

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 16A04508
Court File No. 27-CR-16-22881

State of Minnesota,

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff,

Warrant

vs.

VICTOR DEVON EDWARDS DOB: 05/08/1989

3816 STINTSON BLVD
APT 303
Columbia Heights, MN 55406

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 Sex Conduct-3rd Degree-Force or Coercion

Minnesota Statute: 609.344.1(c), with reference to: 609.101.2, 609.3455.7, 609.3455.10, 609.3455.6, 609.344.2(1)

Maximum Sentence: 15 YEARS AND/OR \$10,000-\$30,000 PLUS 10 YEAR CONDITIONAL RELEASE

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/21/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16098447

Charge Description: That on or about 3/21/2016, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, VICTOR DEVON EDWARDS engaged in sexual penetration with Victim, using force or coercion to accomplish the penetration.

COUNT II

Charge: Theft-Take/Drive Motor Vehicle-No Owner Consent

Minnesota Statute: 609.52.2(a)(17), with reference to: 609.52.3(3)(d)(v)

Maximum Sentence: 5 YEARS AND/OR \$10,000

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/21/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16098447

Charge Description: That on or about 3/21/2016, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, VICTOR DEVON EDWARDS took and/or drove a motor vehicle without the consent of (the owner or the owner's authorized agent, and he knew or had reason to know that the owner or authorized agent did not give consent, and the motor vehicle had a value of less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and the property stolen is a motor vehicle.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On or about March 21, 2016, at approximately 5:51 am, officers from the Minneapolis Police Department were dispatched to a report of a sexual assault that had occurred near the Lowry Bridge, in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, State of Minnesota. Officers were advised that the suspect had stolen the victim's car after the assault, and the victim had made her way home since the assault.

Officers met with D.J.S. (DOB: 5/20/1983), Victim herein, who reported that approximately 30 minutes before, she had been raped by an unknown male who told her his name was "Devon." Victim had met the male at the 200 bar earlier that date, and the male asked for a ride home. Victim reported that she agreed to give the male a ride. Victim stated that, after leaving the bar around 2 am closing time, they drove around for a bit. At some point, they stopped so the male could get a cigar at a gas station then they drove to the liquor store near the Lowry bridge as the male stated he needed to urinate. Victim stated that the male attempted to get her to perform oral sex which she refused. When the victim got out of the car and leaned into the back seat to get her cell phone that she had dropped, the male forced her into the back seat by pushing her and pulling her hair hard. The male then pulled her pants down and penetrated her vagina with his penis. The male placed one hand on the Victim's neck and restricted her ability to breathe. Victim did not think that the male used a condom, but believed he had ejaculated. Victim yelled at the male to stop throughout the attack. After the assault, the male kicked her out of her car and left in her car with her cell phone still inside.

Victim described the male as black, about 5 feet 5 inches tall with long dreads past his shoulders, skinny, and wearing a dark blue TC shirt with a jacket over it.

Officers issued an alert for the stolen motor vehicle, and Victim was transported to North Memorial Medical Center where a sexual assault examination was completed. The SARs kit was sent to the BCA for analysis and revealed that presence of semen from the swabs taken from Victim's vaginal, perineal, rectal, monus pubis and cervical areas.

Victim's sister was able to track Victim's phone inside Victim's car to an address in St. Paul. St. Paul police were dispatched to locate the vehicle. The Victim's vehicle was ultimately recovered and was processed for evidence. Swabbings were collected and sent to the lab for analysis.

Victim reported that the male had been on Facebook during their time in the car, and Victim's sister was able to locate a profile listed to "Devon idgt Edwards." Victim identified the picture on Facebook as being the person who assaulted her. The male suspect was ultimately determined to be VICTOR DEVON EDWARDS (DOB: 5/8/1989), Defendant herein.

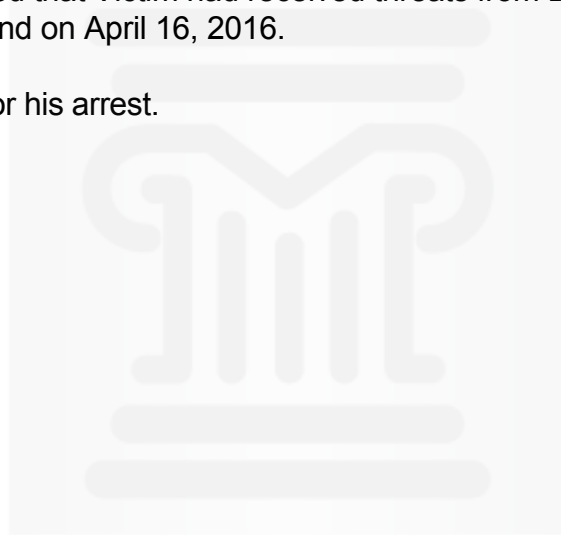
On April 20, 2016, Defendant was arrested and was read the Miranda warning. Defendant stated that he had met the Victim at the 200 Club close to bar closing, and stated that Victim approached him and bought him a drink. He stated that the Victim was already intoxicated and although he did not want to have anything to do with her, since they both shared the name "Devon," he "conversed" with Victim for awhile. When the bar was closing down, he claimed that Victim asked him if he wanted a ride home and he agreed. He stated that Victim took him to McDonalds to get food and then to a store somewhere in NE Minneapolis to get a Black and Mild cigar. He stated that Victim parked in the lot of a liquor store on Lowry Avenue and then tried to kiss him. He stated that he didn't want to, so the victim got into the back seat to lie

down as she was still very intoxicated. Defendant claimed he asked her if she was alright, then helped her to walk to a curb to get some air. He then stated that he had to get home, and that she stated that she wanted to stay where she was, so he took her car and drove near where he was staying. He denied having sex with Victim or touching her beyond helping her from the back seat of the car. He stated that, although he used to steal cars all the time, this time he “didn’t beat her up or anything” to take her car.

Officers collected a DNA sample from Defendant pursuant to a signed warrant, and sent the swab to the BCA for analysis. The BCA analysis showed that Defendant’s DNA sample matched that of the DNA found on the swabs taken from Victim’s vaginal and rectal area.

On April 19, 2016, officers learned that Victim had received threats from Defendant and had been assaulted by Defendant’s girlfriend on April 16, 2016.

Defendant has active warrants for his arrest.



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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

Julie Hagen
Sgt
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Badge: 1019

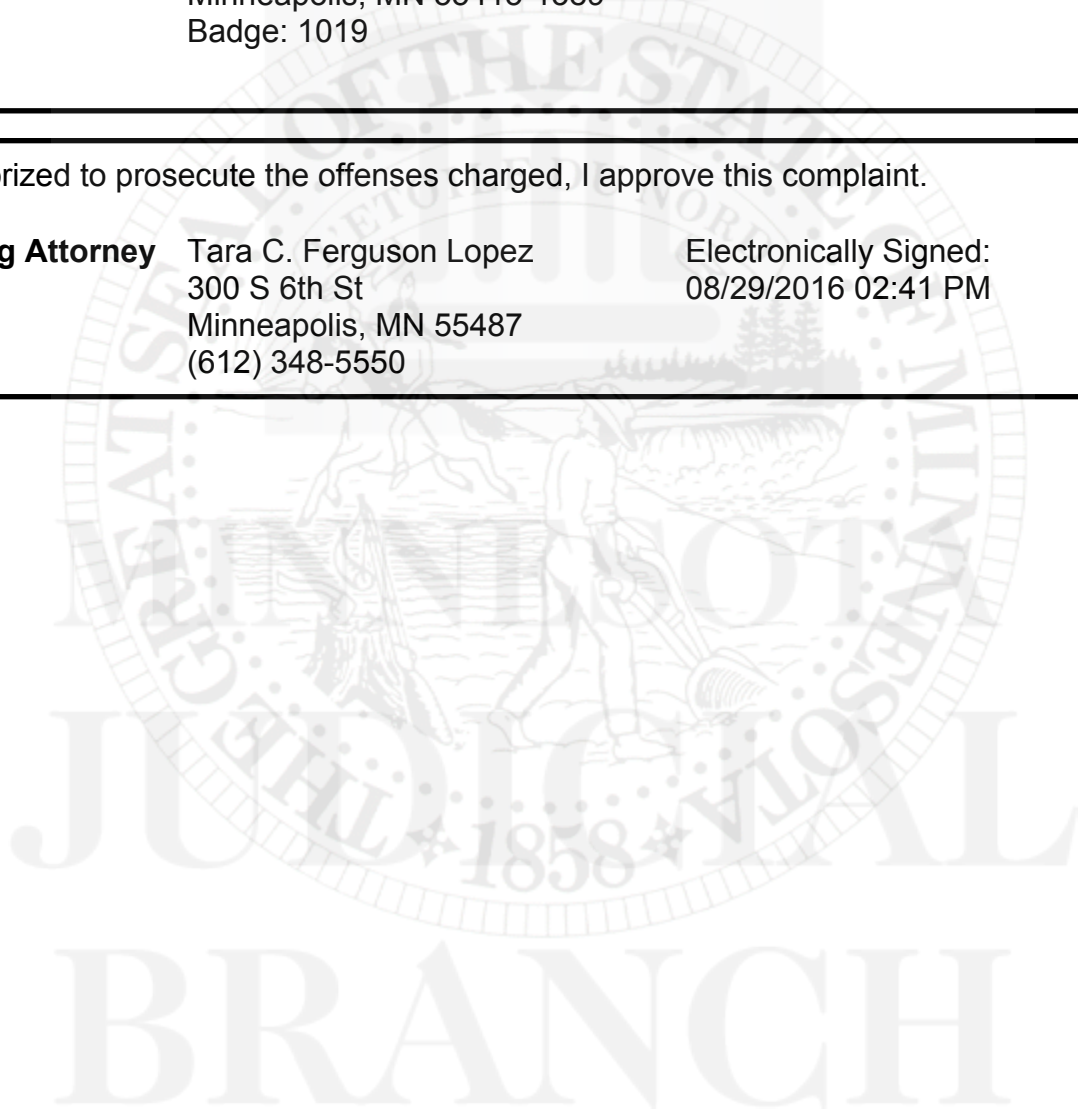
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08/30/2016 12:59 PM
Hennepin County, MN

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Tara C. Ferguson Lopez
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
08/29/2016 02:41 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 401 Fourth Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55415 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*

This warrant may be executed at any time of the day or night and on Sundays or legal holidays.

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: \$100,000.00

Conditions of Release: No Contact with Victim; No use of drugs/alcohol; Random UAs; Make All Appearances; Remain Law Abiding

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: August 30, 2016.

Judicial Officer

Janet Poston
Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/30/2016 01:33 PM

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 Warrant
upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: