State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin

District Court
4th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 25A06438
Court File No. 27-CR-25-14999

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

vs.

VANCE LUTHER BOELTER [redacted]

[redacted]

COMPLAINT
Warrant

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(a), 609.19.1
Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/14/2025

Control #(ICR#): 20250631

Charge Description: That on or about June 14, 2025, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, VANCE LUTHER BOELTER, acting with the intent to kill, caused the death of Victim 1, using a firearm.

Minimum Sentence: 3 YEARS

COUNT II

Charge: Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated
Minnesota Statute: 609.19.1(1), with reference to: 609.11.5(a), 609.19.1
Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/14/2025

Control #(ICR#): 20250631

Charge Description: That on or about June 14, 2025, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, VANCE LUTHER BOELTER, acting with the intent to kill, caused the death of Victim 2, using a firearm.

Minimum Sentence: 3 YEARS

COUNT III

Charge: Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated
Minnesota Statute: 609.19.1(1), with reference to: 609.11.5(a), 609.17.4(2), 609.19.1
Maximum Sentence: HALF OF, 40 YEARS
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/14/2025

Control #(ICR#): 20250631

Charge Description: That on or about June 14, 2025, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, VANCE LUTHER BOELTER, acting with the intent to kill, attempted to cause the death of Victim 3, using a firearm.

Minimum Sentence: 3 YEARS

COUNT IV

Charge: Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated
Minnesota Statute: 609.19.1(1), with reference to: 609.11.5(a), 609.19.1
Maximum Sentence: 40 YEARS
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/14/2025

Control #(ICR#): 20250631

Charge Description: That on or about June 14, 2025, in Hennepin County, Minnesota, VANCE LUTHER BOELTER, acting with the intent to kill, attempted to cause the death of Victim 4, using a firearm.

Minimum Sentence: 3 YEARS

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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

On or about June 14, 2025, at approximately 2:05 a.m., Champlin Police officers responded to a shooting at a residence in Champlin, Hennepin County, Minnesota. The 911 caller reported that a masked person had come to their door and then shot their parents. Inside the residence, officers found two adults, male and female, who had been shot, referred to herein as Victim 3 and Victim 4. Victim 3 is a state legislator.

Video surveillance footage from the exterior of the residence showed a Ford SUV with police-style lights parked in the driveway of the residence. It also showed a man, later identified as Defendant VANCE LUTHER BOELTER (07/23/1967), wearing a mask, a blue shirt, and a police-style tactical vest with a badge and yellow-gripped gun approach the front door with a flashlight. Defendant knocked on the door and announced himself as a police officer before entering the house and shooting Victims 3 and 4. The surveillance footage showed Defendant flee the residence and enter the police-style vehicle. Victim 3 and Victim 4 are currently alive and remain hospitalized.

A short time later, The Brooklyn Park Police Department learned of the shooting in Champlin. Because one of the victims is a state legislator, police proactively sent patrol officers to the home of another state legislator in Brooklyn Park, Hennepin County, Minnesota. When officers arrived at approximately 3:35 a.m., they saw the Ford SUV with police-style lights and immediately saw Defendant, still dressed as a police officer, shoot an adult man referred to herein as Victim 2 through the open door of the home.

Police exchanged gunfire with Defendant, who fled inside the residence before escaping the area. Inside the residence, officers found two adults deceased from gunshot wounds-- Victim 2, and his wife, Victim 1. Victim 1 is also a state legislator.

Officers searched Defendant’s vehicle (registered to him) and located at least three AK-47 assault rifles, a 9mm handgun, as well as a list of names and addresses of other public officials. Officers canvassed the surrounding area and located a ballistic vest, a disassembled 9mm firearm, a mask, and a gold police-style badge. Defendant is the listed purchaser for at least four of the recovered firearms. Additionally, investigators spoke with a person familiar with Defendant who positively identified him as the man on the Champlin residence surveillance footage.

Because Defendant has not been apprehended and this case has significant media attention, your complainant requests this warrant be sealed.

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	SA Rachel Nelson Special Agent 1430 Maryland Avenue E St. Paul, MN 55106 Badge: 64	Electronically Signed: 06/14/2025 06:22 PM Hennepin County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney	Patrick Lofton Assistant County Attorney 300 S 6th St Minneapolis, MN 55487 (612) 348-5550	Electronically Signed: 06/14/2025 06:17 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.

☐ ***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: $5,000,000.00
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: June 14, 2025.

Judicial Officer Jean Burdorf Electronically Signed: 06/14/2025 06:27 PM

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

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN
STATE OF MINNESOTA

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

VANCE LUTHER BOELTER

Defendant

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE
I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Warrant upon the Defendant herein named.

Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Name:	VANCE LUTHER BOELTER
[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]
Alias Names/DOB:	
SID:	
Height:	
Weight:	
Eye Color:	
Hair Color:	
Gender:	MALE
Race:	White
Fingerprints Required per Statute:	Yes
Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:	No
Driver's License #:	
SILS Person ID #:	957043
SILS Tracking No.	3465529
Case Scheduling Information:	This complaint should be filed under seal. An order has been signed and sent to CCU.
Alcohol Concentration:	

STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID

Cnt Nbr	Statute Type	Offense Date(s)	Statute Nbrs and Descriptions	Offense Level	MOC	GOC	Controlling Agencies	Case Numbers
1	Charge	6/14/2025	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2213		MNBCA0000	20250631
	Penalty	6/14/2025	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2213		MNBCA0000	20250631
	Penalty	6/14/2025	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	H2213		MNBCA0000	20250631
2	Charge	6/14/2025	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2213		MNBCA0000	20250631
	Penalty	6/14/2025	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2213		MNBCA0000	20250631
	Penalty	6/14/2025	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	H2213		MNBCA0000	20250631
3	Charge	6/14/2025	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2213	A	MNBCA0000	20250631
	Penalty	6/14/2025	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2213	A	MNBCA0000	20250631
	Penalty	6/14/2025	609.17.4(2) Anticipatory Crimes-Attempts-Penalty-1/2 Of Intended	Felony	H2213	A	MNBCA0000	20250631
	Penalty	6/14/2025	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	H2213	A	MNBCA0000	20250631
4	Charge	6/14/2025	609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated	Felony	H2213		MNBCA0000	20250631
	Penalty	6/14/2025	609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree	Felony	H2213		MNBCA0000	20250631
	Penalty	6/14/2025	609.11.5(a) Minimum Sentences of Imprisonment-Firearm Use or Possession	Felony	H2213		MNBCA0000	20250631