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STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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COURT FILE NO. 07-CR-26-1684

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**State of Minnesota,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**INDICTMENT**

**Joseph David Bulfer (DOB: 07/03/1981)**

1739 120<sup>th</sup> St.

Fairmont, MN 56031

Defendant.

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The above-named Defendant is hereby accused and charged by the Grand Jury of the above-named County in the State of Minnesota, by this indictment of the offenses of:

**COUNT I**

**Charge: Murder in the First Degree – Premeditation – Felony**

Minnesota Statute: § 609.185(a)(1)

On or about April 26, 2026, in the City of Mankato, County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Joseph David Bulfer, did cause the death of another person with premeditation and with intent to effect the death of/to kill the person; to wit: Victim 1.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Murder in the First Degree – With Intent and While Committing or Attempting to Commit Burglary (Dangerous Weapon) – Felony**

Minnesota Statute: § 609.185(a)(3).

On or about April 26, 2026, in the City of Mankato, County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Joseph David Bulfer, did cause the death of another person with intent to effect the death of/to kill the person while committing or attempting to commit burglary (dangerous weapon); to wit: Victim 1.

**COUNT III**

**Charge: Murder in the First Degree – With Intent and While Committing or Attempting to Commit Burglary (Assault) – Felony**

Minnesota Statute: § 609.185(a)(3).

On or about April 26, 2026, in the City of Mankato, County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Joseph David Bulfer, did cause the death of another person with intent to effect the death of/to kill the person while committing or attempting to commit burglary (assault); to wit: Victim 1.

#### COUNT IV

**Charge: Murder in the Second Degree – Intentional – Felony**

Minnesota Statute: § 609.19, Subd. 1(1)

On or about April 26, 2026, in the City of Mankato, County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Joseph David Bulfer,, did cause the death of another person with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation; to wit: Victim 1.

#### COUNT V

**Charge: Attempted Murder in the First Degree – Premeditation – Felony**

Minnesota Statute: § 609.185(a)(1); § 609.17, Subd. 1.

On or about April 26, 2026, in the City of Mankato, County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Joseph David Bulfer, did attempt to cause the death of another person with premeditation and with intent to effect the death of/to kill the person; to wit: Victim 2.

#### COUNT VI

**Charge: Attempted Murder in the First Degree – With Intent and While Committing or Attempting to Commit Burglary (Dangerous Weapon) – Felony**

Minnesota Statute: § 609.185(a)(3); § 609.17, Subd. 1.

On or about April 26, 2026, in the City of Mankato, County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Joseph David Bulfer, did attempt to cause the death of another person with intent to effect the death of/to kill the person while committing or attempting to commit burglary (dangerous weapon); to wit: Victim 2.

#### COUNT VII

**Charge: Attempted Murder in the First Degree – With Intent and While Committing or Attempting to Commit Burglary (Assault) – Felony**

Minnesota Statute: § 609.185(a)(3); § 609.17, Subd. 1.

On or about April 26, 2026, in the City of Mankato, County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Joseph David Bulfer, did attempt to cause the death of another person with intent to effect the death of/to kill the person while committing or attempting to commit burglary (assault); to wit: Victim 2.

#### COUNT VIII

**Charge: Attempted Murder in the Second Degree – Intentional – Felony**

Minnesota Statute: § 609.19, Subd. 1(1); § 609.17, Subd. 1.

On or about April 26, 2026, in the City of Mankato, County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Joseph David Bulfer, did attempt to cause the death of another person with intent to effect the death of that person or another, but without premeditation; to wit: Victim 2.

## COUNT IX

**Charge: Assault in the First Degree – Felony**

Minnesota Statute: § 609.221, Subd. 1.

On or about April 26, 2026, in the City of Mankato, County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Joseph David Bulfer, did assault another and inflicted great bodily harm; to wit: Victim 2.

## COUNT X

**Charge: Assault in the Second Degree – Felony**

Minnesota Statute: § 609.222, Subd. 1.

On or about April 26, 2026, in the City of Mankato, County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Joseph David Bulfer, did assault another with a dangerous weapon; to wit: Victim 2.

## COUNT XI

**Charge: Burglary in the First Degree (Dangerous Weapon) – Felony**

Minnesota Statute: § 609.582, Subd. 1(b).

On or about April 26, 2026, in the City of Mankato, County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Joseph David Bulfer, did enter a building without consent and with intent to commit a crime, or entered a building without consent and committed a crime while in the building, either directly or as an accomplice and the burglar possessed, when entering or at any time while in the building, a dangerous weapon.

## COUNT XII

**Charge: Burglary in the First Degree (Assault) – Felony**

Minnesota Statute: § 609.582, Subd. 1(c).

On or about April 26, 2026, in the City of Mankato, County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Joseph David Bulfer, did enter a building without consent and with intent to commit a crime, or entered a building without consent and committed a crime while in the building, either directly or as an accomplice and the burglar assaults a person within the building or on the building's appurtenant property.

## COUNT XIII

**Charge: Possession of a Firearm after a Conviction or Adjudication for a Crime of Violence – Felony**

Minnesota Statute: § 624.713, Subd. 1(2).

On or about April 26, 2026, in the City of Mankato, County of Blue Earth, said Defendant, Joseph David Bulfer, did possess a firearm while prohibited for having been convicted or adjudicated delinquent of a crime of violence.



Dated: July 9, 2026

Signature of Foreperson of the Grand Jury

COUNTY OF BLUE EARTH STATE OF MINNESOTA

Clerk's Signature or File Stamp:

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**

Plaintiff,

vs.

Joseph David Bulfer,

Defendant.

*RETURN OF SERVICE*

*I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Indictment upon the Defendant herein named.*

Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

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