

State of Minnesota
County of Wright

District Court
10th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 21-31529B
Court File No. 86-CR-21-641

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

GREGORY PAUL ULRICH DOB: 07/19/1953

303 10TH AVENUE S
BUFFALO, MN 55313

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)

Maximum Sentence: 40 years

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/09/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21003464

Charge Description: GREGORY PAUL ULRICH, did unlawfully cause the death of a human being with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation.

COUNT II

Charge: Attempted Murder -1st Degree - Premeditated

Minnesota Statute: 609.185(a)(1), with reference to: 609.17.1

Maximum Sentence: 20 years

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/09/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21003464

Charge Description: GREGORY PAUL ULRICH, did unlawfully attempt to cause the death of a human being with premeditation and with intent to effect the death of the person or of another.

COUNT III

Charge: Attempted Murder -1st Degree - Premeditated

Minnesota Statute: 609.185(a)(1), with reference to: 609.17.1

Maximum Sentence: 20 years

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/09/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21003464

Charge Description: GREGORY PAUL ULRICH, did unlawfully attempt to cause the death of a human being with premeditation and with intent to effect the death of the person or of another.

COUNT IV

Charge: Attempted Murder -1st Degree - Premeditated

Minnesota Statute: 609.185(a)(1), with reference to: 609.17.1

Maximum Sentence: 20 years

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/09/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21003464

Charge Description: GREGORY PAUL ULRICH, did unlawfully attempt to cause the death of a human being with premeditation and with intent to effect the death of the person or of another.

COUNT V

Charge: Attempted Murder -1st Degree - Premeditated

Minnesota Statute: 609.185(a)(1), with reference to: 609.17.1

Maximum Sentence: 20 years

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/09/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21003464

Charge Description: GREGORY PAUL ULRICH, did unlawfully attempt to cause the death of a human being with premeditation and with intent to effect the death of the person or of another.

COUNT VI

Charge: Explosive/Incendiary Dev-Gross Disregard Life/Prop

Minnesota Statute: 609.668.6(c)

Maximum Sentence: 20 years, \$100,000 or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 02/09/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21003464

Charge Description: GREGORY PAUL ULRICH, acting with gross disregard for human life or property, did negligently cause an explosive device or incendiary device to be discharged.

COUNT VII

Charge: Carry/Possess Pistol w/out Permit - Public Place - Gross Misdemeanor; Second or Subsequent - Felony

Minnesota Statute: 624.714.1a

Maximum Sentence: One year, \$3,000 or both

Offense Level: Gross Misdemeanor

Offense Date (on or about): 02/09/2021

Control #(ICR#): 21003464

Charge Description: GREGORY PAUL ULRICH, being a person other than a law enforcement officer, did unlawfully carry, hold or possess a pistol in a motor vehicle, snowmobile or boat, or on or about a person's clothes or the person or otherwise in possession or control in a public place or public area without first having obtained a permit to carry the pistol.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

The complainant is a licensed police officer with the State of Minnesota. The complainant is familiar with the law enforcement officers submitting reports in this matter, and believe those persons to be reliable and their reports to be true and accurate. The complainant attests that, based on those reports, the following facts establish probable cause:

On February 9, 2021, at 10:54 a.m. Sgt. Erickson along with multiple police officers from the Buffalo Police Department, Wright County Sheriff's Office, and Minnesota State Patrol responded to the Allina Medical Clinic located at 755 Crossroads Campus Drive in Buffalo, Wright County, Minnesota, on a report of an active shooter at the clinic. Officers arrived within minutes at 10:57 a.m. Responding officers were informed by dispatch that a male, subsequently identified as Gregory Paul Ulrich, DOB: 7/19/1953, defendant herein, walked into the clinic and started to shoot a firearm. Dispatch also reported that bombs had exploded in the clinic. Dispatch relayed information that persons inside the clinic had suffered critical injuries. At 10:58 a.m. the defendant called 911 and told Wright County dispatch to have officers back away and he would surrender. Defendant said he was in the entryway wearing a blue shirt. Several officers entered the clinic, using a squad car to shield them from possible attack by the defendant, and located the defendant in the entryway laying down with his arms out. Defendant was arrested and removed from the clinic. Officers entered the clinic simultaneously making sure the clinic was clear of additional danger while rendering aid to any victims. Officers performed a protective sweep of the clinic checking for injured persons and other possible suspects. Defendant was searched incident to arrest. Defendant had two loaded Smith and Wesson 9mm magazines in his pocket. One magazine had 13 rounds of ammunition and the other had seven rounds of ammunition. Defendant also possessed a Ziploc style bag containing 29 rounds of 9mm ammunition. Defendant was also in possession of two marijuana cigarettes. Officers asked defendant about how he got to the clinic. Defendant replied by saying he took the Trailblazer, a form of public transportation, from the Super 8 Motel in Buffalo where the defendant had been staying. Video was collected from Trailblazer Transit that shows the defendant being picked up from the Super 8 Motel at 10:47 a.m. The defendant is observed on the video wearing a heavy brown jacket and carrying a briefcase. The defendant is dropped off at the clinic at 10:52 a.m. Defendant mentioned leaving his phone in the clinic but told officers there is evidence on the phone.

Investigation revealed that five victims sustained gunshot wounds inflicted by the defendant. The injured victims were screaming for help. Officers focused their efforts initially on rendering first aid, with the assistance of medical personnel, to the victims. The victims received medical care at the clinic and were transferred to the hospital via ambulance. Three victims were transferred by air ambulance.

Officers with the Buffalo Police Department, Wright County Sheriff's Office, Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, FBI and ATF conducted a thorough investigation. Numerous parts of the lobby had been damaged. A cylinder-shaped object ripped a gaping hole through the lower metal frame of the exterior sliding door. The glass was shattered on the sliding door leading to the lobby of the clinic. The damage in the entryway was consistent with an explosion. Large exterior windows in the lobby of the clinic had been shattered. A handgun and ammunition were next to a briefcase in the lobby. A hallway leading to examination rooms in the clinic sustained significant damage consistent with an explosion. Multiple areas of the clinic were damaged from apparent ammunition rounds and explosions. An undetonated improvised explosive device was located near the briefcase. An odor of burned gunpowder was present in the clinic when officers were investigating.

The investigation consisting of crime scene examination, execution of multiple search warrants, collection of evidence, and numerous witness interviews resulted in the following facts:

1. Upon entering the clinic, clinic staff inquired if they could help the defendant. In response to this inquiry, the defendant pulled out a handgun and began threatening clinic staff.
2. The handgun used by the defendant was recovered in the clinic. The handgun was a Smith & Wesson 9mm semi-automatic handgun. The defendant did not have a permit to carry this handgun in public.
3. Defendant entered the reception area and fired his handgun at Victim #1 and Victim #2. Victim #1 was struck in the back with one round of 9mm ammunition. Victim #2 was struck in the abdomen with one round of 9mm ammunition.
4. After shooting Victim #1 and Victim #2, the defendant entered the interior of the clinic where he continued firing his handgun at additional victims.
5. Defendant fired his handgun at Victim #3 striking this victim with two rounds of 9mm ammunition in the back of the upper leg as Victim #3 was trying to run out of the clinic.
6. Defendant fired his handgun multiple times at Victim #4 striking this victim with six rounds of 9mm ammunition. Victim #4 suffered a bullet wound to the left chest, a bullet wound to the abdomen, a bullet wound to the back, a bullet wound to the upper left arm, and two bullet wounds to the left forearm.
7. Defendant fired his handgun at Victim #5 striking this victim with one round of 9mm ammunition that struck Victim #5 in the abdomen, passing through the liver and spine, before exiting the back of this victim.
8. During this attack, the defendant detonated two improvised explosive devices. One explosive device was detonated at the entrance door to the clinic. The explosive device tore a hole through the lower metal frame of the exterior sliding door. The explosive device shattered the glass of the interior sliding door. The second explosive device was detonated in the interior of the clinic near a desk causing significant damage.
9. The Bomb Squads of the Minneapolis Police Department and Bloomington Police Department were called to assist with the investigation into the explosive devices utilized by the defendant. Those units examined the undetonated improvised explosive device found near the defendant's brief case with x-ray technology. That examination revealed the explosive device consisted of black powder encased within a cylinder structure 1 1/2 - 2 inches in diameter and 6-8 inches in length with fuse ignition. It appears the explosive devices detonated by the defendant were consistent with the undetonated explosive device.
10. Witnesses within the clinic heard multiple gunshots and two loud bangs consistent with detonation of the explosive devices.
11. Eleven spent shell casings from rounds of 9mm ammunition were recovered at the clinic.
12. The defendant used his handgun to shoot and shatter windows in the lobby of the clinic.
13. A preliminary examination of the defendant's cell phone recovered from the clinic revealed a recording made by the defendant consisting of a rambling video message that alluded to an incident at the clinic.
14. The defendant previously resided at 143 Pulaski Park in Buffalo, Wright County, Minnesota. Execution of a search warrant at that location resulted in the recovery from a shed on the premises of approximately

one pound of gunpowder consistent with what was used in the improvised explosive devices.

15. A search of the Super 8 Motel location where defendant was staying immediately prior to this attack resulted in the recovery of an empty box of 9mm ammunition.

16. Victim #1 was transported to North Memorial Hospital for treatment of a gunshot wound to the back that required surgery. Victim #1 remains hospitalized.

17. Victim #2 was transported to North Memorial Hospital for treatment of a gunshot wound to the abdomen that required surgery. Victim #2 remains hospitalized.

18. Victim #3 was transported to North Memorial Hospital for treatment of gunshot wounds to the upper leg. Victim #3 was released but will need surgical intervention for the removal of the bullets.

19. Victim #4 was transported to North Memorial Hospital for treatment of multiple gunshot wounds to the chest, back, abdomen and arm that required surgery. Victim #4 remains hospitalized.

20. Victim #5 was transported to Hennepin County Medical Center for treatment of a gunshot wound to the abdomen that struck the liver and spine. Victim #5 died as a result of the gunshot wound inflicted by the defendant.

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

Wes Holland
Deputy Sheriff
3800 Braddock Avenue NE
Buffalo, MN 55313
Badge: 376

Electronically Signed:
02/11/2021 09:05 AM
Wright County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Brian Anthony Lutes
County Attorney
3700 Braddock Avenue NE
Suite 2100
Buffalo, MN 55313
(763) 682-7340

Electronically Signed:
02/11/2021 08:59 AM

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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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 11, 2021.

Judicial Officer

Michele Davis
District Court Judge Tenth Judicial District

Electronically Signed: 02/11/2021 09:16 AM

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

**COUNTY OF WRIGHT
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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: