

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 18A12478  
Court File No. 27-CR-18-25431

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**JONELL BUTLER DOB: 10/11/1983**

2001 Glenwood Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55411

Defendant.

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**COMPLAINT**

Warrant

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: Assault-1st Degree-Great Bodily Harm**

Minnesota Statute: 609.221.1, with reference to: 609.221.1, 609.11.5(a), 609.101.2

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

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/05/2018

Control #(ICR#): 18336588

Charge Description: That on or about 10/5/2018, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, JONELL BUTLER, assaulted Victim #1 and inflicted great bodily harm, while using a firearm.

Minimum Sentence: 3 YEARS

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Aggravated Robbery-1st Degree**

Minnesota Statute: 609.245.1, with reference to: 609.245.1, 609.11.5(a)

Maximum Sentence: 20 YEARS AND/OR \$35,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/05/2018

Control #(ICR#): 18336588

Charge Description: That on or about 10/5/2018, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, JONELL BUTLER, took personal property from the person or in the presence of Victim #1, knowing that he was not entitled to the property and used and/or threatened the imminent use of force against Victim #1 to overcome his resistance or powers of resistance to or to compel acquiescence in the taking or carrying away of the property, and inflicted bodily harm upon Victim #1 while using a firearm.

Minimum Sentence: 3 YEARS

## COUNT III

### **Charge: Aggravated Robbery-1st Degree**

Minnesota Statute: 609.245.1, with reference to: 609.245.1, 609.11.5(a)

Maximum Sentence: 20 YEARS AND/OR \$35,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 10/05/2018

Control #(ICR#): 18336588

Charge Description: That on or about 10/5/2018, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, JONELL BUTLER, took personal property from the person or in the presence of Victim #2, knowing that he was not entitled to the property and used and/or threatened the imminent use of force against Victim #2 to overcome her resistance or powers of resistance to or to compel acquiescence in the taking or carrying away of the property, while using a firearm.

Minimum Sentence: 3 YEARS

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

That on October 5, 2018, at approximately 10:37 p.m., officers were dispatched to 13th Avenue NE and 4th Street NE in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, to investigate a shooting. Upon arrival, officers observed an identified male, hereafter Victim #1, had sustained a gunshot wound to his abdomen. An identified female, hereafter Victim #2, was also on scene. Victim #2 identified herself as Victim #1's girlfriend. Victim #2 reported she and Victim #1 were walking in the area when a white SUV pulled up, stopped, and a black male exited the passenger side. The black male approached, pointed a handgun at them, and demanded money, wallets and phones. Victim #1 handed over his wallet and phone and Victim #2 handed over her wallet. The suspect collected these items and then walked back towards the passenger side door of the white SUV. Victim #1 protested being robbed and suspect responded by shooting Victim #1 in the abdomen from only a few feet away. Suspect then entered the passenger side door of the SUV and it fled from the scene.

Victim #1 was transported to the hospital for his gunshot wound. Victim #1 required surgery and is currently in stable condition.

Officers would later learn two other robberies occurred close in time that overnight in northeast Minneapolis involving the same suspect description, same vehicle description, and the same general behavior. In all cases, the victims were robbed of either money and/or cell phones. (These other cases are being charged out separately).

Officers pinged a victim cell phone to 44th and Nicollet Avenue South. Once there, officers located an abandoned white SUV that matched the suspect vehicle description. Officers looked inside the vehicle and, in plain view, observed a number of cell phones, purses, and cash. The vehicle was secured, towed, and later searched pursuant to search warrant. Inside this vehicle, officers located personal property belonging to Victim #1 and Victim #2 in the present case.

The recovered white SUV was registered to an adult female who, in turn, was identified as the mother of NATALIE BOX. NATALIE BOX was known to be defendant's girlfriend. Defendant was arrested on October 9, 2016 on a separate, fourth aggravated robbery committed in northeast Minneapolis on September 8, 2018 (see MNCIS File No.: 27-CR-18-25320, filed October 11, 2018, charging Aggravated Robbery in the First Degree) NATALIE BOX was with defendant when he was arrested. NATALIE BOX was found to have an outstanding warrant and was arrested. NATALIE BOX was in possession of a cell phone and a warrant was obtained to search the phone. Cell tower location data placed NATALIE BOX'S cell phone at all three above-described robberies that occurred in sequence in northeast Minneapolis on October 5-6, 2018, and showed movement from one robbery to the next and to the next. In addition, officers discovered an "open line" recording on NATALIE BOX'S cell phone where one of the robberies is audio recorded. Officers formed the belief that NATALIE BOX was defendant's driver during the three sequential robberies on October 5, 2018. Officers attempted to speak with NATALIE BOX but she refused to provide a statement.

Officers spoke with defendant about the four robberies. Defendant admitted to committing the robbery on September 8, 2018 (again, reference MNCIS File No.: 27-CR-18-25320). When asked about his involvement in the other three robberies from October 5-6, 2018, defendant stated "No, I don't even have a gun." Officers noted they had not even mentioned the other robberies were committed with a gun.

Thereafter, defendant provided several explanations about the robberies:

In his first version, defendant claimed he was with NATALIE BOX when they were held at gunpoint and kidnapped by two males. Defendant insisted these two males committed the robberies and then made him touch the proceeds, thus explaining why his fingerprints and/or DNA would be present on recovered victim property.

In his second version, defendant now claimed he had no recollection of the kidnapping but was informed of this by NATALIE BOX after the fact. Defendant acknowledged he "could have" committed the robberies but was unsure due to narcotics use.

In his third version, defendant admitted that on October 5, 2018, he was a passenger in the white SUV, that NATALIE BOX was driving and that they drove around Northeast Minneapolis, made many stops, but did not commit any robberies. In this version, he did not claim that he and NATALIE BOX were kidnapped at gunpoint by two males or that he was forced to touch robbery proceeds.

Officers obtained a search warrant for a buccal swab from defendant. DNA testing is pending on several items, including swabs taken from the recovered white SUV and from the recovered robbery proceeds located inside the vehicle.

At present, defendant is in custody on the other above-referenced charged robbery case. Accordingly, your complainant hereby requests this complaint issue by warrant rather than by summons.

## 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**

Jeffrey B. Waite  
Sergeant  
350 S 5th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389  
Badge: 7449

Electronically Signed:  
10/12/2018 03:03 PM  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Darren Borg  
300 S 6th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55487  
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:  
10/12/2018 02:58 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: \$300,000.00  
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: October 12, 2018.

**Judicial Officer**                      Jay Quam                      Electronically Signed: 10/12/2018 03:07 PM  
District Court Judge

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff  
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**JONELL BUTLER**

Defendant

*LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE  
I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Warrant  
upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

## DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

**Name:** JONELL BUTLER  
**DOB:** 10/11/1983  
**Address:** 2001 Glenwood Ave  
Minneapolis, MN 55411

**Alias Names/DOB:**

**SID:**

**Height:**

**Weight:**

**Eye Color:**

**Hair Color:**

**Gender:** MALE

**Race:** Black

**Fingerprints Required per Statute:** Yes

**Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:** No

**Driver's License #:**

**SILS Person ID #:** 850956

**SILS Tracking No.** 3060078

**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	10/5/2018	609.221.1 Assault-1st Degree-Great Bodily Harm	Felony	A1123		MN0271100	18336588
	Definition	10/5/2018	609.101.2 Minimum Fines – Victim Assistance Programs	No-Level	A1123		MN0271100	18336588
	Penalty	10/5/2018	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	A1123		MN0271100	18336588
	Penalty	10/5/2018	609.221.1 Assault-1st Degree-Great Bodily Harm	Felony	A1123		MN0271100	18336588
2	Charge	10/5/2018	609.245.1 Aggravated Robbery-1st Degree	Felony	R1123		MN0271100	18336588
	Penalty	10/5/2018	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	R1123		MN0271100	18336588
	Penalty	10/5/2018	609.245.1 Aggravated Robbery-1st Degree	Felony	R1123		MN0271100	18336588
3	Charge	10/5/2018	609.245.1 Aggravated Robbery-1st Degree	Felony	R1123		MN0271100	18336588
	Penalty	10/5/2018	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	R1123		MN0271100	18336588
	Penalty	10/5/2018	609.245.1 Aggravated Robbery-1st Degree	Felony	R1123		MN0271100	18336588