

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF CARVER

DISTRICT COURT  
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COURT FILE NO.:

PROSECUTOR FILE NO.: FE-06-23833

State of Minnesota,  
Plaintiff,

v.

Joel Mathias Beckrich DOB: 04/04/85  
13833 Echo Park Court  
Burnsville, MN 55337

Defendant.

Summons                       Warrant  
 Order of Detention  
 Amended  
 Tab charge Previously Filed

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

**Murder -1st Degree - Premeditated (Aid/Abet)**

**In Violation Of: 609.185 Subd. (1)**

**Penalty: Life imprisonment without the possibility of release**

On or about January 13, 2006 and continuing through January 15, 2006, within the County of Carver, defendant intentionally aids, advises, hires, counsels or conspires with or otherwise procures the other to causes the death of a human being with premeditation and with intent to effect the death of the person, to wit: Nancy Lynn Everson.

Count 2

**Attempted Murder -1st Degree - Premeditated**

**In Violation Of: 609.185 Subd. (1)**

**Penalty: Not more than 20 years**

On or about January 13, 2006 and continuing through January 15, 2006, within the City of Chaska, County of Carver, State of Minnesota, with intent to commit a crime, does an act which is a substantial step toward, and more than mere preparation, and by intentionally aids, advises, hires, counsels or conspires with or otherwise procures the other to causes the death of a human being with premeditation and with intent to effect the death of the person, to wit: Thomas Michael Everson.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

Your Complainant \_\_\_\_\_, is a \_\_\_\_\_ employed by the Chaska Police Department. In this capacity your Complainant believes the following to be true and correct.

*PRELIMINARY NOTES: What follows is a significant reduction from the police reports generated to date. While seemingly voluminous, this complaint is actually a truncated version of the investigation thus far. This complaint was drafted with celerity in order to meet the 36 and 48 hour time requirements of the Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure and to allow the court to make an initial finding of probable cause. Importantly, please note that this investigation is still evolving, ongoing and active. For example, Forensic Results from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension are not presently available.*

*The information contained herein is fully subject to amendments, corrections, additions and modifications as the developing evidence may suggest.*

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On Sunday, January 15th, 2006, at approximately 4:33 am, Chaska Police Officers were dispatched to 110800 Bavaria Road in the City of Chaska, County of Carver, regarding "a shooting." The reporting party was Tom Everson who was calling from 710 Ashley Drive which is house next door to 110800 Bavaria Road. Officers Rachel Nelson and Greg Reinhardt were the first on the scene within a few minutes of the call. A male later identified as Tom Everson then exited the front door of 710 Ashley and approached the officers. Officers ordered Tom Everson to hold his hands up and he complied. As Tom Everson walked under a street light, Officers noted a small handgun in Tom Everson's right hand. Officer Nelson ordered Tom Everson to drop the gun and he complied. Everson was then ordered to the ground and searched for weapons.

As Tom Everson was searched for weapons, he told Officer Nelson to "take his gun" that had dropped on the ground and that his wife (Nancy Everson) was inside the house and that he thought his son "Grant (Everson) had shot her." Tom Everson then asked repeatedly for the officers to check the house to check on his wife's condition.

Officer Nelson secured the gun dropped by Tom Everson (a small caliber semi-automatic). The gun had a round in the chamber as well as a loaded magazine.

Officer Nelson placed Tom Everson in the back of her squad. Tom Everson begged Rachel Nelson not to shut the door: "don't lock me in here, he's going to come for me; if he gets you, I'll be trapped in here." Officer Nelson carefully took note of this statement but closed the door of the squad car as required by standard police procedure.

Both Officers moved their squads to Bavaria Road, north of Pioneer Trail. At that time, additional police personnel were requested to set up a secure perimeter. Carver County Deputies Curtis, Meier, Stranberg, and Wollin responded. A canine officer (name presently unknown) also responded from the City of New Hope. Additional personnel from Chaska Police responded, including Sgt. Joe Carlson and Det. Sgt. Jon Kehrberg.

As Officer Nelson held a position on the unfolding perimeter, she spoke further with Tom Everson. He was very distraught. Tom Everson begged officers to go into the house to check on the status of his wife. Tom Everson was pounding on the doors and windows of the squad begging to be let out to check on the status of his wife.

Officer Nelson then requested dispatch to call into the home. The Carver County dispatcher called into the home but only received a voice mail system. Officer Nelson also tried to call into the residence on two additional occasions but both of those calls also resulted in the voice mail system.

Tom Everson stated the following while in the back seat of Officer Nelson's squad, to wit: yesterday, Tom and Nancy had discovered that Grant had taken Tom's handgun. The handgun had been taken from its hiding spot behind Tom's bed and placed in a hat in a closet by the front door. Tom and Nancy discovered the gun by accident when Nancy reached for the hat as she was leaving for a walk. (This was the gun that Tom had in his hand when the police arrived). Although confronted by Tom and Nancy, Grant denied that he had taken the gun. Tom removed the gun from the hat in the closet but not put it back behind his bed again. Tom hid the gun in the walk-in closet of his bedroom.

Tom said Grant has been acting weird lately. Grant has not been doing anything; he is not going to school or working. Tom and Nancy had just spoke to Grant yesterday about Grant's "not doing anything."

When Tom was asked if he thought Grant was angry about the lecture, Tom stated he didn't think so at the time of the talk.

Grant claimed that he was not using drugs to Tom but Tom was not sure. Tom said that Grant had never been diagnosed with any adverse mental conditions or problems.

This morning, Tom awoke to the sound of Nancy's yelling. Nancy was yelling: "Grant, you son of a bitch, get out of the house." Then Tom heard Nancy scream, followed two gunshots. Tom thought the shots sounded like shotgun blasts from the basement hallway. Tom was in the upstairs bedroom at the time, and he ran into the bedroom walk-in closet to get his handgun. It occurred to Tom that Grant would be coming for him next. When Tom thought Grant was getting close to the bedroom, Tom elected to jump out the window of the walk-in closet and flee to the neighbor's house at 710 Ashley Drive where the police were summoned. Tom said that Grant did not shoot at him nor did he shoot at Grant.

Tom Everson did not see Grant shoot Nancy, but Tom did not hear or see Nancy after he heard the shots. During this conversation with Officer Nelson, Tom Everson expressed anger towards Grant stating "Oh Grant, you really did it." "Grant, you f---er."

Tom expressed bewilderment as to what he would do "without his wife." Tom went on to describe several other long guns that were in the house, including rifles and shotguns. He said that Grant would have access to these guns. Only the one handgun was in police custody at that time. Tom stated that only he, Nancy and Grant were presently living in the home and that his adult daughter, Nicole, lives in Colorado.

Sgt. Joe Carlson arrived and took Tom Everson in Officer Nelson's squad to the command post which was being set at the Chaska Fire Department, west of Engler Blvd. and White Oak Drive.

Officer Nelson changed vehicles and took a position on Bavaria Road in order to view the south end of the 110800 Bavaria Road.

Contemporaneously, Officer Reinhardt directed Carver County Deputies to position themselves at Pioneer Trail and McKnight Road, at Ashley Court and Ashley Drive, at Bavaria Road and Friendship Lane, and at Eitel Road and Chatfield Court.

Shortly after 8:00 am, Deputy Stranberg, who was at Bavaria Road and Friendship Lane, called into dispatch that he had located Grant

Everson at his location. Deputy Stranberg handcuffed Grant Everson and took him into custody without incident. Deputy Stranberg also obtained a Minnesota Driver's license from Grant Everson identifying him as such. Grant Everson was driving a green Dodge Caravan, MN License Plate number KJA 264. Officer Nelson and Officer Mike Swing then went to assist Deputy Stranberg. Officer Nelson recognized Grant Everson from prior contacts.

Officer Nelson requested that Shakopee Towing respond with a flatbed truck to transport the van to the Chaska Police Department where it was held in a secure garage until a search warrant could be obtained.

Officer Nelson then placed Grant Everson in the back of her squad. Grant Everson asked Officer Nelson: "what am I suspected of?" She advised him that he would be interviewed later. Officer Nelson then transported Grant Everson to the Carver County Jail. As part of the jail process, bags were secured on Grant Everson's hands so that his hands could be checked for gun powder residue.

Once it was confirmed that Grant was in custody, an entry team comprised of officers and deputies, along with the New Hope Canine, assembled in the garage of the 110800 Bavaria. Incident Commander Sgt. Joe Carlson oversaw the entry into the home in order to clear it and check on the condition of Nancy Everson.

As they entered, an apparently deceased adult female was found prone in an upstairs hallway in a large pool of blood. This adult female, later identified as Nancy Everson, had a massive injury to the right side of her head. Upon further attendance, it was confirmed that Ms. Everson was dead.

The house was cleared and no other person was found in the residence (but for the family dog). The home and adjacent yard was secured pursuant to standard crime scene procedure. A crime scene log was initiated and Officer Reinhardt was assigned to secure the scene from any unauthorized entry. All further entry was henceforth documented. The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Crime Scene Team was summoned and arrived by late Sunday morning. The Crime Scene Team spent the majority of Sunday, January 15th, processing the crime scene for forensic evidence.

Back at the jail, Detectives Jon Kehrberg and Carver County Sheriff's Detective Bob Zydowski were interviewing Grant Everson. In part, Grant agreed to talk about the "timeline of his actions over the past day." During this conversation, Grant Everson claimed he left Chaska about 11:00 pm on Saturday, January 14th. Grant stated he drove Joel's red

Buick to 13833 Echo Park Court, in the City of Burnsville, arriving about 11:40. Grant stated that he had spent the evening with Chris Fuhrman, Joel Beckrich and a juvenile known as "Dip." Grant stated that they had played video games, and about 12:30 am, Grant decided he was not going back to Chaska for the night and slept on the couch. Grant claimed that he had not left this Burnsville address until about 7:15 am on January 15th.

Grant listed the type and number of firearms kept at the Everson household in Chaska. However, Grant did not mention anything about a 20 gauge pump shotgun.

When told that his mother had been shot, Grant replied: "shot? that kinda explains things." Grant then asked the police what type of weapon she had been shot with.

After notifying the Burnsville Police Department that Chaska Police needed to interview additional witnesses in Burnsville, Officers Duzan and Prusinski then went to this Burnsville address at about 4:30 pm. These officers were also looking for a red Buick, Minnesota Plate belonging Joel Beckrich, which Tom Everson had stated Grant sometimes drove, and was parked at the Everson home when Tom Everson went to bed.

The red Buick was not located in Burnsville. Contact was made with Joel Beckrich at this time and place. Beckrich invited the officers in. After the officers explained why they were there, they activated their digital recorders and questioned Beckrich with regard to the investigation.

Beckrich stated that he and Chris Fuhrman had been awakened this morning, January 15th, about 10:30 am, from "Jenny" who is the girlfriend of Fuhrman. Jenny was crying and said: "I think Grant just killed his mom." But Beckrich and Fuhrman could not believe this because they stated, "Grant Everson had been at their (Burnsville) residence this past night."

Beckrich stated that he last saw Grant in the residence when Beckrich went to bed on the 15th at approximately 1:00 am. Grant had come over on the 14th at approximately 11:30 pm. Beckrich said that Grant had come over because Grant was bored and Beckrich had \$50.00 that Beckrich owed Grant.

When Grant came over, Fuhrman, Beckrich and the juvenile known as "Dip" were present. The four of them played video games until Grant fell asleep about 12:30 am on the living room couch. After Grant fell

asleep, the other three continued to play video games: Super Smash Brothers, Burn-Out III and Shoulin Monks. Around 1:00 to 1:30 am, Beckrich and Fuhrman went upstairs to bed and "Dip" slept on the floor.

When awakened by Jenny's call, Beckrich stated "Dip" was still asleep and Grant was gone.

Then, Beckrich stated that Grant had left about 7:30 am. When pressed as to how he would know that, Beckrich responded that he had received a phone call from Grant at that time "according to his cell phone log." Beckrich made a point that he did not remember the content of the call but stated that, actually, he had received two calls in rapid succession from Grant at about 7:30 am.

Beckrich also stated that he heard the door open and shut about 7:30 am.

While officers were present, Beckrich spoke with Fuhrman and "Dip" on a cell phone and asked if Fuhrman was on his way home because officers wanted to speak with Fuhrman as well.

Beckrich then stated that he was not sure of the time when he heard the door shut, only that it was before the 7:30 am phone call. Beckrich then agreed the door may have been opened anytime earlier than 7:30 am.

Then Beckrich stated when Grant left, Grant drove his own van home.

Beckrich stated that when Grant came over the previous night, it was difficult to determine what Grant's mood was: Grant was happy, he was serious, he was "kinda" sad, he was a little flustered. Beckrich said that, looking back, it was obvious Grant was "thinking about something."

Beckrich stated that Grant has talked about being angry with his parents in the last week but did not elaborate why he was angry with his parents. Beckrich could not remember Grant ever saying he wanted his parents dead. When Grant arrived the prior night, he was wearing black pants and a black turtleneck and Van's shoes, dark colored with white soles.

Beckrich stated that he never saw Grant again after Beckrich had gone to bed. Beckrich and Fuhrman pay the rent on this Burnsville townhouse. Dip is a mutual friend and stays at the Burnsville townhome once or twice a week. Grant spends about five nights a week at the

Burnsville townhome but does not pay rent.

Beckrich stated that Grant is a pretty good friend but that Beckrich would not lie for Grant if Grant did something wrong.

Detective Prusinski then advised Beckrich that Grant was in jail on suspicion that Grant had shot his mother. Detective Prusinski then explained the statute regarding "aiding an offender after the fact."

Beckrich stated that he was nervous about the marijuana paraphernalia in the residence. Officers stated they were not there because of the marijuana paraphernalia.

About 5:15 pm, Fuhrman and Dip arrived at the house. Fuhrman asked the officers what was happening with regard to the murder as they had only "heard bits and pieces."

These three were then interviewed separately.

In speaking with "Dip," Dip stated that he has known Grant for two years at the most and that he thinks "Grant is the nicest friend he has ever had." Dip found out about the murder when Fuhrman's girlfriend called at about 10:45 am on Sunday the 15th. Dip stated that he was "completely shocked" when he heard about the murder. Dip stated that Grant came over the house last night when Dip, Fuhrman and Beckrich were already there. Grant came about 11:00 or 11:30 pm. Grant called from his girlfriend, Mary's, house before coming over. Dip had been smoking some "weed" that night, as were the others. Grant smoked some after he got there.

Detective Prusinski asked what Grant brought with him. Dip said that when Grant came over, Grant had brought along a gun case. Dip did not get a good look at it, but described the case as long and black. He said it looked to be of a hard texture. It had a handle on it. Grant had set the gun case down in the living room and later brought it upstairs. Dip did not know what Grant did with the gun upstairs.

Dip's account directly conflicted with Beckrich in that Dip stated Grant stayed up later than Beckrich or Dip playing video games.

Dip said he awoke at about 10:00 am, about a half an hour before Fuhrman's girlfriend called. Fuhrman and Beckrich then came downstairs and Grant was gone.

Det. Kehrberg arrived and assisted in interviewing Dip. Detectives Duzan and Prusinski continued interviewing Beckrich in the next room.

These Detectives were very concerned with the inconsistencies they were receiving from Dip, particularly the fact that Dip was the only person to have mentioned Grant bringing in the gun.

Beckrich then finally admitted that Grant had brought in the gun. Grant had showed the weapon to Fuhrman and Beckrich up in the office while Dip was downstairs.

Upon further questioning, Beckrich said that Grant had been talking about being upset with his parents and that his parents "should die." Beckrich stated that he and Grant had actually discussed killing both sets of parents but that he could not do that and that his parents were fine.

Detective Prusinski then left to interview Fuhrman while Detective Duzan continued questioning Beckrich .

Incrementally, under further questioning, Beckrich began to admit his knowledge of the impending murder, his role in the preparation of the murder and the fact that Beckrich had actually been the person to pull the trigger of the shotgun which killed Nancy Everson. Beckrich stated that Grant was with Beckrich in the home when Beckrich pulled the trigger.

Beckrich then cooperated and explained to the police where the shotgun, the murder weapon, could be found near the railroad tracks off Bavaria Road.

At this point, Fuhrman and Dip were then transported to the Chaska Police Department where videotaped statements could be obtained.

Beckrich remained on the scene while the Burnsville apartment and the red Buick were then secured so that search warrants could be obtained. Beckrich's parents were contacted at this time and Detective Prusinski advised them the reason for the call.

Beckrich's mother asked to speak with him and Detective Prusinski allowed them to speak on speaker-phone. Beckrich told his mother that he, Beckrich, had shot Nancy Everson in the head. A few minutes later, Beckrich's brother called and wanted to speak with Beckrich. Again, on speaker-phone, Beckrich stated that he had shot Nancy Everson in the head.

Beckrich was transported to Chaska where Beckrich led police to the recovery of the murder weapon. After that, Beckrich was brought to the Chaska Police Department where Detectives Duzan and Kehrberg

interviewed Beckrich on videotape.

Beckrich went back and stated that Grant had arrived at approximately 11:15 pm. Grant was wearing all black and had brought a shotgun. Grant had shotgun shells in his pocket. The gun was a .20 gauge shotgun. Grant said: "I've got something to show you, come upstairs." Beckrich and Fuhrman went upstairs with Grant. Dip stayed downstairs. Grant opened the gun case in the office and pumped the gun a few times. Grant loaded it to be sure there was room for five shells. They then played some video games and smoked marijuana.

Around 2:30 am, Beckrich and Grant left in Grant's van. They got to Chaska around 3:05 am and parked the van about "two miles" away from Grant's parents. They walked and got to the house about 4:00 am. Grant was carrying the loaded shotgun and had two extra shells.

Both of them had folding "Husky" brand box cutters. They were wearing gloves because it was cold and also to prevent fingerprint identification. When they got to the house, they entered through the opened back garage door. Grant handed the gun to Beckrich and they carefully treaded on the stairs to avoid squeaking. Beckrich then handed the gun back to Grant.

They went into the upstairs mudroom where they got facemasks/skimasks. Beckrich stated that they walked to the bedroom of Tom and Nancy Everson and opened the door. They walked in about three feet when they saw Nancy Everson stirring. Nancy was not quite awake and she was not wearing her glasses.

Beckrich and Grant froze and did not move for several minutes. Beckrich backed out of the room and Grant followed. Grant shut the door, but not completely. They went back to the mudroom. Grant said that he could not do it and Beckrich agreed.

Beckrich stated the original intent was to use the Husky box cutters to cut the "aortic valve" (Joel was pointing to his carotoid artery as he said this) so that they (Tom and Nancy) would bleed and pass out. It would be as quiet and humane as possible. The shotgun was there as a backup in case the parents woke up.

When they got to the mudroom, Nancy Everson had gotten out of bed and had come out into the hallway. Nancy turned the light on. Beckrich was in the mudroom and Grant was standing just outside the mudroom with the gun pointed down the hall right at his mother. Nancy came around the corner and was very surprised, saying something to the effect of "oh my God!"

Grant asked her to please sit down. Nancy turned around and walked back into the kitchen area. She asked: "can we talk." They did not answer.

Grant then whispered to Beckrich : "I can't do this, you have to do this." Beckrich said: "I can't do this." This conversation went back and forth several times before Beckrich finally took the gun.

Beckrich moved into the hallway and was standing between Nancy and the bedroom. Beckrich said he knew the only way he could potentially get off was that if he shot "this witness who had recognized Grant and knew that Grant had an accomplice and that Grant would name him." Beckrich stated that if he shot her, there was a chance he could get off with no repercussions. Beckrich said that he "obviously was not making any right decisions at that time."

Beckrich stated he was standing in front of Nancy with the gun down at her side and he asked her: "head or chest?" Nancy did not answer. Beckrich asked her again: "head or chest." Nancy said: "I don't believe it," and "Grant, you son of a bitch, get the hell out of my house."

Nancy started walking towards Beckrich and he fired a "warning shot." Nancy then lunged at Beckrich and he shot her in the head with the .20 gauge shotgun.

Beckrich turned around, opened the bedroom door and turned the light on. Beckrich did not see Tom Everson. When Beckrich did not see Tom Everson, Beckrich knew that Tom Everson probably had a gun and was in the bathroom. Joel ran out past the mudroom and into the upstairs garage. Grant was already out the door.

Beckrich ran up Bavaria and down the railroad tracks. Beckrich could hear someone running behind him but could not tell who it was. Beckrich said he stated, "identify yourselves or I'll shoot." Joel said that he then left the gun near the tracks with three shells left in it.

