

State of Minnesota
County of DakotaDistrict Court
1st Judicial DistrictProsecutor File No. CA-2020-03155
Court File No. 19HA-CR-20-2829**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT LEE BAKER III DOB: 07/15/19911173 Sherburne Ave
St Paul, MN 55104

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: Murder in the 2nd Degree (With Intent) (Not Premeditated)**

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

Maximum Sentence: 5-40 Years and/or \$30,000.00

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/09/2020 to 11/09/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20007191

Charge Description: On or about November 9, 2020, in the County of Dakota, Minnesota, ROBERT LEE BAKER III, did cause the death of a human being with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation and at the time of offense, the Defendant or an accomplice did use or possess a firearm, to wit a pistol.

COUNT II**Charge: Possession of Firearm by Ineligible Person (Prior Crime of Violence)**

Minnesota Statute: 624.713.1(2), with reference to: 624.713.2(b), 609.11.5

Maximum Sentence: 5-15 Years and/or \$9,000.00 - \$30,000.00

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/09/2020 to 11/09/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20007191

Charge Description: On or about November 9, 2020, in the County of Dakota, Minnesota, ROBERT LEE BAKER III, did unlawfully possess a pistol, a semiautomatic military-style assault weapon or any other firearm, after having been convicted of, or adjudicated delinquent or convicted as an extended jurisdiction juvenile for committing in this state or elsewhere, a crime of violence and at the time of the prior offense, the Defendant or an accomplice did use or possess a firearm, to wit second degree assault with a dangerous weapon

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On 11/09/2020 at 8:59 p.m., Eagan police officers responded to a report of shots fired at the Sonesta Suites Hotel located in Eagan, Dakota County. Several calls were placed to '911', with one caller indicating there was a male laying on the ground outside the hotel, and another caller reporting a red car leaving the area at a high rate of speed. Multiple officers responded to the scene and located a non-responsive male, subsequently identified as Maurice Antonio Anderson, DOB 5/18/1991 (Victim herein) with what appeared to be multiple gunshot wounds. Officers attempted to revive the Victim with CPR but the Victim was declared dead at the scene.

Shortly after responding the scene, officers located vehicle matching the description provided in the 911 call. Officers stopped the vehicle and identified the driver as J.M.A., and the front seat passenger as Robert Lee Baker III, DOB: 07/15/1991 (Defendant herein). Both occupants of the vehicle were arrested and J.M.A. advised officers that there was a gun in the car. Officers observed a handgun in plain view under the driver's seat in addition to a small plastic baggie containing some pills on the driver's seat.

Officers brought J.M.A and the Defendant back to the Eagan Police Department for questioning. J.M.A. told police that she and the Defendant had gone to an Eagan hotel to meet up with J.S., a friend of J.M.A.'s. J.S. gave J.M.A. her debit card to go and get some cash, but when J.M.A. tried to use the debit card, it didn't work. J.M.A. and the Defendant came back to the hotel to pick up J.S. and J.S. came outside and got into the backseat of the car. Shortly after J.S. got into the backseat, two males approached the vehicle and got into the backseat on either side of J.S.. Both of the males had guns and told them to drive. J.M.A. drove a short distance and pulled over. J.M.A. said the males then got out of the car and robbed her and the Defendant. She believed the Defendant got out of the car and shortly after that she heard shooting. After the shooting stopped, the defendant jumped back into the car. They drove J.S. back to where she was staying and were stopped by police shortly after dropping J.S. off. J.M.A. said she just heard shots and did not know what had happened.

Officers next talked with the Defendant after reading him a *Miranda* warning. Defendant agreed to speak with officers and initially identified himself as Kendrick Johnson. The Dakota County Jail subsequently confirmed his identity as Robert Lee Baker. Defendant stated that he and J.M.A. had gone to the Hampton Inn in Eagan to meet J.S. He confirmed that J.S. had given them her debit card for them to

go and get cash but that the debit card did not work. When they returned, the defendant said J.S. got into the car with them and first said that shortly after that, three males got in the car and robbed them. He later changed his story and said there were two males who robbed them. Defendant initially denied knowing what happened during the shooting, only saying he heard shots. He then said that after they were robbed, the suspects ran away and he got out of the car and chased them with a gun and yelled at them to give him his stuff back. Defendant first stated that one of the males who robbed him turned and pointed a gun at him and Defendant started shooting. He later said that both males who had robbed him pointed guns at him, and he fired his gun striking one of the males. He did not recall how many times he fired. He indicated he was approximately 30 feet away from the Victim when he started shooting, and as close as 2-3 feet away at the time he was closest to the Victim when shooting him. Defendant said he placed the gun he used, a .40 caliber handgun, in a backpack that was in the vehicle he was stopped in.

Officers processed the crime scene where the Victim was located and were unable to locate a firearm near him. Officers found 16 discharged cartridge casings consistent with the .40 caliber handgun Defendant admitted he used to shoot the victim. There were no other types of discharge cartridge casings located at the scene. The casings found were located in multiple areas at the scene, consistent with the Defendant's claim that he had chased the Victim as he was shooting him. Officers obtained a search warrant for the vehicle Defendant was stopped in and located a .40 caliber handgun, and a BB gun. When questioned about the BB gun, Defendant admitted that after Defendant shot the Victim, he collected J.M.A.'s phone and the gun the Victim used for the robbery.

Officers eventually spoke with J.S., who admitted contacting J.M.A. on 11/09/2020 to buy some Percocet and getting in the car with J.M.A. and the Defendant to complete the purchase. J.S. said that shortly after she got in the car, two males got in the backseat with guns, and one of the males said to the Defendant "Remember me, bitch?" The two males robbed them, then got out of the car and started running. The defendant got out of the car with a gun and started chasing the two males, firing his gun multiple times. He got back in the car eventually and said, "I got the [racial slur]." Before she was dropped off back at the hotel, J.S. was told she should not tell anyone about what had just happened.

The medical examiner noted that the Victim had a total of 11 gunshot wounds, including one in his head, three in his back, and one in his buttocks. The Defendant has convictions for first degree aggravated robbery and second-degree assault with a dangerous weapon from 2012. Additionally, the

Defendant has a hold from the Minnesota Department of Corrections for a prior conviction for being a felon in possession from 2016.

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 Kritzeck
Detective
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Badge: 120

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11/12/2020 11:23 AM
Dakota County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

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11/12/2020 10:38 AM

