

State of Minnesota
County of Olmsted

District Court
3rd Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0550085027
Court File No. 55-CR-26-3540

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

DERRELL SHELDON WILLIAMS DOB: 07/29/1991

931 41st St NW
#207
Rochester, MN 55901

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 - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.1(1), with reference to: 609.11.5(a)
Maximum Sentence: 3 years - 40 years imprisonment
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/14/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26023941

Charge Description: On or about May 14, 2026, in the County of Olmsted, Minnesota, Derrell Sheldon Williams did cause the death of Victim with intent to effect the death of Victim.

COUNT II

Charge: Murder - 2nd Degree - Without Intent - While Committing a Felony

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.2(1), with reference to: 609.11.5(a)
Maximum Sentence: 3 years - 40 years imprisonment
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/14/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26023941

Charge Description: On or about May 14, 2026, in the County of Olmsted, Minnesota, Derrell Sheldon Williams did cause the death of Victim without intent to effect the death of any person, while committing or attempting to commit a felony.

COUNT III

Charge: Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon

Minnesota Statute: 609.222.1, with reference to: 609.11.5(a)

Maximum Sentence: 3 years - 7 years imprisonment, \$14,000, fine or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/14/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26023941

Charge Description: On or about May 14, 2026, in the County of Olmsted, Minnesota, Derrell Sheldon Williams did assault another with a dangerous weapon consisting of a pistol.

COUNT IV

Charge: Possesses any type of firearm/ammo - Crime of Violence - ineligible under 624.713.1(2)

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

Maximum Sentence: 5 years - 15 Years imprisonment, \$30,000, fine or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/14/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26023941

Charge Description: On or about May 14, 2026, in the County of Olmsted, Minnesota, Derrell Sheldon Williams did possess a firearm/ammunition, while prohibited for having been convicted or adjudicated delinquent of a crime of violence.

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 DERRELL SHELDON WILLIAMS (DOB 07/29/1991), the above-named defendant, and the allegations contained therein. Based upon that information, your complainant believes the following to be true and correct.

On Thursday, May 14, 2026, at approximately 5:17 p.m., Officers responded to Essex Park Apartments at 931 41st Street NW, City of Rochester, County of Olmsted, State of Minnesota, for a report of gunshots. Upon arrival on scene, Officers located an adult male (hereinafter "Victim") lying on the ground with what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the neck. Victim was transported to Mayo Clinic Hospital – Rochester, Saint Marys Campus, where he was pronounced deceased at 6:00 p.m.

Witnesses described the suspected assailant as a male with braided hair, approximately 5'4", wearing a white t-shirt and blue jeans. An adult female witness was identified on scene (hereinafter "Witness 1"). Witness 1 stated she was in the parking lot with DERRELL SHELDON WILLIAMS (DOB 07/29/1991), her significant other. Witness 1 stated WILLIAMS did not have a permanent address in Rochester but stayed with Witness 1.

Witness 1 stated Victim and WILLIAMS got into a physical altercation last evening (Wednesday, May 13, 2026) over an incident in November 2025 when WILLIAMS put sugar in the gas tank of Victim's semi-trailer truck. On Thursday, May 14th, Victim and his girlfriend approached Witness 1 and WILLIAMS in the Essex Park apartments parking lot and a verbal altercation ensued. Witness 1 was tending to her child in her vehicle, a Chevy Impala with MN registration TAF-756, when she heard a gunshot come from the parking lot where Victim and WILLIAMS had been standing. Witness 1 looked up and saw Victim lying on the ground. Witness 1 ran over to Victim to provide aid. Witness 1 did not see where WILLIAMS went and did not know if he shot Victim. Witness 1 did not see anyone else flee the area.

Another adult female witness (hereinafter "Witness 2") was on scene. Witness 2 was a sibling to Victim and acquainted with WILLIAMS. Witness 2 knew that Victim and WILLIAMS were in an ongoing dispute, possibly a romantic rivalry. Witness 2 also stated that there had been ongoing issues between WILLIAMS and Victim, and that WILLIAMS had previously put sugar in Victim's gas tank. According to Witness 2, there had been a physical altercation the day before (Wednesday, May 13th). On the morning of Thursday, May 14th, a message that stated, "you brother is going to meet your OG" was written in dust on Witness 2's car. Witness 2 texted WILLIAMS, telling him not to write on her car. WILLIAMS told Witness 2 to relay the threatening message to Victim.

At the time of the shooting, Witness 2 observed WILLIAMS come from a light gray Chevrolet Impala with an object. Witness 2 observed WILLIAMS walk quickly over to Victim and pull a black handgun from his waist. WILLIAMS raised the handgun toward Victim, and Victim backed away and put up a hand in self-defense. WILLIAMS fired a single round at Victim who fell to the pavement. WILLIAMS ran from the scene.

One 9mm casing was found on the scene about thirty or more feet from Victim. No firearm was located on scene.

Detectives identified and obtained a PRTT warrant for WILLIAMS's phone. From Thursday to Friday, May

14-15, 2026, the phone location showed a consistent area in northwest Rochester. On the morning of May 15, 2026, officers conducting visual surveillance observed WILLIAMS exit and enter room 240, Motel 6, 2107 W Frontage Rd, Rochester, Minnesota. While other Detectives obtained a search warrant for the hotel room WILLIAMS left the hotel room and was arrested. During WILLIAMS's arrest, WILLIAMS was advised he was under arrest for Murder and he replied, "I know".

Det. Matz advised WILLIAMS of his Miranda Rights, which WILLIAMS stated he understood and that he was willing to speak with Det. Matz. WILLIAMS stated there has been ongoing confrontations between himself, Victim, and female associates. WILLIAMS stated at approximately 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 (a day prior to the shooting), WILLIAMS was assaulted by Victim. WILLIAMS stated that, during the May 13th physical altercation, WILLIAMS had a firearm in his possession, did not use it, and did physically fight back against Victim. WILLIAMS stated he knows he is not legally allowed to own or possess firearms.

WILLIAMS stated that, on May 14, 2026, WILLIAMS observed Victim outside of his apartment building. WILLIAMS stated Victim approached him and WILLIAMS told him to just give him space and that he did not want to deal with Victim. WILLIAMS stated that, almost immediately, Victim charged him. WILLIAMS stated he pointed his firearm at the ground intending to discharge a round at the ground to stop Victim from charging him. WILLIAMS admitted he fired one round and then fled the area. WILLIAMS stated he did not know he hit Victim with the round or that he was deceased until hours later. WILLIAMS admitted he is aware that firing a firearm near the vicinity or direction of others could cause substantial bodily harm or death.

WILLIAMS advised Detectives the location of a creek near 55th St NW and W River Parkway as the location he disassembled his pistol and threw it in pieces into the river. WILLIAMS stated he thought his pistol used to shoot Victim was a Glock but was certain it was metallic blue in color and a 9mm caliber (which was the same as the shell casing recovered by officers from the scene).

A person violates section 624.713, subd. 1(2) when they possess any firearm after having "been convicted of * * * in this state or elsewhere, a crime of violence. For purposes of [section 624.713], crime of violence includes crimes in other states or jurisdictions which would have been crimes of violence as herein defined if they had been committed in this state." Under Minn. Stat. Sec. 624.712, subd. 5, "crime of violence" is defined as "felony convictions of * * * chapter 152 (drugs, controlled substance)." Court records indicate WILLIAMS has the following convictions in the State of Illinois which are analogous to felony violations of Minnesota Chapter 152:

COOK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CHICAGO

Court Case Number: 2013CR109820
NCIC Offense Text DANGEROUS DRUGS
Statute (720 ILCS 570.0/407-B-2 IL)
Severity FELONY 1
Disposition (2013-08-01; GUILTY)

COOK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CHICAGO

Court Case Number: 2014CR007040
NCIC Offense Text DANGEROUS DRUGS
Statute (720 ILCS 570.0/402-C IL)
Severity FELONY 4
Disposition (2014-01-21; GUILTY)

COOK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CHICAGO

Court Case Number: 2014CR119990
NCIC Offense Text DANGEROUS DRUGS

Statute (720 ILCS 570.0/402-C IL)
Severity FELONY 4
Disposition (2015-01-08; GUILTY)

The state specifically alleges, and the facts and circumstances indicate, that WILLIAMS possessed a firearm as defined by Minnesota law prior to the commission of the homicide. Additionally, the state specifically alleges, and the facts and circumstances indicate, that WILLIAMS used a firearm during the commission of the homicide.

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

Luke Thomas Hulshizer
 Police Officer
 101 4th Street SE
 Rochester, MN 55904-3761
 Badge: 2467

Electronically Signed:
 05/18/2026 09:46 AM
 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:
 05/18/2026 09:41 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 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.

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:

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 18, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Lisa R Hayne

Electronically Signed: 05/18/2026 09:54 AM

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

**COUNTY OF OLMSTED
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Derrell Sheldon Williams

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:

DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Name: Derrell Sheldon Williams
DOB: 07/29/1991
Address: 931 41st St NW
#207
Rochester, MN 55901

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN15JE3951

Height:

Weight: 105lbs.

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender: MALE

Race: Black

Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: Yes

Driver's License #: W45217791215 (IL)

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	5/14/2026	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony			MN0550100	26023941
	Penalty	5/14/2026	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony			MN0550100	26023941
2	Charge	5/14/2026	609.19.2(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - Without Intent - While Committing a Felony	Felony			MN0550100	26023941
	Penalty	5/14/2026	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony			MN0550100	26023941
3	Charge	5/14/2026	609.222.1 Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon	Felony			MN0550100	26023941
	Penalty	5/14/2026	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony			MN0550100	26023941
4	Charge	5/14/2026	624.713.2(b) Possesses any type of firearm/ammo - Crime of Violence - ineligible under 624.713.1(2)	Felony			MN0550100	26023941
	Penalty	5/14/2026	609.11.5(b) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm-Felon Convicted Crime of Violence	Felony			MN0550100	26023941