Beckrich then met up with Grant and they walked back to the van. Beckrich described the route they then took to "some dumpster" on or near Penn Avenue in Richfield. There, they put all of Beckrich's clothing and shoes into the gun case and threw it in a dumpster.

Beckrich stated they then went back to Burnsville. Any evidence they had left went into a bag. Grant and Beckrich "spilled" to Fuhrman

and Dip what had happened at about 5:30 to 6:30 am.

Beckrich and Grant explained they had used the shotgun and not the knives. They explained to Dip and Fuhrman that Nancy Everson was dead, but that Tom was not. Fuhrman and Dip asked what would happen next. Beckrich said most of the evidence points at Grant.

At that point, the four then discussed an alibi. The alibi was that Grant came over at 11:30 pm and fell asleep at 12:30 am. The rest of them fell asleep around 1:00 am and Grant stayed at the house until he left about 7:30 am.

Dip was part of this conversation. It was decided that if Dip "kept quiet" they would supply Dip with all the free pot Dip could smoke.

After Grant left at 7:30 am, he called Beckrich's cell phone and they discussed their alibi and Grant wanted to be sure they were "on the same page." Beckrich stated that was "sloppy" and that Grant should not have made those calls.

Beckrich went upstairs to sleep, but could not sleep.

Beckrich stated that back on Friday the 13th, Grant had picked up both Beckrich and Fuhrman in his van. Grant told them that he had hit "a level below rock bottom" and asked if they had ever thought about killing their parents. Fuhrman was shocked and Beckrich said "no."

Grant talked about why he wanted to kill his parents. For the past two years, his parents have forced him to work "for free." Grant also said he had done some work for his grandmother and that he was supposed to get a car in return. However, when the work had been completed, Tom Everson had called his grandmother and told her not to give Grant the car. Grant said that his parents "need to be out of the picture by Tuesday" but Grant did not say why by Tuesday.

Beckrich said the whole idea was to bankroll an operation where they would be moving to the Netherlands to start a coffee shop in Amsterdam with the money Grant's parents' insurance would provide. Grant was not sure if he was a beneficiary on Tom's policy, but he was pretty sure he was a beneficiary on Nancy's insurance. Grant said that he would give Beckrich half. Grant said that "worst case scenario" he could at least have the car, the truck, and a (79") television and that would be enough to sell for sufficient money to start a coffee shop. Beckrich stated he thought a coffee shop would only cost ten to twenty thousand to open.

Beckrich also provided rough sketches to Detective Duzan as to where Beckrich was when the shots were fired. Very preliminary results from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension corroborate Beckrich's rendition of the shooting through preliminary blood spatter and pellet trajectory patterns.

Detective Kehrberg then spoke with Dip at the Chaska Police Department at approximately 10:00 pm on January 15th. Dip stated that he, Fuhrman, Grant and Beckrich discussed setting up an alibi on several occasions and, as early as Friday, January 13th, they agreed on the alibi that Grant went to bed about 11:30 pm and the others went to bed thereafter. When everybody else got up the next morning, Grant was gone. Dip said that Beckrich kept reminding them of this alibi. Dip stated that he did not feel threatened by Beckrich or Grant but Beckrich did say that "anybody who talks to the cops" is dead, several times.

Dip stated that when Grant and Beckrich returned on Sunday morning at about 4:45 am, Grant and Beckrich discussed the killing Nancy Everson. The discussion included Grant's mother stating she wanted to talk and Beckrich saying he had the gun and aimed it at Grant's mother. Beckrich was discussing how he fired the warning shot and then fired at Nancy.

Dip said that he did not see Grant leave on Sunday morning. However, Grant said he would be leaving about 7:00 to 7:30 am and go back to his house and call the cops and make it seem like he "did not do anything."

Dip said that his stomach was queasy when Grant and Beckrich got back from Chaska because Dip knew that they did it.

Dip said that Grant and Beckrich were wearing different clothes upon returning and Dip figured they had dumped their other clothes before returning. Dip said that when Grant and Beckrich left, they were both wearing gloves.

Dip said that on Friday the 13th, he was in Grant's van with Fuhrman and Beckrich. Fuhrman and Beckrich stated they were planning on killing Grant's parents. They wanted Dip to be included but Dip said he did not want anything to do with it.

Dip said that after Grant and Beckrich had left at about 2:30 am on Sunday, Fuhrman told Dip that Fuhrman did not want to go to Chaska because Chris had a "bad feeling about it."

Dip said that the plan was for Grant to kill Tom and Beckrich to kill

Nancy and that they would do this by cutting their throats or shooting them. Grant stated that he would have a harder time killing his mother. Dip relayed that this conversation occurred in Burnsville before Grant and Beckrich left.

Detective Kehrberg then spoke with Fuhrman at shortly after midnight on Monday, January 16th, at the Chaska Police Department.

Fuhrman said that Grant had spoken about how much "sh\_t" was going down in school, that Grant was fighting with his parents, and Grant felt like killing his parents. Fuhrman stated that Grant's parents had gotten a letter from Grant's school regarding Grant's failing. Beckrich was also present in the van while Grant was speaking. Fuhrman said that, at one point, all four of them discussed that Dip would be the driver, but this discussion stopped when they realized that Dip would not do it.

Fuhrman stated that on Sunday, January 15th, Grant arrived back at the Burnsville townhome at about 12:30 am. Grant brought the shotgun into the Burnsville townhome at about 1:00 am.

While in the upstairs office, Fuhrman heard Beckrich and Grant discuss "taking out" Grant's parents. Fuhrman said that Grant wanted to do it and wanted Beckrich there. Fuhrman told Detective Sergeant Kehrberg that he did not want anything to do with it.

The discussion continued into specifics. Fuhrman was present while Beckrich and Grant discussed killing Grant's parents with knives, with a shotgun, and with a silenced gun. Specifically, the plan was for Grant to kill his father and Beckrich to kill Grant's mother.

According to Fuhrman, the murder plans moved to the downstairs portion of the townhome. There, Beckrich and Grant, with Fuhrman present, were discussing how they were going to kill Grant's parents. Fuhrman pointed out several weaknesses in their murder plot. Specifically, he asked the two what would happen if Grant's parents met them at the door, and if Grant's dad had his gun. When asked, Fuhrman admitted that he could see how someone might think, based upon this input, he was assisting in planning the murder. Chris said, "it could have been taken that way."

Fuhrman initially denied that there was ever a plan that included the four of them traveling to Chaska to commit the murder. Fuhrman eventually admitted that there was a scenario that involved him participating in the murder. This discussion occurred on Friday, January 13, 2006. He essentially told Beckrich and Grant that he did

not know if he would participate. According to Fuhrman, when the matter was discussed on Saturday, Chris told Grant and Beckrich that he was not going to be involved.

In the townhome prior to the murder, Fuhrman observed Grant and Beckrich cleaning the gun for a long period of time. He observed yellow ammunition. He saw the gun being unloaded and described it as being "loud as hell."

Grant and Beckrich left the townhome between 3:30 and 3:45 am. According to Fuhrman, they wanted to go while Grant's parents were asleep. They left in Grant's van.

Prior to Grant and Joel leaving, Fuhrman affirmatively told Grant and Beckrich where to park to be able to walk to the Everson home. Specifically, he told them to travel westbound on Hundertmark Road, from Bavaria Road, to the stop sign. Grant and Beckrich were directed to travel north from the stop sign to a road that goes by Lake Bavaria. Fuhrman told them to park in that neighborhood (the neighborhood by where the boats were docked) and walk to the Everson home. Fuhrman reiterated these directions to Detective Sergeant Kehrberg. Fuhrman is was unsure whether or not the two followed his directions.

Despite knowing the plan, Fuhrman did not call law enforcement or take any steps to thwart the plan.

Grant and Beckrich returned to Fuhrman's townhome at approximately 6:30 am. Grant and Beckrich told him that they "f\_\_ked up and were completely f\_\_ked"; it did not go down as it was supposed to and they were really worried.

After returning, Grant told Fuhrman the following: while in his parents home, he was going to shoot his mother. He told his mother to sit down. She told him, "Grant, we need to talk." Grant then told Beckrich that he could not do it. He told Beckrich that Beckrich had to do it. Grant said that he believed everything would be fine because Grant's father did not see him.

Fuhrman and Beckrich went upstairs and Beckrich told Fuhrman how the shooting happened. Fuhrman said that Beckrich relayed the following: Beckrich asked Grant's mother whether she wanted it in the head or chest. Grant's mother said, "get the f\_\_k out of my house." She lunged at Beckrich. Beckrich fired a warning shot. Grant's mother lunged at Beckrich again and Beckrich shot her in the head.

Grant and Beckrich asked if Fuhrman and Dip would provide alibis for

them during the time period of the crime. Fuhrman admitted that he agreed to provide an alibi. An alibi was discussed. They four agreed that, if asked, they would say that Grant and Beckrich had been at the townhome all night and fell asleep around 1:30 am. on Sunday. Fuhrman and Dip were to say that they did not know what happened after that. The alibi included both Grant and Beckrich and were agreed to by Fuhrman and Dip.

Fuhrman said that Grant left the townhome for his home in Chaska at approximately 7:30 am.

Fuhrman said that Grant's mother was just as close to him as his own mother.

PROCEDURAL NOTE: Minnesota Rule of Criminal Procedure 17.01 provides that an offense which may be punishable by life imprisonment shall be prosecuted by indictment, but the prosecutor may proceed by a complaint following an arrest without a warrant. The Carver County Attorney's Office will be convening a grand jury on February 1, and thereafter as may be necessary for the purposes of seeking and indictment and as otherwise consistent with the Minnesota Rules of Criminal Procedure.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 609.49., intentional failure to appear for duly scheduled court appearances may result in additional criminal charges, and in addition to any arrest warrant that may otherwise be issued by the Court.**

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'S NAME:**

**COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before the undersigned this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

**NAME/TITLE:**

**SIGNATURE:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S SIGNATURE:**

\_\_\_\_\_

Name: Peter Ivy  
Assistant County Attorney  
604 East Fourth Street, Carver County  
Courthouse Chaska, MN 55318-2102  
(952) 361-1400  
Attorney Registration Number: 180956

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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*

**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 CARVER  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

*Plaintiff*

vs.

**Joel Mathias Beckrich**

*Defendant*

*Clerk's Signature or File Stamp:*

**RETURN OF SERVICE**

*I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Order of Detention upon the Defendant(s) herein-named.*

*Signature of Authorized Service Agent:*

**STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID**

<b>Cnt</b>	<b>Statute Type</b>	<b>Offense Date</b>	<b>Statute Number &amp; Description</b>	<b>Offense Level</b>	<b>MOC</b>	<b>GOC</b>	<b>Controlling Agencies</b>	<b>Control Number(s)</b>
1	Charge	01/13/06 to 01/15/06	609.185 Subd. (1) Murder -1st Degree - Premeditated (Aid/Abet)	SF	H1012	T	MN0100000 Booking MN0100200 Arresting	06000743  06000743
	Penalty		609.106 Subd. 2 Heinous Crimes-Life without Release					
	Penalty		609.101 Subd. 1 Surcharge on Fines, Assessments: Minimum Fines					
2	Charge	01/13/06 to 01/15/06	609.185 Subd. (1) Attempted Murder -1st Degree - Premeditated	SF	H1012	A	MN0100000 Booking MN0100200 Arresting	06000743  06000743
	Penalty		609.106 Subd. 2 Heinous Crimes-Life without Release					
	Penalty		609.17 Subd. 4(2) Anticipatory Crimes-Attempts-Penalty-1/ 2 Of Intended					

**STATE OF MINNESOTA vs. Joel Mathias Beckrich**

**Prosecutor File Number: FE-06-23833**

**DEFENDANT FACT SHEET**

1. **Address:** 13833 Echo Park Court  
Burnsville, MN 55337
2. **DOB:** 04/04/85
3. **Other DOBs:**
4. **Race/Ethnicity:** Race: Ethnicity:
5. **SID:** 06006794
6. **WID:**
7. **Alias Information:**
8. **Fingerprinted:** Yes
9. **Handgun Permit:** No
10. **Location of Violation:** Chaska
11. **Drivers License #:** R-728-179-033-817 (MN)
12. **Accident Type:** fatality
13. **License Plate #**
14. **Alcohol Concentration:**