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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Murder charges filed in August Coon Rapids homicide

After a months-long investigation, the Anoka County Attorney's Office has filed murder charges in the stabbing death of a Coon Rapids woman.

Lucas Anthony Jablonski, 25, was charged Monday with second-degree murder for the death of Rebecca Drewlo, 34, who was killed in her Coon Rapids apartment in August.

Jablonski was previously charged in September with violation of a restraining order because he was found at Drewlo's apartment building on the night she died, despite a 2014 court order barring him from having contact with her.

At Jablonski's initial appearance on the murder charge in Anoka County District Court Tuesday morning, Judge Lawrence Johnson set bail at \$1.5 million without conditions or \$1 million with the condition that Jablonski have no contact with the victim's family. Jablonski's next hearing will be Jan. 17.

"This is another unfortunate example of a domestic situation resulting in a homicide," said County Attorney Tony Palumbo. "We will continue to seek justice on behalf of this victim and her family."

State of Minnesota  
County of Anoka

District Court  
10th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. CA-2016-01621  
Court File No. 02-CR-16-7552

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**LUCAS ANTHONY JABLONSKI DOB: 10/31/1991**

NPA

Anoka, MN 55303

Defendant.

**COMPLAINT**

Order of Detention

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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: 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): 08/18/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16021322

Charge Description: On or about August 18, 2016, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, LUCAS ANTHONY JABLONSKI, did cause the death of a human being with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Murder in the Second Degree**

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.2(2)

Maximum Sentence: 0-40 Years

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 08/18/2016

Control #(ICR#): 16021322

Charge Description: On or about August 18, 2016, in the County of Anoka, Minnesota, LUCAS ANTHONY JABLONSKI, did cause the death of a human being without intent to effect the death of any person, while intentionally inflicting or attempting to inflict bodily harm upon the victim, when the perpetrator is restrained under an order for protection and the victim is a person designated to receive protection under the order.

## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

During the early morning hours of August 18th, 2016, Coon Rapids police responded to an emergency call from an apartment complex at 9280 University Avenue NW, Coon Rapids, Anoka County. The call indicated that an adult male appeared severely injured and was lying on the sidewalk in front of the complex. The male was later identified as **Lucas Anthony Jablonski (DOB: 10/31/91)**, the defendant herein.

The defendant was covered in blood, and had what appeared to be multiple injuries to his head, face and neck. A knife was located under the defendant. The defendant was transported to Mercy Hospital.

There appeared to be a trail of blood from where defendant was found leading to the entry way of the building and then to a first floor apartment unit leased to Rebecca Lee Drewlo (DOB: 8/17/82). Inside the apartment a significant amount of blood was observed in multiple areas. In the bedroom closet an adult female was found bloodied and deceased on the floor. The female was later identified as Ms. Drewlo.

The Anoka County Medical Examiner concludes Ms. Drewlo suffered multiple sharp-force injuries. Ms. Drewlo had significant visible injury to her head, neck, shoulder, arms, hands, and thighs. Also observed were contusions of Ms. Drewlo's neck. Internally, Ms. Drewlo suffered petechial hemorrhages of the eyes and oral mucosa consistent with compression of the vessels of the neck. Ms. Drewlo had a significant injury near her left ear consistent with a knife blade traveling approximately 2 inches into her throat and airway. A second significant injury was located near Ms. Drewlo's left eye and is consistent with a knife. Imbedded in Ms. Drewlo's skull near the left eye injury is what appeared to be the metal tip from a knife. Under Ms. Drewlo's body, a knife with a missing metal tip was located. Ms. Drewlo also had multiple sharp-force injuries which are consistent with being inflicted after death, or perimortum. The medical examiner concluded that Ms. Drewlo's Manner of Death is Homicide and the Cause of Death is Homicidal Violence.

DNA testing of multiple blood samples located within Ms. Drewlo's apartment and in the hallway and entry way of the apartment building are consistent with being from either Ms. Drewlo or the defendant. No third person DNA profile has been identified.

The apartment complex camera security surveillance showed that just after midnight on August 18th, 2016, Ms. Drewlo and the defendant are together outside the glass doors of apartment entrance E. Ms. Drewlo then enters the exterior security door and pauses to kiss the defendant. The security door closes behind Ms. Drewlo, leaving the defendant outside. Ms. Drewlo then enters the next glass security door and walks towards her apartment. Ms. Drewlo appears healthy and uninjured at this time. A few minutes later, the defendant is seen entering the first security door and then a few moments later entering the second door. The defendant is walking towards Ms. Drewlo's apartment and appears uninjured. Then, a little more than 90 minutes later the defendant is observed walking away from the direction of Ms. Drewlo's apartment towards the same entrance he entered earlier. The defendant is holding a knife in his hand, similar to the knife later found under his body. From the video, the defendant does not appear to be suffering from any visible injuries to his head, neck or face, such as the ones observed by the 911 caller a few minutes later. Once the defendant exits the apartment building he goes to his right and is no longer visible on security surveillance.

During the follow-up investigation, police located a number of personal and identification items of the defendant in Ms. Drewlo's apartment. The defendant later admitted staying at Ms. Drewlo's apartment with her in the preceding weeks. However, the Hon. Jenny Walker Jasper of the Anoka County District Court issued a Harassment Restraining Order (02-CV-14-5268) on September 17th, 2014, which precluded the defendant from having any contact with Ms. Drewlo and from being at her apartment at the above address. The Order was valid until September 16th, 2016.

The defendant received emergency medical intervention for his injuries. Medical providers state defendant had multiple injuries which appeared to have been caused by a sharp instrument. These injuries included cuts to the head, face, neck, genitals, arms and hands. The defendant lost significant amounts of blood as a result of the injuries. The injury to the neck cut multiple veins and would have caused immediate, significant bleeding. The defendant later told police he has no memory of how the injuries happened, but stated he believed his injuries were self-inflicted. The defendant states his last memory is being outside the apartment complex having a cigarette and seeing Ms. Drewlo walk by. He recalled "snorting synthetic meth" a day or two before the 18th. He claims he has also used synthetic meth in the past and engaged in self-injurious behavior. The surveillance video shows no bleeding neck or head injuries before the defendant exits the building and goes off-camera at approximately 1:45 a.m. A 911 call is made at approximately 1:55 a.m.

A witness who knows both Ms. Drewlo and the defendant described the defendant as carrying a knife which, when described by the witness, matches the description of the knife found under Ms. Drewlo's dead body.

Defendant is currently incarcerated in the Anoka County jail on a pending Felony charge of Harassment Restraining Order violation.

## 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**

Christopher Johnson  
Detective  
11155 Robinson Drive NW  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Electronically Signed:  
11/21/2016 11:21 AM  
Anoka County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

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Electronically Signed:  
11/21/2016 09:15 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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*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: November 21, 2016.

**Judicial Officer**

Nancy J. Logering  
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 11/21/2016 11:32 AM

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

**COUNTY OF ANOKA  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

vs.

**Lucas Anthony Jablonski**

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: