

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 25A10147
Court File No. 27-CR-25-23719

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DAVID EUGENE WRIGHT DOB: 10/01/1974

3511 James Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55412

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Warrant

☒ Amended

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 -1st Degree - Premeditated

Minnesota Statute: 609.185(a)(1), with reference to: 609.11.5(a), 609.106.2(1), 609.185

Maximum Sentence: WITHOUT RELEASE, LIFE

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/14/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25263786

Charge Description: That on or about September 14, 2025, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, David Eugene Wright caused the death of M.R.S., a human being, with premeditation and with intent to effect the death of that person, or another, while using a firearm.

COUNT II

Charge: Murder - 1st Degree - While Committing Domestic Abuse with Past Pattern of Domestic Abuse

Minnesota Statute: 609.185(a)(6), with reference to: 609.11.5(a), 609.185

Maximum Sentence: LIFE

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/14/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25263786

Charge Description: That on or about September 14, 2025, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, David Eugene Wright caused the death of M.R.S., a human being, while committing domestic abuse, when David Eugene Wright has engaged in a past pattern of domestic abuse upon M.R.S. or another family or household member and under circumstances manifesting an extreme indifference to human life, while using a dangerous weapon.

Minimum Sentence: 3 YEARS

COUNT III

Charge: Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.1(1), with reference to: 609.11.5(a), 609.19.1

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/14/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25263786

Charge Description: That on or about September 14, 2025, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, David Eugene Wright, caused the death of M.R.S., a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation, while using a firearm.

Minimum Sentence: 3 YEARS

COUNT IV

Charge: Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Previous Felony Conviction

Minnesota Statute: 624.713.1(10)(i), with reference to: 609.11.5(a), 624.713.2(c)

Maximum Sentence: 364 DAYS AND/OR \$3,000

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 09/14/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25263786

Charge Description: That on or about September 14, 2025) in Hennepin County, Minnesota, David Eugene Wright possessed ammunition or a firearm and David Eugene Wright has been convicted in this state or elsewhere of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, Controlled Substance Crime in the Fifth Degree on November 8, 2006, and his civil rights have not been restored.

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:

On September 14, 2025, Minneapolis police officers responded to a shooting at 14XX Russell Avenue North, Minneapolis, Hennepin County. Police learned of the shooting from both 911 callers and ShotSpotter. ShotSpotter documented roughly twelve gun shots had been fired.

Upon arrival, officers immediately began performing CPR on a female identified as M.R.S. (herein "Victim"). The Victim was found lying on the ground near the open driver's door of a Jeep Compass bearing Minnesota license plate PWD098. Officers observed multiple gunshot wounds to her right breast and torso.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrived shortly thereafter and pronounced the Victim deceased at the scene.

Officers observed the Jeep Compass had gun shots on both the driver and passenger sides of the vehicle. Police located 15 discharged cartridge casings in the area of M.R.S. and the Jeep Compass.

Officers confirmed the Victim's identity and learned she was the protected party in a served Order for Protection (OFP) against David Eugene Wright (herein "DEFENDANT"), born October 1, 1974, who was listed as the respondent. The Order for Protection was issued on August 27, 2025.

In her petition for an OFP, M.R.S. stated that she had ended her relationship with DEFENDANT on August 21, 2025. Later that evening, DEFENDANT began threatening her and arrived at a residence where she was dropping off her child. When the Victim exited the residence, DEFENDANT approached her with a firearm in hand, yelled at her, and struck her in the face and upper body with the weapon. He pushed her against a fence and attempted to grab her throat with his free hand. DEFENDANT threatened to shoot the Victim and to break her vehicle windows with the firearm. In her petition, the Victim expressed extreme fear and stated she took DEFENDANT's threats seriously. Based on this account, the court granted the Order for Protection.

A Minneapolis police officer took a photo of the suspect from surveillance footage OF THE AUGUST 21, 2025 ASSAULT and compared it to the Defendant's DVS picture. It appeared to be a match. IN both photos the Defendant had long dreadlocks and a similar facial structure.

Officers spoke with a known witness. The witness stated that he was in his upstairs bedroom when he heard an initial five gunshots, followed by a pause, someone screaming, and then another round of gunfire. He looked out his window and observed the Victim lying on the street with one leg partially inside her vehicle. He saw an individual standing next to the vehicle who appeared to be removing items from the Jeep. The individual then moved from the driver's side to the passenger side and retrieved a bicycle. The witness observed the suspect riding away on the bicycle while holding a firearm. He stated that the male appeared to examine the firearm before placing it into his right pocket. The witness informed officers that he had previously seen video footage from a neighbor's security camera showing a male on a bicycle and confirmed that the individual he saw near the Jeep matched the person in that footage.

Another known witness reported that he witnessed the shooting. He reported that he was lying in his bedroom when he first heard gunshots. He looked out his window and saw a male with shoulder-length dreadlocks, wearing a long-sleeve shirt, open the Jeep's driver-side door and shoot the Victim at point-

blank range multiple times. The shooter then attempted to pull the Victim out of the vehicle but struggled to remove her legs. The shooter entered the driver's seat and appeared to try to drive the vehicle away but was unsuccessful. He then exited the vehicle, moved to the passenger side, retrieved his bicycle, and rode away.

Another known female witness also told police the shooter shot the victim at close range multiple times.

Officers also canvassed the neighborhood for security footage. A known neighborhood resident approached officers and provided critical video footage of the suspect. The video captured a black male with dreadlocks riding a bicycle westbound on the north side of the sidewalk. The suspect was wearing a blue sweatshirt and possibly green shorts. The witness stated that she had seen the suspect earlier that day while outside drinking coffee. She later went inside and heard what she believed to be a total of ten gunshots—five initial shots followed by five more. Upon looking outside, she observed the suspect appearing "rattled" and manipulating something with his right hand, which she believed was him shoving an object into his pocket.

Officers reviewed the footage and confirmed that the individual matched the description of DEFENDANT.

Several of the Victim's family members arrived on scene, including her son. He was asked if his mother had any known conflicts with anyone, and he replied, "David," identifying him as his mother's ex-boyfriend.

The police spoke to the victim's sister. She informed officers that she had spoken with the Victim on the phone a few hours before the shooting. She informed police that earlier that morning, the Victim had texted her to report that David Wright (DEFENDANT) was violating the Order for Protection by contacting Victim via text. She showed officers the text messages, which included screenshots sent by the Victim of communications from DEFENDANT where he was upset that she was with another man. She also provided officers with a video showing DEFENDANT assaulting the Victim in August.

DURING THE INVESTIGATION OF THE MURDER OF M.R.S., A REVIEW OF CELL PHONE RECORDS BETWEEN M.R.S. AND THE DEFENDANT SHOW THAT ON AUGUST 19, 2025 THERE WAS AN INCIDENT BETWEEN M.R.S. AND THE DEFENDANT. IN A TEXT ON AUGUST 20, 2025, ABOUT THE AUGUST 19, 2025, INCIDENT, THE DEFENDANT WROTE: "I HATE THAT THIS SITUATION TOOK PLACE." IN RESPONSE, M.R.S. TEXTED THE DEFENDANT: "THE SITUATION ESCALATED AFTER YOU TRIED SLAMMING THE DOOR ON ME." M.R.S. TOLD THE DEFENDANT SHE NEEDED SPACE FROM HIM AND SHE JUST CAN'T DO IT ANYMORE.

IN TEXTS PRIOR TO THE AUGUST 21, 2025, ASSAULT WHERE THE DEFENDANT PISTOL WHIPPED M.R.S., THE DEFENDANT TEXTED M.R.S. THAT IF "YOU DONT BRING YOUR ASS HOME RIGHT NOW I'M BOUT TO BLOW THIS BITCH DOWN." HE ALSO TEXTED HER: "MAN SOMEONE GOING TO DIE TONIGHT."

MULTIPLE TEXTS BY THE DEFENDANT IN AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER OF 2025 SHOW THE DEFENDANT WAS CONTROLLING OF M.R.S. AND JEALOUS DUE TO HIS BELIEF SHE WAS INVOLVED WITH A FORMER PARTNER.

A REVIEW OF THE DEFENDANT'S PRIOR CRIMINAL HISTORY SHOWS THE DEFENDANT WAS CONVICTED OF SECOND-DEGREE DOMESTIC ASSAULT IN 2003. IN THAT CASE, THE DEFENDANT'S THEN-GIRLFRIEND BROKE UP WITH HIM AND KICKED HIM OUT OF HER APARTMENT. SHE CALLED 911 DUE TO THE DEFENDANT'S BEHAVIOR. THE DEFENDANT INTERFERED WITH HER 911 CALL AND BROKE HER PHONE. THE DEFENDANT THEN GOT A GUN, POINTED IT AT HIS GIRLFRIEND, AND MADE THREATENING STATEMENTS.

The DEFENDANT was located and arrested in Anoka on September 15, 2025, and transported to Hennepin County Jail.

At Hennepin County Jail, Minneapolis police interviewed DEFENDANT. Upon being shown photographs of the Victim, DEFENDANT confirmed he knew her, stood up, and stated, "I'm not going to fight this situation." While officers collected his DNA sample, DEFENDANT further stated, "This is not going to be a hard-fought case."

After the DNA sample was collected, DEFENDANT told officers he was ready to leave and encouraged them to read the text messages exchanged between him and the Victim. He stated that if officers reviewed those messages, they would understand why he did this.

Minneapolis police contacted DEFENDANT's federal probation officer, D.S., who reviewed surveillance footage of the suspected shooter and confirmed that the individual appeared to be DEFENDANT.

The Defendant is presently on Federal probation. IN 2009 THE DEFENDANT WAS GIVEN A 180 MONTH FEDERAL SENTENCE. HE ALSO WAS INCARCERATED IN STATE COURT FOR VARIOUS OFFENSES BEFORE AND AFTER HIS FEDERAL CONVICTION. He was previously convicted in Hennepin County on November 8, 2006 for a Controlled Substance in the Fifth Degree and is prohibited from possessing a pistol.

DEFENDANT remains in custody.

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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

Charles Greaves
Police Officer
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Badge: 2421

Electronically Signed:
11/24/2025 02:49 PM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Stuart Shapiro
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
11/24/2025 02:12 PM

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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 as directed in the Notice of Hearing before the above-named court 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; Alcosensor/scram; Random UAs; No Possession of Weapons; Make All Appearances; Remain Law Abiding; Surrender Passport; Other: No contact with Victim's family members

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 24, 2025.

Judicial Officer

Michael Burns
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/24/2025 03:04 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.

DAVID EUGENE WRIGHT

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: DAVID EUGENE WRIGHT
DOB: 10/01/1974
Address: 3511 James Ave N
Minneapolis, MN 55412

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN92002337

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 #:

211762

SILS Tracking No.

3482235

Case Scheduling Information:

IN CUSTODY - OMNIBUS HEARING 11/25/25 10:30 AM

Alcohol Concentration:

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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	9/14/2025	609.185(a)(1) Murder -1st Degree - Premeditated	Felony	H1H11		MN0271100	25263786
	Penalty	9/14/2025	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	H1H11		MN0271100	25263786
	Definition	9/14/2025	609.106.2(1) Heinous Crimes-Life without Release-1st degree murder 609.185(a)(1),(2),(4) or (7); 609.2661(1)or(2)	No-Level	H1H11		MN0271100	25263786
	Penalty	9/14/2025	609.185 Murder - 1st Degree	Felony	H1H11		MN0271100	25263786
2	Charge	9/14/2025	609.185(a)(6) Murder - 1st Degree - While Committing Domestic Abuse with Past Pattern of Domestic Abuse	Felony	H1B11		MN0271100	25263786
	Penalty	9/14/2025	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	H1B11		MN0271100	25263786
	Penalty	9/14/2025	609.185 Murder - 1st Degree	Felony	H1B11		MN0271100	25263786
3	Charge	9/14/2025	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2011		MN0271100	25263786
	Penalty	9/14/2025	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	H2011		MN0271100	25263786
	Penalty	9/14/2025	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2011		MN0271100	25263786
4	Charge	9/14/2025	624.713.1(10)(i) Possess Ammo/Any Firearm - Previous Misdemeanor Felony Conviction	Gross	W1623		MN0271100	25263786
	Penalty	9/14/2025	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	W1623		MN0271100	25263786
	Penalty	9/14/2025	624.713.2(c) Possesses any type of firearm/ammo - Violation of 624.713 subd. 1 other than clause (1) or (2)	Gross Misdemeanor	W1623		MN0271100	25263786