

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 19A10382  
Court File No. 27-CR-19-20664

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**State of Minnesota,**  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Order of Detention

vs.

**JAMES ALVIN HILL DOB: 05/28/1988**

2509 Golden Valley Rd  
Apt 204  
Minneapolis, MN 55411

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 - With Intent-Not Premeditated**

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.1(1), with reference to: 609.19.1, 609.11.9

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/21/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19038009

Charge Description: That on or about August 21, 2019, in Brooklyn Park in Hennepin County, Minnesota, James Alvin Hill, caused the death of V.A., a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On August 21, 2019, at approximately 4:20 p.m., officers from the Brooklyn Park Police Department were flagged down by numerous people at the intersection of Brookdale Drive and Zane Avenue in Brooklyn Park, Hennepin County. Officers were directed to a female, later identified as V.A., who was laying on the ground in the parking lot for the Gold Key Mall. According to witnesses, V.A. had just been shot. V.A. appeared to be motionless and unresponsive and officers observed a gunshot wound to her abdomen. Officers immediately began life saving efforts. An ambulance arrived shortly after and transported V.A. to North Memorial Hospital where she subsequently died as a result of injuries sustained from the gunshot wound.

While at the scene, officers spoke to several witnesses who indicated that just before the shooting, V.A. had walked into the hair salon at the mall and as she entered she was met by a black male, later identified as JAMES ALVIN HILL, Defendant Hill herein. Defendant Hill asked V.A. if she remembered him and it appeared that after a moment she did and the two hugged. Defendant Hill then asked V.A. to come outside so he could show her something. Witnesses inside the salon heard a pop or bang moments later and saw V.A. fall to the ground. Defendant Hill then got into the passenger side of a grey SUV and fled the area. Witnesses indicated that the SUV was being driven by a female, later identified as DESHAWN MARVELL SLAUGHTER, Defendant Slaughter herein.

Officers at the scene located one discharged cartridge casing identified as a 9mm Winchester Luger. Officers were able to view surveillance video from the mall cameras. Defendant Hill can be seen getting out of a gray SUV that is backed into a parking spot and is sticking out from the spot and crooked. Defendant Hill is then seen going into one store, exiting and then going into another. Shortly after, Defendant Hill and V.A. are seen exiting the store and walking over to the gray SUV. Defendant Hill is seen opening the front passenger door and is speaking with V.A. when a struggle occurs. Defendant Hill can be seen pointing his arm at V.A. and V.A. then stumbles backwards. Defendant Hill is then seen grabbing V.A.'s purse and getting into the passenger side of the vehicle as it drives away.

Officers were able to identify the license plate of the SUV as MN license 850LCN. This license plate registers to Defendant Slaughter at 3239 Logan Avenue in Minneapolis and belongs to a gray 2001 Yukon, which matched the vehicle seen on surveillance video. As officers were conducting surveillance, they observed a red Toyota Camry leaving the residence. This vehicle was stopped and the 3 occupants, including Defendant Hill and Defendant Slaughter, were removed and taken into custody. Defendant Hill was observed to be wearing the exact same clothing from the surveillance video of the murder.

Officers located Defendant Slaughter's SUV in the alley behind her residence and during a search pursuant to a warrant, recovered a Wells Fargo Visa card in V.A.'s name, as well as an inhaler in V.A.'s name, in the center console. Officer's also executed a search warrant at 3239 Logan Avenue in Minneapolis and recovered a tan Michael Kors purse that matched the description of the purse taken from V.A.

In a post-Miranda, taped statement, Defendant Hill admitted to Shooting V.A. and taking her purse. Defendant Hill told officers that he was the front seat passenger and Defendant Slaughter was driving. Defendant Hill also identified a third party who was in the vehicle at the time of the murder as T.S. According to Defendant Hill, he had been watching V.A. for 10-15 minutes before going into the salon to talk to her. Defendant Hill said that he and V.A. walked outside and were talking near the SUV when he shot her one time in the stomach and took her purse. Defendant Hill told officers that he always carries a gun and that the gun was in the Toyota Camry he was stopped in. Defendant Hill was shown a photo from the surveillance video and identified himself. Defendant Hill was shown a DVS photo of Defendant Slaughter and identified her as the driver of the SUV. Defendant was also shown a photo of V.A. and identified her as the person he shot.

Officers later recovered a 9mm handgun from the Toyota Camry that was loaded with 9mm Winchester Luger rounds. It should be noted that the bullets in the gun are the same caliber and brand as the discharged cartridge casing recovered at the scene.

## 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**

Russell Czapar  
Detective  
5400 85th Ave N  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443  
Badge: 172

Electronically Signed:  
08/23/2019 12:13 PM  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Krista White  
300 S 6th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55487  
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:  
08/23/2019 12:11 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 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: No Contact with Witnesses; No Contact with Co-Defendant(s); No use of drugs/alcohol; Random UAs; No Possession of Weapons; Make All Appearances; Remain Law Abiding

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: August 23, 2019.

**Judicial Officer**

Martha Holton Dimick  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/23/2019 12:22 PM

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

vs.

**JAMES ALVIN HILL**

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:** JAMES ALVIN HILL  
**DOB:** 05/28/1988  
**Address:** 2509 Golden Valley Rd  
Apt 204  
Minneapolis, MN 55411

**Alias Names/DOB:**

**SID:** MN07085622

**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 #:** 609686

**SILS Tracking No.** 3122414

**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	8/21/2019	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2012		MN0270300	19038009
	Modifier	8/21/2019	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2012		MN0270300	19038009
	Penalty	8/21/2019	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2012		MN0270300	19038009