

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 19A06870
Court File No. 27-CR-19-13690

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JAMES DAVID WREN DOB: 06/10/1984

2300 BRYANT AVE S #2
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Order of Detention

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: 609.11.5(a), 609.19.1, 609.11.9

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/10/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19166361

Charge Description: That on or about June 10, 2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, JAMES DAVID WREN, caused the death of M.C., a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation, while using or possessing a firearm.

Minimum Sentence: 3 YEARS

COUNT II

Charge: Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.1(1), with reference to: 609.11.5(a), 609.17.4(2), 609.19.1, 609.11.9

Maximum Sentence: Twenty years.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/10/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19166361

Charge Description: That on or about June 10, 2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, JAMES DAVID WREN attempted to cause the death of T.C., a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation, while using or possessing a firearm.

Minimum Sentence: 3 YEARS

COUNT III

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)

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/10/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19166361

Charge Description: That on or about June 10, 2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, JAMES DAVID WREN possessed a firearm and/or ammunition and JAMES DAVID WREN has been convicted or adjudicated delinquent in this state or elsewhere of a crime of violence, Assault in the First Degree (Court File No. 27-CR-12-3453) on July 11, 2012, for which the sentence or court supervision expired on or after August 1, 1993.

Minimum Sentence: 5 YEARS

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On or about June 10, 2019, at approximately 2:19 a.m., officers with the Minneapolis Police Department were dispatched to a parking lot near Augie's nightclub in downtown Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, on the report of a fight. While in the area responding to the fight, officers heard multiple gunshots and observed two adult male victims on the ground. Both victims appeared to be suffering from gunshot wounds. JAMES DAVID WREN, Defendant herein, was immediately identified by a known witness ("Witness A") as the shooter and observed fleeing from the scene with a handgun. Officers pursued Defendant and apprehended him after a short chase.

Adult male victim M.C. and adult male victim T.C. were transported to the hospital for medical treatment. Victim M.C. subsequently died from his gunshot wound. Victim T.C. suffered a gunshot wound to his back. Medical personnel informed officers the bullet severed victim T.C.'s spine causing permanent paralysis.

Officers spoke to Witness A at the scene. Witness A informed officers he is a tow truck driver and was working at the time of the incident. Witness A was parked in the alley near the parking lot where the shooting occurred. Witness A was seated in his tow truck when he observed a fight between several individuals in the parking lot. Witness A observed Defendant walk past his vehicle with a black handgun. Defendant stopped at the hood of Witness A's vehicle and fired his handgun several times in the direction of the group. Defendant was so close to Witness A's vehicle that the discharged cartridge casings landed on the hood of Witness A's vehicle. Defendant's handgun jammed. Defendant backed up and bent over right next to Witness A's driver side door and attempted to clear the handgun. Defendant then fled the scene. Witness A saw an officer in the area and identified Defendant as the shooter. The officer subsequently pursued Defendant and apprehended Defendant after a short chase. Witness A was able to provide officers with a detailed description of Defendant. Witness A described Defendant as a black male with dreadlocks, wearing a bright colored backpack, a dark colored t-shirt with "CAL" on the front in large letters, and a gold necklace with a square charm.

Investigators reviewed video surveillance from the area. Video surveillance captured the entire incident. Video surveillance shows Defendant get into an altercation with the victims in the parking lot. Defendant leaves the area and returns to the area carrying a black handgun in his right hand. Defendant is then captured on video approaching the victims and shooting the victims at close range in front of Witness A's tow truck. Defendant then fled the area with the handgun in his possession and is subsequently apprehended by officers.

Officers searched the area for the handgun. The handgun was never recovered.

Defendant was previously convicted of a crime of violence and is prohibited from possessing a firearm. On July 11, 2012, Defendant was convicted of Assault in the First Degree (Court File No. 27-CR-12-3453).

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

Molly Fischer
sgt
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Badge: 2023

Electronically Signed:
06/12/2019 11:43 AM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Dominick Mathews
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
06/12/2019 11:28 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 the address listed on the attached court summons 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: \$1,000,000.00

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: June 12, 2019.

Judicial Officer

Sarah West
Judge

Electronically Signed: 06/12/2019 11:50 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.

JAMES DAVID WREN

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:

DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Name: JAMES DAVID WREN
DOB: 06/10/1984
Address: 2300 BRYANT AVE S #2
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN03402996

Height:

Weight:

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender: MALE

Race: Black

Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: Yes

Driver's License #:

SILS Person ID #: 476052

SILS Tracking No. 3106401

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	6/10/2019	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2813		MN0271100	19166361
	Modifier	6/10/2019	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2813		MN0271100	19166361
	Penalty	6/10/2019	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2813		MN0271100	19166361
	Penalty	6/10/2019	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	H2813		MN0271100	19166361
2	Charge	6/10/2019	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2813	A	MN0271100	19166361
	Penalty	6/10/2019	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2813	A	MN0271100	19166361
	Modifier	6/10/2019	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2813	A	MN0271100	19166361
	Penalty	6/10/2019	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	H2813	A	MN0271100	19166361
	Penalty	6/10/2019	609.17.4(2) Anticipatory Crimes-Attempts-Penalty-1/2 Of Intended	Felony	H2813	A	MN0271100	19166361
3	Charge	6/10/2019	624.713.1(2) Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Conviction or Adjudicated Delinquent for Crime of Violence	Felony	W1643		MN0271100	19166361
	Penalty	6/10/2019	624.713.2(b) Possesses any type of firearm/ammo - Crime of Violence - ineligible under 624.713.1(2)	Felony	W1643		MN0271100	19166361
	Penalty	6/10/2019	609.11.5(b) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm-Felon Convicted Crime of Violence	Felony	W1643		MN0271100	19166361