

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 19A09524
Court File No. 27-CR-19-18935

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

JOHN MICHAEL LAWLER DOB: 03/17/1963

7440 Bristol Village Curv
Bloomington, MN 55438

Defendant.

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, 609.11.9

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/04/2019

Control #(ICR#): 19007665

Charge Description: That on or about 8/4/2019, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, JOHN MICHAEL LAWLER, caused the death of D.M.K., 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:

On August 4, 2019 at approximately 11:00 p.m., officers with the Bloomington Police Department responded to a townhome on Quebec Avenue South, Bloomington, Hennepin County, Minnesota on a report of a domestic situation with a knife.

Upon their arrival, officers entered the townhome and observed a woman, subsequently identified as D.M.K. (hereinafter "victim"), surrounded by a large pool of blood in the kitchen. Two males, identified as the victim's adult son: B.A.S., and the victim's husband: JOHN MICHAEL LAWLER (DOB: 03/17/1963; hereinafter "Defendant"), were also in the kitchen. Officers and paramedics attempted life saving measures on the victim, but she was pronounced dead at 11:19 p.m. Medical professionals at the scene found three stab wounds to the victim's body: Two under her left arm on her torso and one to her back near her left shoulder blade. An autopsy was conducted and revealed four stab wounds, which included a wound to her left breast. The medical examiner also observed defensive injuries to the victim's hands and blunt force trauma to the right side of the victim's face.

During the subsequent investigation, officers learned the following:

At approximately 5:45/6:00 p.m., the victim and Defendant returned to the townhome. The victim told B.A.S. that the Defendant had picked her up from work and that they were not getting along. The Defendant went inside the townhome while the victim was in the garage with B.A.S. The victim was talking to her mother, B.K., until she went into the basement of the townhome and listened to music with her younger adolescent son, N.S., until approximately 10:00 p.m. N.S. went to sleep and the victim stayed up listening to music. At approximately 11:00 p.m., B.A.S. heard the music turned off and a lot of shouting between the victim and the Defendant. B.A.S. went to the kitchen and saw his mother—the victim—on the ground, covered in blood with the Defendant on top of her. B.A.S. said he hit the Defendant a couple of times before calling 911. B.A.S. asked the Defendant what happened. The Defendant did not verbally respond, but B.A.S. said the Defendant's face drained of color.

The Defendant did not provide a statement to police.

The Defendant is in-custody. At this time, the State is aware of two other domestic incidents between the victim/B.A.S. and the Defendant. One was from 2015 and the other from 2018.

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

George Harms
Detective
1800 W Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN 55431
Badge: 241

Electronically Signed:
08/06/2019 11:32 AM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Leah Erickson
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
08/06/2019 11:15 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 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 Address; No Contact with Witnesses; Alcosensor/scram; No use of drugs/alcohol; Random UAs; No Possession of Weapons; Remain Law Abiding; Make All Appearances

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 6, 2019.

Judicial Officer

Kathryn Quaintance
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/06/2019 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

Plaintiff

vs.

John Michael Lawler

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: John Michael Lawler
DOB: 03/17/1963
Address: 7440 Bristol Village Curv
Bloomington, MN 55438

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN08B12354

Height:

Weight:

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender: MALE

Race: White

Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: Yes

Driver's License #:

SILS Person ID #: 638316

SILS Tracking No. 3118501

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	8/4/2019	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2041		MN0270100	19007665
	Modifier	8/4/2019	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2041		MN0270100	19007665
	Penalty	8/4/2019	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2041		MN0270100	19007665
	Penalty	8/4/2019	609.11.4 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Use Dangerous Weapon	Felony	H2041		MN0270100	19007665