

State of Minnesota  
County of St. LouisDistrict Court  
6th Judicial DistrictProsecutor File No. 0690217449  
Court File No. 69DU-CR-24-375

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**CHARLES THEODORE KNAUER DOB: 01/30/1980**322 East Tenth Street  
Duluth, MN 55805

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: Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon-Substantial Bodily Harm**

Minnesota Statute: 609.222.2

Maximum Sentence: 10 years or \$20,000 or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/01/2024

Control #(ICR#): 24014181

Charge Description: on or about February 1, 2024, in the County of St Louis, Minnesota, Charles Theodore Knauer did assault another with a dangerous weapon consisting of a knife, and inflicted substantial bodily harm,

**COUNT II****Charge: Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous Weapon**

Minnesota Statute: 609.222.1

Maximum Sentence: 7 years or \$14,000 fine or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/01/2024

Control #(ICR#): 24014181

Charge Description: on or about February 1, 2024, in the County of St Louis, Minnesota, Charles Theodore Knauer did assault another with a dangerous weapon consisting of a knife,

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

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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 February 1, 2024, at approximately 2:16 am officers of the Duluth Police Department were dispatched to an address on Redruth Street within the city of Duluth, St. Louis County on a report of a stabbing. The address in question is an apartment building. Officers Anderson and Vang were the first to arrive on scene. When police officers arrived they observed a male lying on the floor of the apartment lobby covered in blood. This male was later identified and is hereinafter referred to as Victim. Another male was applying pressure to Victim's right shoulder and was identified as Deshawn Leon Gardner. Victim had no shirt on and was bleeding profusely from a three-to-four-inch laceration on the upper inside part of his right bicep. Officer Anderson was able to get a brief initial statement from Victim while paramedics were tending to his injuries. Victim advised that he had been stabbed by a male known as "Bear" in his apartment. "Bear" was later identified as Charles Theodore Knauer, date of birth 01/30/1980, hereinafter Defendant.

When other officers arrived an attempt was made to make contact with Defendant in the apartment. Defendant refused to leave the apartment, and a drone and the Duluth Police Department Tactical Response Team were deployed to secure his arrest. Defendant was eventually arrested in the bedroom of the apartment. Defendant had blood on him but did not have any visible injuries. Defendant was provided a preliminary breath test with a result of .25.

Officer Anderson followed Victim to the St. Luke's emergency room and was ultimately able to obtain a statement from him. Victim advised that he was familiar with Defendant from mutual friends. Victim and Defendant's girlfriend got into an argument over Victim bringing girls to the apartment. Victim's girlfriend punched Victim multiple times, and Victim responded by attempting to block the final punch. In doing so, Victim caused Defendant's girlfriend to fall to the ground. Defendant responded by physically attacking Victim. At this point the fight between Victim and Defendant was mutual and involved fists. The two fell onto the bed in the apartment and Victim was on top of Defendant. Victim felt Defendant hitting him and did not initially realize that he was being stabbed. Victim realized he was being stabbed when he saw an orange handled knife in Defendant's hand. Victim began to feel wet with blood and left the apartment. Victim was able to get down to the apartment lobby with the assistance of Gardner before collapsing on the ground. Officer Anderson observed Victim's injuries which included the aforementioned three-to-four-inch laceration as well as a stab wound on Victim's right triceps. Officers also spoke to another witness in the apartment who indicated that she had been in the kitchen baking cookies when she heard Defendant and Victim arguing. This witness went into the room and saw Defendant holding a knife and Victim covered in blood.

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.

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**

Tyler Bodin  
Police Officer  
2030 N Arlington Avenue  
Duluth, MN 55811  
Badge: 534

Electronically Signed:  
02/02/2024 02:53 PM  
St. Louis County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Kirstyn L Oye  
100 N 5th Avenue W  
Duluth Courthouse, #501  
Duluth, MN 55802  
(218) 726-2323

Electronically Signed:  
02/02/2024 02:19 PM

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: \$  
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: February 2, 2024.

**Judicial Officer**

Nicole Hopps

Electronically Signed: 02/02/2024 03:01 PM

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.

**Charles Theodore Knauer**

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:

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**DEFENDANT FACT SHEET**

*Filed in District Court  
State of Minnesota  
2/2/2024*

**Name:** Charles Theodore Knauer  
**DOB:** 01/30/1980  
**Address:** 322 East Tenth Street  
Duluth, MN 55805

**Alias Names/DOB:**

**SID:** MN01411357

**Height:**

**Weight:** 0lbs.

**Eye Color:**

**Hair Color:**

**Gender:**

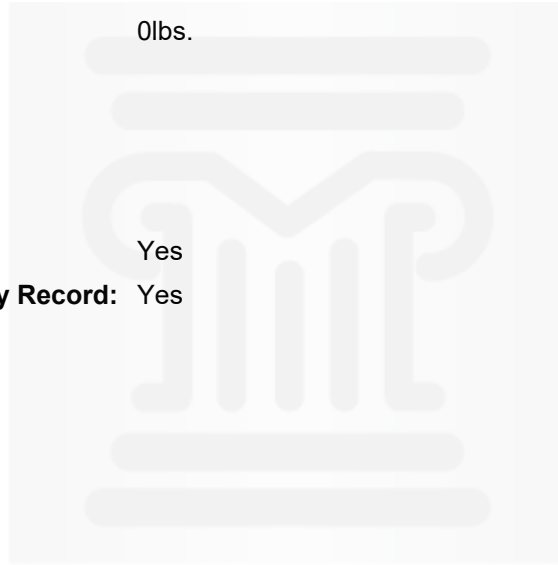
**Race:**

**Fingerprints Required per Statute:** Yes

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

**Driver's License #:**

**Alcohol Concentration:**



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**STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID**

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| Cnt<br>Nbr | Statute<br>Type | Offense<br>Date(s) | Statute Nbrs and Descriptions   | Offense<br>Level | MOC   | GOC | Controlling<br>Agencies | Case<br>Numbers |
|------------|-----------------|--------------------|---|------------------|-------|-----|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1          | Charge          | 2/1/2024           | 609.222.2<br>Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous<br>Weapon-Substantial Bodily Harm | Felony           | A2330 |     | MN0690600               | 24014181        |
| 2          | Charge          | 2/1/2024           | 609.222.1<br>Assault-2nd Degree-Dangerous<br>Weapon                         | Felony           | A2330 |     | MN0690600               | 24014181        |



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