

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 17A11707
Court File No. 27-CR-17-23776

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

MICHAEL LAURENCE CAMPBELL DOB: 05/21/1996

2955 Randolph St NE
Minneapolis, MN 55481

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: Criminal Vehicular Homicide - Operate Motor Vehicle in Grossly Negligent Manner

Minnesota Statute: 609.2112.1(a)(1), with reference to: 609.2112.1(a)

Maximum Sentence: 10 YEARS AND/OR \$20,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/17/2017

Control #(ICR#): 17356589

Charge Description: That on or about 9/17/2017, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, MICHAEL LAURENCE CAMPBELL, did by operating a motor vehicle in a grossly negligent manner, cause the death of R.B.P.

COUNT II

Charge: Criminal Vehicular Homicide - Driver Who Causes Collision Leaves Scene

Minnesota Statute: 609.2112.1(a)(7), with reference to: 609.2112.1(a)

Maximum Sentence: 10 YEARS AND/OR \$20,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/17/2017

Control #(ICR#): 17356589

Charge Description: That on or about 9/17/2017, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, MICHAEL LAURENCE CAMPBELL did, by operating a motor vehicle, cause a collision that caused the death of R.B.P., and MICHAEL LAURENCE CAMPBELL left the scene of that collision.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On September 17, 2017, at approximately 3:51 a.m., Minneapolis Police were dispatched to Stinson Boulevard NE and Ridgeway Parkway in the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, on a report of a personal injury motor vehicle accident. The comments in the call indicated that the driver of the vehicle fled the scene. The driver was later identified as MICHAEL LAURENCE CAMPBELL, DOB: 5-21-96, the Defendant.

Officers responded to the crash scene and observed the road conditions to be clear and dry. Officers saw a red Ford Focus facing southbound in the northbound lane of Stinson Blvd. NE. near the exit ramp from westbound I-35W. This portion of Stinson Blvd. is a divided roadway with a speed limit of 30 mph. The Focus had severe front end damage caused by crashing into the base of the traffic semaphore located on the northeast corner of the intersection between Stinson Blvd. and the exit ramp. The car was surrounded by a large field of debris including damaged car parts and large pieces of the overhead traffic light that had broken off upon impact from the crash. The entire passenger side of the car was crushed. The passenger side roof had buckled and there was a large circular crack in the windshield immediately in front of the passenger seat. Both front airbags were deployed. There were no visible skid marks at the scene of the crash.

Officers immediately attended to the lone occupant of the car, a female victim, later identified as R.B.P. Officers attempted to rouse R.B.P. who was slumped over and motionless in the passenger seat. R.B.P. was unresponsive and appeared to have life-threatening injuries. An emergency medical services team arrived and attempted life-saving measures. Despite these efforts, R.B.P. was pronounced dead at the scene.

Several witnesses on scene provided information to law enforcement about what they observed immediately prior to the crash and immediately following the crash.

Witness A, reported she was on the exit ramp from Westbound I-35 to Stinson Blvd. when she heard a loud crash. Witness A saw a red car bouncing off of the semaphore post. She saw a white male, later identified as Defendant, exit the driver's side of the car and run west toward the McDonald's. Witness A immediately called 911. Witness A was not aware there was a passenger in the mangled vehicle until Witness B, a security guard at Honeywell, appeared on scene and observed R.B.P. in the vehicle. Witness A called 911 again to update responders that there was an injured passenger in the car. Witness A then saw Defendant reappear at the driver's side of the car, kneel down and begin digging for something inside the driver's side area of the car. Witness A walked toward Defendant and he instructed her to call 911. Witness A reported she already called and police were on the way. Defendant then ran east from the scene toward the Honeywell parking lot.

Witness C, a Honeywell employee, reported she heard a loud bang sometime around 3:40 a.m. and she came outside to investigate. Witness C observed a man matching the physical characteristics of Defendant running through the Honeywell parking lot. She observed the man holding a phone and watched as he jumped the fence over the 35W exit ramp.

Numerous law enforcement officers and K9 officers were dispatched to the scene in an attempt to locate Defendant but their efforts were unsuccessful.

Officers found a wallet at the scene containing Defendant's driver's license. Police responded to the listed address where they met with numerous parties present in the home. The parties confirmed Defendant lived there and reported he was there earlier in the morning with his girlfriend, R.B.P. The parties indicated they last saw Defendant and R.B.P. sometime before 2:00 a.m. One of the parties stated Defendant was "super drunk." The parties confirmed the red Ford Focus belonged to Defendant and stated they were unaware he and R.B.P. left the house. The parties provided police with Defendant's cell phone number and police left a message for Defendant indicating he needed to contact police immediately. Defendant did not respond to the message.

On September 19, 2017, police located the Defendant in Wright County and arrested him. In a post-Miranda interview, Defendant admitted to driving and crashing his car with R.B.P. in the passenger seat. Defendant admitted to drinking alcohol prior to driving. Defendant admitted fleeing the scene of the crash because he was traumatized by seeing the state of R.B.P. after the crash.

Defendant's adult driving record includes five prior convictions for serious speed as well as convictions for possession of marijuana in a motor vehicle; failure to stop at a stop sign; careless driving; and a January 10, 2017 conviction for a hit and run motor vehicle accident from which Defendant fled the scene. Defendant is presently on misdemeanor probation for this offense in court file 27-CR-16-28725.

Defendant is currently in custody.

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

James R Jensen
Sergeant
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Badge: 3282

Electronically Signed:
09/20/2017 03:09 PM
hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Rachel Kraker
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
09/20/2017 02:52 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 300 S Sixth Street, Minneapolis, MN 55487 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: \$250,000.00
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: September 20, 2017.

Judicial Officer Ivy S. Bernhardson Electronically Signed: 09/20/2017 03:12 PM
District Court Judge

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

**COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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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: