

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 19A03654  
Court File No. 27-CR-19-7500

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**State of Minnesota,**  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Order of Detention

vs.

**DANIEL KEVIN JOHNSON DOB: 08/21/1956**

17 Van Buren Ave S  
HOPKINS, MN 55343

Defendant.

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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: 609.11.4, 609.19.1, 609.11.9

Maximum Sentence: Forty years.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/29/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19007257

Charge Description: That on or about March 29, 2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, DANIEL KEVIN JOHNSON, caused the death of C.K., a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation, while using or possessing a dangerous weapon.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On or about March 29, 2019, at approximately 10:33 p.m. officers with the Hopkins Police Department were dispatched to an apartment building located at 9 7th Avenue South, Hopkins, Hennepin County, Minnesota, on the report of an unknown male knocking on apartment doors while holding a large knife with blood on his hands. Officers spoke to the reporting party. The reporting party informed officers that he resides in the building and an unknown male knocked on his door holding a large bloody knife and had blood on his hands. The male made several incoherent statements, curled up in a fetal position on the floor and dropped the knife at his feet.

Officers observed DANIEL KEVIN JOHNSON, Defendant herein, lying on the floor of the hallway. Defendant appeared to be unconscious. A large butcher knife with a large amount of blood on the blade was near Defendant's feet. Defendant had blood on his hands and was not wearing shoes. Defendant also had blood on the heels of his socks and hem of his jeans.

Officers apprehended Defendant. Defendant appeared intoxicated. Defendant had a strong odor of alcohol emanating from his person, slurred his words and made numerous incoherent statements about "spirits and ghosts" and "helping them kill someone." Test results revealed Defendant had a .18 BAC. Defendant also admitted to consuming "pot gummies."

Defendant had no visible injuries to account for the blood on his hands, feet and knife. Defendant made several spontaneous utterances claiming he did not know what happened.

Officers entered the adult male victim C.K.'s apartment and observed the victim lying on the living room floor deceased and covered in blood. The victim had a deep laceration across the front of his throat, several stab wounds to his torso and significant facial trauma.

Officers spoke to witness J.J. J.J. is Defendant's son. J.J. informed officers Defendant left home around 4:40 pm to hang out with the victim. Defendant has been depressed lately because this is the time of year Defendant's wife and son died.

Officers spoke to several known witnesses. Witnesses informed officers the victim and Defendant were long time friends. The victim and Defendant would routinely get together to drink and consume marijuana. Witnesses were unaware of any issues or disputes between the victim and Defendant.

Officers reviewed video surveillance from the apartment. Video surveillance captured Defendant riding a bike to the victim's apartment building and the victim letting Defendant into the apartment building.

A blood sample was taken from Defendant by medical staff. Results of the blood sample are still pending.

## 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**

Stefanie Dressen  
Detective  
1010 1st St S  
Hopkins, MN 55343  
Badge: 226

Electronically Signed:  
04/01/2019 11:57 AM  
Hennepin County, MN

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:  
04/01/2019 11:55 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: \$1,000,000.00

Conditions of Release: No Possession of Weapons; Make All Appearances; Remain Law Abiding

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: April 1, 2019.

**Judicial Officer**

Laurie Miller  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 04/01/2019 12:10 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.

**DANIEL KEVIN JOHNSON**

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:** DANIEL KEVIN JOHNSON  
**DOB:** 08/21/1956  
**Address:** 17 Van Buren Ave S  
HOPKINS, MN 55343

**Alias Names/DOB:**

**SID:** MN75000406

**Height:**

**Weight:**

**Eye Color:**

**Hair Color:**

**Gender:** MALE

**Race:** White

**Fingerprints Required per Statute:** Yes

**Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:** Yes

**Driver's License #:**

**SILS Person ID #:** 118230

**SILS Tracking No.** 3092022

**Alcohol Concentration:**

## STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID

| <b>Cnt Nbr</b> | <b>Statute Type</b> | <b>Offense Date(s)</b> | <b>Statute Nbrs and Descriptions</b>                                | <b>Offense Level</b> | <b>MOC</b> | <b>GOC</b> | <b>Controlling Agencies</b> | <b>Case Numbers</b> |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------------|---|----------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1              | Charge              | 3/29/2019              | 609.19.1(1)<br>Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated   | Felony               | H2832      |            | MN0270900                   | 19007257            |
|                | Modifier            | 3/29/2019              | 609.11.9<br>Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses | No-Level             | H2832      |            | MN0270900                   | 19007257            |
|                | Penalty             | 3/29/2019              | 609.19.1<br>Murder - 2nd Degree                                     | Felony               | H2832      |            | MN0270900                   | 19007257            |
|                | Penalty             | 3/29/2019              | 609.11.4<br>Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Use Dangerous Weapon  | Felony               | H2832      |            | MN0270900                   | 19007257            |