

State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 26A08388
Court File No. 27-CR-26-18809

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT

Warrant

vs.

CHRISEAN MARCELOUS CRIDDELL DOB: 06/26/1997

1518 16th St SE Apt 5
St Cloud, MN 56304

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), 609.19.1

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/02/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26082278

Charge Description: That on or about April 2, 2026, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, CHRISEAN CRIDDELL intentionally caused the death of Victim while using a firearm.

Minimum Sentence: 3 YEARS

COUNT II

Charge: Murder - 2nd Degree - Drive-by Shooting

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.1(2), with reference to: 609.11.5(a), 609.19.1

Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 04/02/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26082278

Charge Description: That on or about April 2, 2026, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, CHRISEAN CRIDDELL caused the death of Victim while committing a drive-by shooting.

Minimum Sentence: 3 YEARS

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On April 2, 2026, at approximately 1:16 a.m., officers responded to a shooting near the intersection of 31st Ave North and North 4th St. in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. There, officers encountered Victim, a known adult male, lying on the ground with a gunshot wound to his abdomen. Officers attempted CPR until EMS arrived. Victim later died at the hospital.

At the scene, officers found a single 9mm discharged cartridge casing. Nearby, officers observed a gold Chevy Tahoe (later determined to be stolen) with Victim's belongings inside.

Witnesses reported that they heard one gunshot followed by a man crying for help. One witness saw an SUV slowly drive away from the scene before abruptly speeding up and leaving the area. Another witness reported that, seconds before they heard the gunshot, they were sitting in their vehicle in their driveway when an unknown adult male approached their window and said, "Oh, you are not my friend."

Surveillance cameras captured a white SUV (later determined to be a stolen Chevy Tahoe) driving in the direction of and slowing down as it neared the crime scene. The SUV goes off camera, but approximately 20 seconds later a single horn honk is audible, and approximately 50 seconds after that, the gunshot is audible, followed by screaming.

Investigators obtained Victim's cell phone and found a Facebook conversation between Victim and an account belonging to Defendant CHRISEAN CRIDDELL. Just before the murder, Victim and Defendant were discussing Defendant picking Victim up to get gas. When Defendant could not find Victim or otherwise had not yet picked him up, Victim threatened to harm Defendant, and Defendant responded in kind. The last two messages, approximately 10 minutes before the murder, were:

Defendant: "I'm done talking, I said what I said."

Victims: "Run [n-word] or put them hands up."

Investigators learned that Defendant and Victim were involved in an auto theft ring. On June 1, 2026, investigators with the Hennepin County Auto Theft Task Force arrested Defendant. On June 3, homicide investigators interviewed him post-Miranda. Defendant admitted he agreed to help Victim get gas but claimed they did not argue. He acknowledged his Facebook account, but despite the texts clearly referencing driving around, claimed he did not have a phone that night and was messaging Victim from a laptop on his girlfriend's porch.

On July 21, 2026, Investigators interviewed a known adult female who was with Defendant at the time of the murder. She stated that she was riding with Defendant in his white Tahoe when he was looking for Victim to give him gas. As they neared Victim's location, Defendant honked the horn. Victim got out of his vehicle and said "hi" to her, then started arguing with Defendant. Still seated in the car, Defendant produced a black handgun and shot Victim through the driver's window.

Defendant is in custody.

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

Gabriel Grout
Officer
350 S 5th St
Minneapolis, MN 55415-1389
Badge: 2496

Electronically Signed:
07/22/2026 04:01 PM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Patrick Lofton
Assistant County Attorney
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
07/22/2026 03:52 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.

☐ *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: \$1,000,000.00

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: July 22, 2026.

Judicial Officer

Julia Dayton Klein
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 07/22/2026 04:14 PM

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

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA

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Plaintiff

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Chrisean Marcelous Criddell

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:

DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Name: Chrisean Marcelous Criddell
DOB: 06/26/1997
Address: 1518 16th St SE Apt 5
St Cloud, MN 56304

Alias Names/DOB: CRISEAN MARCELOUS CRIDDELL DOB: 6/26/1997
SID:
Height:
Weight:
Eye Color:
Hair Color:
Gender: MALE
Race: Black
Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes
Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: No
Driver's License #:
SILS Person ID #: 896596
SILS Tracking No. 3539482
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	4/2/2026	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2012		MN0271100	26082278
	Penalty	4/2/2026	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	H2012		MN0271100	26082278
	Penalty	4/2/2026	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2012		MN0271100	26082278
2	Charge	4/2/2026	609.19.1(2) Murder - 2nd Degree - Drive-by Shooting	Felony	H2012		MN0271100	26082278
	Penalty	4/2/2026	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	H2012		MN0271100	26082278
	Penalty	4/2/2026	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2012		MN0271100	26082278