

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 18A15035
Court File No. 27-CR-18-30063

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROYLEE HARTFIELD DOB: 12/04/1958

100 S 1ST ST - USPS ADDY
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55440

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, 609.17.4(2), 609.19.1, 609.11.9

Maximum Sentence: HALF OF 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 12/08/2018

Control #(ICR#): 18403650

Charge Description: That on or about 12/8/2018, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, ROYLEE HARTFIELD attempted to cause the death of the victim, a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation, while using a dangerous weapon.

COUNT II

Charge: Assault-1st Degree-Great Bodily Harm

Minnesota Statute: 609.221.1, with reference to: 609.221.1, 609.101.2

Maximum Sentence: 20 YEARS AND/OR \$30,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 12/08/2018

Control #(ICR#): 18403650

Charge Description: That on or about 12/8/2018, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, ROYLEE HARTFIELD, assaulted the victim and inflicted great bodily harm.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On December 9, 2018 at approximately 7:30 PM, Minneapolis Police responded to a multi-unit residential building on Aldrich Avenue in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota on a report of a stabbing. The emergency call had come from a third party who was not on the scene and had limited information.

Upon arrival at the identified apartment, officers encountered an adult female ("the victim") who was holding a towel to the right side of her neck. The victim was visibly disheveled, appeared weak, and spoke softly. Officers observed stab wounds to the victim's face and neck and noted that a wound at the front of her neck bled actively when she took the towel away. Officers also saw that the victim had sustained a large wound on her left hand. The victim told officers that her boyfriend, ROYLEE HARTFIELD, Defendant herein, had stabbed her. When paramedics arrived, the victim was carried to the ambulance.

A responding officer accompanied the victim in the ambulance. The victim told the officer that she had been stabbed the previous evening in her apartment. She said that Defendant "jumped" on her on the bed and punched her. Defendant then stabbed her numerous times in the neck and left her, bleeding, in her bed. Defendant stayed with her in the apartment throughout the night. The next day, Defendant told the victim he would take her to the hospital and took her keys to "warm up" her vehicle. Defendant never returned to the apartment. The victim called the reporting party and told the reporting party she had been stabbed.

Investigators later collected blood-soaked bedding and clothing from the victim's apartment along with a bloody kitchen knife.

After she arrived at the hospital, the victim required emergency surgery for the life-threatening injuries to her neck.

Using electronic location data associated with Defendant's cell phone, police searched for Defendant in the area of Hiawatha Avenue and 46th Street East. Defendant was ultimately found in the victim's vehicle outside a business on Minnehaha Avenue South. Defendant was arrested and booked into the Hennepin County Jail just after midnight on December 10, 2018.

An investigator later conducted a Mirandized interview with Defendant at the Minneapolis Police Department. Defendant said that he and the victim had gotten into an argument at their apartment and that the victim produced a knife. Defendant claimed he was able to get the knife from the victim. Defendant said he then lost control and began stabbing the victim multiple times. Defendant admitted multiple times during the interview that he intended to kill the victim when he stabbed her. Defendant described the victim's wounds bleeding heavily and said that he checked on her in the bedroom throughout the night, expecting each time that she would be dead.

Defendant is in custody.

Defendant was previously convicted of Murder in the Second Degree on June 4, 1990 and remains on supervised release in connection with that conviction. Defendant told the investigator that the previous murder involved him stabbing the victim multiple times. Defendant is also on supervised release in connection with felony convictions for Substantial Battery and Child Abuse in the state of Wisconsin in 2010.

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

Clinton Letch
Sergeant
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Badge: 4099

Electronically Signed:
12/11/2018 11:31 AM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Paige L Starkey
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
12/11/2018 11:10 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:

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: December 11, 2018.

Judicial Officer

Laurie Miller
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 12/11/2018 11:36 AM

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

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ROYLEE HARTFIELD

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: ROYLEE HARTFIELD
DOB: 12/04/1958
Address: 100 S 1ST ST - USPS ADDY
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55440

Alias Names/DOB: Roy Lee Hartfield DOB: 12/4/1958
SID: MN89011299

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 #: 92951
SILS Tracking No. 3070988
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	12/8/2018	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2831	A	MN0271100	18403650
	Penalty	12/8/2018	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2831	A	MN0271100	18403650
	Modifier	12/8/2018	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2831	A	MN0271100	18403650
	Penalty	12/8/2018	609.11.4 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Use Dangerous Weapon	Felony	H2831	A	MN0271100	18403650
	Penalty	12/8/2018	609.17.4(2) Anticipatory Crimes-Attempts-Penalty-1/2 Of Intended	Felony	H2831	A	MN0271100	18403650
2	Charge	12/8/2018	609.221.1 Assault-1st Degree-Great Bodily Harm	Felony	A1131		MN0271100	18403650
	Definition	12/8/2018	609.101.2 Minimum Fines – Victim Assistance Programs	No-Level	A1131		MN0271100	18403650
	Penalty	12/8/2018	609.221.1 Assault-1st Degree-Great Bodily Harm	Felony	A1131		MN0271100	18403650