

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 17A08680
Court File No. 27-CR-17-17381

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DENNIS JOHN SANDLAND DOB: 04/11/1961

4826 YATES AVE N
CRYSTAL, MN 55429

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), 609.11.4, 609.19.1

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/12/2017

Control #(ICR#): 17014736

Charge Description: That on or about 7/12/2017, in Crystal, Hennepin County, Minnesota, DENNIS JOHN SANDLAND caused the death of S.S., a human being, with intent to effect the death of S.S. but without premeditation, while using a firearm.

Minimum Sentence: 3 YEARS, 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:

On July 12, 2017 at approximately 6:30 pm, a known adult male called 911 to report that his father, defendant DENNIS JOHN SANDLAND, called the known adult male and said that he had just shot the known adult male's mother. The known adult male told police he was concerned because there were multiple firearms in the Crystal, Hennepin County home.

Police went to the house and made contact with the defendant on his cell phone. They made numerous attempts to have the defendant surrender and eventually a hostage negotiator persuaded the defendant to come out of the home with his hands up. The defendant was taken into custody. Police went inside the home and found S.S., a known adult female, lying dead in her bed with a gunshot wound to the head and a loaded handgun on the bed.

Police administered a portable PBT test to the defendant and his BAC was .094.

During the booking process and while having his blood drawn at a hospital, the defendant made numerous unprompted remarks regarding how he had been angry at his wife and shot her in the head.

Family members told police that there had been trouble in S.S. and the defendant's marriage recently and that there was a lot of fighting and that the defendant had possibly been violent with S.S. prior to July 12th.

The 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

Jonathan H Wilkes
Police Officer
4141 Douglas Drive N
Crystal, MN 55422
Badge: 338

Electronically Signed:
07/14/2017 11:05 AM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Amy Sweasy
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
07/14/2017 11:00 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.

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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: No Contact with Witnesses; No Possession of Weapons

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: July 14, 2017.

Judicial Officer

James Moore
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 07/14/2017 11:17 AM

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

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STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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*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: