

State of Minnesota
County of St. Louis

District Court
6th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0690211280
Court File No. 69DU-CR-23-85

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TRISTAN JADE ST. CLAIR DOB: 01/11/2000

114 West 4th Street
Apartment 406
Duluth, MN 55806

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Order of Detention

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: Aid and Abet Attempted Murder - 2nd Degree

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.1, with reference to: 609.17.1, 609.05.1

Maximum Sentence: 20 years

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/06/2023

Control #(ICR#): 23002410

Charge Description: on or about January 6, 2023, in the County of St Louis, Minnesota, Tristan Jade St. Clair, while intentionally aiding, advising, hiring, counseling or conspiring with another did attempt to cause the death of Victim 1.

COUNT II

Charge: Aid and Abet Attempted Murder - 2nd Degree

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.1, with reference to: 609.05.1, 609.17.1

Maximum Sentence: 20 years

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/06/2023

Control #(ICR#): 23002410

Charge Description: on or about January 6, 2023, in the County of St Louis, Minnesota, Tristan Jade St. Clair, while intentionally aiding, advising, hiring, counseling or conspiring with another did attempt to cause the death of Victim 2.

COUNT III

Charge: Aid and Abet Assault-5th Deg-2/More Prev Convict in 3 years

Minnesota Statute: 609.224.4(b), with reference to: 609.05.1

Maximum Sentence: 5 years or \$10,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/06/2023

Control #(ICR#): 23002410

Charge Description: on or about January 6, 2023, in the County of St Louis, Minnesota, Tristan Jade St. Clair, while intentionally aiding, advising, hiring, counseling or conspiring with another, did assault another (Victim 3) within three years of the first of any combination of two or more previous qualified domestic violence-related offense convictions or adjudications of delinquency.

COUNT IV

Charge: Aid and Abet Burglary-1st Deg-Assault Person In Build/On Property

Minnesota Statute: 609.582.1(c), with reference to: 609.05.1

Maximum Sentence: 20 years or \$35,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/06/2023

Control #(ICR#): 23002410

Charge Description: on or about January 6, 2023, in the County of St Louis, Minnesota, Tristan Jade St. Clair, while intentionally aiding, advising, hiring, counseling or conspiring with another, did enter a building without consent of the lawful possessor with intent to commit a crime or committed a crime while in the building, either directly or as an accomplice, and assaulted a person (Victim 1) within the building or on the building's appurtenant property,

COUNT V

Charge: Aid and Abet Burglary-1st Deg-Assault Person In Build/On Property

Minnesota Statute: 609.582.1(c), with reference to: 609.05.1

Maximum Sentence: 20 years or \$35,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/06/2023

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COUNT VI

Charge: Aid and Abet Burglary-1st Deg-Assault Person In Build/On Property

Minnesota Statute: 609.582.1(c), with reference to: 609.05.1

Maximum Sentence: 20 years or \$35,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 01/06/2023

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STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

Complainant is a duly licensed peace officer and a member of law enforcement and knows the content of this Complaint to be true of his/her own knowledge and/or based on the reports of other peace officers. All of the conduct described herein occurred within the County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, unless otherwise noted.

On October 3, 2022, TRISTAN JADE ST. CLAIR, date of birth 01/11/2000, hereinafter referred to as Defendant Tristan St. Clair, was convicted of Felony Domestic Assault in Court file 69DU-CR-21-3266 and Felony Violation of a Domestic Abuse No Contact Order in Court file 69DU-CR-21-3903.

Background – Victim 4 and Defendant Dustin Hawke St. Clair

In the end of December 2022, a male P.J.O., hereinafter referred to as Victim 4, came to the Duluth area to spend time with his significant other, a female R.S. Sometime after the new year, their relationship soured and Victim 4 wished to return home to his residence in Grand Portage, however, was unable to find a ride. Due to the separation, Victim 4 left R.S.'s residence and took her phone charger with him. Victim 4 went to live at his sister's house on West Arrowhead Road, in the Kenwood neighborhood, Duluth, St. Louis County. R.S. was angered by Victim 4's theft of her phone charger and throughout the evening of January 5, 2023, Victim 4 began receiving messages through Facebook messenger about returning the phone cord to R.S.

January 5-6 – Victim 4

At some point on the evening of January 5, 2023, into the early morning hours of January 6, 2023, Victim 4 began receiving Facebook Messenger messages from a male, DUSTIN HAWKE ST. CLAIR, date of birth 12/06/1995, hereinafter referred to as Defendant Dustin St. Clair, who is a relative of R.S. The Facebook messages referenced the phone charger and then began challenging Victim 4 to a fight. At one point, Defendant Dustin St. Clair sent a Facebook message to Victim 4 that was a picture of Defendant Dustin St. Clair holding a semi-automatic pistol equipped with a front rail light and an extended magazine. The messages indicated that Defendant Dustin St. Clair would "murk" Victim 4. It is known to law enforcement that "murk" is slang for murder. Victim 4 was so concerned that he placed a 911 emergency call and law enforcement responded to the above referenced West Arrowhead Road address. Duluth Police Officers searched the area and were unable to find Defendant Dustin St. Clair.

Later, under continued messaging, Victim 4 agreed to meet Defendant Dustin St. Clair in the parking lot of the Super One Foods in the Kenwood area in the City of Duluth. The parking lot is nearby the West Arrowhead Road address where he was staying with his sister. Victim 4 did go to the Super One Foods parking lot, however Defendant Dustin St. Clair did not show at that time. Victim 4 returned to his sister's residence on West Arrowhead Road and entered the residence, however, failed to lock the exterior door. Victim 4 went down to his sister's bedroom and got ready to go to sleep.

The particular residence on West Arrowhead Road is a single-family type home, however has been converted to makeshift apartments. The bedrooms inside the residence are occupied by unrelated tenants, some of whom do not know each other. The bedrooms lock, some from the outside. The residence is wholly within the City of Duluth, St. Louis County.

Just before 3:30 a.m., on January 6, 2023, Victim 4 heard a commotion from one of the nearby rooms in the basement, close by to where he was sleeping. He described it later to law enforcement as the sound of a door

being kicked in and then the sound of a commotion or fighting and a male yelling "what did I do?" As a response, Victim 4 immediately got up, held the bedroom door shut and then began to barricade himself into the bedroom.

January 5-6 – Victims 1-3

Earlier in the evening of 1/5/2023, a female, A.L.K., hereinafter Victim 1, a male D.J.T., hereinafter Victim 2, and a female T.L.S. hereinafter Victim 3, were staying at a residence on West Arrowhead Road (the same residence where Victim 4 was also staying). Victim 1 and Victim 3 are residents of the West Arrowhead Road address and Victim 2 was a guest of Victim 1 and Victim 3. Just before 3:30 a.m. on 1/6/2023, Victim 1 and Victim 2 were downstairs in one of the basement bedrooms next to Victim 4. Victim 3 was in an upstairs bedroom. Victim 1 and Victim 2 do not know Victim 4 and were unaware of the disagreement that he had with Defendant Dustin St. Clair or Defendant Dustin St. Clair's female cousin, R.S.

Victim 1 and Victim 2 were together in the downstairs bedroom and heard the sound of footsteps coming down the stairs and approaching the bedroom door. They believed that Victim 3 was likely coming down to join the two in the basement bedroom. Instead, the bedroom door was kicked open and two males, later identified as Defendant Dustin St. Clair and Defendant Tristan St. Clair, entered the bedroom. Defendant Tristan St. Clair began stabbing Victim 1 and Victim 2. Defendant Tristan St. Clair stabbed Victim 1 in the left breast area, in the mouth and in the side of the head. Defendant Tristan St. Clair stabbed Victim 1 in the chest first, and then attacked Victim 2 who was stabbed in the neck, face and chest area. All totaled, it is believed that Defendant Tristan St. Clair attempted to stab Victim 2 upwards of 15 to 20 times. Defendant Tristan St. Clair then turned back to Victim 1 when she tried to intervene and stabbed her in the side of the head then somehow cut her mouth area as well. As Defendant Tristan St. Clair stabbed both Victim 1 and Victim 2, Defendant Dustin St. Clair stood nearby and continued to yell "don't look at us." Defendant Dustin St. Clair acted as a look out for Defendant Tristan St. Clair. Both Defendant Dustin St. Clair and Defendant Tristan St. Clair then proceeded back upstairs to the residence to exit where they encountered Victim 3 who had exited her bedroom and was headed toward the stairs. Both Defendants shouted, "don't look at us" and then stuck Victim 3 over the head with a glass coffee pot causing lacerations to her hand, head and face. Defendant Dustin St. Clair and Defendant Tristan St. Clair then fled the residence, got into a vehicle belonging to R.S. and attempted to flee, however, they got stuck in the snowbank at the end of the driveway. Defendant Dustin St. Clair fled on foot and Defendant Tristan St. Clair was apprehended next to the vehicle. Defendant Dustin St. Clair was located nearby and apprehended. Both Defendants clothing matched the description given by Victims 1-3.

Crime Scene Investigation

Many law-enforcement officers and first responders came to the residence.

Victim 4 was immediately telling officers that one of the culprits was Defendant Dustin St. Clair, given the threats he had been receiving. Law enforcement recovered the messaging from Defendant Dustin St. Clair to Victim 4, including the photograph and threat to murder him.

In the basement bedroom occupied by Victims 1 and 2 at the time of attack, in addition to large amounts of blood, officers found a hunting style knife in the crime scene area. The blade had been broken from the handle.

Victim 3 was found standing, in shock, in the entry area of the home covered in broken glass with the remains of a coffee pot nearby. She was actively bleeding.

Victim 1 was in the entryway also, covered in blood, with an obvious stab wound to her chest/breast area, actively bleeding from her head and face.

Victim 2 was likewise found and treated by paramedics. He was covered in blood, actively bleeding, and was

having difficulty breathing due to some of the stabbing that he had received in his armpit. Victim 2 was removed from the house on a portable gurney.

Emergency Medical Care

Victim 3 was taken to St. Luke's emergency room and treated there. The severity of lacerations and injuries are still unknown to the prosecution.

Victim 1 was likewise transported to St. Luke's emergency room where she was treated for her injuries. The severity of lacerations and injuries are still unknown to the prosecution.

Victim 2 had to be transported to St. Mary's Essentia trauma unit for treatment. When at the emergency room, his treating physician explained that he would require exploratory surgery for the multiple puncture stab wounds and could likely bleed to death without surgery. The final medical outcome for Victim 2 is also unknown to the prosecution at the time of charging.

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

Jason McClure
investigator
2030 N Arlington Avenue
Duluth, MN 55811
Badge: 384

Electronically Signed:
01/10/2023 10:27 AM
St. Louis County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Jonathan Holets
Assistant County Attorney
100 N 5th Avenue W
Duluth Courthouse, #501
Duluth, MN 55802
(218) 726-2323

Electronically Signed:
01/10/2023 10:25 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.

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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: January 10, 2023.

Judicial Officer Eric L Hylden
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 01/10/2023 10:51 AM

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

**COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Tristan Jade St. Clair

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: Tristan Jade St. Clair
DOB: 01/11/2000
Address: 114 West 4th Street
Apartment 406
Duluth, MN 55806

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN18A73431

Height:

Weight: 200lbs.

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender:

Race:

Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: No

Driver's License #: Z576271813118 (MN)

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	1/6/2023	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2233		MN0690600	23002410
	Modifier	1/6/2023	609.17.1 Anticipatory Crimes-Attempts	No-Level	H2233		MN0690600	23002410
	Modifier	1/6/2023	609.05.1 Liability for Crimes of Another-Intentional	No-Level	H2233		MN0690600	23002410
2	Charge	1/6/2023	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2233		MN0690600	23002410
	Modifier	1/6/2023	609.05.1 Liability for Crimes of Another-Intentional	No-Level	H2233		MN0690600	23002410
	Modifier	1/6/2023	609.17.1 Anticipatory Crimes-Attempts	No-Level	H2233		MN0690600	23002410
3	Charge	1/6/2023	609.224.4(b) Assault-5th Deg-2/More Prev Convict in 3 years	Felony	AG233		MN0690600	23002410
	Modifier	1/6/2023	609.05.1 Liability for Crimes of Another-Intentional	No-Level	AG233		MN0690600	23002410
4	Charge	1/6/2023	609.582.1(c) Burglary-1st Deg-Assault Person In Build/On Property	Felony	B1151		MN0690600	23002410
	Modifier	1/6/2023	609.05.1 Liability for Crimes of Another-Intentional	No-Level	B1151		MN0690600	23002410
5	Charge	1/6/2023	609.582.1(c) Burglary-1st Deg-Assault Person In Build/On Property	Felony	B1151		MN0690600	23002410
	Modifier	1/6/2023	609.05.1 Liability for Crimes of Another-Intentional	No-Level	B1151		MN0690600	23002410
6	Charge	1/6/2023	609.582.1(c) Burglary-1st Deg-Assault Person In Build/On Property	Felony	AG233		MN0690600	23002410
	Modifier	1/6/2023	609.05.1 Liability for Crimes of Another-Intentional	No-Level	AG233		MN0690600	23002410