

State of Minnesota  
County of Olmsted

District Court  
3rd Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 0550084381  
Court File No. 55-CR-26-3593

**State of Minnesota,**  
Plaintiff,

**COMPLAINT**  
Order of Detention

vs.

**CHARLES ANTONIO WEBSTER SR DOB: 07/22/1974**

690 25th ST SW  
Rochester, MN 55902

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 - 3rd Degree - Sell/Give/Distribute Controlled Substance - Schedules 1 & 2**

Minnesota Statute: 609.195(b), with reference to: 609.195(b)

Maximum Sentence: 25 years or \$40,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/12/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25906458

Charge Description: On or about March 12, 2025, in the County of Olmsted, Minnesota, Charles Antonio Webster Sr did without intent to cause death, proximately cause the death of Confidential Victim by, directly or indirectly, unlawfully selling or delivering or distributing fentanyl and xylazine, a schedule I or II controlled substance.

**COUNT II**

**Charge: Manslaughter - 1st Degree - Sell/Give/Distribute Controlled Substance - Schedules 3,4,5.**

Minnesota Statute: 609.20(4), with reference to: 609.20

Maximum Sentence: 15 Years or \$30,000 fine or both.

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/12/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25906458

Charge Description: On or about March 12, 2025, in the County of Olmsted, Minnesota, Charles Antonio Webster Sr did proximately cause the death of another, without intent to cause death by, directly or indirectly, unlawfully selling, giving away, bartering, delivering, exchanging, distributing, or administering a controlled substance classified in schedule III, IV, or V.

**COUNT III**

**Charge: Drugs - 1st Degree - Sale - 10 grams or more, 40 dosage units or more; heroin or fentanyl**

Minnesota Statute: 152.021.1(3), with reference to: 152.021.3(a)

Maximum Sentence: 30 years or \$1,000,000 fine, or both

Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 03/12/2025

Control #(ICR#): 25906458

Charge Description: On or about March 12, 2025, in the County of Olmsted, Minnesota, Charles Antonio Webster Sr did within a 90-day period, sell one or more mixtures of a total weight of 10 grams or more, or 40 dosage units or more, containing heroin or fentanyl.

**STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

The Complainant states that the following facts establish probable cause:

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Your complainant is a licensed peace officer employed by the Olmsted County Sheriff's Office. In that capacity your Complainant has reviewed the police reports relating to Charles Antonio Webster, Sr., the above-named defendant, and the allegations contained therein. Based upon that information, your complainant believes the following to be true and correct.

On or about March 13, 2025, at approximately 11:38 a.m., deputies with the Olmsted County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a suspected overdose at a residence located in the 3800 block of Highway 14, in Rochester, Olmsted County, Minnesota. Upon arrival, deputies observed an adult male – fully identified in relevant police reports (hereinafter "Victim") – lying in a supine position on a bed. An adult female – fully identified in relevant police reports (hereinafter "Witness") was attempting to perform CPR. Victim was cold to the touch, and no pulse could be located. Further lifesaving efforts were attempted by first responders, but Victim was pronounced deceased on scene.

Dep. Drown interviewed Witness. Witness stated that Victim had just gotten out of drug treatment the day before and was now staying with her. Witness stated that she left for the doctor around 8:30 a.m. that morning and returned home approximately 15 minutes prior to making the 911 call. When Witness arrived home, she thought Victim was just passed out and tried to wake him. After being unable to wake him, noticing that he was cold to the touch, and being unable to find a pulse, she dialed 911.

Witness Stated that Victim arrived at her residence at approximately 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., the day before (03/12/2025). Witness stated that Victim had just been discharged from a long-term drug treatment program in Duluth and traveled straight to her apartment from there. After he arrived, Victim made dinner and hung out. Around 9:30 p.m. that night, Victim told Witness that his friend "CJ" or "JC" or "CP" was coming over. Victim asked Witness what her address was. A short time later, Victim went outside to meet his friend. After only a few seconds, Victim returned to the apartment with a big white ball of something. Witness later stated she did not see the big white ball of "something", she just assumed that is what he got when he went outside because she noticed the white ball shortly after when he was passed out in the bathroom. Witness stated that after Victim came back inside, she started watching a movie and Victim went in the bathroom. Witness noticed that Victim had been in the bathroom for a long time a decided to go check on him around midnight. When she entered the bathroom, she noticed aluminum foil all over and Victim was passed out on the toilet. That is when she also observed the white substance.

Victim was able to be woken up and talked with Witness around 2:00 a.m. Witness then went to sleep and woke up at approximately 7:30 a.m., the next morning. At that time, she found Victim again passed out in the bathtub with the big white ball of suspected drugs sitting on the toilet. Victim stated that the substance was golf ball sized and looked like baking soda. She assumed that Defendant got the substance when his friend stopped over the night before. Witness was again able to wake Victim up and talk to him for a short time before she left for the doctor at 8:20 a.m.

Detectives seized the white substance from the nightstand near the bed and a cell phone belonging to Victim. Detective briefly reviewed the phone and observed that Victim's call log showed a call to a contact saved as "TC" at \*\*\*-\*\*\*-6887 around the same time Victim told Witness his friend was coming over the night before. Through a search of law enforcement databases, it was learned that phone number ending 6887 belonged to a person identified as Charles Antonio Webster, Sr., date of birth 07/22/1974 (hereinafter "Defendant"). Defendant has a nickname known to law enforcement of "Top Cat". The white

powder substance found on the nightstand later field tested positive for cocaine and fentanyl and weighed 21.9 grams with packaging. BCA analysis results confirmed the substance to contain fentanyl and xylazine and weigh 20.941 grams without packaging.

Victim's phone was transported to the Olmsted County Law Enforcement Center for forensic extraction. Det. Cooper reviewed the results of the extraction and observed the following text message conversation between Victim and Defendant:

- On 03/11/2025, at 3:07:07 PM, Victim texted Defendant, "I'm leaving Duluth in the morning at 8am"
- On 03/11/2025, at 3:58:34 PM, Victim texted Defendant, "Hope I get to see you"
- On 03/11/2025, at 4:35:41 PM, Defendant texted Victim, "Where are you"
- On 03/11/2025, at 4:57:55 PM, Victim texted Defendant, "I'm still in Duluth"
- On 03/11/2025, at 5:03:06 PM, Victim texted Defendant, "Bus leaves at 8am I'll be in Rochester at 12:30pm"
- On 03/12/2025, at 8:11:13 AM, Victim texted Defendant, "On my way!"

Det Cooper observed the following text messages around the time Witness said Victim met with the person outside of her apartment from whom she assumed Victim got the white substance from:

- On 03/12/2025, at 12:06:16 AM, Victim texted Defendant, "20 miles away from Rochester"
- On 03/12/2025, at 12:19:39 PM, Victim texted Defendant, "Wya"
- On 03/12/2025, at 12:27:48 PM, Victim texted Defendant, "Dam I had this little freak lined up to give me a job"
- On 03/12/2025, at 3:47:12 PM, Victim texted Defendant, "Can I come to you"
- On 03/12/2025, at 4:25:13 PM, Defendant responded, "The city's"
- On 03/12/2025, at 4:25:16 PM, Defendant followed up with another text stating, "But yes"
- On 03/12/2025, at 4:25:46 PM, Victim texted Defendant, "I'm good"
- On 03/12/2025, at 9:32:46 PM, Victim followed up with another text stating, "Can you bring it to me out here"

Det. Cooper observed that there were the following six phone call entries between Victim and Defendant on 03/12/2025-03/13/2025:

- On 03/12/2025, at 12:20:40 PM, outgoing call to Defendant that lasted 30 seconds.
- On 03/12/2025, at 1:16:51 outgoing call to Defendant that lasted 2 minutes, 4 seconds.
- On 03/12/2025, at 9:21:36 incoming call from Defendant that lasted 33 seconds.
- On 03/12/2025, at 9:39:39 incoming call from Defendant that lasted 2 minutes, 31 seconds
- On 03/12/2025, at 9:55:54 incoming call from Defendant that lasted 32 seconds
- On 03/13/2025, at 11:01:05 incoming call from Defendant that was a missed call.

Det. Cooper also observed communication between Victim and a contact named "Taylor":

- On 03/12/2025, at 10:39:15 AM, Victim texted Taylor, "My plug says he's got some good stuff." (a "plug" is a term for a drug dealer)
- On 03/12/2025, at 10:39:46 AM, Victim texted Taylor, "He's waiting on me now to get there"
- On 03/12/2025, at 10:41:31 AM, Victim texted Taylor, "I'll be at the greyhound station at noon I'll have him meet me there too"
- On 03/12/2025, at 10:41:44 AM, Victim responded, "okay"
- On 03/12/2025, at 10:44:22 AM, Victim texted Taylor, "I just told him to be there"
- On 03/12/2025, at 10:41:33 AM, Victim texted Taylor, "He said he has the (fire emoji) fire"

- On 03/12/2025, at 10:47:33 AM, Victim texted Taylor, "This bus is slow asf"
- On 03/12/2025, at 10:50:02 AM, Victim texted Taylor, "I'm in St Paul"
- On 03/12/2025, at 10:41:44 AM, Taylor responded, "damn"
- On 03/12/2025, at 10:53:18 AM, Taylor texted Victim, "and be careful smoking again just remember you've been sober for a fat minute"
- On 03/12/2025, at 10:53:33 AM, Taylor followed up with another text to Victim that stated, "I want to be there with you right after u get it"
- On 03/12/2025, at 10:53:46 AM, Taylor followed up with another text to Victim that stated, "don't smoke any till im there bc I want to make sure ur safe abt it"
- On 03/12/2025, at 11:04:09 AM, Victim responded to Taylor, "Bet"
- On 03/12/2025, at 11:16:49 AM, Victim texted Taylor, "I'm not smoking any way I'll watch you smoke as much as you want"
  
- On 03/12/2025, at 7:48:15 PM, Taylor texted, "i can come to u too"
- On 03/12/2025, at 9:32:16 PM, Victim texted Taylor, "My plug just called"
- On 03/12/2025, at 9:52:55 PM, Victim texted Taylor, "He's on his way out here"
- On 03/12/2025, at 9:56:39 PM, Taylor responded, "oo good"
- On 03/13/2025, at 6:55:52 AM, Victim texted Taylor, "I got a ton of shit"
- On 03/13/2025, at 9:14:42 AM, Taylor responded, "thats good"
- On 03/13/2025, at 9:55:52 AM, Victim texted Taylor, "Got plenty of stuff"
- On 03/13/2025, at 9:14:42 AM, Taylor responded, "bet imma. be otw in a few"
- On 03/13/2025, at 9:43:47 AM, Victim texted Taylor, "Ok"

Taylor subsequently sent multiple text messages to Victim that she was on her way, that she was there, and that she was leaving, but Victim never responded to her, which upset her.

On April 5, 2025, law enforcement officer executed a search warrant on Defendant's person and vehicle. During the search, officers located multiple cellular phones in Defendant's vehicle. The cell phones were seized, and another search warrant was obtained to search the contents of the cell phones. While searching through an iPhone 8 Plus, Det., Cooper observed the following trip history:

"Locations" of the extracted data, on 3/13/2025, at 2:41:43 AM(UTC+0), which the central daylight time conversion is 03/12/2025 at 9:41:43 PM CDT, the incident address, where Victim was deceased, of 3820 US-14 E was listed as a searched point of interest with the source as Apple Maps. The GPS coordinates 44.011810, -92.403282 were listed with that location entry and the coordinates mapped on the data as 3820 Hwy 14 SE in Marion Township. Another entry in the "Locations" of the extracted data, on 03/13/2025, from 2:58:26 AM(UTC+0) to 3:00:42 AM(UTC+0), which in the central daylight time conversion of the journey is 03/12/2025 at 9:58:26 PM to 10:00:42 CDT, the GPS coordinates of 44.012091, -92.403007, which mapped in the data at the 3820 Hwy 14 SE address in Marion Township, was a visited place for the phone. The phone was only at the location for 2 minutes and 16 seconds, in which the short duration is indicative of a controlled substance transaction.

Victim's body was transported to the Southeast Minnesota Regional Medical Examiner's Officer for Autopsy. Results of the autopsy show the final anatomic diagnosis as polysubstance toxicity of fentanyl and xylazine. The Minnesota Documentation of Death listed the cause of death as toxic effects of fentanyl and xylazine.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: YOU MUST APPEAR FOR EVERY COURT HEARING REGARDING THIS CASE. FAILURE TO APPEAR FOR COURT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE AND MAY RESULT IN ADDITIONAL CRIMINAL CHARGES BEING IMPOSED AND PUNISHED AS PROVIDED IN MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 609.49.**



**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**

Malinda M Hanson  
Lieutenant  
101 4th Street SE  
Rochester, MN 55904-3718  
Badge: 1675

Electronically Signed:  
05/18/2026 02:45 PM  
Olmsted County, Minnesota

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

**Prosecuting Attorney**

Andrew M LeTourneau  
Assistant Olmsted County  
Attorney  
151 4th Street SE  
Government Center - 3rd Floor  
Rochester, MN 55904  
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Electronically Signed:  
05/18/2026 02:38 PM

**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: May 19, 2026.

**Judicial Officer**

Christa M. Daily  
judge

Electronically Signed: 05/19/2026 09:00 AM

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

**COUNTY OF OLMSTED  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**State of Minnesota**

Plaintiff

vs.

**Charles Antonio Webster Sr**

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:** Charles Antonio Webster Sr  
**DOB:** 07/22/1974  
**Address:** 690 25th ST SW  
Rochester, MN 55902

**Alias Names/DOB:**

**SID:** MN94011310

**Height:**

**Weight:** 160lbs.

**Eye Color:** Brown

**Hair Color:** Black

**Gender:** MALE

**Race:** Black

**Fingerprints Required per Statute:** Yes

**Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:** Yes

**Driver's License #:**

**Alcohol Concentration:**

**STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID**

<b>Cnt Nbr</b>	<b>Statute Type</b>	<b>Offense Date(s)</b>	<b>Statute Nbrs and Descriptions</b>	<b>Offense Level</b>	<b>MOC</b>	<b>GOC</b>	<b>Controlling Agencies</b>	<b>Case Numbers</b>
1	Charge	3/12/2025	609.195(b) Murder - 3rd Degree - Sell/Give/Distribute Controlled Substance - Schedules 1 & 2	Felony			MN0550000	25906458
	Penalty	3/12/2025	609.195(b) Murder - 3rd Degree - Sell/Give/Distribute Controlled Substance - Schedules 1 & 2	Felony			MN0550000	25906458
2	Charge	3/12/2025	609.20(4) Manslaughter - 1st Degree - Sell/Give/Distribute Controlled Substance - Schedules 3,4,5.	Felony			MN0550000	25906458
	Penalty	3/12/2025	609.20 Manslaughter - 1st Degree	Felony			MN0550000	25906458
3	Charge	3/12/2025	152.021.1(3) Drugs - 1st Degree - Sale - 10 grams or more, 40 dosage units or more; heroin or fentanyl	Felony			MN0550000	25906458
	Penalty	3/12/2025	152.021.3(a) Drugs - 1st Degree - Sale/Possession - Penalty - 30 Years/\$1,000,000.	Felony			MN0550000	25906458