



PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 10th, 2014

Adult Male Charged in Columbia Heights Home Invasion

On June 5th, 2014 the Columbia Heights Police responded to a Home Invasion Robbery and assault at 4131 Jefferson St NE. Officers found an adult male victim with injuries upon arrival and also took into custody two males, one adult and one juvenile, who allegedly fled the residence after the robbery.

The adult has now been charged. The male is identified as:

Austin NMN Dennis
DOB: 10-1-93
1035 Petters Place #5
Columbia Heights MN 55421

Dennis has been formally charged with:

Aggravated Robbery in the First Degree
Burglary in the First Degree (two counts)

Cdr. Paul Sommer
(763) 323-5006

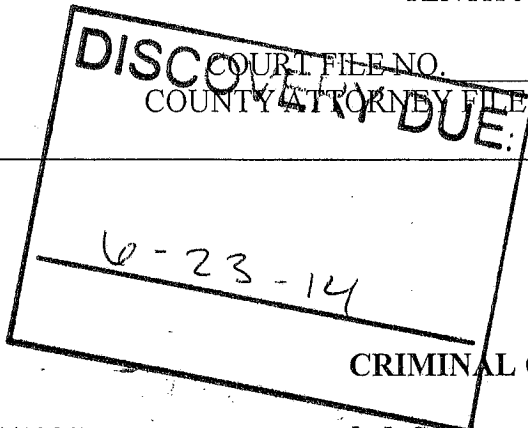
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STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF ANOKA

TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT



State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

v.

AUSTIN DENNIS (DOB: 10/01/1993)
 1035 Petters Place, #5
 Columbia Heights, MN 55421

Defendant.

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Summons Warrant
 Order of Detention

Amended
 Tab Charge Previously Filed

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):

COUNT 1: AGGRAVATED ROBBERY IN THE FIRST DEGREE

Minnesota Statutes §609.245, Subd. 1; 609.101; 609.05; 609.11, Subd. 5
 PENALTY: 36 months -20 Years and/or \$10,500.00 - \$35,000.00

On or about June 5, 2014, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, AUSTIN DENNIS, did while intentionally aiding, advising, or conspiring with another or others, commit a robbery, while armed with a dangerous weapon or any article used or fashioned in a manner to lead the victim to reasonably believe it to be a dangerous weapon and at the time of offense, the Defendant or an accomplice did use or possess a firearm, to wit: a gun.

COUNT 2: BURGLARY IN THE FIRST DEGREE

Minnesota Statutes §609.582, Subd. 1(b); 609.101; 609.05; 609.11, Subd. 5
 PENALTY: 36 months -20 Years and/or \$10,500.00 - \$35,000.00

On or about June 5, 2014, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, AUSTIN DENNIS, did while intentionally aiding, advising, or conspiring with another or others, enter a building without consent and with intent to commit a crime, or enter a building without consent and commit a crime while in the building, either directly or as an accomplice, and did possess, when entering or at any time while in the building, any of the following: a dangerous weapon, any article used or fashioned in a manner to lead the victim to reasonably believe it to be a dangerous weapon,

or an explosive and at the time of offense, the Defendant or an accomplice did use or possess a firearm, to wit: a gun.

COUNT 3: BURGLARY IN THE FIRST DEGREE

Minnesota Statutes §609.582, Subd. 1(c); 609.101; 609.05; 609.11, Subd. 5

PENALTY: 36 months -20 Years and/or \$10,500.00 - \$35,000.00

On or about June 5, 2014, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, AUSTIN DENNIS, did while intentionally aiding, advising, or conspiring with another or others, enter a building without consent and with intent to commit a crime, or enter a building without consent and commit a crime while in the building, either directly or as an accomplice, and did assault a person within the building or on the building's appurtenant property and at the time of offense, the Defendant or an accomplice did use or possess a firearm, to wit: a gun.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

Your complainant is Detective Michael Schantzen of the Anoka County Sheriff's Office. In that capacity, your complainant has reviewed written reports, conducted an investigation of his own, and learned the facts stated herein.

At 8:16 pm on June 5th, 2014, Columbia Heights police responded to a call of a home invasion and assault at 4131 Jefferson Street NE in Columbia Heights, Anoka County. Upon arrival police spoke with an adult male identified as BAH. Officers immediately observed BAH was suffering from significant injury to his head and face with a lot of blood. Officers were only able to get minimal information given BAH's condition and need to be transported for immediate medical attention. It was learned BAH was in his home alone when he heard pounding at a door. Before he could respond, BAH said multiple masked African-American men had broken into his home. BAH said he was struck multiple times in the head and face with what he believed was the wood stock of a shotgun. The intruders were asking where the "stuff" was while looking around the house. BAH said the men then left with items but was not certain what was taken. As a result of the assault, BAH has several staples in his head and stitches in his face.

