

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

17A09304
27-CR-18-4769

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SHELIA MACHELLE WILSON DOB: 02/11/1970

4216 17th Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55407

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: Criminal Neglect - Deprivation occurred over extended period of time

Minnesota Statute: 609.233.1a(2), with reference to: 609.233.3(1)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/22/2015

Control #(ICR#): 17242608

Charge Description: That on or about 2/22/2015 through 05/01/2017, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, SHEILA MACHELLE WILSON, a caregiver, intentionally deprived a vulnerable adult, Victim A, of necessary food, clothing, shelter, healthcare, or supervision, when the caregiver was reasonably able to make the necessary provisions, and the deprivation occurred over an extended period of time, and the conduct resulted in great bodily harm.

COUNT II

Charge: Criminal Neglect - Deprivation occurred over extended period of time

Minnesota Statute: 609.233.1a(2), with reference to: 609.233.3(1)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/22/2015

Control #(ICR#): 17242608

Charge Description: That on or about 2/22/2015 through 05/09/2017, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, SHEILA MACHELLE WILSON, a caregiver, intentionally deprived a vulnerable adult, Victim B, of necessary food, clothing, shelter, healthcare, or supervision, when the caregiver was reasonably able to make the necessary provisions, and the deprivation occurred over an extended period of time, and the conduct resulted in great bodily harm.

COUNT III

Charge: Neglect of a Child-Likely Subst. Harm Physical/Emot Health-G

Minnesota Statute: 609.378.1(a)(1), with reference to: 609.378.1(a)(1)

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

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 02/22/2015

Control #(ICR#): 17242608

Charge Description: That on or about 2/22/2015 through 5/9/2017, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Shelia Machelles Wilson, a parent, legal guardian or caretaker of a child, did willfully deprive the child, Victim C, of necessary food, clothing, shelter, health care. and/or supervision appropriate to the child's age, when Shelia Machelles Wilson was reasonably able to make the necessary provisions and which deprivation harmed or was likely to substantially harm the child's physical, emotional, or mental health.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On April 25, 2017, Minneapolis Police were dispatched to a residence on 15th Ave. S. in the City of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin, and State of Minnesota in response to a domestic abuse complaint. Upon arrival, officers spoke with SHEILA MACHELLE WILSON, DOB 02/11/1970, the defendant herein, and JERRY LEE CURRY, DOB 2/25/66. WILSON and CURRY lived at the residence with their 20-year-old twin daughters, Victim A and Victim B (DOB 9/96, fully identified in the police reports), and their 10-year-old daughter, Victim C (DOB 2/2007, fully identified in the police reports).

Victim A and Victim B are vulnerable adults. In August 2014, WILSON petitioned for and was appointed a limited guardianship of Victim A and Victim B. The district court determined that Victim A and Victim B were incapacitated persons whose needs could not be met by less restrictive means. The appointment granted WILSON the power to (1) determine where Victim A and Victim B lived; (2) consent to or withhold consent for medical care, counseling, or treatment; (3) exercise supervision authority over Victim A and Victim B; and (4) apply for financial benefits or other government assistance. SHEILA WILSON renewed the limited guardianship in September 2016.

Victim A's cognitive and emotional functioning was subsequently assessed in June 2017 by a clinical psychologist. The doctor concluded that Victim A had a Neurodevelopment/Cognitive Disorder with intellectual skills ranging from the deficient to the Borderline range (a grade equivalent of first to third grade) and an adaptive behavior composite of approximately 6.8 years. The psychologist determined that Victim A met the criteria for the Developmental Disabilities waiver and required adult supervision.

Victim B's cognitive and emotional functioning was also assessed in February 2017 by a clinical psychologist. The psychologist concluded that Victim B's intellectual functioning is in the mild to moderate intellectual disability range. Victim B's adaptive behavior composite score placed her in the mild to moderate developmental disability range. The psychologist opined that Victim B is not capable of fully independent or semi-independent living.

On May 1, 2017, WILSON reported Victim A missing, and Minneapolis Police initiated an investigation into Victim A's whereabouts. On May 2, 2017, the Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center (MAARC) received a report from the Salvation Army Harbor Lights Center that Victim A was at their facility and a physical examination revealed significant injuries consistent with abuse. Minneapolis Police responded to Harbor Lights and spoke with Victim A, who indicated that she was afraid of returning home, but did not wish to discuss it further. On May 9, 2017, Hennepin County Human Services removed Victim B and Victim C from WILSON and CURRY's Minneapolis residence. Victim A subsequently left the Harbor Lights Shelter and was not found until June 7, 2017, when she arrived at the Women of Nations Shelter in St. Paul.

VICTIM A

Victim A underwent a forensic interview at CornerHouse on June 12, 2017, where she disclosed physical abuse by CURRY. According to Victim A, CURRY repeatedly struck her and Victim B with bats and paddles on their arms, legs, and heads. When Victim A was 15 years old, CURRY and WILSON became aware that Victim A was sexually active. In response, CURRY restrained Victim A by putting a dog chain around one or both of her ankles and connecting the other end to CURRY and WILSON's bedroom door. CURRY repeatedly restrained Victim A with the chain to prevent her from seeing men or to prevent her from acquiring food. Victim A described being chained to the bedroom door for multiple days at a time, often

with her hands tied behind her back. CURRY struck Victim A while she was chained until her wounds would bleed. At that point, WILSON would remove the chains. Victim A noted that she had received medical care for her wounds, but did not disclose the nature of her injury. Victim A further disclosed that CURRY repeatedly chained Victim B to a door and once struck Victim C with a golf club on Victim C's head.

On June 15, 2017, Victim A was examined at the Center for Safe and Healthy Children. The examination revealed multiple injuries to Victim A. The top of Victim A's left ear was largely detached. Victim A had scars on her forehead including (1) two four-centimeter horizontal scars above each eyebrow, (2) a mid-scalp Y-shaped scar approximately seven centimeters in length on her scalp line, and (3) a seven-centimeter scar on her scalp line extending backward on her scalp. Victim A had significant linear and patterned scarring on her back. Victim A told her medical providers that her scars and detached ear occurred when CURRY struck her with a bat and paddle.

The examination also revealed injuries to Victim A consistent with having been chained. Victim A had healed circumferential scars on both wrists. Victim A's right ankle has a deep, healed divot with three linear scars extending around the ankle. Victim A's left ankle was swollen, with a circumferential scar extending around the entire ankle. Victim A described being chained until the wounds were bleeding and infected. Her medical providers noted that these injuries will continue to affect her gait and mobility.

Victim A also reported that she could not see out of her left eye after CURRY stomped on her head. The examination revealed that Victim A's left pupil was completely gray and slightly protruded. Victim A was subsequently examined by ophthalmologists at Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC) who diagnosed a complete funnel retinal detachment consistent with trauma with a very low possibility of rehabilitation.

The Center for Safe and Healthy Children concluded that Victim A's injuries were clinically diagnostic of torture, or a severe type of vulnerable adult abuse that places a vulnerable adult at risk for significant physical and psychological morbidity and mortality. A review of Victim A's medical records reveals that Victim A was admitted at HCMC from February 8, 2017, to February 21, 2017, for the excision of a wound and a skin graft on her right ankle. There is no reference within those records to a detached ear or loss of vision in her left eye. Both injuries are first observed by medical providers at the Harbor Lights Center in May 2017.

VICTIM B

On May 9, 2017, Hennepin County Human Services transported Victim B to HCMC where she was admitted. Victim B was pregnant. Victim B underwent a CornerHouse interview on May 25, 2017. At that time, Victim B denied physical abuse by CURRY and WILSON and stated that visible scars on her person were dog scratches or mosquito bites. Victim B stated that the father of her unborn child was an unknown male.

On June 14, 2017, a nurse at HCMC entered Victim B's room and found Victim B crying. At that time, Victim B disclosed that she was raped by CURRY and that CURRY was the father of her unborn child. Victim B stated that CURRY routinely raped her at their Minneapolis residence when WILSON was not home. Victim B disclosed that both CURRY and WILSON would chain Victim B and Victim A to the door of their parents' bedroom for days at a time. CURRY would also beat Victim B and Victim A if they misbehaved. Victim B described being struck with fists, bats, and brooms. Victim B recalled observing CURRY stomp on Victim A's head and Victim A losing part of her ear as a result. Victim B stated that CURRY would strike Victim C, but Victim C was considered too young to be chained to the door.

Victim B was examined by providers with the Center for Safe and Healthy Children on September 5, 2017, where it was determined that the history of physical abuse, sexual abuse, and medical neglect described

was clinically diagnostic of torture. Victim B had numerous linear and patterned scars over her entire body including her face, arms, wrists, and back, as well as one chipped tooth. Victim B also had circumferential scarring on both ankles.

Investigators submitted a known DNA sample from CURRY and Victim B to the BCA for DNA analysis. The DNA profiling results indicate that CURRY could not be excluded from being the biological father or Victim B. It is estimated that 99.9999% of the general population can be excluded. Victim B gave birth to a baby girl in October 2017. Investigators submitted a known DNA sample from the infant to the BCA for DNA analysis. The DNA profiling results indicate that CURRY cannot be excluded from being the biological father of Victim B's infant daughter. It is estimated that 99.9999% of the general population can be excluded.

VICTIM C

On May 9, 2017, Hennepin County Human Services transported Victim C to HCMC. Victim C's physical examination did not reveal any injury or signs of physical abuse. HCMC discharged Victim C on 5/12/2017, to St. Joseph's Emergency Shelter for Children. Victim C underwent a forensic interview with CornerHouse on May 22, 2017, in which Victim C denied experiencing or observing any physical abuse in her home. On June 23, 2017, Victim C disclosed that CURRY had struck her with a golf club in the head when she was in second or third grade. Victim C stated that she observed CURRY strike Victim A with a bat and disclosed that CURRY made Victim C strike her sisters with a stick. Victim C stated that Victim A and Victim B were not allowed to leave the house. If Victim A or Victim B misbehaved, CURRY would chain them to a door.

The defendant is not in custody. Due to the serious nature of the offense and the threat posed to public safety, the State respectfully requests that a warrant issue with this complaint.

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

Phillip Gangnon
Sgt.
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Badge: 2195

Electronically Signed:
02/22/2018 11:30 AM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Sarah Hilleren
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
02/22/2018 11:25 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 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*

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: \$750,000.00
Conditions of Release: No Contact with Victim

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 22, 2018.

Judicial Officer Ivy S. Bernhardson Electronically Signed: 02/22/2018 11:50 AM
District Court Judge

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Shelia Machele Wilson

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:

DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Name: Shelia Machelle Wilson
DOB: 02/11/1970
Address: 4216 17th Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Alias Names/DOB: SHELIA MACHALL WILSON DOB: 2/11/1970
SID:
Height:
Weight:
Eye Color:
Hair Color:
Gender: FEMALE
Race: Black
Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes
Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: No
Driver's License #:
SILS Person ID #: 661408
SILS Tracking No. 2957005
Case Scheduling Information: Co-def Jerry Curry, 27-CR-18-4536
Alcohol Concentration:

STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID

Cnt Nbr	Statute Type	Offense Date(s)	Statute Nbrs and Descriptions	Offense Level	MOC	GOC	Controlling Agencies	Case Numbers
1	Charge	2/22/2015	609.233.1a(2) Criminal Neglect - Deprivation occurred over extended period of time	Felony	I1151		MN0271100	17242608
	Penalty	2/22/2015	609.233.3(1) Criminal Neglect - Felony Deprivation resulting in great bodily harm	Felony	I1151		MN0271100	17242608
2	Charge	2/22/2015	609.233.1a(2) Criminal Neglect - Deprivation occurred over extended period of time	Felony	I1151		MN0271100	17242608
	Penalty	2/22/2015	609.233.3(1) Criminal Neglect - Felony Deprivation resulting in great bodily harm	Felony	I1151		MN0271100	17242608
3	Charge	2/22/2015	609.378.1(a)(1) Neglect of a Child-Likely Subst. Harm Physical/Emot Health-G	Gross Misdemeanor	I2064		MN0271100	17242608
	Penalty	2/22/2015	609.378.1(a)(1) Neglect of a Child-Likely Subst. Harm Physical/Emot Health-G	Gross Misdemeanor	I2064		MN0271100	17242608