

State of Minnesota
County of Olmsted

District Court
3rd Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

20CR01693
55-CR-20-5403

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RENARD LYDELL CARTER DOB: 10/23/1990

Address Unknown
Rochester, MN 55904

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Warrant

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

Maximum Sentence: 40 years imprisonment (MSG SL 11)

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/13/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20040594

Charge Description: On or about September 10, 2020, within the County of Olmsted, Renard Lydell Carter did wrongfully, unlawfully and feloniously cause the death of a human being, to-wit: Victim 1, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation.

COUNT II

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

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

Maximum Sentence: 40 years imprisonment (MSG SL 11)

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/13/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20040594

Charge Description: On or about September 10, 2020, within the County of Olmsted, Renard Lydell Carter did wrongfully, unlawfully and feloniously cause the death of a human being, to-wit: Victim 2, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation.

COUNT III

Charge: Murder-Unborn Child-2nd Degree-Not Premeditated

Minnesota Statute: 609.2662(1), with reference to: 609.2662

Maximum Sentence: 40 Years Imprisonment (MSG SL 11)

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/13/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20040594

Charge Description: On or about September 10, 2020, within the County of Olmsted, Renard Lydell Carter did wrongfully, unlawfully and feloniously cause the death of an unborn child with intent to effect the death of that unborn child or another, but without premeditation.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

Your complainant is a licensed peace officer employed by the Rochester Police Department. In that capacity your Complainant has reviewed the police reports relating to Renard Lydell Carter, the above-named defendant, and the allegations contained therein. Based upon that information, your complainant believes the following to be true and correct.

On Sunday September 13, 2020, at approximately 1:40 p.m., officers from the Rochester Police Department were dispatched to a residence in a multi-unit building in northeast Rochester, Olmsted County, Minnesota. Upon officers' arrival, the officers located a deceased toddler (hereinafter "Victim #2") on the floor, adjacent to the bed in the master bedroom. Victim #2 was not responsive and appeared to be in rigor mortis. Officers initially did not locate anyone else in the room. However, while conducting a protective sweep of the residence, officers located an adult female (hereinafter "Victim #1") in the bathroom attached to the master bedroom. Victim #1 was also deceased and was supine on the bathroom floor. One of Victim #1's feet was on top of a small pink colored stool. Victim #1 had a white cellular phone power adapter wrapped around her neck. The adapter had a slip- or square-style knot near the front left side of her neck. The white cord was pulled tight around Victim #1's neck. Victim #1 did not have any other visible injuries. The bathroom had some other items strewn about the floor.

Witnesses were located on scene and provided some background details. Investigators learned that Victim #1 had been in a recent six-month relationship with Renard Lydell Carter DOB:10/23/1990. Victim #1 and CARTER had been residing together for the past thirty (30) days at this location, along with Victim #2. Investigators obtained information from a witness, who is known to and identified by Law Enforcement, that CARTER sent a message two days prior that he was going to kill the mothers of each of his children. Victim #1 was believed to pregnant at the time of her death, and Victim #1's first-trimester pregnancy was later confirmed by the Olmsted County Medical Examiner. Initial indications were that the incident causing Victim #1's and Victim #2 death occurred on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

Inv. Weber spoke with another witness known to and identified by Law Enforcement that three people heard CARTER speaking to Victim #1 in August 2020 and threatening to kill Victim #1, Victim #2, and the unborn child of Victim #1. CARTER also threatened to kill a previous partner who resided in South Carolina if that previous partner did not allow CARTER to see his children.

Later, officers learned that CARTER appeared to post videos on social media that depicted CARTER's killing of Victim #1. In one video, CARTER can be seen and heard talking. During another video showing Victim #1 on the floor, a male's voice can be heard that seems to be CARTER's. The voice (presumably CARTER's) states, "Just die b****. All you got do is just die."

As the investigation continued, Rochester Police officers were provided numerous social media videos (presumably posted by CARTER) from concerned citizens. One of the videos began with Victim #1 lying in the same location where she was found with the white cable around her neck. CARTER can be heard on the video stating, "this b**** just doesn't want to die" as the camera zooms in on Victim #1's face. Victim #1 can be seen gasping for breath. CARTER can be heard saying, "that is what you get, b**** just die, b**** just die, just die." Another video showed CARTER standing in the same bathroom over Victim #1's body. CARTER can be seen combing his hair saying, "kill a mother f***er and get fresh like nothing happened."

CARTER was located by law enforcement authorities in South Carolina on Sunday, September 13, 2020.

CARTER went “live” on a social media platform while holding a shotgun. When CARTER attempted to leave his room, a confrontation with police followed and shots were fired. CARTER was taken to a local hospital for medical care and told police that he wanted to be killed by police. Mobile devices possessed by CARTER were recovered by South Carolina authorities.

CARTER IS CURRENTLY RECEIVING MEDICAL ATTENTION AND/OR IN CUSTODY IN SOUTH CAROLINA. AN ARREST WARRANT IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT HE IS DETAINED AND TRANSPORTED TO OLMSTED COUNTY, MINNESOTA.

CARTER WAS RELEASED BY THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ON APRIL 22, 2020 FOLLOWING A PRISON SENTENCE FOR FELONY DOMESTIC ASSAULT. CURRENTLY, CARTER IS A FUGITIVE WANTED BY THE MINNESOTA DOC.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: YOU MUST APPEAR FOR EVERY COURT HEARING REGARDING THIS CASE. FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR COURT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND MAY RESULT IN ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL CHARGES BEING IMPOSED AND PUNISHED AS PROVIDED IN MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 609.49.

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 Boynton
Sergeant
101 4th Street SE
Rochester, MN 55904-3761
Badge: 2200

Electronically Signed:
09/14/2020 12:26 PM
Olmsted County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Eric M. Woodford
Criminal Division Lead Attorney
151 4th Street SE
Government Center - 3rd Floor
Rochester, MN 55904
(507) 328-7600

Electronically Signed:
09/14/2020 12:21 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 151 Fourth Street SE, Rochester, MN 55904 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: hold for court

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 14, 2020.

Judicial Officer

Jacob C Allen
Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/14/2020 12:58 PM

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

**COUNTY OF OLMSTED
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

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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: Renard Lydell Carter
DOB: 10/23/1990
Address: Address Unknown
Rochester, MN 55904

Alias Names/DOB:
SID:
Height:
Weight:
Eye Color:
Hair Color:
Gender: MALE
Race:
Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes
Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: No
Driver's License #:
Case Scheduling Information: Please process ASAP
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	9/13/2020	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2001	N	MN0550100	20040594
	Penalty	9/13/2020	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2001	N	MN0550100	20040594
2	Charge	9/13/2020	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2004	N	MN0550100	20040594
	Penalty	9/13/2020	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2004	N	MN0550100	20040594
3	Charge	9/13/2020	609.2662(1) Murder-Unborn Child-2nd Deg-Not Premeditated	Felony	H9009	N	MN0550100	20040594
	Penalty	9/13/2020	609.2662 Murder-Unborn Child-2nd Degree	Felony	H9009	N	MN0550100	20040594