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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Charges filed in East Bethel shooting, chase**

The Anoka County Attorney's Office on Monday charged Castle Rogers Ahlbeck, 24, of Brooklyn Park, on suspicion of shooting a man in East Bethel and leading police on a chase on Nov. 17.

Ahlbeck is charged with first-degree assault of an officer, second-degree assault, possession of a firearm by an ineligible person, and fleeing police in a motor vehicle.

The defendant's first court appearance was held Monday afternoon in Anoka County District Court. Judge Lawrence Johnson set bail at \$700,000 and scheduled the next hearing for Dec. 19.

The officer-involved shooting incident involving Ahlbeck remains under investigation by the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

"This was an extremely dangerous situation to both the public and to law enforcement," said County Attorney Tony Palumbo. "I am glad that no one was seriously injured in this high speed chase."

State of Minnesota  
County of Anoka

District Court  
10th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. CA-2016-01998  
Court File No. 02-CR-16-7554

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**State of Minnesota,**  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Order of Detention

vs.

**CASTLE ROGERS AHLBECK DOB: 01/03/1992**

7109 79th Avenue N  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55445

Defendant.

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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: Assault in the 1st Degree (Peace Officer, Prosecutor, Judge or Correctional Employee)**

Minnesota Statute: 609.221.2(a), with reference to: 609.221.2(b), 609.11.4

Maximum Sentence: 10-20 Years and/or \$9,000.00 - \$30,000.00

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/17/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16261154

Charge Description: On or about November 17, 2016, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, CASTLE ROGERS AHLBECK, did assault a peace officer, prosecuting attorney, judge or correctional employee by using or attempting to use deadly force against the officer, attorney, judge or employee while the person was engaged in the performance of a duty imposed by law, policy, or rule and at the time of offense, the Defendant or an accomplice did use a dangerous weapon, to wit: a motor vehicle.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Assault in the Second Degree**

Minnesota Statute: 609.222.1, with reference to: 609.11.5

Maximum Sentence: 3-7 Years and/or \$4,200.00 - \$14,000.00

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/17/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16261154

Charge Description: On or about November 17, 2016, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, CASTLE ROGERS AHLBECK, did assault another with a dangerous weapon and at the time of offense, the Defendant or an accomplice did use or possess a firearm, to wit: a firearm.

**COUNT III**

**Charge: Possession of Firearm or Ammunition by Ineligible Person (Prior Crime of Violence)**

Minnesota Statute: 624.713.1(2), with reference to: 624.713.2(b)

Maximum Sentence: 0-15 Years and/or \$9,000.00 - \$30,000.00

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/17/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16261154

Charge Description: On or about November 17, 2016, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, CASTLE ROGERS AHLBECK, did unlawfully possess ammunition, a pistol, a semiautomatic military-style assault weapon or any other firearm, after having been convicted of, or adjudicated delinquent or convicted as an extended jurisdiction juvenile for committing in this state or elsewhere, a crime of violence.

**COUNT IV**

**Charge: Fleeing a Peace Officer in a Motor Vehicle**

Minnesota Statute: 609.487.3

Maximum Sentence: 0-3 Years Plus 1 Day and/or \$1,500.00 - \$5,000.00

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 11/17/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16261154

Charge Description: On or about November 17, 2016, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, CASTLE ROGERS AHLBECK, did by means of a motor vehicle flee or attempt to flee a peace officer who is acting in the lawful discharge of an official duty, and the perpetrator knows or should reasonably know the same to be a peace officer.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On November 17, 2016, at approximately 12:22 p.m., the Anoka County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to 23705 Highway 65 Northeast in the City of East Bethel, County of Anoka, State of Minnesota, on a report of a male who had been shot at that location. Dispatch information provided a suspect description along with the description of the vehicle driven by the suspect. Upon arrival at the location, law enforcement made contact with an adult male identified by initials CLA. Law enforcement confirmed that CLA had a gunshot wound to his right leg. Law enforcement also confirmed that the suspect had fled the area driving a black Audi. Law enforcement initially located the suspect vehicle traveling on Viking Boulevard within Anoka County. Attempts were made to stop the suspect vehicle with marked squad cars using lights and sirens. The suspect vehicle continued to flee from law enforcement. Law enforcement from multiple agencies pursued the suspect vehicle. The vehicle was occupied by a lone male, subsequently identified as Castle Rogers Ahlbeck, (d.o.b. 1/3/1992), the defendant herein. The defendant fled through various neighborhoods for approximately sixteen minutes traveling at speeds in excess of 100 miles per hour. The defendant eventually crashed into a squad car on westbound Highway 10 in the City of Anoka. The defendant then exited the vehicle and ran across eastbound Highway 10 into a residential area. Law enforcement continued to give chase and the defendant was eventually apprehended.

At one point during the pursuit, law enforcement officers attempted to place stop sticks at the intersection of 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Bunker Lake Boulevard. As the defendant approached the intersection at an extremely high rate of speed, the defendant crosses the lane of oncoming traffic and drives head on towards the law enforcement officer who had placed the stop sticks in the roadway. The officer runs out of the way to avoid being struck by the defendant's vehicle. The defendant then quickly moves into the correct lane of traffic and continues to flee from police. This incident is captured on squad video.

Law enforcement took a recorded statement from CLA on November 18, 2016 while CLA was recovering at Mercy Hospital. CLA positively identified the defendant as the person who shot him. CLA informed law enforcement that the shooting was precipitated by a drug deal. Law enforcement conducted a search of the defendant's vehicle and located a large amount of suspected methamphetamine. The suspected narcotic will be submitted for analysis.

A review of the defendant's criminal history reveals that the defendant was convicted of Second Degree Assault on September 27, 2013 in Anoka County District Court file number 02-CR-12-6508. Second Degree Assault is defined as a crime of violence and would prohibit the defendant from possessing a firearm.

## 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**

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

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