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Three Sentenced in Columbia Heights Shooting Death

Three men have now been convicted and sent to prison for their roles in the August 2020 shooting death of 22-year-old Charles Ray Mosby Jr. in Columbia Heights.

Cashmere Smith, 23, the last of the three to be sentenced in Anoka County District Court, pleaded guilty to and was convicted of aiding and abetting second-degree murder. He was sentenced today to more than 10 years in prison.

Dominic Sampson, 21, pleaded guilty to and was convicted of second-degree murder with intent but not premeditated. He was sentenced Dec. 27, 2021, to 30 years in prison.

Brandon Kron, 24, pleaded guilty to and was convicted of aiding an offender, accomplice after the fact; one count of second-degree murder was dismissed. He was sentenced Nov. 3, 2021, to more than three years in prison.

The Anoka County Attorney's Office charged the three men on Aug. 27, 2020 – three days after Mosby's murder. According to the criminal complaints (attached for reference), Mosby met the three defendants near a strip mall in Columbia Heights. Each of the defendants handled the gun before Sampson used it to shoot the victim. Sampson shot Mosby in the back as the victim was leaving what had otherwise appeared to be an "amicable" encounter.

"This was a tragic loss of life because of a senseless decision on the defendants' part to shoot the victim," said Anoka County Attorney Tony Palumbo. "A decision which affects many families for years to come."

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State of Minnesota
County of Anoka

District Court
10th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. CA-2020-01722
Court File No. 02-CR-20-5138

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Warrant

vs.

DOMINIC JAMES SAMPSON DOB: 09/03/2000

5118 Washington Street NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421

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

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

Maximum Sentence: 3-40 Years Imprisonment

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/24/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20209035

Charge Description: On or about August 24, 2020, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, DOMINIC JAMES SAMPSON, did cause the death of a human being, namely CRM, 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 semi-automatic handgun.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

At approximately 10:36 PM on August 24, 2020, officers from the Columbia Heights Police Department and the Anoka County Sheriff's Office responded to reports of a shooting which had just taken place outside of a strip mall located at 4635 Central Avenue, in the City of Columbia Heights, within Anoka County.

Upon arrival, officers located a male, later identified as Charles Ray Mosby, Jr. (DOB 2-4-1998), who had been shot several times. Mr. Mosby was transported to North Memorial Hospital, but was pronounced dead shortly after his arrival.

Officers were able to view surveillance video from several businesses along the strip mall. Review of the video revealed several men loitering in the area of the Totem Superette. One of the men, later identified as CASHMERE QUINTON SMITH (DOB 11-7-1998)(hereinafter Defendant SMITH), retrieves a handgun from a vehicle nearby and gives it to a second male, later identified as BRANDON ALLEN KRON (DOB 12-2-1997) (hereinafter Defendant KRON). A short time later, Defendant KRON then gives the gun to back to Defendant SMITH.

At 10:15 PM, video footage captured Mr. Mosby's arrival at the Superette. Mr. Mosby exchanges greetings with several people, including Defendant SMITH and Defendant SAMPSON. The greetings appear to be quite amicable. At 10:25 PM, surveillance footage very clearly shows Defendant KRON handing a gun off to a third male, later identified as DOMINIC JAMES SAMPSON (DOB 9-3-2000)(hereinafter Defendant SAMPSON). Defendant SAMPSON then is seen on camera putting the gun into his pocket.

Despite no apparent conflict of any kind being visible on the footage, when Mr. Mosby turns to leave the area at 10:33 PM, Defendant SAMPSON pulls the gun from his pocket and shoots Mr. Mosby in the back several times at very close range. The three defendants then quickly run to nearby cars and flee the area; Defendants SMITH and SAMPSON together in a vehicle driven by SMITH, and Defendant KRON in a separate vehicle.

Defendant KRON was apprehended in the late evening hours of August 25, 2020. He initially denied any knowledge of the incident, including denying being present or even knowing the other defendants. After being confronted with witness statements and surveillance video, Defendant KRON later admitted that he did know the other defendants, and that all three of them were present at the time of the shooting. Defendant KRON admitted to possessing handguns earlier in the evening and giving the guns to the other defendants upon their request. However, Defendant KRON continued to deny any knowledge of the circumstances of the shooting itself.

Officers have reason to believe that Defendant SMITH has fled to the Gary, Indiana area where he has several relatives. Defendant SAMPSON, also still at-large, was identified as allegedly having pistol-whipped an individual in Brooklyn Park on the evening of August 25, 2020. The State views both as public safety and flight risks, and requests warrants issue for their arrests to secure their appearance in Anoka County District Court to establish appropriate release conditions.

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

Joseph Price
Deputy
13301 Hanson Boulevard NW
Andover, MN 55304
Badge: 330

Electronically Signed:
08/27/2020 10:35 AM
Anoka County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Wade A. Kish
Assistant County Attorney
2100 3rd Ave
Anoka, MN 55303-2265
(763) 324-5550

Electronically Signed:
08/27/2020 09:20 AM

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 2100 Third Avenue, 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 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: \$
Conditions of Release: body only

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 27, 2020.

Judicial Officer Jenny Walker Jasper Electronically Signed: 08/27/2020 11:12 AM
Judge of District Court

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

**COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff
vs.

Dominic James Sampson
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:

State of Minnesota
County of Anoka

District Court
10th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. CA-2020-01723
Court File No. 02-CR-20-5139

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CASHMERE QUINTON SMITH DOB: 11/07/1998

1050 52nd Avenue NE, #106
Fridley, MN 55421

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 in the 2nd Degree (With Intent) (Not Premeditated)

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.1(1), with reference to: 609.11.5, 609.05.1

Maximum Sentence: 3-40 Years Imprisonment

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/24/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20209035

Charge Description: On or about August 24, 2020, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, CASHMERE QUINTON SMITH, did intentionally aid, advise, or conspire with another or others, who caused the death of a human being, namely CRM, 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 semi-automatic handgun.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

At approximately 10:36 PM on August 24, 2020, officers from the Columbia Heights Police Department and the Anoka County Sheriff's Office responded to reports of a shooting which had just taken place outside of a strip mall located at 4635 Central Avenue, in the City of Columbia Heights, within Anoka County.

Upon arrival, officers located a male, later identified as Charles Ray Mosby, Jr. (DOB 2-4-1998), who had been shot several times. Mr. Mosby was transported to North Memorial Hospital, but was pronounced dead shortly after his arrival.

Officers were able to view surveillance video from several businesses along the strip mall. Review of the video revealed several men loitering in the area of the Totem Superette. One of the men, later identified as CASHMERE QUINTON SMITH (DOB 11-7-1998)(hereinafter Defendant SMITH), retrieves a handgun from a vehicle nearby and gives it to a second male, later identified as BRANDON ALLEN KRON (DOB 12-2-1997) (hereinafter Defendant KRON). A short time later, Defendant KRON then gives the gun to back to Defendant SMITH.

At 10:15 PM, video footage captured Mr. Mosby's arrival at the Superette. Mr. Mosby exchanges greetings with several people, including Defendant SMITH and Defendant SAMPSON. The greetings appear to be quite amicable. At 10:25 PM, surveillance footage very clearly shows Defendant KRON handing a gun off to a third male, later identified as DOMINIC JAMES SAMPSON (DOB 9-3-2000)(hereinafter Defendant SAMPSON). Defendant SAMPSON then is seen on camera putting the gun into his pocket.

Despite no apparent conflict of any kind being visible on the footage, when Mr. Mosby turns to leave the area at 10:33 PM, Defendant SAMPSON pulls the gun from his pocket and shoots Mr. Mosby in the back several times at very close range. The three defendants then quickly run to nearby cars and flee the area; Defendants SMITH and SAMPSON together in a vehicle driven by SMITH, and Defendant KRON in a separate vehicle.

Defendant KRON was apprehended in the late evening hours of August 25, 2020. He initially denied any knowledge of the incident, including denying being present or even knowing the other defendants. After being confronted with witness statements and surveillance video, Defendant KRON later admitted that he did know the other defendants, and that all three of them were present at the time of the shooting. Defendant KRON admitted to possessing handguns earlier in the evening and giving the guns to the other defendants upon their request. However, Defendant KRON continued to deny any knowledge of the circumstances of the shooting itself.

Officers have reason to believe that Defendant SMITH has fled to the Gary, Indiana area where he has several relatives. Defendant SAMPSON, also still at-large, was identified as allegedly having pistol-whipped an individual in Brooklyn Park on the evening of August 25, 2020. The State views both as public safety and flight risks, and requests warrants issue for their arrests to secure their appearance in Anoka County District Court to establish appropriate release conditions.

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
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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

Joseph Price
Deputy
13301 Hanson Boulevard NW
Andover, MN 55304
Badge: 330

Electronically Signed:
08/27/2020 10:36 AM
Anoka County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Wade A. Kish
Assistant County Attorney
2100 3rd Ave
Anoka, MN 55303-2265
(763) 324-5550

Electronically Signed:
08/27/2020 09:21 AM

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 2100 Third Avenue, 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 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: \$
Conditions of Release: body only

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 27, 2020.

Judicial Officer

Jenny Walker Jasper
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 08/27/2020 11:11 AM

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

**COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Cashmere Quinton Smith

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:

State of Minnesota
County of Anoka

District Court
10th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

CA-2020-01721
02-CR-20-5143

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

BRANDON ALLEN KRON DOB: 12/02/1997

1024 - 45th Avenue NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Order of Detention

Amended

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: 609.05.1, 609.11.5

Maximum Sentence: 3-40 Years Imprisonment.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/24/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20209035

Charge Description: On or about August 24, 2020, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, BRANDON ALLEN KRON, did intentionally aid, advise, or conspire with another or others who caused the death of a human being, namely CRM, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation.

COUNT II

Charge: Aiding an Offender (Accomplice After the Fact)

Minnesota Statute: 609.495.3

Maximum Sentence: PENALTY: 20 Years Imprisonment

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/25/2020

Control #(ICR#): 20209035

Charge Description: On or about August 25, 2020, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, BRANDON ALLEN KRON, did intentionally aid another person whom the actor knows or has reason to know has committed a criminal act, by destroying or concealing evidence of that crime, providing false or misleading information about that crime, receiving the proceeds of that crime, or otherwise obstructing the investigation or prosecution of that crime.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

At approximately 10:36 PM on August 24, 2020, officers from the Columbia Heights Police Department and the Anoka County Sheriff's Office responded to reports of a shooting which had just taken place outside of a strip mall located at 4635 Central Avenue, in the City of Columbia Heights, within Anoka County.

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Officers have reason to believe that Defendant SMITH has fled to the Gary, Indiana area where he has several relatives. Defendant SAMPSON, also still at-large, was identified as allegedly having pistol-whipped an individual in Brooklyn Park on the evening of August 25, 2020. The State views both as public safety and flight risks, and requests warrants issue for their arrests to secure their appearance in Anoka County District Court to establish appropriate release conditions.

On August 25, 2020, Defendant KRON spoke to detectives and attempted to implicate a person identified as "JJ" in the shooting and minimize the role of Defendant SAMPSON. Defendant KRON claimed he only gave a gun to "JJ" despite clear video evidence that he gave a gun to Defendant SAMPSON. Defendant KRON also said he was not friends with Defendant SAMPSON and did not know his first name. On August 26, 2020, the defendant admitted that he knows Defendant SAMPSON and is close with him. Defendant KRON gave false and misleading

information to detectives regarding Defendant SAMPSON and obstructed the investigation of the shooting.

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
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Complainant

Joseph Price
Deputy
13301 Hanson Boulevard NW
Andover, MN 55304
Badge: 330

Electronically Signed:
05/03/2021 10:36 PM
Anoka County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Matt Loeffler
2100 3rd Ave
Anoka, MN 55303-2265
(763) 324-5550

Electronically Signed:
05/03/2021 02:15 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 as directed in the Notice of Hearing before the above-named court 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: \$
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: May 4, 2021.

Judicial Officer

Barry Sullivan
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 05/04/2021 08:55 AM

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

**COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Brandon Allen Kron

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: