

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 19A11006  
Court File No. 27-CR-19-22156

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**State of Minnesota,**  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Order of Detention

vs.

**DERRICK TYSHAWN JOHNSON DOB: 03/16/2000**

5801 73rd Ave N  
Apt 219  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55429

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 - Without Intent - While Committing a Felony**

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.2(1), with reference to: 609.19.2(1)

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/03/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19040182

Charge Description: That on or about September 3, 2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, DERRICK TYSHAWN JOHNSON did, without intent to effect the death of any person, cause the death of Victim, a human being, while committing or attempting to commit the felony offense of Third Degree Assault.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On September 3, 2019, officers were dispatched to 58xx 73rd Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, Hennepin County, Minnesota on report of an unconscious baby. Upon arrival officers encountered DERRICK TYSHAWN JOHNSON (DEFENDANT) in the third floor of the stairwell with his son, a two month old infant (Victim), in his hands. As the officer and DEFENDANT were walking back into the apartment, DEFENDANT stated that Victim fell off the bed while he was in the bathroom. DEFENDANT stated he was home alone with Victim. DEFENDANT told the officer that it felt like something was moving around in Victim's skull.

DEFENDANT placed Victim on the bed. Victim was not breathing, and officers were unable to secure a pulse. An officer picked up Victim, DEFENDANT again said that Victim fell and hit the side of his head. Officers attempted CPR. Officers described Victim as feeling cool to the touch. Firefighters arrived transported Victim to the hospital.

DEFENDANT told officers that he put Victim on the bed, lying on his back. DEFENDANT went into the bathroom for approximately three minutes. DEFENDANT stated that he heard the child cry and saw Victim lying on the floor, not responsive. DEFENDANT stated he attempted to give Victim a bottle and called Victim's mother. DEFENDANT stated he called 911 approximately 25 minutes after he saw Victim on the floor.

Officers saw several holes in walls of the home. The mattress described by DEFENDANT was approximately 18 inches off a carpeted floor.

Victim was rushed to the emergency room. Officers spoke with the emergency room doctor, who stated Victim was deceased on arrival and cool to the touch when he arrived at the ER. The doctor stated he suspected Victim had died 30 minutes to 2 hours before arrival to the hospital.

Officers spoke with DEFENDANT outside of the medical examiner's office. DEFENDANT again stated that Victim fell off the bed and may have hit an oscillating fan. DEFENDANT said that Victim was wiggly and squirmy. DEFENDANT said that Victim did not have any prior injuries. Family members approached DEFENDANT as he was talking with police. Officers overheard DEFENDANT telling family that he dropped Victim.

Officers spoke with Dr. Nancy Harper, a physician who specializes in child injuries. Dr. Harper had conferenced with the medical examiner and was able to review material from Victim's autopsy. Dr. Harper stated that Victim had a bilateral complex skull fracture with numerous fissures radiating from a central point of impact. The Victim had bleeding inside the skull on the surface of the brain, with a concern for older bleeding on the brain. Dr. Harper also noted bruising near the eyelid, near the angle of the left side of the jaw, and on the left side of Victim's forehead near the hairline. Dr. Harper told officers that bruising near the temple hairline represents blunt force trauma.

Dr. Harper described multiple additional fractures. Victim had a fracture to his right clavicle. There was also a healing left clavicle fracture not consistent with a birth injury. Victim had posterior rib fractures on his left side, close to the spine. Dr. Harper stated that the Victim's injuries were consistent with abuse. Dr. Harper told officers that Victim's injuries were not consistent with simple household falls, falling from a caregiver's arms, or routine infant care. A fracture from a fall would be linear and not star like.

A final autopsy report is pending. The Medical Examiner informed officers that Victim's injuries would not have likely resulted from a short fall or drop from parent or caregiver.

DEFENDANT is 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**

John Blasingame  
Detective  
5400 85th Ave N  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443  
Badge: 95

Electronically Signed:  
09/09/2019 10:57 AM  
Hennepin County, MN

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Scott E. Haldeman  
Assistant County Attorney  
300 S 6th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55487  
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:  
09/09/2019 10:52 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: September 9, 2019.

**Judicial Officer**

Peter A Cahill  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/09/2019 11:01 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.

**DERRICK TYSHAWN 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:** DERRICK TYSHAWN JOHNSON  
**DOB:** 03/16/2000  
**Address:** 5801 73rd Ave N  
Apt 219  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55429

**Alias Names/DOB:** Derrick Tyshawn Johnson DOB: 3/16/2000  
**SID:** MN18AP1259

**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 #:** 836119  
**SILS Tracking No.** 3125515  
**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	9/3/2019	609.19.2(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - Without Intent - While Committing a Felony	Felony	H2851		MN0270300	19040182
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