

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

17A00683
27-CR-17-2808

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT

Warrant

vs.

TYLER DEANDRE SCHLOTFELDT-GIDNEY DOB: 08/11/1995

7524 68th Ave N
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

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: Dangerous Weapons-Drive by Shooting toward person, occupied motor vehicle or occupied building

Minnesota Statute: 609.66.1e(b), with reference to: 609.66.1e(b), 609.11.5(a)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/15/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16413735

Charge Description: That on or about November 15, 2016, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, TYLER DEANDRE SCHLOTFELDT-GIDNEY, while using a firearm and while in or having just exited a motor vehicle, recklessly discharged, at or toward a person, J.B.

Minimum Sentence: 3 YEARS

COUNT II

Charge: Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon

Minnesota Statute: 609.222.1, with reference to: 609.222.1, 609.11.5(a), 609.101.2

Maximum Sentence: 7 YEARS AND/OR \$4,200-\$14,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/15/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16413735

Charge Description: That on or about November 15, 2016, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, TYLER DEANDRE SCHLOTFELDT-GIDNEY, while using a firearm, assaulted J.B.

Minimum Sentence: 3 YEARS

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On November 15, 2016, at approximately 1612 hours, Minneapolis Police were dispatched to the vicinity of the Taco Bell restaurant located at 425 West Broadway Ave. in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota on a report of a shooting. When officers arrived, spoke with Taco Bell employees who reported that there were two people shooting at each other in the parking lot on the west side of the building near the Auto Zone parking lot. Officers spoke to J.D. who stated that they were standing outside the Taco Bell on the west side of the building and witnessed two black males shooting at each other. J.D. described the first individual as a heavy set black male with a short fade style haircut, wearing a black t-shirt and blue sweatpants, and he had a red tattoo on his face. J.D. described the second individual as a medium build black male with long dread locks styled into a man bun hairstyle, wearing a black hoodie and blue jeans, firing from inside a silver BMW.

Officers spoke to other witnesses who described the first individual standing in the north east corner of the Auto Zone parking lot when both he and the second individual began shooting at each other. The witnesses ran back to the Taco Bell and began locking doors. The witnesses indicated that the first individual, who was later identified as James Barnes, came back to the Taco Bell and entered the restaurant with his hand tucked "elbow deep" into his sweat pants holding onto a handgun. Barnes was positively identified as the first individual who was observed shooting a gun. Barnes, who was very nervous and scared, started asking customers for a ride and the customers refused. Barnes then exited the Taco Bell and ran south bound on North 5th Street. Taco Bell had video surveillance of the interior of the store.

Officers went in the parking lot on the west side of the building near the Auto Zone parking lot and recovered 25 discharged cartridge casings (DCCs). Officers observed a Honda CRV bearing MN license plate # 409-RMU parked in the north east corner of the Auto Zone parking lot. Officers noted that the vehicle's engine was running with keys in the ignition. The doors were also unlocked. Officers found numerous discharged casings on the ground near the Honda CRV. While officers were present, they were approached by a female identified as D.B. who stated that the car belonged to her but was being driven by her son James Barnes. D.B. described her son as a heavy set black male with a red tattoo on his face.

On November 15, 2016 at approximately 1741 hours, over an hour after the shooting occurred, officers received a call from an individual identified as TYLER DEANDRE SCHLOTFELDT-GIDNEY, DOB: 8/11/1995, the Defendant herein. The Defendant reported that he was involved in the shootout on West Broadway Ave near Taco Bell that had occurred around 90 minutes earlier and that he had discharged his gun. The Defendant indicated that his vehicle had been hit by several bullets. He described the vehicle as a silver BMW bearing MN license plate # 430 UGY.

The Defendant agreed to come to the station and provide a statement. In a post-Miranda interview, the Defendant stated he was in the parking lot near Auto Zone when he was approached by Barnes who was in a Honda CRV. Barnes approached him and had his hands down his sweatpants and drew a hand gun. That's when the Defendant stated, "that's when I got to firing." The Defendant claimed that he emptied his clip and drove away. The Defendant denied knowing Barnes but described the shooter as a heavier set black male with a red tattoo on his face. The Defendant admitted that he fired the first shot and denied that he shot at Barnes after he was running a way.

On November 17, 2016, officers received a call from Barnes inquiring as to why his vehicle had been towed. Barnes agreed to speak with officers at his home. Officers went to Barnes' home and met with him.

They observed a distinctive red tattoo on his face. After initially denying involvement in the shooting, Barnes pulled the hood of his sweatshirt over his head and covered his face. Barnes then asked officers, "Do you want the truth?.....I shot back!!"

Barnes then described the events that transpired on November 15, 2016. Barnes described how he did not like the Defendant's brother, Trevor Gidney and how they had a previous encounter where he robbed him. Barnes said that he knew the situation was tense and that is why he brought the gun. He said that he had the gun concealed in his sweatpants. When asked how he could hide a gun in his sweatpants without it falling out, Barnes stood up and demonstrated how he was standing and said that he was holding the gun. His right arm was straight down the front of his sweatpants at his crotch. Barnes said that they couldn't see the gun because it was "concealed". His demonstration had his elbow just above his waistband. Barnes said that the Defendant, who he knows as Ty-bo (Tyler) and Defendant's brother Trevor pulled out in the silver car. Barnes said that Trevor was driving and was talking when Tyler, who was laid back in the front passenger seat sat up and fired the first shot. Barnes said that he cannot believe he didn't get hit. He described the distance between them to be around 10 feet. Barnes said that he then pulled his gun out and shot at them. He was sure he hit the car that Defendant and Trevor were in. He said that he ran away and was shooting at them until he ran out of ammo. He said that they did a U-turn. He said that he ran over by a group of people standing there hoping that they would not keep shooting since there were other people around. The people told him to get away so he ran to Taco Bell. He said that he heard two more shots being fired. Barnes said that Tyler has a permit to carry. Barnes also said that Tyler's gun had an extended magazine. Barnes said that he ran into Taco Bell and asked someone he knows for a ride and she refused. He then ran to Wendy's.

Officers reviewed Shot Spotter audio as well as video surveillance tapes of the incident. After reviewing the incident and subsequent investigation, they determined that the Defendant had lied about numerous details of the shooting including not knowing Barnes, the direction he had left the area, emptying his clip and denying shooting at Barnes from the silver BMW as he was running away from the scene clearly after the shooting had ended and he was trying to get away.

Upon reviewing the shot spotter, officers could hear an exchange of gunfire evidencing numerous shots but then there is an extended pause and then 3 distinct shots bang....bang...bang...as Barnes is running away. Upon closer inspection of the video, officers also noted that at the time of the last three shots, the Defendant's vehicle intentionally turned away from several exits and turned around toward where Barnes was running away, to get in position to fire the 3 last shots at him. The video then shows the Defendant's vehicle turning into traffic at a high rate of speed and fleeing the area. Officers also noted that numerous citizens and vehicles were around during the time of the shooting.

In reviewing the video, Investigators were able to corroborate Barnes' detailed explanation of what occurred and disprove the Defendant's explanation in numerous aspects.

The Defendant is well known to law enforcement and has been linked to narcotics dealing, gang activity and other recent shootings. The Defendant is known to carry a gun and be in the presence of guns and is considered a danger to public safety. For all of these reasons, the State is requesting a complaint warrant.

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

Scott A Olson
Sergeant
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Badge: 5315

Electronically Signed:
02/01/2017 04:01 PM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Monte Miller
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
02/01/2017 03:51 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.

Execute in MN Only *Execute Nationwide* *Execute in Border States*

This warrant may be executed at any time of the day or night and on Sundays or legal holidays.

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: \$200,000.00

Conditions of Release: No Contact with Witnesses; No Contact with Address; No Possession of Weapons; Make All Appearances; Remain Law Abiding; Other: Do not associate with known gang members

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: February 1, 2017.

Judicial Officer Gary Larson Electronically Signed: 02/01/2017 04:12 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.

Tyler Deandre Schlotfeldt-Gidney

Defendant

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

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: