

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF BELTRAMI

DISTRICT COURT  
NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
COURT FILE NO.: 04-CR-19-2242  
PROSECUTOR FILE NO.: 19CR01106

State of Minnesota,  
Plaintiff,

v.

**COMPLAINT- ORDER FOR DETENTION**

Daniel Buell Linde, DOB 5/11/1965 (54)  
13468 56th Avenue  
Cass Lake, MN 56633  
Defendant.

The Complainant, being duly sworn, makes complaint to the above-named Court and states that there is probable cause to believe that the Defendant committed the following offense(s):

Count: 1	Aiding an Offender
In Violation of:	609.495 subd. 3
Penalty Statute:	609.495 subd. 3 - Aiding an Offender - Accomplice After the Fact
Supplemental(1):	609.19 subd. 1 - 2nd Degree Intentional Murder
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ICR:	19001905
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Count: 2	Aiding an Offender
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## STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Your complainant is an official employed by the Beltrami County Sheriff's Office. In that capacity, your complainant is aware that an investigation has been conducted regarding the conduct of the above-named defendant relating to the following matter, and that, upon information and belief, believes the following to be true and correct:

Darren Lloyd Stebe, the above named defendant, has a significant criminal history in the State of Minnesota and North Dakota. On January 18, 1993, Stebe committed three counts of burglary and one count of theft of a motor vehicle in Trail County, North Dakota. He was convicted of this offense and served three years in the North Dakota state penitentiary on June 13, 1994. Prior to being committed to prison in North Dakota, Darren Lloyd Stebe committed a 3<sup>d</sup> degree burglary in Beltrami County, Minnesota on May 5, 1994. Stebe was convicted of that offense in Beltrami County Court file 04-K0-94-0619 on October 24, 1994. He also committed felony theft in Clearwater County on May 13, 1994 and was convicted of that offense in Clearwater County Court file 15-K1-94-170 on October 24, 1994.

On February 5, 1998, Stebe attempted to commit 1<sup>st</sup> degree burglary in Douglas County, Minnesota. Stebe was convicted in Douglas County Court file 21-K5-98-114 on April 17, 1998. Stebe subsequently committed aggravated 1<sup>st</sup> degree robbery in Beltrami County on December 28, 1999 and was convicted in Beltrami County Court file 04-K0-00-0002 on August 4, 2000. On May 12, 2007, Stebe committed the offense of felony theft in Douglas County. He was convicted of this offense in Douglas County Court file 21-CR-08-503 on May 12, 2008. Stebe committed 1<sup>st</sup> degree sale of methamphetamine on February 22, 2010 in Beltrami County. He was convicted of this offense in Beltrami County Court file 04-CR-10-1858 on February 28, 2011. Stebe was sent to the Minnesota Correctional Facility in 2011 and subsequently released back to the Beltrami County community in August, 2018. After Stebe's release he became romantically involved with Kristi Ann Trisco, the above named defendant. Stebe and Trisco began residing together at a residence on Highway 89 in Beltrami County.

On the morning of February 4, 2019, family members calling on behalf of J.M. and A.T. contacted the Beltrami County Sheriff's Department to report that they had not heard from these men in a week and their last known location was in Beltrami County. J.M.'s relatives provided a description of J.M.'s blue Honda Accord which they believed he had driven to Bemidji. After speaking with J.M.'s and A.T.'s relatives regarding their concerns, sheriff's deputies received a call from Stebe who reported that the vehicle that he possessed, an older model blue Honda Accord, which he had been driving for several days, may be stolen. Stebe reported that he was currently on supervised release and that he did not want to "be in trouble" for driving around in a stolen vehicle. The license plate number came back to the blue Honda Accord owned by the missing person, J.M.

Because Stebe and his girlfriend, Kristi Trisco had been driving J.M.'s vehicle, sheriff's investigators asked that he provide a statement to assist law enforcement in locating J.M. Stebe agreed to do so and met with sheriff's investigators. Stebe informed investigators that J.M. indeed stopped by his residence approximately a week earlier to visit. Stebe informed investigators that he knew J.M. from spending time in prison and that J.M. wanted to stop in and say hello as he was in Northern Minnesota for the day. Stebe claimed that J.M. was only at his residence for a short period prior to being picked up by an unknown male driving a Nissan sedan. Stebe informed investigators that he allowed J.M. to leave his Honda Accord at Stebe's and Trisco's residence, that Stebe and Trisco were given permission to use the Honda Accord and that J.M. claimed that he would return in a few days. Stebe claimed that he had not heard from J.M. since, and did not know his current whereabouts. Stebe stated that he was motivated to contact law enforcement after the security devices were deployed in the Honda Accord. Stebe claimed to have been in contact with J.M. prior to January 28<sup>th</sup> and authorized law enforcement to download his cell phone in order to assist in locating J.M.

After Stebe provided this information to law enforcement and allowed them to download the contents of his cell phone, sheriff's investigators discovered a text message sent by Stebe to Trisco on February 1, 2019, which read in part "...the garage is heating up and it's going to get messy. I need to quarter him." Sheriff's investigators further found video of visits between Stebe and Trisco and C.C., Stebe's brother

who was incarcerated in the Beltrami County Jail awaiting resolution of his charges for being a felon in possession of firearms. Visits by Stebe and Trisco on January 28, 2019, establish that they informed C.C. that they will be meeting two people later on in the evening and that they will be much closer to raising the necessary funds to secure bail for C.C. In a January 29<sup>th</sup> jail visitation between Trisco and C.C., Trisco states that after their "guest's left" they did not have sufficient funding to post bail for C.C. but that "Darren" was looking in another location after the two individuals had left, and that Trisco needed to bring the car back to Darren so that he can "continue to look." Trisco informed C.C. that she needed to keep J.M.'s car because her car no longer operated. Based upon this information sheriff's investigators became concerned that Stebe and Trisco may be involved in the disappearance of J.M. and A.T.

In a series of statements on February 5, 2019, Stebe provided contradictory and different explanations about his involvement in the disappearance of A.T. and J.M. At first, Stebe maintained his original claim that J.M. just visited him on or about the evening of January 28<sup>th</sup> for a short time before leaving in the company of another male driving a Nissan. After being confronted by the incriminating text message, Stebe changed his story by claiming that J.M. and A.T. arrived on or about the evening of January 28<sup>th</sup> at his property on Highway 89 in Beltrami County. Stebe claimed that J.M. and A.T. arrived after Stebe invited them onto his property to further discuss methamphetamine trafficking. Stebe claimed that he informed J.M. that he had secured money and other property that he could give in exchange for 1-2 pounds of methamphetamine. Stebe stated that he was hoping that J.M. would bring a significant amount of methamphetamine with him to the meeting. Stebe then claimed that after J.M. and A.T. arrived he escorted them into the garage. During discussions about a methamphetamine transaction, Stebe stated that A.T. displayed a handgun and that Stebe forcibly took the handgun from A.T. and shot him in the head. Stebe informed investigators that the only firearm in the garage was A.T.'s 45 caliber handgun. Stebe further claimed that he then took A.T.'s handgun and shot J.M., who was standing approximately 10-15 feet away, across the garage. Stebe informed investigators that A.T. and J.M. were killed immediately.

Stebe then told investigators that he hid his crime from his girlfriend Kristi Trisco, Daniel Buell Linde and T.C., who came to temporarily reside with Stebe and Trisco later in the week. Stebe informed investigators that he attempted to conceal his crimes by building a large bonfire in the back of the property and burning the bodies. Stebe informed investigators that they would likely find the remains of A.T. and J.M. at the site of the fire. Stebe initially informed investigators that he did not take or use any drugs, money or property in the possession of A.T. or J.M. after they were killed but that he and Kristi Trisco did use J.M.'s Honda Accord.

In a subsequent statement, Stebe changed his story and informed investigators that after he killed J.M. and A.T. he collected cash and valuables from the bodies and searched J.M.'s Accord for money and drugs. Stebe claimed that he collected approximately \$5,000 from the two bodies and from locations in J.M.'s car. Stebe then changed his story once again and claimed that he informed Kristi Trisco about the murders and that he had collected a significant amount of money from the victims. Stebe then claimed that he and Trisco spent the money stolen from the victims at various locations in the Beltrami County area. Stebe further claimed that he dismembered J.M. by cutting off his legs and that Daniel Linde helped him move the body parts into the firepit in an effort to dispose of the bodies.

Trisco also provided a series of statements to sheriff's investigators on February 5, 2019. In her first statement, Trisco lied to sheriff's investigators and claimed to know nothing about Stebe's acts of homicide. Trisco acknowledged that she had been romantically involved with Stebe since he was released from the Department of Corrections in August, 2018. Trisco stated that she and Stebe began residing together at 6568 Highway 89 in Beltrami County prior to January, 2019. In a later statement, Trisco informed investigators that she was aware that Stebe had planned to entice J.M. to bring a quantity of methamphetamine to Beltrami County and to further pay \$2,000 in hopes that J.M. would agree to front him the balance of the value of the methamphetamine delivered, with final payment delayed until the drugs were sold to people in the Bemidji area. Trisco informed investigators that it was her understanding that if J.M. did not agree to this arrangement that Stebe would use force, if necessary to "take" the methamphetamine from J.M. by means of robbery. Trisco stated that she was aware that Stebe had been making efforts to obtain a firearm in order to carry out this plan.

Trisco stated that Stebe made arrangements for J.M. and A.T. to stop by their residence on the night of January 28, 2019. Trisco further informed investigators that Stebe told her that he killed J.M. and A.T. in the garage and then took approximately \$5,000 in cash from the victims but could not find any methamphetamine on the victims or in J.M.'s car. Trisco further admitted to burning trash and debris in the firepit where the bodies were being burned and that she spent and benefited from the money obtained from the victims by way of robbery. Trisco admitted to assisting Stebe in spending the \$5,000 that she knew had been obtained by killing the victims.

Sheriff's investigators also obtained a statement from Daniel Linde on February 6, 2019. Linde informed sheriff's investigators that he and his girlfriend, T.C. had temporarily moved in with Stebe and Trisco at their residence on Highway 89 in Beltrami County on or about January 30, 2019 due to a plumbing problem in their residence over in Cass Lake. Linde stated that both Stebe and Trisco informed them that there were two dead bodies in the garage and that Stebe had murdered both of the victims. Linde stated that he helped Stebe dispose of the murder victims by digging out a large area to construct a bonfire capable of burning the bodies as well as assisting Stebe in moving the victims to the firepit for their disposal.

On February 5, 2019 sheriff's investigators located and seized the remains of two human beings from the firepit located at Stebe's and Trisco's residence at 6568 Highway 89 in Eckles Township, Beltrami County. Autopsies were performed and one set of remains was identified as A.T., and the other set of remains was identified as J.M. The medical examiner was able to determine that both A.T. and J.M. were victims of multiple gunshot wounds and/or homicidal violence. The medical examiner was able to extract two bullets recovered from the back and chest of A.T. Sheriff's investigators further recovered other evidence corroborating the homicide of A.T. and J.M. at the hands of Stebe.

Further investigation by sheriff's investigators and agents with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension ("BCA") established that in late January, prior to the murder, that Stebe had obtained possession of a .380 caliber handgun from H.J. in Bemidji. Stebe returned the .380 handgun to H.J. on or about January 30, 2019. H.J. informed investigators that Stebe informed her that he used the handgun in his garage and it "shot well." Sheriff's investigators were able to locate the handgun that H.J. provided to Stebe. Subsequent forensic analysis established that the bullets recovered from A.T.'s chest and back were fired from the handgun given to Stebe by H.J. in late January, 2019.

Subsequent investigation by the Beltrami County Sheriff's Department and BCA confirmed that Stebe and Trisco engaged in numerous purchases and financial transactions between January 29 and February 2, 2019 using the money obtained in the homicides. Stebe and Trisco purchased a number of goods at Walmart and Game Stop with the money obtained from the homicides on January 29, 2019. Stebe and Trisco further used proceeds from the homicides to gamble at the Seven Clans Casino in Beltrami County and Palace Casino in Cass County.

Since being arrested on February 5, 2019 for violating the conditions of his supervised release, Stebe has been sent back to the Minnesota Correctional Facility. His anticipated release date on his commitment to prison for 1<sup>st</sup> degree sale of methamphetamine is in May, 2021. Kristi Trisco is currently in the Beltrami County Jail completing further probationary jail time for violating the terms of her probation for committing 5<sup>th</sup> degree possession of methamphetamine and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree DWI in Beltrami County Court file 04-CR-17-1840.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO NOT APPEAR IN COURT WHEN ORDERED TO DO SO BY THE COURT. IF YOU ARE CONVICTED FOR FAILING TO APPEAR, IN ADDITION TO THE IMPOSITION OF CRIMINAL PENALTIES, YOU MAY BE REQUIRED TO PAY WHATEVER COSTS ARE INCURRED BY THE PROSECUTING AUTHORITY OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY DUE TO YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR.

Complainant requests that Defendant, subject to bail or conditions of release, be:

- (1) Arrested or 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'S NAME:

COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE:

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Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

NAME/TITLE:

SIGNATURE:

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

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S SIGNATURE:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

David P. Frank #236524  
Chief Assistant County Attorney  
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Bemidji, MN 56601  
333-4219

Court File Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 to 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 ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT, ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ before the above-named court at \_\_\_\_\_, MN to answer this complaint.

**WARRANT**

To the Sheriff of the above-named county; or other person authorized to execute this warrant: I hereby order, in the name of the State of Minnesota, that the above-named Defendant be apprehended and arrested without delay and brought promptly before the above-named 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ *Execute in MN Only*    \_\_\_\_\_ *Execute Nationwide*    \_\_\_\_\_ *Execute in Border States*

**X ORDER OF DETENTION**

Since the above-named Defendant is already in custody, I hereby order, subject to bail or conditions of release, that the above-named Defendant continue to be detained pending further proceedings.

**Bail:**  
**Conditions of Release:**

This complaint, duly subscribed and sworn to, is issued by the undersigned Judicial Officer this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**JUDICIAL OFFICER:**

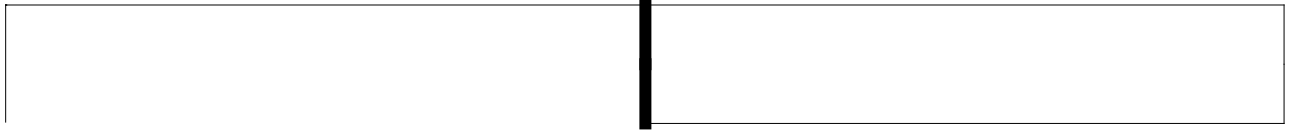
**SIGNATURE:**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TITLE:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

COUNTY OF BELTRAMI STATE OF MINNESOTA  State of Minnesota  Plaintiff,  vs.  Daniel Buell Linde  Defendant.		Clerk's Signature or File Stamp:  <hr/> RETURN OF SERVICE I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Summons upon the Defendant(s) herein-named.  Signature of Authorized Service Agent:
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**DEFENDANT FACT SHEET**

**Other DOBs:**

**Race/Ethnicity:**

**CID:**

**Alias Information:**

**Fingerprinted:**

**Handgun Permit:**

**Location of Violation:**

**Driver's License #:**

**Accident Type:**

**License Plate #:**

**BAC Status:**

**BAC Level:**



## Statute and Offense Grid

**Count: 2**

<b>Ct</b>	<b>Statute Type</b>	<b>Offense Date</b>	<b>Statute #/Descr and Sup</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>MOC</b>	<b>GOC</b>	<b>Rpt Ctrl Agency</b>	<b>Rpt Ctrl #</b>
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