

State of Minnesota
County of Cass

District Court
9th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 22CR00665
Court File No. 11-CR-22-815

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

FLOYD ROBERT DESJARLAIS DOB: 10/19/1987

3822 20th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Order of Detention

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: Second Degree Murder - Unintentional

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.2(1), with reference to: 609.19.2(1)

Maximum Sentence: Imprisonment for Not More Than 40 Years

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/14/2022

Control #(ICR#): 22006356

Charge Description: On or about 5/14/2022, within the County of Cass, defendant did cause the death of a human being, without intent to effect the death of any person, while committing or attempting to commit a felony offense other than criminal sexual conduct in the first or second degree with force or violence or a drive-by shooting. To wit: while committing the crime of second degree assault.

COUNT II

Charge: Manslaughter in the First Degree

Minnesota Statute: 609.20(2), with reference to: 609.20

Maximum Sentence: 15 years and \$30,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/14/2022

Control #(ICR#): 22006356

Charge Description: On or about May 14, 2022 in Cass County, Minnesota the defendant did violate Minnesota Statute 609.224 and caused the death of another and murder in the first or second degree was not committed.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The Complainant, being duly sworn, makes Complaint to the above-named Court and states that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant committed the following offense(s). The Complainant states that the following facts establish PROBABLE CAUSE:

On May 14, 2022 at approximately 9:35 p.m., law enforcement and Leech Lake Ambulance were called to 16154 Waboose Trail in Pike Bay Township, Cass County, Minnesota. Deputy Bill Conner and Deputy Luke Rasmus of the Cass County Sheriff's Office arrived within minutes of the call, with Deputy Rasmus going to the front of the residence and Deputy Connor going to the rear. Deputy Conner heard Deputy Rasmus air that he had one on the ground and CPR was in progress. Deputy Conner grabbed his first aid kit and responded, attempting life saving measures on a younger male who was laying on his back and covered in blood. The Deputy was able to locate what appeared to be a stab wound to his chest and placed a dressing over it. The Deputy noted very shallow and labored breathing, the male's eyes were open and fixed to the left, and he believed he could feel a faint pulse. Once Leech Lake ambulance arrived, the male was loaded into the ambulance and transported to the hospital.

Present during this time were two individuals: the homeowner and his son. The homeowner stated that the male taken by ambulance was his grandson. The homeowner went on to say that his grandson had gotten into a fight with Floyd Desjarlais and beaten him up. The homeowner's son stated he did not know what happened.

In an area outside the residence was identified as where the incident occurred. A small wooden bat and scuff marks were located in the dirt. Deputy Chuck Lahman observed what appeared to be a pool of blood in the dirt and a small lock blade knife.

Deputy Bill Connor again had contact with the homeowner and asked him to show him where the fight had occurred. The homeowner pointed an area out. The homeowner stated that Floyd wanted to "fight all of us" and had a little bat. He also indicated that his grandson did not want to fight but ended up beating up Floyd and then walking around the corner. The homeowner then went to a neighbor's house to have someone call for help for Floyd. When he was walking back, Floyd jumped up and ran off. The homeowner did not see anyone else outside when he broke up the fight between the two. He went on to say that the two had been in a back room drinking and started arguing, but no fighting occurred inside the house.

A short time later, Deputy Rasmus asked for assistance at 16179 Waboose Trail because they had received information that Floyd Robert Desjarlais (DOB 10/19/1987) was at the residence. Officers had located what appeared to be blood on the south steps and door. Several loud verbal attempts and knocking were made to get Desjarlais to come out and were unsuccessful. Officers could see a male in the living room on or near the couch with blood on him and tried to access a door to the north. Ultimately, the south door was forced open, and contact was made with Desjarlais in the living room. He was ultimately taken to the hospital to treat his injuries. Upon initial entry, he had been handcuffed. During that time, he stated he didn't do nothing. He also asked "what the fuck did I do?" When asked how he got all cut up, Desjarlais stated "I fell on the ground" and "I was drunk and fell on the ground." When Inv. Ryan Fisher advised him that his injuries did not happen from falling down, Desjarlais said "yeah it did" and asked "are you calling me a liar, mother fucker?"

In a statement the following day at the Hospital, Desjarlais was asked if he remembered the previous night. Desjarlais stated "I got jumped." When asked by who, he stated "I'd rather not say." He then stated "it's probably best if I talk to my lawyer."

In a follow up statement with the homeowner of 16154 Waboose, it was again noted that his grandson Floyd had been arguing. He noted that his grandson had brought a mattress out to the living area for Floyd and left. Floyd picked up the bat that was used to keep the wood stove door shut and went outside behind his grandson. He did not observe a knife. When the homeowner stopped the fight, his grandson left walking and Floyd was on the ground.

Ultimately, the male transported by ambulance (homeowner's grandson) was pronounced dead. In a provisional report from the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office, it was noted the male was 19 years old and his cause of death was exsanguination due to a stab wound to the left chest. The wound track was noted as involving soft tissue of the chest, left anterior chest wall, left upper lobe of the lung, pericardial sac, and heart. Additional injuries were noted as follows: sharp force injury to the top, left side of the head, superficial sharp force injury to the right index finger, superficial sharp force injury to the right ring finger, and contusions of the abdomen, left arm, hands, right thigh, left leg, and contusions of the liver.

Pursuant to Minnesota Rule of Criminal Procedure 7.03, please take notice that the State intends to seek an aggravated sentence in this matter, up to the statutory maximum for the offenses charged in this complaint (40 years for Count 1 and 15 years for Count 2). This request is based on the following:

The current offense is an offense in which the victim was otherwise injured, and the defendant has one or more prior convictions in which the victim was otherwise injured. Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines 2.D.3.b. (3).

The current offense also represents a third violent crime that is preceded by two or more prior convictions for violent crimes and represent a pattern of behavior that shows the defendant is a danger to public safety. Minn. Stat. 609.1095 Subd. 2.

By definition, the following prior convictions involve a victim that is otherwise injured:

On October 14, 2014 the defendant was convicted of felony Second Degree Assault – Substantial Bodily Harm in violation of Minn. Stat. 609.222.2. Court File 31-CR-14-2763.

On March 14, 2007 the defendant was convicted of felony Third Degree Assault in violation of Minn. Stat. 609.223.1. Court File 11-CR-06-2828.

The following offenses may involve injury to the victim by definition:

On September 26, 2011 the defendant was convicted of felony Domestic Assault in violation of Minn. Stat. 609.2242.4. Court File 11-CR-11-1334.

On October 14, 2014 the defendant was convicted of felony Domestic Assault in violation of Minn. Stat. 609.2242.4 and felony Domestic Assault in violation of Minn. Stat. 609.2242.4. Court File 31-CR-14-1719.

The defendant also has the following other felony convictions.

On March 14, 2007 the defendant was convicted of felony Escape in violation of Minn. Stat. 609.485.2(1). Court File 11-CR-06-3251.

On January 28, 2013 the defendant was convicted of felony Attempted Violation of a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order in violation of Minn. Stat. 624.75.2(d)(1). Court File 31-CR-12-3701.

On January 28, 2013 the defendant was convicted of felony Attempted Violation of a Domestic Abuse No

Contact Order in violation of Minn. Stat. 624.75.2(d)(1). Court File 31-CR-13-81.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT FAILING TO APPEAR IN COURT WHEN ORDERED TO DO SO BY THE COURT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE. IF YOU ARE CONVICTED FOR FAILING TO APPEAR, IN ADDITION TO THE IMPOSITION OF CRIMINAL PENALTIES, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO PAY WHATEVER COSTS ARE INCURRED BY THE PROSECUTING AUTHORITY OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY DUE TO YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR.



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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

Eric R. Lueth
Sergeant
303 Minnesota Ave
PO Box 1119
Walker, MN 56484
Badge: 108

Electronically Signed:
05/17/2022 10:07 AM
Cass County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Benjamin T. Lindstrom
County Attorney
303 Minnesota Avenue
PO Box 3000
Walker, MN 56484
(218) 547-7255

Electronically Signed:
05/17/2022 09:24 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 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: \$
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: May 17, 2022.

Judicial OfficerJana Austad
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/17/2022 10:22 AM

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

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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 Order of Detention upon the Defendant herein named.

Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Name: Floyd Robert Desjarlais
DOB: 10/19/1987
Address: 3822 20th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55405

Alias Names/DOB:

SID:

Height:

Weight:

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender:

MALE

Race:

Fingerprints Required per Statute:

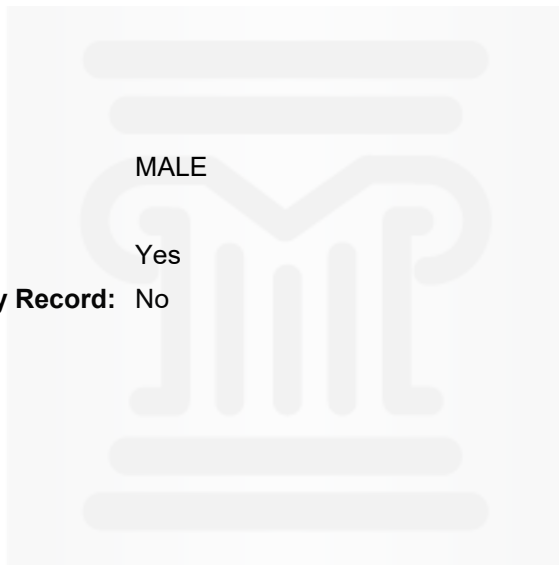
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Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:

No

Driver's License #:

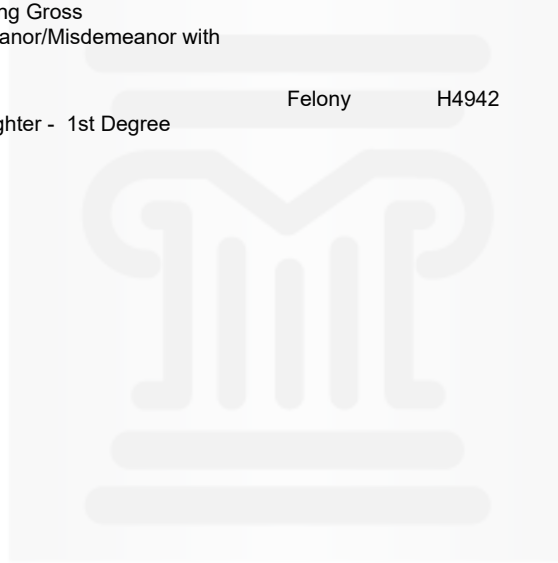
Alcohol Concentration:



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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	5/14/2022	609.19.2(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - Without Intent - While Committing a Felony	Felony	H2832	N	MN0110000	22006356
	Penalty	5/14/2022	609.19.2(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - Without Intent - While Committing a Felony	Felony	H2832	N	MN0110000	22006356
2	Charge	5/14/2022	609.20(2) Manslaughter - 1st Degree - While Committing Gross Misdemeanor/Misdemeanor with Violence.	Felony	H4942	N	MN0110000	22006356
	Penalty	5/14/2022	609.20 Manslaughter - 1st Degree	Felony	H4942	N	MN0110000	22006356



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