

State of Minnesota
County of Blue Earth

District Court
5th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0070110935
Court File No. 07-CR-25-2191

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

TROY BLAINE ALMHJELD DOB: 11/11/1977

204 Silver Street W #2b
Mapleton, MN 56065

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Order of Detention

☒ Amended

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)

Maximum Sentence: 40 years

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/03/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25001003

Charge Description: On or about June 3, 2025, in the County of Blue Earth, Minnesota, Troy Blaine Almhjeld did cause the death of a human being with intent to effect the death of the person or another, but without premeditation.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

On June 3, 2025, shortly after 2:00 AM, deputies of the Blue Earth County Sheriff's office were dispatched to a vehicle off the road. Witness 1 reported he observed a car drive off of Highway 22, the vehicle was still in the ditch, and there was a male walking away from it. The individual was later identified as Troy Blaine Almhjeld (DOB 11/11/77). Deputy Ollrich arrived on scene and found a black Kia Optima in the ditch. The registered owner of the vehicle is Victim, Almhjeld's father. Witness 1 told Deputy Ollrich that Almhjeld asked him for a ride. Witness 1 determined he was going to call law enforcement due to the crash and the apparent intoxication of Almhjeld. Almhjeld began to walk away. Witness 1 did not observe any obvious signs of injuries to Almhjeld.

Deputies searched the area around the vehicle and could not locate Almhjeld. Deputy Ollrich, who was familiar with Almhjeld, drove to Almhjeld's residence in Mapleton, Blue Earth County, to check for Almhjeld. Almhjeld and Victim shared the residence in Mapleton. When Deputy Ollrich arrived at Almhjeld's apartment, he noted the lights were on and the shower was running. As Deputy Ollrich walked up the stairs to Almhjeld's apartment he saw the door to Victim and Almhjeld's apartment open, and an arm laying on the ground. Victim was laying unresponsive on the floor leaning against the washing machine covered in blood. Deputy Ollrich conducted a preliminary search of the apartment and verified no one else was inside. Deputy Ollrich checked Victim for a pulse and could not locate one. Deputy Ollrich then began performing lifesaving measures. Deputy Ollrich observed a large laceration on Victim's chest and multiple stab/puncture wounds throughout the chest area. Victim had suffered significant injuries to his head and face. There was a large amount of blood near victim and in other areas of the apartment. Deputy Ollrich observed no signs of lividity on Victim.

Deputy Ollrich observed on the kitchen table a yellow handled knife that appeared to have a bloody smudge on the blade and handle. Deputy Ollrich noted the knife appeared consistent with the width of some of the lacerations on Victim's chest.

The scene of the vehicle crash was just over 10 miles north of Almhjeld and Victim's residence. As deputies began an additional search for Almhjeld, Almhjeld walked out of the woods towards deputies. Almhjeld was taken into custody. Almhjeld made unprompted statements that he was in the river the whole time and he had been run off the road. As Almhjeld was being transported from the scene, he made several spontaneous statements. He asked if his dad was all right, stated Victim was talking about something weird as shit, that he and Victim got into some weird shit. Almhjeld continued to ask if Victim was alright and stated "there's some weird ass shit in my life". Almhjeld also stated "me and my dad were arguing, and all kind weird shit was going on. Bad shit. And he won't tell me what is going on."

A witness told law enforcement they could hear arguing from Victim and Almhjeld's residence sometime after midnight on June 3.

When asked by law enforcement where he was going in his vehicle, Almhjeld said he was going to a gas station in Mankato from home to get ice. When asked about gas stations in Mapleton that were open all night, Almhjeld stated he did not like the ice at that gas station.

Victim was declared deceased and transported to the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office for an autopsy. The provisional report from the Medical Examiner indicated Victim's cause of death was exsanguination due to multiple sharp force injuries and Victim's manner of death is homicide. The Medical Examiner also found multiple blunt force injuries to the body, including but not limited to multiple contusions to the face, fractures of the nasal bones, hemorrhage of the right eye, and subgaleal hemorrhage of the left side of Victim's head.

The investigation is ongoing.

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

Joyce Baker
Police Officer
104 2nd Ave NE
PO Box 342
Mapleton, MN 56065
Badge: 4874

Electronically Signed:
06/05/2025 08:05 AM
Blue Earth County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney

Todd Coryell
Assistant County Attorney
401 Carver Road
PO Box 3129
Mankato, MN 56002
(507) 304-4600

Electronically Signed:
06/05/2025 07:05 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: June 5, 2025.

Judicial Officer

Mark Betters
District Court Judge

Electronically Signed: 06/05/2025 08:16 AM

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

COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH
STATE OF MINNESOTA

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Plaintiff

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Troy Blaine Almhjeld

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: