

State of Minnesota  
County of Ramsey

District Court  
2nd Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0620552121  
Court File No. 62-CR-23-5095

**State of Minnesota,**  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Order of Detention

vs.

**KLE SWEE DOB: 10/18/2005**

1685 Reaney  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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, 609.05.1  
Maximum Sentence: 40 years  
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/06/2023

Control #(ICR#): 23075640

Charge Description: On or about May 6, 2023, in the County of Ramsey, Minnesota, Kle Swee, aiding and abetting or being aided and abetted by another, did cause the death of Michael Scott Brasel with intent to effect the death of Michael Scott Brasel and he or an accomplice possessed a firearm.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Murder - 2nd Degree - Without Intent - While Committing a Felony**  
Minnesota Statute: 609.19.2(1), with reference to: 609.11.5, 609.05.1  
Maximum Sentence: 40 years  
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/06/2023

Control #(ICR#): 23075640

Charge Description: On or about May 6, 2023, in the County of Ramsey, Minnesota, Kle Swee, aiding and abetting or being aided and abetted by another, did cause the death of Michael Scott Brasel without intent to effect the death of any person, while committing or attempting to commit a felony, and he or an accomplice possessed a firearm.

**STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

On May 6, 2023, at approximately 7:21am, St. Paul Police Officers were dispatched to a residence at 23XX Chilcombe Avenue upon multiple reports that a man had been shot in front of his home. One of the callers was the victim's minor son, who reported his father had been shot and needed emergency medical attention. Several callers reported hearing three shots fired and witnessing a vehicle speed westbound on Chilcombe Ave.

Witnesses reported that the vehicle was black (Matte) in color, with tinted windows, and a loud exhaust. The address is in the Saint Anthony Park neighborhood of the City of St. Paul, Minnesota, Ramsey County.

Upon arrival, officers located multiple people surrounding the victim, identified as M.B. (DOB 06/03/1978), who was lying on his back in the front yard of his home. M.B.'s wife, H.B., and a neighbor were actively performing CPR on M.B. Officers observed apparent gunshot wounds to M.B.'s chest and back. Officers also observed a gray Ford Flex (MN LIC/BHY 897) parked on the street in front of the address with the driver's side door ajar. This vehicle registers to MB and H.B.

St. Paul Fire/Medics responded to the scene and transported M.B. to Hennepin County Medical Center where he was later pronounced deceased. On May 7, 2023, an autopsy was performed by the Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office. Preliminary information from the Examiner indicated M.B. suffered three gunshot wounds to the chest, abdomen, and back. The cause of death was multiple gunshot wounds, and the manner of death was Homicide.

Officers spoke to M.B.'s minor son, identified as O.B., who stated that he was inside the house when he heard M.B. yell outside, "What are you doing?". O.B. stated that he then heard what he thought was six gunshots and looked out of this bedroom window facing the street. O.B. stated he observed an occupied dark colored vehicle on the street facing westbound. O.B. stated that the vehicle drove westbound on Chilcombe Ave away from the scene. Follow-up interviews with other witnesses were done and the suspect vehicle was believed to have traveled westbound.

H.B. provided a statement that M.B. gets up early and was likely eating breakfast near the front window when he likely saw someone going through the car. She stated that she heard 3 loud gunshots, heard an engine revving, and tires squealing away from the home. H.B. stated that she went outside to find M.B. in the front of the house with gunshot wounds. She stated that he was lying on his back and didn't say anything but was looking up at the sky. H.B. stated that she started chest compressions and yelling for help.

The family's Ford Flex was observed to be parked on the street facing eastbound. What was believed to be blood was observed on the rear left quarter panel of the Ford Flex, along with more possible blood near the rear bumper. A bullet fragment was located on the sidewalk in the front yard of the address. H.B. stated that she could not recall if the doors to the vehicle were locked when she left it. She stated that the vehicle appeared to have been rummaged through. The door to the car was ajar when she found her husband shot, lying in the yard, and items that should have been in the center console were on her driver's seat.

Investigators were able to review video from nearby residences, which captured portions of the incident, some to include audio of what occurred. During the time of the incident, audio of three gunshots can be heard followed by a loud muffler exhaust noise consistent with a vehicle taking off at a high rate of speed. Further video review shows the suspect vehicle to be a smaller black "coupe" style vehicle with a sloped rear, traveling westbound on Chilcombe Ave. just after the gunshots are fired. Another neighbor from a nearby street found that their vehicle had also been rummaged through prior to the shooting. Several items were removed from the center console of that vehicle. The same black vehicle was located on nearby surveillance video.

Investigators learned from St Anthony Police that the City of Lauderdale received a "Dangerous Conditions" complaint at Fulham and Roselawn that same day. This location is approximately 1.5 miles from the crime scene. The complainant, identified as T.S., reported that he was out for a run in the morning. T.S. stated that sometime between 0720 hours and 0723 hours, he observed a Subaru northbound on Fulham stopped at a stop sign turning eastbound onto Roselawn. He then stated a black sedan with loud exhaust was observed driving at a high rate of speed eastbound on Roselawn approaching Fulham. The Subaru began turning eastbound onto Roselawn, when the black sedan was approaching the intersection, driving at a high rate of speed. The driver of the black sedan swerved up onto the curb and onto the sidewalk at the southwest corner of Roselawn and Fulham to avoid hitting the Subaru. The front bumper of the black sedan fell off. The driver of the black sedan then drove back onto the street and continued eastbound Roselawn at a high rate of speed. T.S. stated there were at least two occupants inside the black sedan, it had loud exhaust, and the driver appeared to be Asian with a ponytail.

St. Paul Officers responded and confirmed the bumper located was a matte-colored black bumper with Minnesota License Plate, JTS-517 (09 Honda Coupe, black), which was registered to P.L.L. (16XX Reaney Ave, St. Paul MN 55106). The bumper was recovered by St. Paul Police Officers. The description of this vehicle, JTS-517/MN, was consistent with the video recovered from the area of the crime scene. Additionally, the surveillance video, homicide scene witnesses, and T.S. were consistent that the vehicle had loud exhaust.

Through investigation, officers located two recent police contacts for that vehicle. On May 2, 2023, at 9:31pm, the vehicle was stopped at Jackson Ave and Geranium St, in the City of St. Paul. The driver of the vehicle was **KLE SWEE, born 10/18/2005**, 16XX Reaney Ave. Investigators reviewed the BWC and confirmed SWEE wears his hair in a ponytail.

On April 27, 2023, the vehicle was stopped by Savage Police Officers. The driver of the vehicle was SWEE, and his parent/guardian was identified as P.L.L. Investigators reviewed the BWC and again verified SWEE had his hair in a ponytail and was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt with a Champion decal across the front chest.

Officers located a suspected phone number for SWEE through prior police contacts. On May 6, 2023, Investigators executed a search warrant on the suspected phone number 651-440-XXXX. P.L.L. was the listed subscriber. Investigators determined that the phone number's location data did not match SWEE's known location at the time of the April 27th and May 2nd traffic stops. Investigators reviewed the call records for the 651-440-XXX number and located a frequently called number, identified as 952-245-XXXX. Phone records indicate that 651-440-XXXX was called by 952-245-XXXX at the date

and time of the Savage traffic stop when SWEE was on BWC video placing a call to his family. Investigators also located a Cash App Account associated with the 952-245-XXXX number that listed a username that included "Kle Swee"

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On May 8, 2023, Investigators executed a search warrant for user data on the phone number 952-245-XXXX. Investigators reviewed the data to compare the phone's location to known locations for SWEE in the recent past to include the traffic stop by St Paul Police on May 2nd at 9:31pm at Geranium Ave and Jackson and another traffic stop by Savage Police on April 27th at 12:53am. The phone was consistent with being at both traffic stops.

In addition, analysis of the data return places SWEE's phone in the area of 23XX Chilcombe Ave, St. Paul MN 55108 at the time of the homicide. The data is also consistent with the phone leaving the area of the crime scene NB Eustis and EB on Roselawn. Video surveillance was reviewed from 1605 Eustis and the suspect vehicle was observed NB on Eustis at 7:22am on May 6, 2023. Data analysis shows the phone returning to SWEE's known address, 16XX Reaney Ave, St. Paul MN 55106, between 7:45 and 7:50am on May 6, 2023.

Phone data also indicated that at approximately 10:00 am on May 6, 2023, SWEE was in the area of 600 Cook Ave in St. Paul. Video from the location shows two Asian males walking. One of the males is wearing a red face covering, light gray hooded sweatshirt, and black pants. A red face covering matching the surveillance video was located in a subsequent search of SWEE's home.

Between 10:00 and 10:30am, the two males are captured by surveillance cameras riding rental scooters. Law enforcement obtained user and location data from the scooter rental company. The data identified the user as Kle Swee. The scooter data showed a route location consistent with Kle Swee's cellphone location data. The guest rider was identified as "za za." The guest rider's appearance was consistent with the known associate of Swee, **TA MLA (04/24/2005)**. Law enforcement obtained the cellphone location data for Mla's known phone number, which placed Mla's phone with Swee's phone at the scene of the homicide, near 600 Cook Avenue at 10:00am, and along the scooter route between 10:00 and 10:30am.

On May 10, 2023, officers executed a search warrant at 16XX Reaney Ave. During the execution of the search warrant, SWEE fled from the back of the home through a window and attempted to flee from officers. SWEE was captured and placed under arrest. A Honda vehicle key was located in his pocket.

Officers at the scene located the JTS-517 black Honda coupe vehicle parked in the garage of the residence. The vehicle was missing its front bumper. Additionally, the vehicle had distinctive paint chipping from around the rear window that is visible on neighborhood security cameras at the time of the homicide. Officers also recovered the phone associated with the 952-245-XXXX phone number. The phone, vehicle, as well as additional physical evidence were collected at the scene and held.

Investigators conducted interviews with members of SWEE's family and household. SWEE's father stated that SWEE is the only person to drive the vehicle and that it was purchased for him but put into the father's name. He also stated that he first noticed that the vehicle was parked in the garage several days prior. He stated that it was not normal for the vehicle to be parked in the garage. Other members of the family also stated that the vehicle was normally parked on the street. He was able to show officers a text message thread that he sent to SWEE when he found the vehicle with damage. The text exchange indicated that it was sent on May 6, 2023, at approximately noon. Both of SWEE's parents confirmed that his cell phone number is 952-245-XXXX. Family members indicated that SWEE told them he had been in an accident but would not elaborate.

SWEE did not cooperate with officer's attempts to obtain a statement.

Officers conducted further investigation into Mla and possible additional occupants of Swee's vehicle at the time of the murder. Investigators searched Swee's cloud photo library and located a photo of he and Mla together on April 23, 2023, in which Mla is wearing the same sweatshirt as the one he was wearing while riding scooters shortly after the murder. Mla was also holding a Glock single-stack handgun, which was the same type of firearm the BCA ballistics lab indicated was the likely murder weapon.

On June 5, 2023, the BCA returned a report on the physical examination of evidence indicating that a swab from the zipper of the camouflage bag that had been moved from the Ford Flex's center console contained a DNA mixture interpreted as originating from two individuals. HB matches the major female DNA profile. Ta Mla cannot be excluded from being a possible contributor to the mixture. The probability of observing the DNA mixture is greater than 100 billion times more likely if HB and Ta Mla are the source than if HB and one unknown unrelated individual are the source.

On June 6, 2023, officers stopped a Ford Escape in which Ta Mla was a front seat passenger. Mla arched his back and made furtive movements after the Escape stopped. Officers arrested Ta Mla and found a .380 caliber magazine on the front passenger seat and a Glock 42 –a .380 caliber handgun – under the front passenger seat where Ta Mla exited the car. Subsequent forensic testing revealed this .380 Glock handgun was the firearm used to murder M.B.

Ta Mla was advised of his constitutional rights and agreed to speak to police. When asked about the incident with Swee, Ta Mla said they were out to "car shop," which he explained meant look through cars for items to steal. Initially, Mla said it was only Swee and him in the Honda. Mla was driving and Swee was in the front passenger seat. They stopped at M.B.'s Ford Flex. Ta Mla exited Swee's vehicle and started looking through the Ford Flex for a phone charger. M.B. surprised them and grabbed Mla from behind. Ta Mla heard one or two shots. After the shots were fired, Ta Mla got back into Swee's car and drove off. Ta Mla hit the curb and the bumper fell off without them knowing. Swee and Mla put the car in Swee's garage and noticed the missing bumper.

Ta Mla claimed he "found" the gun at his girlfriend's cousin's house about three months earlier. Ta Mla thinks he dropped the gun on the driver's seat and Swee grabbed it. Ta Mla didn't see Swee shoot M.B., and he thought Swee remained inside the car. Ta Mla eventually said the Glock 42 recovered during the traffic stop where he was arrested was the same handgun used to murder M.B.

When pressed, Ta Mla eventually admitted there was a third person sitting behind the driver's seat in the Honda. Ta Mla denied knowing the man's name. He asked Swee and the other man what happened because they were supposed to be acting as lookouts. Swee apologized and said, "My bad, bro. I'm sorry. I didn't mean to." Ta Mla said Swee felt bad for shooting M.B. The third man woke up when they were halfway back and asked what had

happened. They dropped the third man off by a park and took the Honda to Swee's garage. They talked about selling the car. Ta Mla asked Swee about the shells, but they never found them. Ta Mla said he and Swee discussed the incident, and he told Swee that God knows what they did. Ta Mla said M.B. was an innocent guy.

Officers located latent prints of E.L.P. (06/15/2003) on Swee's car. Officers obtained cellphone location data for the known phone number of E.L.P., which showed the phone's location was consistent with being present at the scene of the homicide. The phone's location data continued to be consistent with that of Swee and Mla's during the flight from the homicide scene. Officers located E.L.P. and brought him to SPPD headquarters for an interview.

After being advised of his Miranda rights, E.L.P. agreed to speak with officers. E.L.P. admitted to being a rear passenger in Swee's car at the time of homicide. Mla was the driver and Swee was the front seat passenger. E.L.P. stated he was seated behind the driver's seat and a fourth male was seated behind Swee. He stated they were driving around and stealing from random vehicles. He stated that they parked next to M.B.'s Ford Flex and Mla got out of Swee's car to look through it. Everyone else remained in Swee's car. M.B. surprised them and grabbed hold of Mla. He then heard two gun shots and saw Swee pointing a gun in the direction of M.B. He described the gun as a Glock handgun. He stated he and the other back seat passenger were surprised by what occurred and didn't know anyone had a gun. E.L.P. eventually identified the fourth passenger as B.P.H. (DOB 05/04/2000).

Officers located B.P.H. at a court appearance and requested he come to SPPD headquarters for an interview. B.P.H. agreed. After being advised of his Miranda rights, B.P.H. told police he was in the back right passenger seat of Swee's vehicle at the time of the shooting. Mla was the driver, Swee was the front passenger, and E.L.P. was the back left passenger. Mla parked Swee's car next to the Ford Flex and started rummaging through the vehicle to steal items. Everyone else remained in Swee's car. M.B. surprised them and grabbed Mla. The driver's side window of Swee's car was down and M.B. was next to it. Swee raised a black pistol with both hands, pointed it at M.B., and fired multiple times through the open window. M.B. fell. Mla jumped into Swee's vehicle and they sped away.

Officers processed Swee's vehicle for gunshot residue. Forensic testing located the presence of gunshot residue on the driver's side headliner and driver's side door panel, consistent with the firearm being shot out the driver's side window from the front passenger seat.

**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**

Brian Ficcadenti  
Sergeant  
367 Grove St  
St Paul, MN 55101  
Badge: 159

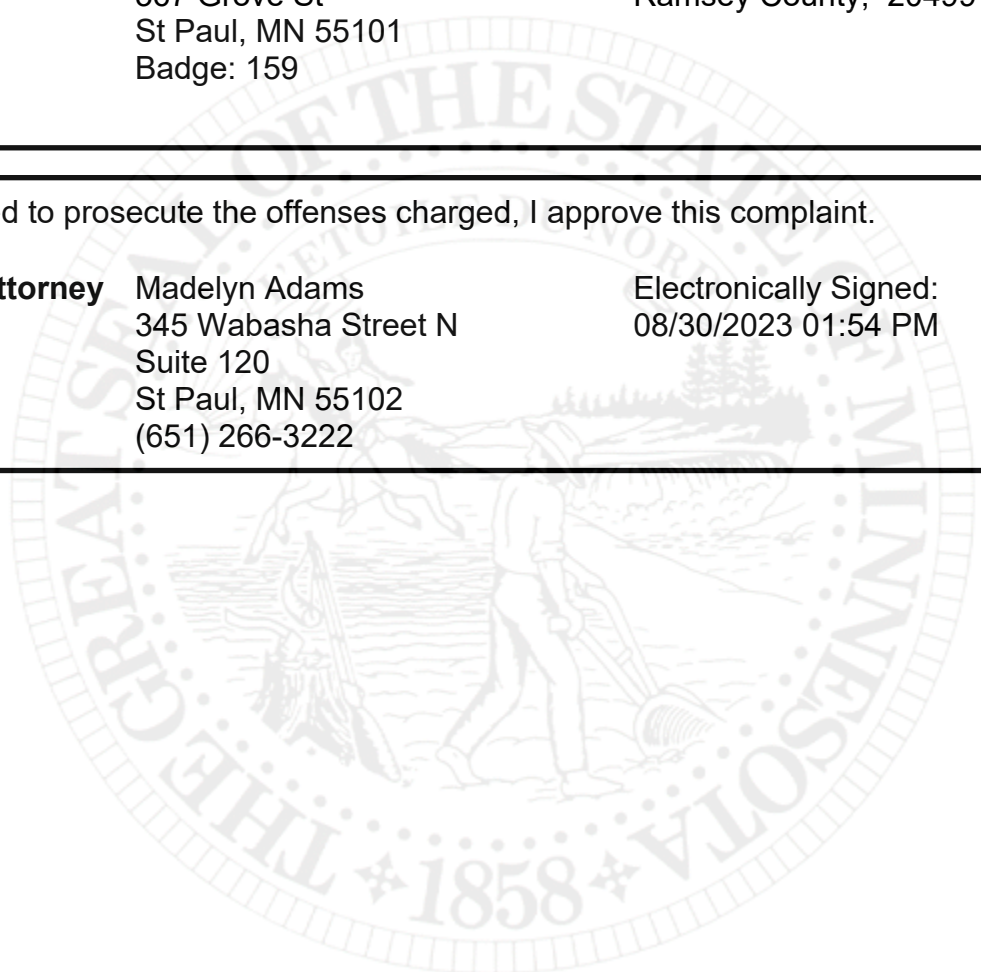
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08/30/2023 01:57 PM  
Ramsey County, 20499

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

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St Paul, MN 55102  
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08/30/2023 01:54 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.

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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: \$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: August 30, 2023.

**Judicial Officer**

JaPaul Harris  
Judge

Electronically Signed: 08/30/2023 02:01 PM

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

**COUNTY OF RAMSEY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

vs.

**Kle Swee**

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:

62-CR-23-5095  
**DEFENDANT FACT SHEET**

*Filed in District Court  
State of Minnesota  
8/30/2023*

**Name:** Kle Swee  
**DOB:** 10/18/2005  
**Address:** 1685 Reaney  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

**Alias Names/DOB:**

**SID:** MN22DJ0047

**Height:**

**Weight:** 0lbs.

**Eye Color:**

**Hair Color:**

**Gender:**

**Race:**

**Fingerprints Required per Statute:** Yes

**Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:** Yes

**Driver's License #:**

**Alcohol Concentration:**

**STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID**

<b>Cnt Nbr</b>	<b>Statute Type</b>	<b>Offense Date(s)</b>	<b>Statute Nbrs and Descriptions</b>	<b>Offense Level</b>	<b>MOC</b>	<b>GOC</b>	<b>Controlling Agencies</b>	<b>Case Numbers</b>
1	Charge	5/6/2023	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2013	N	MN0620900	23075640
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	Modifier	5/6/2023	609.11.5 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm	Felony	H2013	N	MN0620900	23075640
2	Charge	5/6/2023	609.19.2(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - Without Intent - While Committing a Felony	Felony	H2313	N	MN0620900	23075640
	Modifier	5/6/2023	609.05.1 Liability for Crimes of Another-Intentional	No-Level	H2313	N	MN0620900	23075640
	Modifier	5/6/2023	609.11.5 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm	Felony	H2313	N	MN0620900	23075640