

State of Minnesota  
County of Dakota

District Court  
1st Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. CA-2024-01073  
Court File No. 19HA-CR-24-1018

**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**JACK JOSEPH BALL DOB: 04/24/2001**

17080 Encina Path  
Farmington, MN 55024

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 in the 2nd Degree (With Intent) (Not Premeditated)**

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.1(1)

Maximum Sentence: 0-40 Years

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/23/2024

Control #(ICR#): 24001931

Charge Description: On or about May 23, 2024, in the County of Dakota, Minnesota, JACK JOSEPH BALL, did cause the death of a human being with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation. To Wit: Victim 1

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Murder in the 2nd Degree (Unborn Child) (Not Premeditated)**

Minnesota Statute: 609.2662(1)

Maximum Sentence: 0-40 Years

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 05/23/2024

Control #(ICR#): 24001931

Charge Description: On or about May 23, 2024, in the County of Dakota, Minnesota, JACK JOSEPH BALL, did cause the death of an unborn child with intent to effect the death of that unborn child or another, but without premeditation. To wit: Victim 2

**STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

On May 23, 2024, shortly after 11 p.m., Lakeville police responded to a 911 call from a female ("Witness 1") to a residence in Lakeville, Dakota County, Minnesota. Witness 1 said she thought her daughter, Bethany Ann Israel, DOB 9/11/1993, ("Victim 1") had been killed inside. When officers arrived, Witness 1 reported the following facts. Victim 1 went to the residence at approximately 6:00 p.m. that evening to have dinner with her brother, later identified as Jack Joseph Ball, DOB 4/24/2001 ("Defendant"). Family had not heard from Victim 1 and were concerned, so Witness 1 drove to the residence to check on her. Upon arrival, she saw Defendant leaving the residence and described, "he just tore out of the house." Witness 1 entered the home and saw a substantial amount of blood and then called 911.

Officers entered the residence and observed a large pool of blood on the kitchen floor under the sink and on the sink cabinets. Additionally, they observed a bloody saw, hatchet, and large, bloody, knives. As they continued moving through the house, they saw a knife on the living room floor near the staircase that led to the second level. In continuing their search, they located several dismembered body parts believed to be those of Victim 1.

Witness 1 said she believed Defendant may have gone to a cemetery in Rosemount because relatives were buried there. Rosemount and Apple Valley police officers searched for Defendant. Police received a 911 call from a residence in Rosemount reporting that a male was observed on their front door ring camera placing, what appeared to be a body part, on the front step. When officers responded to the Rosemount residence, they located a dismembered body part believed to be that of Victim 1. The responding officers observed Defendant's car parked in a nearby driveway. Defendant was located near a shed in the backyard of the residence at which his car was parked. Defendant was covered in blood on his head, shirt, arms, legs, and pants. They also observed what appeared to be a self-inflicted knife wound across his throat. Defendant was able to communicate with officers and accurately told them the date, time, and name of the current president. Upon searching the area, police found several dismembered body parts they believed to be those of Victim 1.

Investigators of the Lakeville Police Department learned in speaking with family that Victim 1 was pregnant with her first child ("Victim 2"). Additionally, while investigating the crime scene, they discovered

several journals and other handwritten paperwork belonging to Defendant. In his writings, Defendant wrote that he was angry Victim 1 was pregnant and “no longer innocent.”

An autopsy was performed by the Hennepin County Medical Examiner’s Office. The medical examiner determined the manner of death of Victim 1 was a homicide and that she died as a result of complex homicidal violence. The Medical Examiner also confirmed Victim 1 was between 17 and 18 weeks pregnant with Victim 2.

**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**

Brad Wubben  
Detective  
9237 183rd Street W  
Lakeville, MN 55044  
Badge: 4866

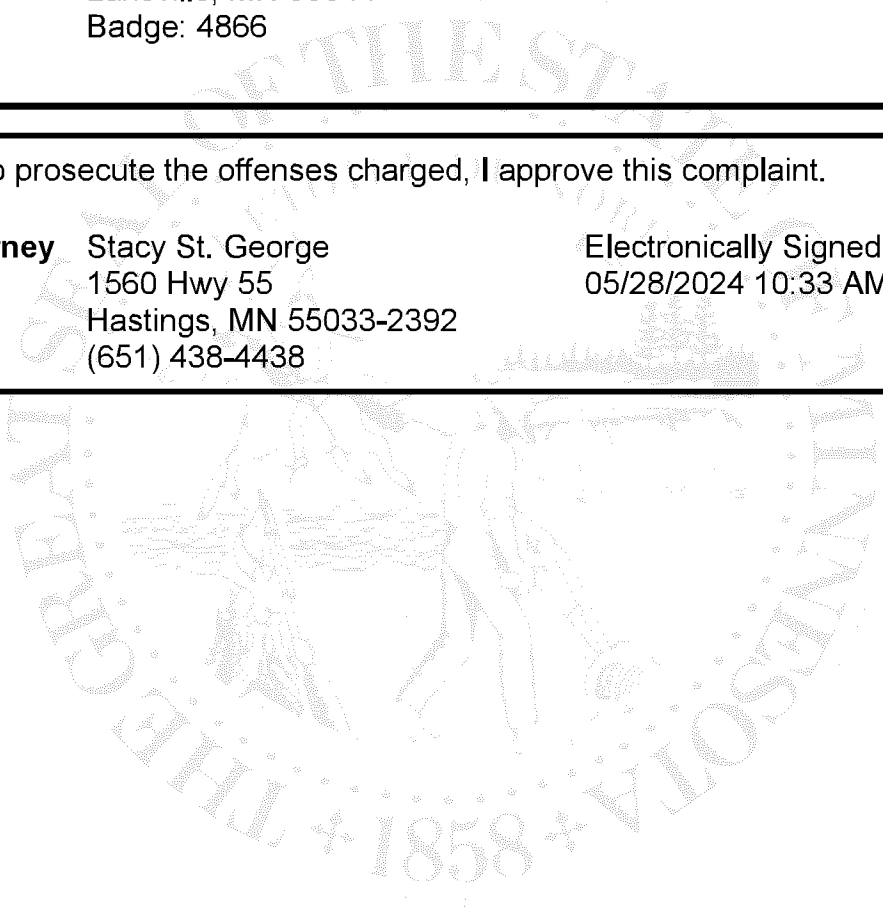
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05/28/2024 10:38 AM  
Dakota County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Stacy St. George  
1560 Hwy 55  
Hastings, MN 55033-2392  
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Electronically Signed:  
05/28/2024 10:33 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 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: May 28, 2024.

Judicial Officer

Bryce Ehrman

Electronically Signed: 05/28/2024 11:50 AM

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

**COUNTY OF DAKOTA  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

vs.

**Jack Joseph Ball**

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: