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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Suspect charged with murder of 15-year-old boy

The 15-year-old boy who was shot Sunday in Fridley has died from his injuries and the 17-year-old suspect has been charged.

The Anoka County Attorney's Office today charged Isaiah Harold-Stephaun Holmes with five felonies, including second-degree murder, assault, and attempted robbery.

The County Attorney's Office is seeking to have Holmes certified to stand trial as an adult. Holmes's next court appearance is scheduled for Monday, July 26.

The delinquency petition is attached for reference. No additional information will be released at this time.

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COUNT 2: MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE (WHILE COMMITTING A FELONY) (Felony)
Minnesota Statutes §609.19, Subd. 2(1); 609.05; 609.11, Subd. 5

On or about **July 18, 2021**, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, **ISAIAH HAROLD-STEPHAUN HOLMES**, did while intentionally aiding, advising, or conspiring with another or others, cause the death of a human being, without intent to effect the death of any person, while committing or attempting to commit a felony offense other than criminal sexual conduct in the first or second degree with force or violence or a drive-by shooting and at the time of offense, the Defendant or an accomplice did use or possess a firearm.

COUNT 3: ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE (GREAT BODILY HARM) (Felony)
Minnesota Statutes §609.221, Subd. 1; 609.05; 609.11, Subd. 5

On or about **July 18, 2021**, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, **ISAIAH HAROLD-STEPHAUN HOLMES**, did while intentionally aiding, advising, or conspiring with another or others, assault another and inflict great bodily harm and at the time of offense, the Defendant or an accomplice did use or possess a firearm.

COUNT 4: ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE (Felony)
Minnesota Statutes §609.222, Subd. 2; 609.05; 609.11, Subd. 5

On or about **July 18, 2021**, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, **ISAIAH HAROLD-STEPHAUN HOLMES**, did while intentionally aiding, advising, or conspiring with another or others, assault another with a dangerous weapon and inflict substantial bodily harm and at the time of offense, the Defendant or an accomplice did use or possess a firearm.

COUNT 5: ATTEMPTED AGGRAVATED ROBBERY IN THE FIRST DEGREE (Felony)
Minnesota Statutes §609.245, Subd. 1; 609.05; 609.11, Subd. 5; 609.17

On or about **July 18, 2021**, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, **ISAIAH HAROLD-STEPHAUN HOLMES**, did while intentionally aiding, advising, or conspiring with another or others, attempt to commit a robbery, while armed with a dangerous weapon or any article used or fashioned in a manner to lead the victim to reasonably believe it to be a dangerous weapon and at the time of offense, the Defendant or an accomplice did use or possess a firearm.

1. Motion for Certification (Presumptive).

I acknowledge that the form of this petition is approved and that reasonable grounds exist to support the petition.

Jon C. Audette - 218182
Assistant Anoka County Attorney

Date: _____

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Your petitioner, Jon C. Audette, is an Assistant County Attorney employed by the Anoka County Attorney's Office. In that capacity, your petitioner has read the reports of the Anoka County Sheriff's Office and has learned the following:

On July 18, 2021 at about 7:04 p.m., staff at Unity Hospital notified law enforcement that a shooting victim, identified as AR (DOB: 5/23/06), was brought to the Hospital. AR had been shot in his neck and upper shoulder area. AR suffered massive bleeding and, despite blood transfusions and emergency treatment, had cardiac arrest. AR was transferred from Unity Hospital to Hennepin County Medical Center (HCMC), where he underwent further medical treatment. He sustained catastrophic injury to his brain due to lack of oxygen and blood flow. AR was declared brain dead by HCMC medical staff and passed away at about 7:30 p.m. on July 20, 2021.

Police spoke with two males, IS (DOB: 11/4/99) and BD (DOB: 4/18/99), who were with AR in the van that delivered him to Unity Hospital. They said that the three of them were driving around in IS' mother's van earlier in the day. IS drove, BD was in the front passenger seat and AR sat in back. IS wanted to buy marijuana. He drove to the area of 61st Avenue and Main Street in Fridley, Anoka County, Minnesota, where he had previously purchased marijuana from a male named AC (DOB: 1/27/02). They met up with AC, who came to the van's driver's window, and discussed the purchase of marijuana. AC said he would have to talk to "his boy." A light-colored car pulled into the lot for an apartment building near the van's location on Main Street. The passenger side sliding door of the van opened and a person identified as "CMoe" entered and spoke with AR.

IS and BD said another male appeared at the passenger sliding door with a handgun and said, "Run your shit", which meant they were being robbed. The male with the gun was described as a lighter-skinned black male with shorter hair, possibly wearing a white shirt. He had tattoos on his neck or chest area. The gun was gray or black with a drum magazine. This male also said not to drive off or yell. IS slammed on the accelerator to escape. The male fired the gun several times. IS and BD saw AR was bleeding. They also saw that another male in a gray sweatshirt (not AC, "CMoe" or the shooter) was in the back of the van with AR. He yelled that AR was shot and to let him out of the van. This male got out at a stop sign. BD got in the back seat and tended to AR while IS drove to the Hospital.

Police spoke with witnesses who lived near the area of the shooting. These witnesses said they looked out of their respective windows after hearing three shots. They saw two young black males, one very tall, skinny and dark skinned, and the other about six feet tall and lighter skinned with a white shirt, run from in front of 6015 Main Street Northeast to the back of 6019 Main Street Northeast. Police knew that AC lived in one of the apartments at the 6019 address and that he matched the description of the taller, skinny individual. One of the witnesses told police that the shorter male returned to the street and met up with a third black male wearing a gray hoodie sweatshirt with a "red stain" on the neck area and then ran south down Main Street Northeast. The shorter male then returned from the south riding a bicycle with a cell phone to his ear. He rode into the driveway for 6101 Trinity Drive Northeast, entered the garage, where he placed the bicycle, then entered the residence through its front door. When the witness first saw this shorter male running from 6015 Main Street Northeast, he was only a short distance from three fired nine-millimeter cartridges found by police in the parking lot for that address. Police knew that ISAIAH HAROLD STEPHAUN-HOLMES lived at 6101 Trinity.

Police spoke with STEPHAUN-HOLMES, who said he was aware of the shooting, but that he was at his cousin's home at the time and rode his bike home to check on his family after he heard shots.

Police spoke with AC, who said STEPHAUN-HOLMES shot AR. AC said he earlier met up with a male known as "G-Block" in the area of the shooting. "G-Block" said he was going to meet with "CMoe" and "Zay". Police identified "CMoe" as DW (DOB: 3/6/06) and "Zay" as STEPHAUN-HOLMES. AC said he spoke with one of the occupants of the van, who asked AC if he wanted any "tabs". AC declined. AC said "CMoe" arrived in a silver car, which he backed in front of 6011 Main Street Northeast, facing the street near where the van was

stopped. CA said he walked to the silver car and spoke with a front seat passenger he knew as D about marijuana. D showed AC a six-seven gram bag of marijuana, which AC said he did not have money for. AC saw "CMoe" get out of the van and run back to the silver car. At about the same time. STEPHAUN-HOLMES raised a handgun, pointed it in the van's open passenger side sliding door toward its occupants and fired two rounds. STEPHAUN-HOLMES used both hands to aim the gun at close range. The van's driver started to drive away, and STEPHAUN-HOLMES fired three more rounds into the van. AC said STEPHAUN-HOLMES was the only person with a gun and was not threatened by anyone inside the van.

AC said that after the shooting "CMoe" drove off in the silver car he arrived in. AC ran to his apartment and STEPHAUN-HOLMES ran after him. AC said he did not know if STEPHAUN-HOLMES wanted to shoot him or was trying to hide with him. AC ran into his apartment and shut the door.

AC said STEPHAUN-HOLMES was wearing a white and black t-shirt and black basketball-type shorts at the time of the incident. AC said STEPHAUN-HOLMES has a new tattoo of a dollar sign on his neck as well as other tattoos. AC said the gun STEPHAUN-HOLMES fired had a distinct drum-type magazine.

Police arrested STEPHAUN-HOLMES. In a post-*Miranda* statement, he continued to deny his presence at the shooting. He now claimed that he rode his bike from his cousin's residence to a Cub Foods Store to buy food about five minutes after hearing shots. He said he did not return to his residence until at least thirty minutes after hearing the shots.

Video surveillance obtained from the Cub Foods Store in question does not show that STEPHAUN-HOLMES was present as he claimed. However, video obtained from the squad car of a State Trooper who drove by the scene of the shooting moments before it occurred, as well as video from buildings near the scene, corroborate AC's statement. These videos show STEPHAUN-HOLMES walking to his residence at 6101 Trinity Drive Northeast seconds before the van carrying the victim drives by the residence and onto Main Street Northeast. The videos show the silver car arriving and the van's driver stopping to speak with AC and the male identified as "G-Block". The videos show AC walking over to the silver car that is backed in front of 6011 Main Street Northeast and speaking with someone in the front seat area. The videos also show "G-Block" and "CMoe" entering the van, STEPHAUN-HOLMES riding his bicycle up to the van and then positioning himself on foot in front of the van's passenger side sliding door. STEPHAUN-HOLMES is then seen pointing a gun at the van's passenger side using both hands and shooting as the driver accelerates away. The videos show AC running from the scene to his apartment with STEPHAUN-HOLMES running behind him. The silver car is driven away shortly after STEPHAUN-HOLMES stops at that car. STEPHAUN-HOLMES is shown reemerging after running after AC and meeting up with "G-Block". STEPHAUN-HOLMES is then seen running to and getting on his bike and riding toward his residence.

ISAIAH HAROLD STEPHAUN-HOLMES was 17 years old at the time of the alleged offenses.