

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 23A04320
Court File No. 27-CR-23-11020

State of Minnesota,

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff,

Warrant

vs.

MATTHEW RUSSELL BROWN DOB: 03/15/1957

3716 Barnum St
Barnum, MN 55707

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: 609.19.1(1), 609.11.9, 609.11.4

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/19/1984

Control #(ICR#): 21028292

Charge Description: That on or about 7/19/1984, in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, MATTHEW RUSSELL BROWN, caused the death of Victim, a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation, while using a dangerous weapon.

COUNT II

Charge: Burglary-1st Deg-Assault Person In Build/On Property

Minnesota Statute: 609.582.1(c), with reference to: 609.582.1

Maximum Sentence: 20 YEARS AND/OR \$35,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/19/1984

Control #(ICR#): 21028292

Charge Description: That on or about 7/19/1984, in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota, MATTHEW RUSSELL BROWN, either directly or as an accomplice, entered a building, without consent and with intent to commit a crime or committed a crime, while in the building and assaulted Victim, a person within the building.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On July 19, 1984, at approximately 2:30 a.m., Minneapolis police officers responded to multiple 911 calls made from an apartment building located at 3209 Girard Avenue South in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. When officers arrived, two adult females rushed out of the apartment building. The first, Victim 2 (3/3/1951), had a bleeding cut to the left side of her face. The other woman, Witness 1 (5/13/1952), was uninjured but extremely distraught. They reported that an unknown male had broken into their apartment and attacked them with a knife.

Officers entered the apartment and observed the body of a deceased adult male, Victim 1 (8/10/1951) on the floor in a pool of blood near a bedroom doorway. Victim 1 had clearly been stabbed multiple times. An autopsy later revealed that Victim 1 died from numerous stab wounds to his face, head, chest, back, and shoulders.

Police observed that the apartment's kitchen door, which led to a back exit, was wide open. Crime lab personnel inspected the scene and determined this was the suspect's likely path of flight from the murder, as there was blood along the route that did not appear to come from Victim 1. Your complainant is aware that it is common for persons wielding a bladed weapon to unintentionally cut themselves during an attack. Crime lab gathered samples of the blood from the kitchen floor, the back exit hallway, and the back exit doorknob.

In 2018, the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) developed a DNA profile from blood collected from the kitchen floor and back exit doorknob. Over the next few years, investigators consulted with a genealogist and determined that, based on the DNA profile, Defendant MATTHEW RUSSELL BROWN (3/15/1957) was a suspect. Investigators made multiple attempts to surreptitiously obtain a DNA sample from Defendant and were unsuccessful. Finally, in March of 2023, Police collected a disposable plastic cup that Defendant had used.

The BCA obtained a major male DNA profile from the plastic cup, compared it to the DNA profile obtained from the blood at the crime scene, and determined that the profiles matched.

Defendant is not in custody. Your complainant requests a warrant due to the severity of the crime and the risk of flight.

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

Mark Suchta
Sergeant
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Badge: 6995

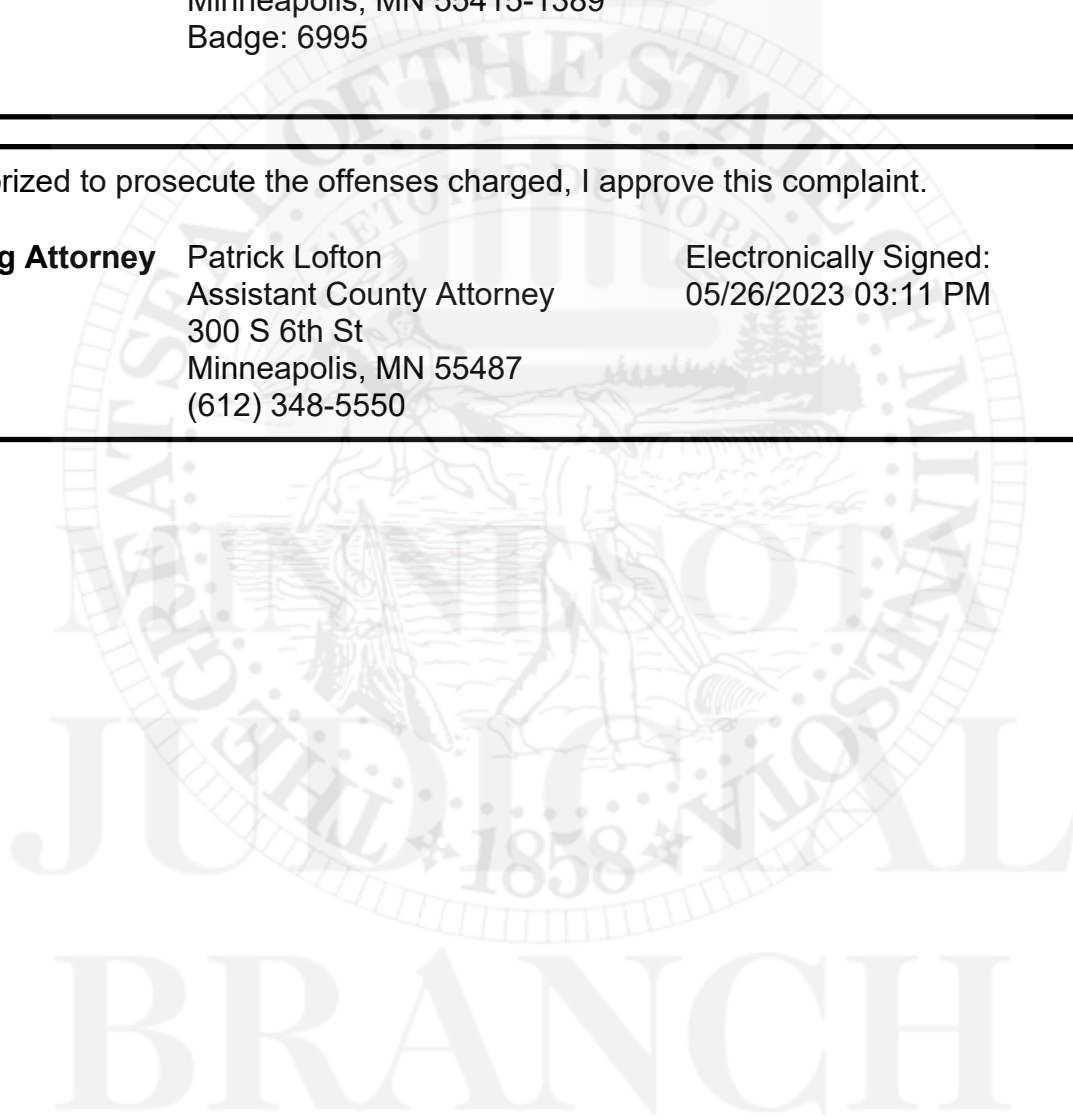
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05/26/2023 03:13 PM
Hennepin County, suchtmj0

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Patrick Lofton
Assistant County Attorney
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
05/26/2023 03:11 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 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 Possession of Weapons; Make All Appearances; Remain Law Abiding; Surrender Passport

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: May 26, 2023.

Judicial Officer

Shereen Askalani
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/26/2023 03:29 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.

MATTHEW RUSSELL BROWN

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:

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DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Filed in District Court
State of Minnesota
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Name: MATTHEW RUSSELL BROWN
DOB: 03/15/1957
Address: 3716 Barnum St
Barnum, MN 55707

Alias Names/DOB:

SID:

Height:

Weight:

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender:

Race:

Fingerprints Required per Statute:

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:

Driver's License #:

SILS Person ID #:

SILS Tracking No.

Case Scheduling Information:

Alcohol Concentration:

MALE

White

Yes

No

5454

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RUSH WARRANT. This complaint should be filed under seal. An order to seal has been signed and sent to the CCU.

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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	7/19/1984	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2233		MN0271100	21028292
	Penalty	7/19/1984	609.11.4 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Use Dangerous Weapon	Felony	H2233		MN0271100	21028292
	Modifier	7/19/1984	609.11.9 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Applicable Offenses	No-Level	H2233		MN0271100	21028292
	Penalty	7/19/1984	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2233		MN0271100	21028292
2	Charge	7/19/1984	609.582.1(c) Burglary-1st Deg-Assault Person In Build/On Property	Felony	B1251		MN0271100	21028292
	Penalty	7/19/1984	609.582.1 Burglary-1st Degree	Felony	B1251		MN0271100	21028292

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