2954 Dupont Avenue North in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This is significant in that on September 19, 2011, Juwon Osborne was killed at this address. Osborne had the street name of "Skitz". This Skitz Squad is named after Osborne.

The audio in this "Fed Up" video are gang related and contains explicit threats of violence toward the rival gangs. In this audio, those recorded tell the listeners:

1. "You ain't hit squad; you ain't doing no hit squad. Fuck the Skitz Squad; nigga ya'all some skid marks." (Law enforcement officers know that calling members of the Skitz Squad "skid marks" is meant to demean members of the Skitz Squad.)

2. “You all look down on me; Beretta knock you head off.” (Law enforcement officers know that a Beretta is a brand of firearm. The term “knock your head off” is meant to threaten death with the Beretta.)

3. “Ya’all better get your lead up; Haji stop that rat beefing; (inaudible) make it clap season; when I up that pole it ain’t no (inaudible) stop breathing; hood nigga your aim off; come holler at me when your shots decent; I’m pulling up on that A-block; and my shot (inaudible)” (Law enforcement officers know that the term “get your lead up” is meant to mean arm yourself. The term “clap” is a term used to describe the discharge of a firearm. The term “pole” is a term used to describe a firearm. Haji is likely O.C.W. (6/7/1996), a rival Skitz Squad member. “A-Block” is a term that is used to describe Aldrich Avenue North in Minneapolis. O.C.W. reports his address as 4XXX Aldrich Avenue North in three 2016 Minneapolis police reports.)

4. “Fuck a Skitz Squad; 30 to a hit squad (this is said as Defendant Brian Kavell Edwards is holding a firearm with an extended magazine); don’t like to miss shit; bitch I don’t shoot from distance; boy I get on your ass; and no line up for missing. Eat the lead up, eat the lead up. I got my Glock and Lijah Loc got the Beretta. Shots to your face...” (Law enforcement officers know that the term “30” refers to the extended magazine on the Ruger P89 Defendant Brian Kavell Edwards is holding. “Lijah Loc” is a street name for Co-Defendant Elijah Khari Edwards. The term “Loc” is a term used to describe a member of a Crip affiliated gang.)

5. “You little niggas need to really need to stop; so when I catch nigga; Glock put you to rest nigga; 29- duce six, don’t be on them blocks nigga (this is said as the address “2954” is shown); Golden Valley; don’t get caught in the (inaudible); blue and red- they on every block; (inaudible) we got us a dead opp.” (Law enforcement officers know that the address “2954” is significant as Juan “Skitz” Osborne was murdered at this address. Blue is a color associated with Crip affiliated gangs. Red is associated with Vice Lord affiliated gangs. Co-Defendant Elijah Khari Edwards uses the street name of “Lijah Loc” and Defendant Brian Kavell Edwards uses “BJ Lord”. The term “Loc” and “Lord” are terms used to describe Crip and Vice Lord gang affiliated members. The term “opp” is a term used to describe the opposition, in this case the Skitz Squad criminal street gang.)

On January 8, 2016, law enforcement officials were conducting simultaneous surveillance of social media and the address 1001 North Seventh Street, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Officers received information that the Tre Tre gang members and associates had gathered at the location to film a video, “Fed Up x Lijah Loc x Bj Lord”, and were in possession of firearms. Officers observed Defendant Brian Kavell Edwards and Romelle Edwards arrive in a vehicle, and enter the residence. Shortly after, officers observed that a video entitled “Facebook BJ Lord” was posted to social media. Officers recognized Defendant Brian Kavell Edwards, Romelle Edwards and their mother in the video. In the “Facebook BJ Lord” video, Defendant Brian Kavell Edwards stated that he has two firearms and notes that he is being driven to north Minneapolis.

Officers observed multiple individuals exit the residence, and enter two vehicles. Officers stopped the vehicles. Defendant Brian Kavell Edwards and Co-Defendant Elijah Khari Edwards were in one vehicle. Co-Defendant Jawan Contrail Carroll was the front seat passenger in the second vehicle. Officers recovered a handgun from Co-Defendant Jawan Contrail Carroll’s pocket, and a handgun from under the front passenger seat. The handgun in Co-Defendant Jawan Contrail Carroll’s pocket was a Ruger, and appears to be the same firearm that is displayed in the “Jawan Vs Jrock snap chat video” from January 1, 2016 and the “Fed Up x Lijah Loc x Bj Lord” video on January 8, 2016.

On May 19, 2011, Defendant Brian Kavell Edwards was adjudicated delinquent of the charge of Aggravated Robbery in the 1st Degree, a felony crime of violence. On February 16, 2016, he was convicted of Riot in the 2d Degree, a felony crime of violence. Defendant Brian Kavell Edwards also has a

prior weapons related adjudications as a juvenile. He is therefore prohibited from possessing a firearm.

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

John Biederman
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Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

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