

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 20A13242
Court File No. 27-CR-20-24987

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

BRENT DOUGLAS BUCHAN DOB: 12/17/1996

3711 6th St N
Minneapolis, MN 55412

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, 609.11.9

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/25/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20273447

Charge Description: That on or about October 25, 2020 in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Brent Douglas Buchan, caused the death of J.B., a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation.

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 October 25, 2020 at approximately 11:56 PM, officers of the Minneapolis Police Department were dispatched to a report of a ShotSpotter activation in the alley behind 1706 Fremont Avenue North, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Multiple shots were detected by the ShotSpotter.

Multiple officers responded to the area. As officers were responding, dispatch aired that a man with multiple gun shot wounds was at 17__ Emerson Avenue North. The man was in critical condition. When officers arrived, they observed a man, identified as J.B., with gun shot wounds in the doorway. Officers could see J.B. had been shot in the chest and rib area. J.B. had extreme difficulty breathing. 17__ Emerson was J.B.'s father's address. J.B. had run to his father's home after being shot.

As J.B. labored to breath, he told a responding officer he was shot by a male he knew and said the name of the person who shot him. After J.B. said the name, he then said, "my dying breath". The name J.B. said was Brent Buchan, the Defendant herein.

J.B. was transported to the hospital and eventually passed away at the hospital.

J.B.'s father told officers that J.B. was at his house but left shortly before being shot to go buy weed from the Defendant. J.B.'s father was aware his son had been fighting with the Defendant, but J.B. thought things were okay between them. The dispute between the Defendant and J.B. had to do with the Defendant believing that J.B. was responsible for the murder of a friend of the Defendant's, J.S.

Officer searched the area where the ShotSpotter was activated. Officers located several discharged cartridge casings in the area. While searching the area, a known witness approached officers and informed officers he had surveillance of the shooting.

The surveillance video showed a vehicle park in the rear alley near 171_Fremont. A male is seen exiting the vehicle walking southbound in the alley. Seconds later a second male follows the first male. While the second male was following the first male, the second male began shooting at the first male. As shots are being fired, screaming can be heard. While watching the video officers heard a male say "I swear it wasn't me Brenty". The second male then ran back to the vehicle and went NB in the alley.

Police made efforts to locate the Defendant. The Defendant was ultimately seen coming out of his house by police on November 16, 2020. It appeared to officers that the Defendant saw the police and he drove away quickly before the police could stop him. Several officers became involved in locating the Defendant. The Defendant's car was located again driving in the area. The Defendant made evasive moves to avoid the police. A traffic stop was made, and the Defendant was arrested.

The car the Defendant was arrested in is consistent with the car seen on the surveillance video of the shooting. The car appeared cleaned out, but a single live round in a tuck hide area was found. It was a Ruger 9 mm bullet. 9 mm casings were found at the scene of the murder in this case.

The Defendant gave a statement. The Defendant admitted that one of his nicknames is 'Brenty'. The Defendant admitted he is on Facebook and he is the only one to use his Facebook to communicate with others. The Defendant denied having contact with J.B. on the night J.B. was murdered. The Defendant was then confronted with images from his Facebook Messenger showing his conversation with J.B. shortly before J.B. was murdered. The conversation related to plans for J.B. to meet the Defendant that night. After the Defendant was confronted with his Facebook Messenger, he admitted those were his Facebook

messages. The Defendant then grabbed a tissue and wiped his forehead.

Investigation determined that the Defendant changed his cell phone number immediately after the murder of J.B. and he tore down his Facebook page right after the murder.

Investigator's interviewed several witnesses and reviewed several Facebook postings. The police investigation revealed that the Defendant was close friends with J.S., who had recently been murdered. J.S. and the Defendant were in the same gang, Young N Thuggin (YNT). From witness interviews and Facebook postings police determined the Defendant blamed J.B. for the murder of J.S.

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:
11/18/2020 11:51 AM
hennepin County, minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Stuart Shapiro
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
11/18/2020 11:46 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:

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: November 18, 2020.

Judicial Officer

Luis Bartolomei
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/18/2020 11:55 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.

Brent Douglas Buchan

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: Brent Douglas Buchan
DOB: 12/17/1996
Address: 3711 6th St N
Minneapolis, MN 55412

Alias Names/DOB: Brent Puchan DOB:
SID: MN15HQ9056

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 #: 775746
SILS Tracking No. 3202555
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	10/25/2020	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2012		MN0271100	20273447
	Modifier	10/25/2020	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2012		MN0271100	20273447
	Penalty	10/25/2020	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2012		MN0271100	20273447