

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 14A22940
Court File No. 27-CR-17-22829

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

DARRELL BRUCE REA DOB: 12/21/1954

3212 Dakota Ave S
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

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 - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.1(1), with reference to: 609.19.1(1)

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/02/1983

Control #(ICR#): 83050443

Charge Description: That on or about 4/2/1983, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, DARRELL BRUCE REA, caused the death of victim, a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

That on April 2, 1983, at approximately 10:30 a.m., officers were dispatched to the Soo Line Railroad tracks located near 28th Avenue North in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, to investigate a report of a body found near the railroad tracks. Upon arrival, officers were advised a train crew found the body of a deceased female lying between two railroad tracks. The female, hereafter victim, was eventually identified and found to be seventeen years of age.

Victim's body was discovered between two railroad tracks and next to a gondola car. The gondola car had blood spatter on it. Victim was attired in a shirt, pants, socks, and undergarments. Victim's shirt was pulled up and she was not wearing shoes or a jacket. Victim's socks and lower pant legs were soiled with dirt. Victim was lying in a pool of blood. Officers observed victim sustained massive blunt force trauma to her head, most notably to her right eye and the structures surrounding it. There was another pool of blood near her body a few feet away. From this other pool of blood, two drag marks could be seen that went away from the area, across a set of railroad tracks, and into a dirt parking lot. Fresh tire tracks were present in the dirt parking lot. Based upon these observations, investigators believed victim was driven to this location, dragged from the parking lot with her heels and lower legs leaving drag marks as indicated, laid between the two railroad tracks, beaten, turned over, and left in that position.

During subsequent investigation, officers learned victim attended a party during the evening of April 1, 1983. Victim left the party and returned home in the early morning hours of April 2, 1983. Officers spoke to family members who confirmed victim was home at approximately 2:30 in the morning but left sometime between then and 4:15 a.m., when they discovered she was no longer in her room. Officers located and spoke with an acquaintance of victim. This acquaintance was staying with grandparents at 32nd and Bryant Avenue North, a residence that was a short distance from where victim's body was discovered. This acquaintance reported victim arrived at this address alone at approximately 3:00 a.m. on April 2, 1983 and asked to be admitted into the residence. Victim was wearing a coat and asked to be let inside to get warm. Her admittance was refused by the acquaintance's grandmother. Victim was not seen alive again.

An autopsy was performed on victim. The medical examiner noted victim had two abrasions on her neck, one on either side. Hemorrhaging was present in the neck tissues. The medical examiner opined these findings were consistent with strangulation that would have resulted in unconsciousness but not death. The victim also had five lacerations on her forehead around the area of the right eye, a laceration on her chin, a laceration on her neck, two wounds to her chest, and an abrasion near her left kneecap. The forehead lacerations penetrated her skull and obliterated her right eye. The injuries were consistent with blunt force trauma. Semen was present in victim's vagina and rectum.

The vaginal and rectal swabs taken from victim during the autopsy were initially sent to the MN BCA in 1983. (This was prior to the advent of DNA testing.) These swabs were confirmed to contain semen. In 2013, as part of a program to investigate "cold cases," DNA testing was conducted on the swabs and an unknown DNA profile was obtained. The unknown profile was compared to DNA profiles required to be kept at the BCA and was found to match the known DNA profile of DARRELL BRUCE REA, hereafter defendant. Thereafter, a series of DNA tests were conducted on cuttings taken from victim's clothing. Defendant's DNA profile was matched to profiles developed from victim's pants and underwear. In all of the DNA testing conducted, no DNA profiles other than those of victim and defendant have ever been found on items of evidence associated with this case.

Officers were familiar with defendant as he was a suspect/person of interest in multiple open police investigations involving sexual assault, physical assault, murder, and missing person cases. In several of these cases, women were picked up on the street, sexually and then physically assaulted. In one particular case in 1988, a woman engaging in prostitution in the early morning hours was taken into a vehicle in North Minneapolis, strangled, physically assaulted with a sharp force object, and sexually assaulted. This woman managed to escape. During the struggle, her attacker's blood was left behind on her clothing. In 1993, this blood sample was tested and found to be a match to defendant's DNA profile. This case could not be prosecuted due to statute of limitations.

In March 2015, officers arrested defendant. During a post-Miranda statement, defendant was shown photographs of the crime scene and of victim. Defendant denied knowledge of the murder and denied knowing victim.

At present, 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 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

Chris Karakostas
Sgt
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Badge: 3636

Electronically Signed:
09/11/2017 04:24 PM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Darren Borg
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
09/11/2017 04:16 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 on _____, _____ at _____ AM/PM before the above-named court at 300 S Sixth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55487 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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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:

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: September 11, 2017.

Judicial Officer

Jay Quam
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/11/2017 04:30 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.

DARRELL BRUCE REA

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: