



Office of the Washington County Attorney

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News Release

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Date: September 19, 2024

Man charged with murder, assault in the death of his mother

STILLWATER, Minn. – A Hugo man has been charged with murder following the fatal assault of his mother, Washington County Attorney Kevin Magnuson announced.

Trevor Joseph Wunderlich, 45, appeared in Washington County District Court Thursday morning on one count of second-degree murder after he allegedly attacked his mother, resulting in her death.

According to the criminal complaint, deputies from the Washington County Sheriff's Office responded to an open 911 line originating from a residence in Hugo early Monday evening. Telecommunicators could hear noises on the line consistent with an ongoing assault or struggle. Upon arrival, deputies entered the home and found 68-year-old Charlene Wunderlich lying on the floor in obvious distress with her son, Trevor Wunderlich, seated in a chair next to her. Deputies attempted to detain Trevor Wunderlich, but he ran into the basement of the home and fled out the back door.

Deputies immediately began to attend to the victim, who was observed to have contusions, lacerations, and other injuries throughout her body. She was briefly conscious and able to tell law enforcement that her son had assaulted her. She was transported to the hospital where she was later pronounced dead.

A significant manhunt for Mr. Wunderlich was conducted, and he was located late the next morning when law enforcement received a call from a neighbor who had found Mr. Wunderlich in a camper on her property. Mr. Wunderlich attempted to flee from the location, but law enforcement found him nearby and took him into custody.

The cause of Ms. Wunderlich's death was later determined to be multiple blunt force injuries, including rib fractures, a sternal fracture, chest wall hemorrhage and pulmonary contusions. The manner of death was classified as homicide.

"Today we charged the defendant in the brutal murder of his mother, Charlene Wunderlich," Magnuson said. "My office will do everything in our power to hold him accountable for her tragic death."

Mr. Wunderlich remains in custody on a \$3 million-dollar unconditional bail with his next appearance set for October 24. Conditional bail was set in the amount of \$2 million dollars with the conditions that he attend all future court appearances, remain law abiding, abstain from any use of alcohol or controlled substances, submit to random drug testing, attend weekly check-ins with Washington County Community Corrections, and undergo a mental health evaluation within 30 days.

Assistant Washington County Attorney Wade Kish is prosecuting this case.

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(Criminal complaint attached. Booking photo provide courtesy of Washington County Sheriff's Office)

State of Minnesota
County of Washington

District Court
10th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. CR-2024-1310
Court File No. 82-CR-24-3771

State of Minnesota,
Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT
Order of Detention

vs.

TREVOR JOSEPH WUNDERLICH DOB: 06/09/1979

15939 Ingersoll Avenue N
Hugo, MN 55038

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 - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated

Minnesota Statute: 609.19.1(1), with reference to: 609.19.1

Maximum Sentence: 40 years

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 09/16/2024

Control #(ICR#): 24050978

Charge Description: cause the death of Charlene Gail Wunderlich with intent to effect the death of the victim or another, but without premeditation

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

At approximately 5:55 PM on September 16, 2024, deputies from the Washington County Sheriff's Office responded to an open 911 line originating from 15939 Ingersoll Avenue, in the City of Hugo within Washington County. Dispatchers could hear noises on the line consistent with an ongoing assault or struggle.

Upon arrival, deputies entered the home into the kitchen area and observed a female, later identified as Charlene Gail Wunderlich (DOB 3-20-1956) lying on the floor in obvious distress. Seated on a chair directly next to her was her son, identified as TREVOR JOSEPH WUNDERLICH (DOB 6-9-1979), the defendant. Deputies attempted to detain the defendant, but he ran into the basement of the home and fled out a rear door.

Deputies then immediately began to attend to Ms. Wunderlich. It was observed that she had contusions, lacerations, and other injuries on her face and head, her arms and legs, and throughout her torso. She was conscious for a short period of time and was able to tell officers that it was the defendant who had assaulted her.

Ms. Wunderlich quickly lost consciousness and was transported to Regions Hospital. Despite medical efforts, she was pronounced dead at 7:37 PM. The cause of death was later determined to be multiple blunt force injuries, including multiple rib fractures, a sternal fracture, chest wall hemorrhage and pulmonary contusions. The manner of death was classified as homicide.

A significant manhunt for the defendant was conducted, and on the morning of September 17th, law enforcement received a tip from a neighbor that she found a male believed to be the defendant in a camper on her property. The defendant then fled her location, but law enforcement found him nearby and took him into custody.

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

Bradley Volk
Deputy Sheriff
15015 62nd Street N
PO Box 3801
Stillwater, MN 55082-3801
Badge: 194

Electronically Signed:
09/19/2024 08:43 AM
Washington County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Wade A. Kish
PO Box 6
15015 62nd Street North
Stillwater, MN 55082
(651) 430-6115

Electronically Signed:
09/19/2024 08:18 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.

Execute in MN Only

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: September 19, 2024.

Judicial Officer

Juanita Freeman
Tenth Judicial District Judge

Electronically Signed: 09/19/2024 09:19 AM

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

**COUNTY OF WASHINGTON
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

State of Minnesota

Plaintiff

vs.

Trevor Joseph Wunderlich

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:

DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

Name: Trevor Joseph Wunderlich
DOB: 06/09/1979
Address: 15939 Ingersoll Avenue N
Hugo, MN 55038

Alias Names/DOB:

SID: MN97020324

Height:

Weight:

Eye Color:

Hair Color:

Gender: MALE

Race: White

Fingerprints Required per Statute: Yes

Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record: Yes

Driver's License #: [REDACTED]

Alcohol Concentration:

STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID

| Cnt Nbr | Statute Type | Offense Date(s) | Statute Nbrs and Descriptions | Offense Level | MOC | GOC | Controlling Agencies | Case Numbers |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------------|---|----------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Charge | 9/16/2024 | 609.19.1(1) Murder - 2nd Degree - With Intent-Not Premeditated | Felony | H2051 | N | MN0820000 | 24050978 |
| | Penalty | 9/16/2024 | 609.19.1 Murder - 2nd Degree | Felony | H2051 | N | MN0820000 | 24050978 |



Washington County Jail

Booking Photo (Front)

Booking # 2409284



Wunderlich Trevor Joseph

Arrest Date: **09/17/2024**