

COMPLAINT

Defendant(s)
1. Weaver, Rashaun (M 14)

Detail		Screening Charges	
Charge Type	Felony	PL 125.25(1)	Murder in the Second Degree (1 count)
ADA	Matthew Bogdanos	PL 125.25(3)	Murder in the Second Degree (1 count)
Deponent/address	Detective Vincent Signoretti, Shield 2464 of the 26th Precinct Detective Squad	PL 160.15(1)	Robbery in the First Degree (1 count)
Occurrence Date, Time	12/7/2019 , 22:30:00	PL 160.15(3)	Robbery in the First Degree (1 count)
Occurrence Location	at the times and places described below, NEW YORK	PL 160.10(1)	Robbery in the Second Degree (2 count)
		PL 160.10(3)	Robbery in the Second Degree (1 count)

Language	
Statutory Language	the defendant, with intent to cause the death of another person, caused the death of such person; the defendant, acting alone, and with another participant, committed and attempted to commit robbery, burglary, kidnapping, arson, rape in the first degree, criminal sexual act in the first degree, sexual abuse in the first degree, aggravated sexual abuse, escape in the first degree, and escape in the second degree, and in the course of and in furtherance of such crime and of immediate flight therefrom, the defendant, and another participant, caused the death of a person other than one of the participants ; the defendant forcibly stole property and in the course of the commission of the crime and immediate flight therefrom the defendant or another participant in the crime caused serious physical injury to a person who was not a participant in the crime; the defendant forcibly stole property and in the course of the commission of the crime and immediate flight therefrom the defendant or another participant in the crime used and threatened the immediate use a dangerous instrument; the defendant forcibly stole property while being aided by another person actually present; the defendant forcibly stole property and the property consisted of a

motor vehicle, as defined in section one hundred twenty-five of the vehicle and traffic law.

Complaint Language

I am informed by an individual known to the District Attorney's Office (informant #1) that on December 7, 2019, at approximately 10:30 PM, inside of Morningside Park in New York, New York, three people, including one person in a navy jacket with a horizontal white stripe and a red stripe across the chest, stole informant #1's Apple iPhone XR, IMEI # _____ 0104, at knifepoint.

I observed video surveillance that shows three individuals, including one person in a navy jacket with a horizontal white stripe and a red stripe across the chest, flee from inside Morningside Park and ultimately enter _____ 5th Avenue just minutes after the robbery. I know _____ 5th Avenue to be Rashaun Weaver's home address.

I recognize Rashaun Weaver as the person from the video surveillance both inside of Morningside Park and from inside the lobby of _____ 5th Avenue from my personal contact with him. I am also informed by informant #1 that he viewed a video recording taken immediately after the robbery in the vicinity of the robbery and identified Rashaun Weaver from that recording as one of the three individuals who had robbed him inside the park. Specifically, he identified Rashaun Weaver as the male wearing the navy jacket with a horizontal white stripe and a red stripe across the chest.

Finally, concerning the December 7, 2019, robbery, I reviewed Apple records for the icloud account named [REDACTED], and observed that informant #1's Apple iPhone XR with IMEI # _____ 0104, that had been stolen at approximately 10:30 PM, on December 7, 2019, was logged into that account [REDACTED] on December 8, 2019 at approximately 3:00 AM, which would be fewer than five after hours after the defendant committed the robbery inside of Morningside Park.

On December 11, 2019, according to another individual known to the District Attorney's Office (informant #2), at approximately 6:50 PM, a young female whom I later learned to be Tessa Majors, emerged from the stairs leading from Morningside Park onto Morningside Drive at 116th Street. According to informant #2, after Ms. Majors collapsed but while she was still conscious, she stated that she had been stabbed in the Park and robbed, whereupon assistance was called. I am informed by Police Officer Ena Lewis, Shield 1282, of the 26th Precinct, that when she (Officer Lewis) arrived at 116th Street and Morningside Drive, Tessa Majors was lying face down on the ground and bleeding from multiple stab wounds. According to Officer Lewis, Tessa Majors was then transported to St Luke's hospital where she was pronounced dead at 7:23 PM from multiple stab wounds. I also know from the autopsy report prepared by Dr. Lauren Mecca, of Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, that the cause of death of Tessa Majors was multiple stab wounds of the torso, and that one of the stab wounds pierced her heart.

I observed video surveillance, taken in and around Morningside Park on

December 11, 2019, and from that, I observed Tessa Majors enter Morningside Park from the eastside of the Park at approximately 6:43 PM. I also observed the defendant and two others enter the same Park from the eastside as well, but from a different entrance at approximately the same time. On all of the video I observed from December 11, 2019, the defendant appears to be wearing the same navy jacket with a horizontal white stripe and a red stripe across the chest that he was wearing on December 7, 2019, when he committed the knifepoint robbery of informant #1. On this December 11, 2019 video, I observed the defendant and two others-both of whom have been identified, and all three of whom are wearing identifiable sneakers and clothing, appear to follow a male through Morningside Park. I then observed video surveillance showing that male (who had been followed) walking up the staircase nearest 116th Street and Morningside Drive at approximately 6:45 PM, but no longer being followed. Seconds later, I observed the same three individuals who had initially been following the first male, then appear on the landing surrounding a female who was walking up the stairs. On the same video, I observed another male suddenly came down the stairs at approximately the same time, it appears to have caused the defendant and the two other identified individuals to turn around and walk back down the stairs, as the female then walked up the stairs to Morningside Drive.

I am informed by another individual known to the District Attorney's Office (informant #3) that less than two minutes later, at approximately 6:47 PM, informant #3 heard a male voice from the area just to the east of the landing, say in substance -- run your s█. Gimme your phone. You got some weed, gimme that too. According to informant #3, after a few moments, he then heard a female voice scream, among other things, help me! I'm being robbed. I also observed video surveillance from the same landing, approximately one minute later, showing the three individuals and Tessa Majors appearing to struggle on that landing, before Ms. Majors was able to break free and slowly stagger up the stairs. I am informed by Detective Eric Meza of the Crime Scene Unit of the New York City Police Department, that he recovered blood from the landing and the stairs. I am informed by certified reports prepared by a criminalist from the Forensic Biology Department of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner that the blood recovered from the landing and stairs was the blood of Tessa Majors.

I am further informed by certified reports prepared by a criminalist from the Forensic Biology Department of the Office of Chief Medical Examiner that the blood recovered from the landing and stairs was the blood of Tessa Majors. I am also informed by those same certified reports that the results of Y-STR DNA testing indicate that the DNA recovered from one of Tessa Major's fingernail clippings matches the Y-STR DNA profile of Rashaun Weaver.

I also listened to an audio recording where the defendant stated in substance that he was in the park and tried to take the girl's phone and "she was hanging onto her phone" and that he hit her with a knife.