

State of Minnesota
County of Scott

District Court
1st Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 167194-17
Court File No. 70-CR-17-19809

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

SERGEY NIKOLAEVICH BALANDIN DOB: 03/09/1986

1462 Savanna Dr
Shakopee, MN 55379

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: 609.19.2(1)

Maximum Sentence: Imprisonment for Not More Than 40 Years

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/06/2017

Control #(ICR#): 17026879

Charge Description: On or about November 5, 2017 to November 6, 2017, in Shakopee, Scott County, Minnesota, the Defendant, Sergey Nikolaevich Balandin, DOB: 03/09/1986, caused the death of a human being with intent to effect the death of that person, but without premeditation.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

At approximately 10:15 a.m., on November 6, 2017, Shakopee police were dispatched to 1462 Savanna Drive in Shakopee, Scott County, Minnesota. Shakopee police were investigating a report from St. Paul Police that a man had possibly just killed or injured his wife at that address in Shakopee. Shakopee police arrived at that address a short time after dispatch.

Shakopee Officer Wyckoff and other officers knocked on the door of the residence at Savanna Drive and were met by an older woman later identified as Sofiya Yedvabnik. She did not speak English well and told them her daughter, R.S.Y., was sleeping inside and did not feel well. Police entered the residence to check on the woman. As they searched the residence, there was one bedroom with a closed and locked door. Police called for the woman, but nobody answered. There was nobody else in the residence. Police entered the locked bedroom and found it in disarray. There was a large bloodstain on the floor. They found the woman on the floor under the bed.

Police moved the bed off the woman. She was naked from the waist down. There were no signs of life. She did not have a pulse and she was not breathing. Her face was badly bruised and bloody and was "unrecognizable." She was later identified as R.S.Y.

Shakopee police were also told by dispatch that the suspect was hiding in the area of the Hampton Inn in Shakopee. Police responded to that area as well. Police located a man hiding near the Hampton Inn and arrested him. He was identified as the Defendant, Sergey Nikolaevich Balandin (DOB: 03/09/1986).

Police learned that R.S.Y. was the Defendant's girlfriend. She and her mother lived at the Savanna Drive address with the Defendant.

Sofiya Yedvabnik told police that she heard a heated and often violent argument between her daughter and the Defendant the night before. She said the argument ended in the middle of the evening or early morning.

Police spoke to Vitaly Balandin. He is the Defendant's brother. He reported that the Defendant had called him that morning and said he needed a ride. Vitaly Balandin picked the Defendant up from the Savanna Drive residence. He saw that the Defendant was "shaking" and appeared intoxicated. He drove the Defendant a short distance to Lowes in Shakopee. He said the Defendant then ran from him. Vitaly Balandin was fearful for R.S.Y.'s safety because the Defendant is violent when he is intoxicated and he saw the two fighting the day before.

Police spoke to Andrey Akimov. He reported that the Defendant had called him that morning at approximately 9:33 a.m. and asked for a ride. He said he was near the Lowes in Shakopee. The Defendant told Akimov that R.S.Y. is "not able to move" and may be "under a bed."

Police searched the area near the Hampton Inn where the Defendant had been arrested. They found a bloody knife on the ground near where the Defendant was arrested. They also found a black bag in some bushes. In the bag, police found bloody clothing, a bloody broken charging cable, and a folding knife.

Police spoke to the Defendant at the Scott County Jail. He said he "blacked out" the night before. He said he remembered drinking and having sex with R.S.Y. on November 5, 2017, then woke up in his bathtub on November 6, 2017. He said he had "no idea" what happened to her. He said they had not been arguing. He

admitted that he knew she was dead. He admitted that he “most likely, probably” killed R.S.Y. He admitted that he did not administer any first aid to her. He also admitted that he used household cleaners to try to clean the blood off the floor. He said it did not occur to him to call 9-1-1 because he wanted to “figure shit out first.”

On November 7, 2017, an autopsy was performed on R.S.Y. at the Hennepin County Medical Examiner’s Office. The cause of death was determined to be homicidal violence.

The Defendant is described as a 31-year old white male, 6’00” tall, weighing approximately 160 pounds with hazel eyes.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 609.49., intentional failure to appear for duly scheduled court appearances may result in additional criminal charges, and in addition to any arrest warrant that may otherwise be issued by the Court.

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

John Buetow
Sgt. of Investigations
475 Gorman Street
Shakopee, MN 55379
Badge: 42

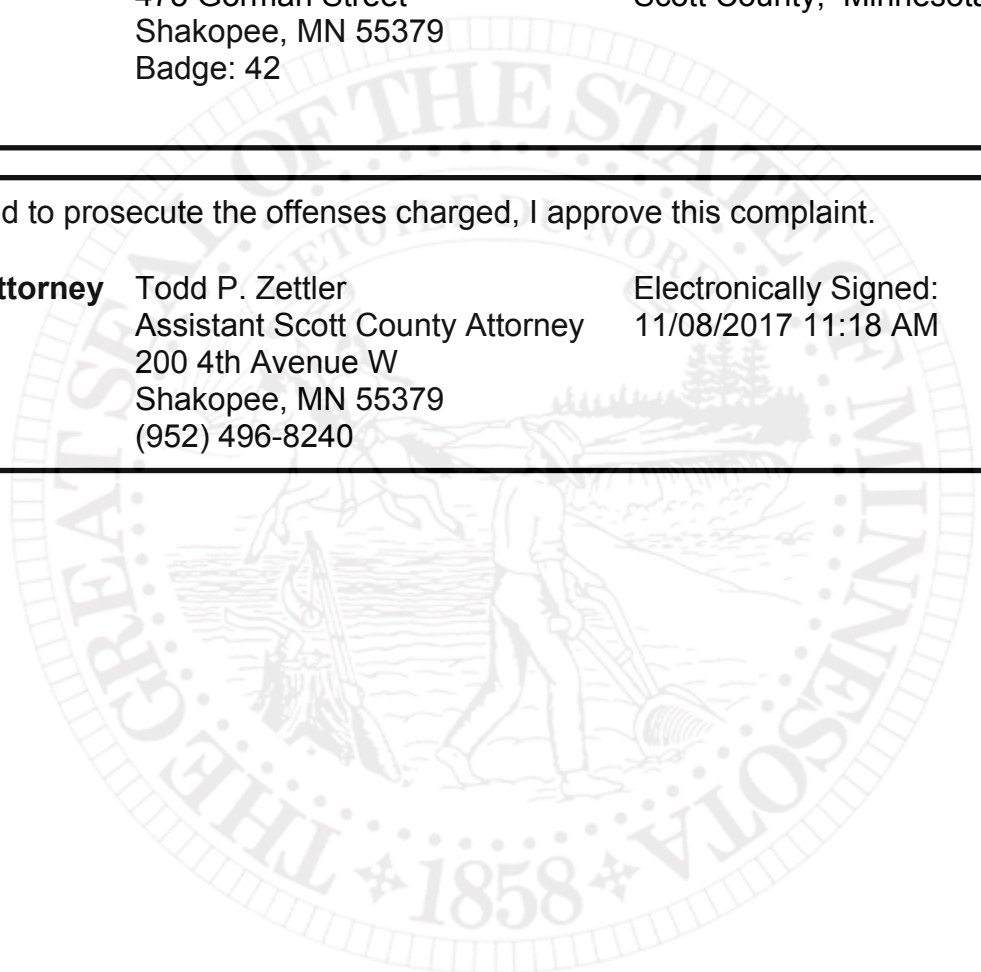
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11/08/2017 11:28 AM
Scott County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Todd P. Zettler
Assistant Scott County Attorney
200 4th Avenue W
Shakopee, MN 55379
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Electronically Signed:
11/08/2017 11:18 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 200 4th Avenue W, Shakopee, MN 55379 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: November 8, 2017.

Judicial Officer Caroline H. Lennon
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/08/2017 11:43 AM

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

**COUNTY OF SCOTT
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 Order of
Detention upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent: