

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 20A13181
Court File No. 27-CR-20-24827

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Warrant

vs.

ERIK PAUL EGGLESTON DOB: 03/29/1982

2744 Parkview Blvd
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

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: 609.11.5(a), 609.19.1, 609.11.9

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/12/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20005822

Charge Description: That on or about November 12, 2020, in Crystal, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, Erik Paul Eggleston, caused the death of N.M., a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation, while using a firearm.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On November 12, 2020, at approximately 4:47 p.m., officers were dispatched to 3564 Welcome Avenue North in Crystal, Hennepin County, on the report of a deceased person in the home. Upon arrival, officers located an adult female, N.M., lying on the floor in the basement of the residence near a desk and office chair. Officer observed blood on N.M.'s left arm and the carpet and saw that her eyes were open. When officers attempted to straighten N.M.'s legs to perform CPR, they noted that her legs were stiff, and that rigor mortis had begun to set in. Officers put up crime scene tape, secured the area and requested the Hennepin County Crime Lab to the scene to process the evidence.

Officers noted blood spatter on the walls of the basement, smeared blood on a computer desk near N.M., and several spots of blood on the carpet near N.M. Officers also observed wounds to N.M.'s left arm and tears in her clothing that appeared consistent with a possible gunshot wound. In addition, officers observed that the light was left on in the basement bathroom, which adjoins the room N.M. was found in, and observed what appeared to be blood smeared on the tile floor and spots of what appeared to be blood on the bathroom sink and vanity.

It should be noted that when officers arrived there were other people in the residence, including the reporting party and N.M.'s mother, who had found her in the basement deceased. Officers interviewed the victim's mother, R.V. and learned the following:

- R.V. sometimes stays at the house with her daughter and had stayed there the previous night.
- At approximately 7:30 that morning, N.M. had driven her daughter to the babysitter and had also dropped R.V. off at work.
- N.M. was driving a Gray Nissan Altima that she had on loan from the Morris's dealership in St. Louis Park while her car was being repaired.
- R.V. had last spoken to N.M. when she dropped her off from work and last saw a text message from her was around 8:51 a.m. when N.M. replied to a group chat. N/M.
- N.M. has been working from home due to COVID-19.
- R.V. got a ride home from a friend and arrived at N.M.'s house around 4:40 p.m. She entered the home through the front door after using the code to unlock the deadbolt.
- N.M. did not say "hi Mom" like she normally does, so R.V. went to the basement where she found N.M. lying on the floor on her left side. She initially thought N.M. was asleep and shook her. R.V. saw blood on N.M.'s arm and eventually noticed that she was not breathing. R.V. said she screamed and then called the friends who had dropped her off to come back and they called 911.

According to R.V., she believed the person who was responsible for her daughter's death was her ex-boyfriend, ERIK PAUL EGGLESTON, Defendant herein. R.V. told officers that Defendant was the father of N.M.'s baby girl and that N.M. had recently broken up with him. R.V. said Defendant and N.M. continued to co-parent their daughter and that Defendant had been at N.M.'s house the night before. Defendant came over around 5:00 p.m. the previous evening and he and N.M. went to pick up their daughter. Shortly after that, around 6:30 p.m., N.M. left to go on a date with another man. R.V. told officers that she thought Defendant was jealous. She also stated that there is nobody else she would suspect killed N.M. and told officers that Defendant knows the garage code and that N.M. leaves the door between the house and the garage unlocked.

On November 12, 2020 at approximately 9:00 p.m., your affiant learned that Defendant had been located in

the city of Oak Grove in Anoka County after what appeared to be a suicide attempt. Defendant was alive and was taken to Mercy hospital for his injuries, which included cuts to his neck and wrists. Preliminary information indicated that Defendant had been found lying in the front yard of a friend's house and that there was a large amount of blood at the scene and around the driver's seat area of a gray Nissan Altima that was parked in the driveway near where Defendant was found lying on the ground.

Officers accompanied Defendant to the hospital and recovered his clothes, as well as a knife that appeared to have blood on it. Officers also recovered shotgun shells from Defendant's pocket.

Oak Grove officers at the scene where Defendant was found, observed a shotgun and shotgun case in the backseat of the Nissan Altima in plain view. This vehicle was towed to the Crystal Police Department and was searched pursuant to a valid search warrant. The Nissan Altima was photographed and processed for evidence, which included several swabbings of a blood like substance (BLS) from inside the Altima. Officers also recovered a Remington Model 11-48 12 GA shotgun from the floor of the backseat, one Winchester 12 GA shotgun slug loaded in the shotgun, a cloth shotgun case and a total of five shotgun shells inside the case (four Winchester 12 GA slug type shotgun shells and one 12 GA birdshot style shell). It should be noted that the shotgun appeared to have BLS on the barrel when it was collected. Also located within the Altima was a Minnesota Liability Insurance Identification card with N.M.'s name on it.

Subsequent investigation revealed that on the day N.M. was killed, one of Defendant's roommates noticed that his car keys and car were gone when he woke up. Since Defendant is the only one living at the house, the roommate presumed that Defendant had taken his car. At approximately 2:30 p.m. that same day, one of Defendant's roommates saw him come into the house and go into his bedroom. Defendant was gone again by the time the roommate was done brushing his teeth and said nothing to the roommate while he was there. It should be noted that the roommate's car was eventually located down the street from N.M.'s house. The car was covered in snow and appeared that it had not been moved since the most recent snowfall, which was between approximately 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on the day of the murder.

According to one of Defendant's other roommates, Defendant had just found out that N.M. was seeing someone else and on Wednesday (the day before the murder) Defendant had been really upset because N.M. told him they were never going to be together again. Defendant also told this roommate that he was having a really hard time and was having "all these shitty thoughts".

Preliminary results of the autopsy performed on N.M. ruled the cause of death a homicide by multiple shotgun wounds. Your affiant spoke to the doctor who performed the autopsy and learned that there were two bullet pathways. The first entered the left arm and then into the upper chest. This round was a birdshot shotgun round. The second pathway entered the lower left arm and the lower chest. This was a shotgun slug round. The doctor also indicated that he had recovered the slug round, wadding and cardboard pieces, as well as the shogun wad from the birdshot round during the autopsy.

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

Matthew Saba
Police Officer
4141 Douglas Drive N
Crystal, MN 55422
Badge: 335

Electronically Signed:
11/16/2020 03:58 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:
11/16/2020 03:50 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.

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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: \$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: November 16, 2020.

Judicial Officer

Luis Bartolomei
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/16/2020 04:04 PM

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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*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: ERIK PAUL EGGLESTON
DOB: 03/29/1982
Address: 2744 Parkview Blvd
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN00707680

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 #: 699260

SILS Tracking No. 3202493

Case Scheduling Information: *RUSH WARRANT

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	11/12/2020	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2011		MN0270400	20005822
	Modifier	11/12/2020	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment - Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2011		MN0270400	20005822
	Penalty	11/12/2020	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2011		MN0270400	20005822
	Penalty	11/12/2020	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	H2011		MN0270400	20005822