

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 17A06505
Court File No. 27-CR-17-13027

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NATHAN THOMAS LEHMAN DOB: 01/28/1979

6700 Woodhill Trail
Eden Prairie, MN 55346

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: 609.11.4, 609.19.1

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/25/2017

Control #(ICR#): 17017860

Charge Description: That on or about May 25, 2017, in the City of Eden Prairie, Hennepin County, Minnesota, NATHAN THOMAS LEHMAN caused the death of Victim 1, a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation, while using a dangerous weapon.

Minimum Sentence: 1 YEAR AND 1 DAY

COUNT II

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

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.1(1), with reference to: 609.11.4, 609.19.1

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/25/2017

Control #(ICR#): 17017860

Charge Description: That on or about May 25, 2017, in the City of Eden Prairie, Hennepin County, Minnesota, NATHAN THOMAS LEHMAN caused the death of Victim 2, a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation, while using a dangerous weapon.

Minimum Sentence: 1 YEAR AND 1 DAY

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

NATHAN THOMAS LEHMAN [(D.O.B. 1/28/1979); ("Defendant")] has a history of prior police contacts for domestic assault against his parents, mental health issues, and chemical dependency issues (methamphetamine). Defendant had been living with his parents in the City of Eden Prairie, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Defendant left his parents' house in late April or early May, was not complying with his mental health caseworkers, and his parents had not seen him for several weeks. The parents ended up reporting Defendant as missing on May 8, 2017.

Around 2:00 a.m. on May 25, 2017, a neighbor of Defendant's parents heard a loud muffler. When the neighbor looked outside, he saw Defendant's vehicle in the parents' driveway. The neighbor watched Defendant go into the home, and said Defendant was only in the home for approximately 15-30 minutes. Defendant then left in his vehicle without turning on his headlights.

Defendant's father did not show up for work the next morning, which his employer said was unusual for him. The employer contacted police, who conducted a welfare check at the home around 7:00 a.m. Police found the bodies of Defendant's mother ("Victim 1") and father ("Victim 2") in the bathroom. Their bodies and the bathroom was covered in blood and they appeared to have died from multiple stab wounds to their torsos and other trauma to various areas of their bodies. Victim 1 had severe trauma to her face as well.

Later in the day, Defendant was apprehended in the City of Buffalo, Wright County, Minnesota. Defendant had bloody clothes in the trunk of his vehicle, there was blood like substance in the driver's area and interior of the vehicle, there was a hatchet in the vehicle with traces of a blood like substance on it, and suspected methamphetamine which field-tested positive.

Defendant made many statements, some coherent and some not. Defendant admitted to using methamphetamine two days ago. Defendant also said two days ago, around 1:30 a.m., he went to his parents' house and found Victim 1 in the bathroom. Defendant began stabbing his mother with a screwdriver and she started to scream. Victim 2 came out of the bedroom and into the bathroom, where Defendant also stabbed Victim 2. After stabbing them, he drove away and threw the two screwdrivers he used out the window. Defendant explained he bought the hatchet after the murders. Defendant said he was high on methamphetamine at the time of the murder.

The medical examiner said the stab wounds appear consistent with a screwdriver. Officers estimate that Victim 1 had more than 20 stab wounds and Victim 2 had more than 35 stab wounds, many of which were to his back.

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

Chris Millard
Detective
8080 Mitchell Rd
Eden Prairie, MN 55344
Badge: 053

Electronically Signed:
05/26/2017 03:48 PM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Justin Wesley
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
05/26/2017 03:44 PM

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.

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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: \$2,000,000.00
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: May 26, 2017.

Judicial Officer Liza K. Janzen
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/26/2017 03:55 PM

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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NATHAN THOMAS LEHMAN

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: