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State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 26A13302
Court File No. 27-CR-26-30268

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SAMIT APURVA PATEL DOB: 09/07/2001

19 LORING RD
HOPKINS, MN 55305

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: Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated
Minnesota Statute: 609.19.1(1), with reference to: 609.11.4, 609.17.4(2), 609.19.1
Maximum Sentence: HALF OF, 40 YEARS
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/14/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26022582

Charge Description: That on or about 11/14/2026, in Hopkins, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, SAMIT APURVA PATEL, attempted to cause the death of Victim, a human being, with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation, while using a dangerous weapon.

Minimum Sentence: 1 YEAR AND 1 DAY

COUNT II

Charge: Carjacking - First degree carjacking; Armed with dangerous weapon or inflicts bodily harm
Minnesota Statute: 609.247.2, with reference to: 609.247.2
Maximum Sentence: 20 YEARS AND/OR $35,000
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/14/2026

Control #(ICR#): 26022582

Charge Description: That on or about 11/14/2026, in Hopkins, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, SAMIT APURVA PATEL, while committing a carjacking, was 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, or inflicted

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bodily harm upon another.

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STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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Complainant has investigated the facts and circumstances of this offense and believes the following establishes probable cause:

On November 14, 2026, at approximately 1:19 am, Hopkins Police officers were dispatched to a residence in Hopkins for a health and wellness check. The reporting parties, later identified as the parents of SAMIT APURVA PATEL, Defendant, were reporting that Defendant had returned home and appeared intoxicated, was providing confusing information, and exhibiting signs of emotional distress and belligerent behavior. Additionally, they reported that Defendant was expressing fear regarding a strange vehicle that was parked outside their house in the middle of the street.

Officers arrived and observed a gray Toyota RAV4 SUV parked in the street in front of the callers' residence. The car was unoccupied and was running with the driver's door partially open. Officers also observed significant damage to the driver's side front of the vehicle as well as damage to the rear bumper. The driver's side interior was covered with dirt, debris, burs, and a single shoe. Plant material was stuck to the underside of the car. The driver's side seatbelt was hanging out of the driver's side door and appeared damaged or torn. Officers later determined that the car was registered to Victim.

Officers spoke with Defendant and his parents inside the home. Officers attempted to obtain information from Defendant about what was going on. Defendant appeared visibly distressed, intoxicated, and had difficulty communicating. He was incoherent and difficult to understand. He began by asking officers to arrest him. Officers asked why, and he responded that he had "done a lot of fucked up shit." Defendant appeared to be visibly afraid of something unknown and told his parents to stay away from the windows. His clothing was covered in burs and plant material.

Defendant initially claimed the vehicle outside his home was his, but later acknowledged it wasn't. He stated he went out drinking with friends for a birthday party and admitted he took an Uber home, but he claimed not to know where his Uber driver was. He offered for officers to look at his phone at his Uber app, but his phone was locked. He later explained that he "freaked out at something that's not there" and stated, "I am taking responsibility for it."

Other officers discovered that a phone inside the RAV4 was still connected to a phone call and learned that the person on the other end was Victim's brother who had been on the phone with Victim because they are both Uber drivers who like to talk to each other while they drive. Victim's brother reported that he heard Victim's passenger ask "What's my name." Victim responded that the passenger's name was "Sam" and told his passenger that his name was Mohamed. The passenger replied, "Fuck, I don't like that name." Victim's brother told Victim he didn't like how the passenger was treating him, but Victim replied, "It's okay, he's drunk."

Victim's brother relayed that this portion of the conversation was normal and did not involve yelling, but things changed when the passenger told Victim to make a turn. Victim told the passenger that they were only two blocks from his house and asked whether he meant turning into the gas station. The passenger said, "No, just turn. Do not go to my house, just turn here." The passenger became adamant, and a short time later Victim's brother heard Victim screaming in Somali, stating things like "he kill me," "oh my god," and "I'm dead." At one point Victim stated, "He is choking me with a belt." The struggle lasted a couple of minutes, then there was silence. Then he could hear Victim screaming, "Oh my god he was driving the car on top of me, he was running me over." Then Victim's brother could only hear the passenger, and when he asked to speak with Victim the passenger's only response was, "Fuck."

Officers learned that Victim had a smart watch and were able to track his last location to the intersection of Hopkins Crossroad and Minnetonka Boulevard, in Hopkins, Hennepin County. A police drone located a heat signature in that area and officers responded. There, they located Victim laying in a patch of burs and plants in a ditch approximately 15 feet off the side of the road. Victim had numerous severe injuries and was transported to the hospital. Officers observed a set of tire tracks leading off the road into the ditch area where Victim was found, and a separate set of tracks leaving the ditch.

At the hospital, treating physicians discovered that Victim had broken ribs, a broken leg, spinal injuries, collapsed lungs, and significant internal bleeding from several organs that had to be removed. Victim continues to fight for his life, but his prognosis is poor.

Investigators obtained Uber records confirming that Victim was the Uber driver who picked Defendant up near a bar in Northeast Minneapolis at 12:47 am. The vehicle, driver, passenger, and dropoff location matched the same information officers gleaned from Victim's phone, which showed an uncompleted ride with Defendant as a passenger. GPS data from Uber confirmed the 12:47 am pickup in a parking lot near the NE Moose Bar & Grill in Minneapolis. Victim's vehicle entered Hopkins Crossroads from I-394 at 1:02 am but then stopped in the roadway near the entrance to the Hopkins Gravel Pits at 1:05 am for several minutes. At 1:07 am, the vehicle traveled from the southbound lanes of Hopkins Crossroads eastbound across the northbound lanes and entered the ditch on the east side of Hopkins Crossroads near where Victim's body was found. Twenty seconds later, the vehicle leaves the ditch and reenters Hopkins Crossroads heading southbound. The vehicle turns back northbound a short time later and drives past the location where Victim was found and enters a gas station where it stops for two minutes. The vehicle then returns to southbound Hopkins Crossroads and again drives past where Victim's body was laying before heading to Defendant's home.

Defendant is in custody.

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SIGNATURES AND APPROVALS

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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

Nathan Hanson
Police Officer
1010 1st St S
Hopkins, MN 55343
Badge: 31

Electronically Signed:
11/17/2026 11:41 AM
Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Allison E Reyerson
Attorney
300 S 6th St
Minneapolis, MN 55487
(612) 348-5550

Electronically Signed:
11/17/2026 11:35 AM

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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.

☐ ***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: $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: November 17, 2026.

Judicial Officer Jennifer Olson Electronically Signed: 11/17/2026 11:49 AM

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

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

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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

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Name:	SAMIT APURVA PATEL
DOB:	09/07/2001
Address:	19 LORING RD HOPKINS, MN 55305
Alias Names/DOB:	
SID:	MN26GR4643
Height:	
Weight:	
Eye Color:	
Hair Color:	
Gender:	MALE
Race:	Asian
Fingerprints Required per Statute:	Yes
Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:	Yes
Driver's License #:	
SILS Person ID #:	965063
SILS Tracking No.	3562540
Alcohol Concentration:	

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STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID

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Cnt Nbr	Statute Type	Offense Date(s)	Statute Nbrs and Descriptions	Offense Level	MOC	GOC	Controlling Agencies	Case Numbers
1	Charge	11/14/2026	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2043	A	MN0270900	26022582
	Penalty	11/14/2026	609.11.4 Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Use Dangerous Weapon	Felony	H2043	A	MN0270900	26022582
	Penalty	11/14/2026	609.17.4(2) Anticipatory Crimes-Attempts-Penalty-1/2 Of Intended	Felony	H2043	A	MN0270900	26022582
	Penalty	11/14/2026	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2043	A	MN0270900	26022582
2	Charge	11/14/2026	609.247.2 Carjacking - First degree carjacking; Armed with dangerous weapon or inflicts bodily harm	Felony	R1843		MN0270900	26022582
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