Within minutes of the call, police were searching the area for suspects. Police found several electronic items outside the residence which appeared to have been removed from inside. Police also spoke with an adult male who lives in the neighborhood who said he was outside and saw 3 African-American males running south through the alley near 40th and Jefferson Street. That is a direction running away from 4131 Jefferson. The male provided a description of the males he saw running. Then, moments later, police observed 2 African-American males near 39th and Central who were out of breath and fit the description provided by the neighbor. These males were identified as a 16 year old juvenile and an adult male Austin NMN Dennis (DOB: 10/1/93), the defendant herein. The male witness then identified the two suspects as the men he saw a few minutes earlier running down the alley. Police also located in the alley near 40th and Jefferson what appeared to be recently discarded clothing. The clothing items are sweatshirts, one with a distinct floral pattern with hula dancers and marijuana leaves and the other with a Minnesota logo.

Both the juvenile and the defendant denied any involvement in the robbery and assault. They had conflicting stories about being in the area at the same time. The juvenile later said he knew a guy named "James" who lived at 4131 Jefferson Street. Police learned a James is a roommate of BAH. James told police since the incident he has been trying to identify the suspects. James learned the juvenile is a friend of some people that he is friends with and that the juvenile may even have been to the residence in the past. James also learned from social networking that the juvenile believed there was 6 pounds of marijuana at the residence. James denied the credibility of the rumor but said that could be why the home was targeted. James showed police some photos from the juvenile's Twitter account. These photos show the juvenile wearing a sweatshirt with marijuana leaves and hula dancers.

The next day police were called to recover a shotgun near Hillwind Avenue in Fridley. The gun appeared to have been recently left in the area. The gun also had what appeared to be a wood

stock and had blood on it. Crime Scene processing was being conducted on numerous items, including the clothing the defendant was arrested in. On the shoes being worn by the defendant when arrested was determined to be human blood. The shotgun also has confirmed human blood on it. DNA testing is still pending.

Complaint 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'S NAME:

COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE:

Detective Michael Schantzen, Anoka County
 Sheriff's Office

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned this _____ day of _____, 2014.

NAME/TITLE:

SIGNATURE:

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

Date: 6/9/14

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S SIGNATURE:



Name: Paul L. Young, #24188X
 Assistant Anoka County Attorney
 Anoka County Government Center
 2100 Third Avenue, STE 720
 Anoka, MN 55303
 Phone: (763) 323-5598
 Fax: (763) 422-7524

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.

[] SUMMONS

THEREFORE YOU, THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT, ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear on _____, at _____ before the above-named court at the Anoka County Courthouse, Anoka, MN 55303 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 hereby order, in the name of the State of Minnesota, that the above-named Defendant be apprehended and arrested without delay and brought promptly before the above-named 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*

[X] ORDER OF DETENTION

Since the above-named Defendant is already in custody, I hereby order, subject to bail or conditions of release, that the above-named Defendant continue to be detained pending further proceedings.

Bail:
Conditions of Release:

This complaint, duly subscribed and sworn to, is issued by the undersigned Judicial Officer this _____ day of _____, 2014.

JUDICIAL OFFICER:
NAME:
TITLE:

SIGNATURE:

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

<p>COUNTY OF ANOKA STATE OF MINNESOTA</p> <p>STATE OF MINNESOTA</p> <p>Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>AUSTIN DENNIS</p> <p>Defendant</p>	<p><i>Clerk's Signature or File Stamp:</i></p> <p><i>RETURN OF SERVICE</i></p> <p><i>I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this COMPLAINT upon the Defendant herein named.</i></p> <p>Signature of Authorized Service Agent:</p>
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DEFENDANT DATA / CHARGE SHEET – ATTACHMENT A

Defendant name:	Austin Dennis
Defendant alias name(s):	
Defendant DOB:	10/01/1993
Alias DOB(s):	
Defendant last known address:	1035 Petters Place, #5 Columbia Heights, MN 55421
State ID:	

OTHER DEFENDANT / CASE IDENTIFIERS:		
Fingerprinted?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
Handgun permit?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	(Issuing Agency:)
Location of Violation:	Columbia Heights	
IF DRIVING OFFENSE:		
Driver's License	Number: L832101646313	Issuing State: MN
License Plate	Number:	Issuing State:
Accident Type: <i>check all that apply</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> No injury/no damage	<input type="checkbox"/> Property Damage
	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Injury	<input type="checkbox"/> Fatality
Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC):		

STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID

Ct Nbr	Statute Type	Offense Date(s)	Statute Numbers and Text Description	Offense Level	MOC	GOC	Controlling Agencies	Control Numbers
1	Charge	06/05/2014	609.245, Subd. 1 Aggravated Robbery in the First Degree	F	R1520	X	MN0020000	14-117505
2	Charge	06/05/2014	609.582, Subd. 1(b) Burglary in the First Degree	F	B1671	X	MN0020000	14-117505
3	Charge	06/05/2014	609.582, Subd. 1(c) Burglary in the First Degree	F	B1671	X	MN0020000	14-117505