

State of Minnesota  
County of Hennepin

District Court  
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 20A05221  
Court File No. 27-CR-20-9968

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**State of Minnesota,**  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Order of Detention

vs.

**RODNEY DAVID VELHO DOB: 07/01/1975**

719 E 16 ST  
#20  
Minneapolis, MN 55404

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: 609.11.5(a), 609.19.1, 609.11.9

Maximum Sentence: Forty years.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/19/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20004826

Charge Description: That on or about April 19, 2020, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, RODNEY DAVID VELHO, caused the death of K.L., a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation, while using or possessing a firearm.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On or about April 19, 2020, officers with the Maple Grove Police Department were dispatched to a shooting at an apartment building located at 11800 80th Avenue, Maple Grove, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Upon arrival, officers observed the adult male victim K.L. lying on the kitchen floor deceased. Officers observed the victim had suffered two gunshot wounds to the chest and one gunshot to the abdomen. Officers also observed six .40 caliber discharged shell casings near the victim's body and inside the residence. Officers spoke to the adult female witness M.C. M.C. informed officers the victim is the father of her two minor children. The victim has custody of the children. The victim brought the children over to visit with M.C. for a scheduled supervised visit. RODNEY DAVID VELHO, Defendant herein, is M.C.'s current boyfriend. Prior to the victim arriving, Defendant and M.C. had been drinking to celebrate M.C.'s birthday. M.C. told Defendant the victim was coming over with the children to visit. Defendant told M.C. he was fine with the victim coming over. The victim arrived with the children. Initially the victim and Defendant were getting along fine. At some point, the victim and Defendant got into a verbal argument in the bathroom. Defendant pulled out a black .40 caliber handgun and shot the victim. The victim stumbled out of the bathroom and fell to the ground. Defendant then shot the victim two more times while he was on the ground. M.C. told Defendant she was calling the police. Defendant then fled the scene. M.C. told officers the victim was unarmed when Defendant shot him and Defendant had no reason to shoot him.

Officers spoke to witness A.M. A.M. informed officers she was friends with M.C. A.M. was over M.C.'s residence celebrating M.C.'s birthday. A.M. was drinking alcohol with M.C. and Defendant. The victim arrived at the residence with the children. M.C. introduced the victim and Defendant. M.C. and the victim shook hands and everything appeared cordial.

Officers spoke to several known witnesses in the building. Witnesses confirmed they heard several loud gunshots. Witnesses informed officers they heard one loud gunshot, then there was a pause and then they heard several more loud gunshots.

Defendant was apprehended outside the apartment building in the parking lot. Officers could detect an odor of alcohol coming from Defendant's person while speaking with him. Subsequent to his arrest, Defendant made several spontaneous utterances. Defendant admitted he shot and killed the victim and that he should have just walked away during the verbal argument.

Officers located a black .40 caliber handgun hidden on top of the fire sprinkler pipes in the stairwell of the apartment building.

In a post-Miranda statement Defendant admitted to shooting the victim multiple times. Defendant informed officers prior to the shooting he was drinking with M.C. to celebrate her birthday. The victim came over to visit with the children. After approximately forty-five minutes, the victim and Defendant got into a verbal argument in the bathroom. Defendant pulled out a .40 caliber handgun and shot the victim one time. The victim stumbled backwards and fell to the ground. Defendant then shot the victim several more times while he was on the ground. Defendant believed he shot the victim six to eight times. Defendant then fled the scene and discarded the gun somewhere but did not know where.

Video surveillance captured the victim arriving at the residence at approximately 5:56 p.m. Video surveillance also captured Defendant leaving the residence with a black handgun in his right hand approximately at approximately 7:10 p.m.



## 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**

Steve Parker  
Police Officer  
12800 Arbor Lakes Pkwy  
Maple Grove, MN 55311  
Badge: 125

Electronically Signed:  
04/21/2020 12:12 PM  
Hennepin County, MN

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Dominick Mathews  
300 S 6th St  
Minneapolis, MN 55487  
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:  
04/21/2020 12:10 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 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: April 21, 2020.

**Judicial Officer**

Marta M. Chou  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 04/21/2020 12:15 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.

**RODNEY DAVID VELHO**

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:** RODNEY DAVID VELHO  
**DOB:** 07/01/1975  
**Address:** 719 E 16 ST  
#20  
Minneapolis, MN 55404

**Alias Names/DOB:**

**SID:** MN06148359

**Height:**

**Weight:**

**Eye Color:**

**Hair Color:**

**Gender:** MALE

**Race:** American Indian

**Fingerprints Required per Statute:** Yes

**Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:** Yes

**Driver's License #:**

**SILS Person ID #:** 588578

**SILS Tracking No.** 3169063

**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              | 4/19/2020              | 609.19.1(1)<br>Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated          | Felony               | H2812      |            | MN0272700                   | 20004826            |
|                | Modifier            | 4/19/2020              | 609.11.9<br>Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses        | No-Level             | H2812      |            | MN0272700                   | 20004826            |
|                | Penalty             | 4/19/2020              | 609.19.1<br>Murder - 2nd Degree  | Felony               | H2812      |            | MN0272700                   | 20004826            |
|                | Penalty             | 4/19/2020              | 609.11.5(a)<br>Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession | Felony               | H2812      |            | MN0272700                   | 20004826            |