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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MURDER CHARGES FILED IN FRIDLEY HOMICIDE

The Anoka County Attorney's Office has charged one person in connection with the shooting death of 17-year-old Mohanned Abdul Haviz Abukdeir in Fridley earlier this week.

The defendant, Zakariya Hassan Ahmed, 19, of Robbinsdale, is charged with one count of murder in the second degree with intent but not premeditated.

Ahmed appeared in Anoka County District Court Thursday morning. Judge Kristin Larson set bail at \$1 million. Ahmed's next court appearance is scheduled for Aug. 3.

The criminal complaint is attached.

"This is another example of drugs and violence taking the youth of our community," Anoka County Attorney Tony Palumbo said.

State of Minnesota
County of Anoka

District Court
10th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No.
Court File No.

CA-2017-01318

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

ZAKARIYA HASSAN AHMED DOB: 10/24/1997

4242 46th Avenue N
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

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, 609.05.1

Maximum Sentence: 3-40 Years

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 07/17/2017

Control #(ICR#): 17161928

Charge Description: On or about July 17, 2017, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, ZAKARIYA HASSAN AHMED, did while intentionally aiding, advising, or conspiring with another or others, cause the death of a human being 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.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

At 1:07am on Monday, July 17th, 2017, Fridley police responded to 1378 Meadowmoor Drive NE in Fridley, Anoka County. The caller stated a 17 year old male was located outside, laying in the street and not breathing. Upon arrival, police saw a male laying half in the street and half on the grass, just down from the above address. The male had what appeared to be a single gunshot wound to the neck. The male was deceased. A handgun was located near the male. The male was subsequently identified as Mohanned Abdul Haviz Abukdeir (DOB: 9/13/99), hereinafter the victim. The victim lived at the above address.

A few hours earlier, at about 11:00 pm on Sunday the 16th, the victim told family members that he was planning to meet someone nearby the house to sell some items. According to family, this was not unusual and the victim had previously sold items via the internet. Once the victim left the home he was not heard from until his body was discovered. One neighbor told police that at about 10:50 pm on the 16th he heard what he believed to be two quick gunshots. About 15 seconds after hearing the shots, one neighbor looked out a window which overlooks Meadowmoor Drive and describes seeing what he thought were 2 or 3 males getting into a vehicle. The neighbor described the vehicle as a possibly silver or grey RAV-4 SUV. The neighbor described that the RAV then sped off, eastbound, with the headlights off.

A cellphone was found with the victim. A family member provided the password. The cellphone contained record of a communication suggesting a marijuana sale involving the victim and another to have been happening the late evening of the 16th. Law enforcement identified the number with which the victim was communicating. Additional investigation shows that the user of the number with whom the victim was communicating with about meeting late in the evening on July 16th is Zakariya Hassan Ahmed (DOB: 10/24/97), the defendant herein. The defendant has previously provided to law enforcement the same phone number as a contact number. Additionally, family members of the defendant confirm that the phone number is the one used by the defendant. It was also learned the defendant has a previous law enforcement contact involving a silver RAV4.

A nearby business has external security video cameras. These cameras captured a portion of the scene near where the victim's body was discovered. The video corroborates the neighbor description of a smaller SUV type vehicle at the time identified. The vehicle stops, with its lights on, facing westbound on Meadowmoor. After being stopped, the vehicle continues westbound a short distance, but then makes a U-turn and returns eastbound on Meadowmoor. As the vehicle continues eastbound, the headlights are extinguished.

At approximately 3:50 am on July 18th, more than 24 hours after the victim's body was discovered, the defendant and his mother appeared at a Minneapolis police precinct to make a report. The defendant reported his vehicle, a silver RAV 4 with the same license plate as previously provided to police, was recently stolen. The defendant told Minneapolis police that he was at a park playing basketball on Monday the 17th and placed his car keys on the side of the court. The defendant said it was not until after the basketball game that he realized the keys, and vehicle, were missing. The defendant said the stolen vehicle was his silver RAV 4, with the same license plate from prior contacts. In addition, the defendant told Minneapolis police his cellphone was stolen "a couple days prior".

Later, to Anoka County law enforcement, the defendant said his phone was stolen while he was at a park in Minneapolis on Sunday the 16th, in the afternoon hours. Then, the defendant said he let someone use his phone at the park and "yelled out his password". After being at the park, the defendant said he went to Minnehaha Falls at about 11:00 pm on the 16th. As to his RAV4, the defendant told Anoka County law enforcement he was unsure what happened, but that people are stealing his stuff. The defendant said the RAV 4 was stolen on Monday the 17th of July, hours before he made the police report, but after victim's body was located.

On Wednesday, July 19th at 4:47 am, Minneapolis police responded to a call of a vehicle fire. The vehicle was a RAV 4 with the same license plate as reported by the defendant to police the day prior. Initial investigation suggests the RAV was intentionally set on fire and the witness who called 911 to report the fire observed a

person running from the scene as the fire started.

Phone records demonstrate that at a time after when the defendant claims his phone was stolen, that multiple calls from his phone were made to the defendant's own family members. Also, in the afternoon hours of Monday the 17th, the defendant's phone was tracked to a cellphone tower near the defendant's place of employment. The defendant's employer corroborates that the defendant came to work during the afternoon of July 17th, said he was too ill to work, and left. The defendant was at work less than 10 minutes. The defendant's cellphone was also tracked to be hitting off of the 2 nearest cellphone towers to the victim's body in Fridley in the late evening hours of Sunday July 16th.

The Midwest Medical Examiner's Office conducted an autopsy of the victim. The victim was shot twice, with entrance wounds to his neck and to the back of his skull, causing his death. The bullets were .22 caliber and recovered from the body. No spent casings were located near the victim's body or scene. However, crime scene analysts identified what appears to be debris from the inside of a vehicle side wall or internal roof material, on the ground near the victim's body.

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

Ryan Franklin
Detective
6431 University Avenue NE
Fridley, MN 55432

Electronically Signed:
07/19/2017 03:53 PM
Anoka County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Paul L. Young
Assistant County Attorney
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Electronically Signed:
07/19/2017 03:25 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 on _____, ____ at _____ AM/PM before the above-named court at 325 E Main Street, 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.

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: July 19, 2017.

Judicial Officer

Tammi Fredrickson
Judge of District Court

Electronically Signed: 07/19/2017 04:12 PM

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

**COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Zakariya Hassan Ahmed

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: Zakariya Hassan Ahmed
DOB: 10/24/1997
Address: 4242 46th Avenue N
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

Alias Names/DOB:

SID:

Height:

Weight:

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender: MALE

Race: Black

Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: No

Handgun Permit: No

Driver's License #: F146009790711 (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	7/17/2017	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2010		MN0020600	17161928
	Modifier	7/17/2017	609.05.1 Liability for Crimes of Another-Intentional	No-Level	H2010		MN0020600	17161928
	Modifier	7/17/2017	609.11.5 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm	Felony	H2010		MN0020600	17161928