

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 16A05564
Court File No. 27-CR-16-13182

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

YEVGENIY SAVENOK DOB: 08/07/1985

17190 PARK CIRCLE
EDEN PRAIRIE, MN 55346

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 -1st Degree - Premeditated

Minnesota Statute: 609.185(a)(1), with reference to: 609.185

Maximum Sentence: LIFE

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/14/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16018436

Charge Description: That on or about 5/14/2016, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, YEVGENIY SAVENOK , caused the death of Victim 1, a human being, with premeditation and with intent to effect the death of that person, or another.

COUNT II

Charge: Murder -1st Degree - Premeditated

Minnesota Statute: 609.185(a)(1), with reference to: 609.185

Maximum Sentence: LIFE

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/14/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16018436

Charge Description: That on or about 5/14/2016, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, YEVGENIY SAVENOK , caused the death of Victim 2, a human being, with premeditation and with intent to effect the death of that person, or another.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On May 14, 2016 at approximately 10:37 am, officers from the Eden Prairie Police Department were dispatched to a residence located on Park Circle, in Eden Prairie, Hennepin County, State of Minnesota, on a report of a domestic disturbance involving a male with a knife. While enroute, officers were advised that the male was now leaving the residence with children in his vehicle.

Upon arrival at that location, officers observed a Known Juvenile Female, hereinafter Witness 1, in the front yard, who was frantic and screaming. She advised the officers that a stabbing victim, her sister, was inside the residence. Officers then located a Known Adult Female (DOB: 9/23/1992), Victim 1 herein, lying on the floor of the locked residence, bleeding from multiple stab wounds to her chest. Officers observed a large kitchen knife protruding from Victim 1's upper chest area, and multiple puncture wounds to her chest, shoulder and neck. Victim 1 was unresponsive. Victim 1 was noticeably pregnant.

Emergency medical procedures were attempted on Victim 1. Victim 1 was transported to Hennepin County Medical Center where she was pronounced dead. An emergency caesarean section was performed in an attempt to save the life of Victim 1's child, hereinafter referred to as Victim 2. Victim 2, a premature infant, survived for several minutes after birth, but subsequently was pronounced dead.

Investigators spoke with Witness 1, who advised she had been present in the residence with her sister, Victim 1, and Victim 1's two small children when Victim 1's husband, YEVGENIY SAVENOK (DOB: 8/7/1985), Defendant herein, arrived at the home. Witness stated that Defendant placed the children in a vehicle outside the home, and then re-entered the home. Defendant came up behind Witness 1, and squeezed her hard from behind. Witness 1 told Defendant to let go of her, at which time Defendant grabbed a knife and ran towards Victim 1, who was nearby in the livingroom. Witness 1 observed Defendant place Victim 1 in a headlock from behind and then take Victim 1 to the floor, placing a knife to her throat. Victim 1 was screaming for Defendant to stop and appeared very afraid.

Witness 1 grabbed Victim 1's cell phone, ran from the residence, and dialed 911 while outside the home because she believed that Defendant was killing Victim 1. Shortly thereafter, Witness 1 saw Defendant leave the residence, enter the vehicle, and leave the scene with the children. Witness 1 attempted to enter the residence, but was unable to enter as the doors were locked. Witness 1 ran to the back of the home and observed, through the patio door, Victim 1 lying inside on the floor with a knife protruding from her body.

Investigators began searching for Defendant.

At approximately 1:00 pm, investigators learned that Defendant arrived at United Hospital in St. Paul, along with the two children. Defendant told security guards at the hospital that he had "just killed his wife." When asked why, Defendant told the security guards that he and Victim 1 had been having marital difficulties and that Victim 1 had driven him to do it. St. Paul police were called, after which time, Defendant was taken into custody.

In a post-Miranda statement, Defendant told investigators that "I stabbed my wife." He admitted that he believed he had stabbed Victim 1 at least seven times in her torso and upper chest. He said that, on his return trip from Chicago the night before, he thought about using a knife to kill his wife. Defendant admitted he knew Victim 1 was pregnant. He told police that when he stabbed Victim 1, he was trying to kill her.

Defendant claimed that Victim 1 was going to take his children from him, and it was “probably like my only way out.” Defendant stated that, after he had stabbed Victim 1, he left the home with the children and threw his cell phone out the window of the car to avoid being located.

During the investigation, officers received information regarding the turbulent domestic history between Victim 1 and Defendant. Victim 1 had contacted police on prior occasions, both in Illinois and Minnesota, regarding incidents of domestic assault with Defendant. An Order for Protection had been issued on a prior occasion against Defendant. Defendant has pending charges for Domestic Assault from an incident that occurred on August 21, 2015. Witness 1 relayed that she had witnessed numerous acts of domestic abuse by Defendant against Victim 1.

Autopsies were performed by the Hennepin County Medical Examiner’s Office on both Victim 1 and Victim 2. Doctors concluded that Victim 1 died of massive blood loss due to multiple sharp force injuries. They noted approximately twelve stab wounds to Victim 1, some of which damaged vital structures, including her jugular vein, left lung and superior vena cava. Doctors concluded that Victim 2 died as a result of prematurity due to an emergent caesarean section necessitated by maternal injury. The Medical Examiner determined that the manner of death for both victims 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

Jesse Irmiter
Police Officer
8080 Mitchell Rd
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
Badge: 081

Electronically Signed:
05/17/2016 11:44 AM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Judith Hawley
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
05/17/2016 11:39 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.

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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: \$5,000,000.00

Conditions of Release: No Possession of Weapons; Make All Appearances; Remain Law Abiding; Surrender Passport; Other: no contact with family or victim 1 and 2

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 17, 2016.

Judicial Officer

Bev Benson
Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/17/2016 11:52 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.

YEVGENIY SAVENOK

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: