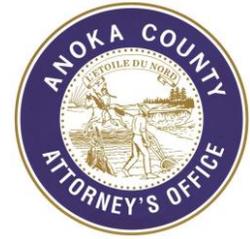


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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Blaine Man Charged in Shooting Death of Son

Joseph T. Effertz, 61, of Blaine, was charged in Anoka County District Court today with second-degree murder in the shooting death of his son, Joshua J. Effertz. Bail was set at \$750,000 by Judge Bethany Fountain Lindberg. The next hearing is set for Aug. 22.

According to the criminal complaint, Blaine police responded to a report of a shooting about 7 a.m. on Friday, July 22 in the 3200 block of 89th Curve N.E. Joshua Effertz, the defendant's 38-year-old son, was transported to a hospital, where he died a short time later. Joseph Effertz was arrested without incident and booked into the Anoka County Jail.

"This is a situation where family dynamics resulted in a horrible tragedy," said Anoka County Attorney Tony Palumbo.

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County of Anoka

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Anoka County MN
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District Court
10th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. CA-2016-01175
Court File No. 02-CR-16-4820

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

JOSEPH THEODORUS EFFERTZ DOB: 07/20/1955
3211 89th Curve NE
Blaine, MN 55449
Defendant.

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): 07/22/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16013100

Charge Description: On or about July 22, 2016, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, JOSEPH THEODORUS EFFERTZ, did cause the death of a human being with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

At approximately 7:03 AM on July 22, 2016, officers from the Blaine Police Department responded to a residence located in the 3200 block of 89th Curve, in the City of Blaine, within Anoka County, on a report that a male had been shot. Dispatch advised officers one of the 911 callers was a male identified as **JOSEPH THEODORUS EFFERTZ (DOB: 7/20/55)**, the Defendant herein, who reported he just shot his son.

When officers arrived they observed an adult male, later identified as JJE (fully identified in police reports), lying in the middle of the road in front of the residence. JJE had a large amount of blood on his clothing and body. Medics arrived shortly after to tend to JJE. Prior to being transported to Hennepin County Medical Center, JJE made some comments that suggested his brother may have shot him. Further investigation revealed that JJE's only brother was not at the residence at the time of the incident.

Officers approached the residence and began knocking on the door. Blood was visible on the side of the residence and on the porch area. Eventually, the Defendant (who was the sole occupant inside the home) came to the door, complied with officer commands, and told the officers that the gun was in the bedroom. A 9mm Browning handgun was subsequently located in the rear bedroom of the residence. Blood, shell casings, and bullet fragments were visible throughout the residence.

In a post-Miranda statement, the Defendant admitted to shooting JJE multiple times. Defendant stated that JJE came into his room that morning looking for a video tape. The defendant did not know which tape JJE was talking about. The defendant told officers that he felt that JJE was under the influence of some sort of illicit substance and that he was afraid of JJE, but denied that JJE had acted aggressively towards him that morning. The Defendant reported that he was lying in bed and had a loaded gun under a blanket near him. The Defendant said JJE was at the end of his bed by the television looking at the VCR with his back to the Defendant. The Defendant told officers that he then grabbed his gun and that when JJE turned around, JJE saw the gun and began leaving the bedroom. Defendant stated that as JJE was turning to go out of the bedroom door he began shooting. The Defendant told officers "I kept shooting until I couldn't shoot anymore."

Preliminary reports indicated that JJE suffered from three to four gunshot wounds. Gunshot wounds were observed on JJE's lower back, right thigh, right bicep and left forearm. All of the gunshots appeared to have entered into JJE from the back.

Medical personnel attempted resuscitation efforts on JJE, but were unsuccessful, and he was pronounced dead at 8:08 AM.

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

Maggie M Titus
Detective
10801 TOWN SQUARE DRIVE
NE
BLAINE, MN 55449
Badge: 309

Electronically Signed:
07/25/2016 10:00 AM
Anoka County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Wade A. Kish
Assistant County Attorney
2100 3rd Ave
Anoka, MN 55303-2265
(763) 323-5550

Electronically Signed:
07/25/2016 09:00 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 on _____, ____ at ____ AM/PM before the above-named court at 325 E Main Street, Anoka, MN 55303 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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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:

Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]*
Date: *July 25, 2011* Time: *10:13am*

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

COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Joseph Theodorus Effertz

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: