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STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF WASECA

THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COURT FILE NUMBER: 81-JV-14-310

PROSECUTOR FILE NUMBER: 14CR00160

In the Matter of the Welfare of:

Juvenile Petition

John David Ladue
[REDACTED]

Waseca, MN 56093

Date of Birth: 12/19/1996 (17)

Race/Ethnicity:

CHARGE(S)

Count: 1 Murder -1st Degree - Premeditated

In Violation of: 609.185 subd. (a)(1)

Penalty Statute: 609.185

Modifier: 609.17 subd. 1 - Anticipatory Crimes-Attempts

On or about July 24, 2013 through April 29, 2014, within the County of Waseca, defendant, with intent to commit a crime, did an act which is a substantial step toward, and more than preparation for, the commission of the crime of first degree murder; to wit: the defendant obtained guns, ammunition, and manufactured bombs in an attempt to kill his father.

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WASECA COUNTY, MN

Count: 2 Murder -1st Degree - Premeditated

In Violation of: 609.185 subd. (a)(1)

Penalty Statute: 609.185

Modifier: 609.17 subd. 1 - Anticipatory Crimes-Attempts

On or about July 24, 2013 through April 29, 2014, within the County of Waseca, defendant, with intent to commit a crime, did an act which is a substantial step toward, and more than preparation for, the commission of the crime of first degree murder; to wit: the defendant obtained guns, ammunition, and manufactured bombs in an attempt to kill his mother.

Count: 3 Murder -1st Degree - Premeditated

In Violation of: 609.185 subd. (a)(1)

Penalty Statute: 609.185

Modifier: 609.17 subd. 1 - Anticipatory Crimes-Attempts

On or about July 24, 2013 through April 29, 2014, within the County of Waseca, defendant, with intent to commit a crime, did an act which is a substantial step toward, and more than preparation for, the commission of the crime of first degree murder; to wit: the defendant obtained guns, ammunition, and manufactured bombs in an attempt to kill his sister.

Count: 4 Murder -1st Degree - Premeditated

In Violation of: 609.185 subd. (a)(1)

Penalty Statute: 609.185

Modifier: 609.17 subd. 1 - Anticipatory Crimes-Attempts

On or about July 24, 2013 through April 29, 2014, within the County of Waseca, defendant, with intent to commit a crime, did an act which is a substantial step toward, and more than preparation for, the commission of the crime of first degree murder; to wit: the defendant obtained guns, ammunition, and manufactured bombs in an attempt to kill Waseca School Liaison/Waseca Police Officer Jared Chrz.

Count: 5 Damage to Prop-1st Deg-Forseeable Risk Bodily Harm

In Violation of: 609.595 subd. 1(1)

Penalty Statute: 609.595 subd. 1

Modifier: 609.17 subd. 1 - Anticipatory Crimes-Attempts

On or about 7/24/2013 to 4/29/2014, within the County of Waseca, defendant, with intent to commit a crime, did an act which is a substantial step toward, and more than preparation for, the commission of the crime of criminal damage to property in the first degree, where the damage to the property caused a reasonably foreseeable risk of bodily harm; to wit: the defendant purchased items to manufacture incendiary devises, manufactured incendiary devices, and made changes to his incendiary devices in an attempt to manufacture incendiary devices to explode at the Waseca Senior & Junior High School that would have the most probability of causing death and harm to students.

Count: 6 Damage to Prop-1st Deg-Value Reduced Over \$1000

In Violation of: 609.595 subd. 1(3)

Penalty Statute: 609.595 subd. 1

Modifier: 609.17 subd. 1 - Anticipatory Crimes-Attempts

On or about 7/24/2013 to 4/29/2014, within the County of Waseca, defendant, with intent to commit a crime, did an act which is a substantial step toward, and more than preparation for, the commission of the crime of criminal damage to property in the first degree, where the damage to the property caused a reasonably foreseeable risk of bodily harm; to wit: the defendant purchased items to manufacture incendiary devices, manufactured incendiary devices, and made changes to his incendiary devices in an attempt to manufacture incendiary devices to explode at the Waseca Senior & Junior High School that would have the most probability of catching fire and burning down the school.

Count: 7 Explosive/Incendiary Device-Possession By U/18 yr

In Violation of: 609.668 subd. 2(a)

Penalty Statute: 609.668 subd. 6(a)

On or about 7/24/2013 to 4/29/2014, within the County of Waseca, defendant, a person under the age of 18 years, possessed an explosive or incendiary device; to wit: the defendant manufactured an explosive and incendiary device and stored it in his bedroom.

Count: 8 Explosive/Incendiary Device-Possession By U/18 yr

In Violation of: 609.668 subd. 2(a)

Penalty Statute: 609.668 subd. 6(a)

On or about 7/24/2013 to 4/29/2014, within the County of Waseca, defendant, a person under the age of 18 years, possessed an explosive or incendiary device; to wit: the defendant manufactured an explosive and incendiary device and stored it in his bedroom.

Count: 9 Explosive/Incendiary Device-Possession By U/18 yr

In Violation of: 609.668 subd. 2(a)

Penalty Statute: 609.668 subd. 6(a)

On or about 7/24/2013 to 4/29/2014, within the County of Waseca, defendant, a person under the age of 18 years, possessed an explosive or incendiary device; to wit: the defendant manufactured an explosive and incendiary device and stored it in his bedroom.

Count: 10 Explosive/Incendiary Device-Possession By U/18 yr

In Violation of: 609.668 subd. 2(a)

Penalty Statute: 609.668 subd. 6(a)

On or about 7/24/2013 to 4/29/2014, within the County of Waseca, defendant, a person under the age of 18 years, possessed an explosive or incendiary device; to wit: the defendant manufactured an explosive and incendiary device and stored it in storage unit.

Count: 11 Explosive/Incendiary Device-Possession By U/18 yr

In Violation of: 609.668 subd. 2(a)

Penalty Statute: 609.668 subd. 6(a)

On or about 7/24/2013 to 4/29/2014, within the County of Waseca, defendant, a person under the age of 18 years, possessed an explosive or incendiary device; to wit: the defendant manufactured an explosive and incendiary device and stored it in storage unit.

Count: 12 Explosive/Incendiary Device-Possession By U/18 yr

In Violation of: 609.668 subd. 2(a)

Penalty Statute: 609.668 subd. 6(a)

On or about 7/24/2013 to 4/29/2014, within the County of Waseca, defendant, a person under the age of 18 years, possessed an explosive or incendiary device; to wit: the defendant manufactured an explosive and incendiary device and stored it in storage unit.

Statement of Probable Cause

The Petition states to the above-named Court that there is probable cause to believe that the Child committed the following described offense(s). Based upon the following probable cause statement:

Petitioner is Waseca Police Department Captain Kris Markeson, who was involved in the investigation of and has reviewed police reports regarding this investigation and learned the following:

On April 29, 2014, at approximately 7:24 pm, Waseca Police Officers were dispatched to the MiniMax Storage Units, located in the 1300 block of 5th Street SE, within the City of Waseca, on a report of a suspicious person. An identified caller reported to 911 that a tall white male, wearing a back pack, opened a storage unit, went inside the storage unit, and then shut the door to the storage unit. The caller felt this activity was suspicious.

Waseca Police Officers Sam McGinnis, Tim Schroeder and Sergeant Scott Girtler all arrived at the storage facility. They found John David LaDue in storage unit #129. The inside of the storage unit contained very few items, that could have easily been stored in a residence, and led officers to wonder why someone would rent a storage unit for so few possessions. There were several small lanterns inside the storage unit to provide light. Officers also saw numerous materials commonly used for making explosive devices, including ammunition boxes, a scale, a pressure cooker box, and packaging material for red iron oxide.

LaDue initially told police that the storage unit was his but later admitted that it was rented, on his behalf, by a friend's mother. ✓

During his initial contact with officers, LaDue was defensive. He then told Officer Schroeder that if the officer could guess correctly what LaDue was doing in the storage unit that LaDue would talk with police. Officer Schroeder told LaDue that he believed that LaDue had been making explosive devices. LaDue said yes. LaDue then said he would talk with officers but not at the storage unit. Officer Schroeder asked LaDue if he would voluntarily go to the Waseca Police Department and LaDue said yes. LaDue was given a ride to the Waseca Police Department where Officer Schroeder conducted an interview with LaDue.

LaDue said that he had an SKS assault rifle, with 400 rounds of ammunition, a Beretta 9mm handgun, with ammunition, and a metal gun safe containing additional firearms, all in his bedroom at home. LaDue had the key to the gun safe and provided it to Officer Schroeder. LaDue admitted having three bombs/explosive devices already assembled and stored in his bedroom. LaDue said that he had a 180 page notebook, in his bedroom, detailing his plans for the explosives, firearms, and ammunition. LaDue said the notebook was in a locked guitar case in his bedroom. LaDue gave Officer Schroeder the key to unlock the guitar case.

LaDue told Officer Schroeder that his plan was to begin a day by killing his mother, father, and sister. He said that he planned to shoot them with a .22 caliber rifle so it did not make as much noise as some of his other firearms. He would then go out to a rural location and start a fire in a field in an attempt to draw first responders away from Waseca and keep them occupied. LaDue

was then planning on returning to Waseca and going to the Waseca Junior & Senior High School. He planned to bring with him several explosive/incendiary devices, Molotov cocktails, firearms, and ammunition. LaDue planned to set off pressure cooker bombs, one containing metal ball bearings and the other containing cans of WD-40, metal nuts and nails, in the cafeteria area during second lunch period. LaDue hoped to kill and maim students with the explosive devices and while School Liaison Officer Jared Chrz was helping the injured students, LaDue planned to shoot and kill Officer Chrz. LaDue wanted to kill Officer Chrz so that he did not stop him from his plans for killing more students. Then LaDue planned to shoot and kill as many students as he could. LaDue planned on setting off pipe bombs and throwing Molotov cocktails down the main wing corridors in the school, and then shooting and killing students as they rushed out of the corridors. LaDue said he planned on the SWAT team killing him.

LaDue admitted to detonating explosive devices in various locations in Waseca in attempts to perfect his explosive devices. LaDue admitted that he was the person involved with the explosive devices at Hartley Elementary School. Petitioner is aware that in March of 2014, after a snow thaw, bits of explosive devices were found near the playground at Hartley School. LaDue was correctly able to identify the Elmo toy used to house the explosive devices, the number of explosive devices found in the toy, and the type of material used to create the explosive devices. LaDue also admitted to detonating two explosive devices at a local church and broke a window during the detonation of the second explosive device. LaDue admitted to detonating explosive devices at Oak Park, which resulted in minor damage to a slide, and a bench near the Waseca Junior & Senior High softball fields.

LaDue told Officer Schroeder that if he had brought a gun with him to the storage unit on April 29, 2014, he would have shot the responding officers. He said that he brought a knife with him but he did not use that because the officers responded so quickly and he was unable to use it effectively.

Officers recovered LaDue's notebook from his home, exactly where he told officers it would be, in his locked guitar case. In a follow up interview with Special Agent Micheal Anderson, of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, LaDue was showed a digital picture of the notebook recovered from LaDue's guitar case. LaDue acknowledged that the notebook was his and he was solely responsible for all the writings contained in the notebook. LaDue acknowledged that the entries in the notebook detailed his feelings and plans regarding his planned attack on the Waseca school. LaDue journaled his thoughts, plans, to-do lists, supply lists, successes and failures with experimentation on different types of explosive devices, what changes to make to the explosive devices learned through his trials and failures, reconnaissance he planned to do at the school regarding security and sprinkler system locations, attempts and successes he made at acquiring additional firearms and ammunition, and his alternate plans should something go wrong during his attempts to kill students at the school. LaDue's first journal entry was made on July 24, 2013, and his last journal entry was made on April 27, 2014.

In his first journal entry, LaDue listed his detailed plan to kill his family and Officer Chrz, start a fire for diversion, detonate bombs at the school, and kill as many students as possible. Over the nine-month time span in the journal, LaDue never changed his plan of first killing his family members, starting a fire in rural Waseca County to lure away and occupy first responders, detonating bombs, near the cafeteria during second lunch hour, to injure/kill students that would lure School Liaison

Officer Chrz, kill Officer Chrz, then kill as many students as he could. LaDue did make changes to his plans as to the exact components and chemicals to use to manufacture the explosive devices he planned to use. LaDue conducted experiments to determine which chemicals and components would provide the most flash, fire capability, and would cause the most deaths. LaDue debated which chemicals would stick to the walls and floors of the schools so that the fires would not go out but would continue to remain ignited and would grow in size. LaDue debated which type of metal shrapnel, to include in the explosive devices, to cause the most physical injury and property damage. Petitioner is aware that if LaDue carried out his plans to use the explosive devices and Molotov cocktails at the school, the resulting property damage would be in excess of \$1,000.

LaDue detailed his steps in obtaining the components and chemicals used in manufacturing the explosive devices: this included getting a job so he would have money to buy the necessary items, getting a checking account and debit card, opening a Pay/Pal account to use to buy items on-line, researching bomb making and bomb components/chemicals on-line, renting a storage unit, and buying the chemicals and components to manufacture explosive devices. LaDue listed the scientific names for the chemicals he intended to use, the amounts of the chemicals, and how much of a blast radius to expect with the chemicals. LaDue detailed changes he made to his manufacturing of explosive devices that included the type of detonator/timer, adhesives to use to attach the end caps, wiring, fuses, material of end caps, and type of shrapnel to include in the explosive devices. LaDue listed his plans on how to get the explosive devices into the school, where to place them, and what to put them in to disguise them. LaDue decided to put the pressure cooker bombs into cardboard recycling boxes and place them near the drinking fountains on each side of the cafeteria.

LaDue detailed his steps in acquiring additional firearms and ammunition: this included stealing ammunition from a relative, buying a gun on his own, attempting to burglarize a home in order to steal a firearm from inside the home, and his plans to saw off a shotgun if he was able to obtain one.

In his journal, LaDue made references to other school shootings, such as Columbine, Virginia Tech, and Sandy Hook. LaDue idolized Eric Harris and made several references to both Harris and Dylan Klebold, the shooters involved in the Columbine school shooting. LaDue critiqued what Harris and Klebold did right and wrong during the Columbine school shooting. LaDue told Officer Schroeder that he wanted to carry out his plan to kill on April 20th, the anniversary of the Columbine school shooting but that did not work out because April 20th of this year was Easter Sunday and there was no school that day. Based upon statements from LaDue, the items found in his bedroom and storage units, officers believe that LaDue intended to carry out his plan to kill within the next week or two.

Petitioner is aware that judicial search warrants were obtained to search both LaDue's home and his storage unit. Petitioner is aware that officers found seven firearms inside LaDue's bedroom along with ammunition for the firearms. Petitioner is aware that the Bloomington Bomb Squad came to Waseca to assist with the explosive devices and bomb making chemicals and components. Members of the bomb squad recovered three bombs from the defendant's home. Members of the bomb squad found the following items in the storage unit: three bombs, approximately 10-12 inches in length, approximately one inch in diameter; three 5 pound bags of

potassium perchlorate; two 2.5 pound aluminum powder packages; five 1 pound bags of aluminum powder; two 1 pound bottles of smokeless powder; one 10 pound bag of red iron oxide; one gallon of roof cement; antistatic bags used for blending interjection compounds; green metal ammo case completely full of metal ball bearings; plastic coffee can containing metal ball bearings and screws; black case containing two Quantum Fire QF2X6 remote firing systems; a green container with an ANO6R firing system; pressure cooker; three boxes of Remington 12 gauge buckshot; ski mask, BDU pants, black long sleeve shirt, black duster/trench coat, black state farm backpack style bag, and black book bag; end caps, fuses, pvc pipes, cans of static guard, goggles, pvc cement, wire, scissors, and glue; nine spent CO2 cartridges, wire stripper, solder gun, and solder; metal pipe with end cap and hobby fuse; two metal pipes with end caps; Avon pipe #1, Avon pipe #2, Avon pipe #3, three end caps, E-blank opening, and hobby fuses; five "Ball" mason style glass jars; two small LED lanterns; green pouch containing 12 gauge .00 buck shot shells; miscellaneous electrical supplies, Christmas light bulbs, and military trip wire; seven pvc pipes and nine pvc end caps; cans of WD-40; time fuse; and scales. The Bloomington Bomb Squad detonated the completed bombs. The bomb squad members were shocked by the amount of bomb making chemicals and components LaDue had. Bomb squad members said they have never seen that much of some of those chemical in one place. Petitioner is aware that Ladue had approximately 60 pounds of metal ball bearings.

The name, and post office address of the child's parents guardian, and spouse, if any, and of the person having custody or control over the child, and if no parent or guardian can be found, of the nearest known relative, are:

Name/Relation	Address	County
Stephanie LaDue – Mother	[REDACTED]	Waseca County
David LaDue – Father	[REDACTED]	

I endorse this Petition as to form and verify the contents are true to the best of my information and belief and that reasonable grounds exist to support the Petition.

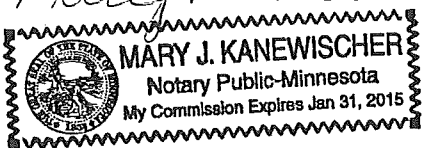
PETITIONER'S NAME:

PETITIONER'S SIGNATURE:

KRIS MARKESON

[Handwritten Signature]

*Subscribed and sworn to before me May 1, 2014.
Mary Kanewischer*

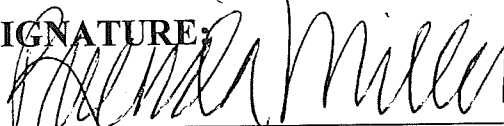


Being duly authorized to prosecute the offense(s) charged, I hereby approve this Petition.

DATE:

5-1-14

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S
SIGNATURE:**



Brenda Miller Esq 220218
Chief Deputy County Attorney

In the Matter of the welfare of John David Ladue

Prosecutor File Number: 14CR00160

JUVENILE CHARGES DETAIL

Count:	1
Charge Statute: - Premeditated (F)	609.185 subd. (a)(1) - Murder -1st Degree
MOC:	H1H01
GOC:	Attempt
Penalty:	609.185 - Murder - 1st Degree
Arresting ORI/Cntrl #:	MN0810300/14002258
Reporting ORI/Cntrl #:	None/None

Count: 2
Charge Statute: 609.185 subd. (a)(1) - Murder -1st Degree
- Premeditated (F)
MOC: H1H01
GOC: Attempt
Penalty: 609.185 - Murder - 1st Degree
Arresting ORI/Cntrl #: MN0810300/14002258
Reporting ORI/Cntrl #: None/None

Count: 3
Charge Statute: 609.185 subd. (a)(1) - Murder -1st Degree
- Premeditated (F)
MOC: HIHO1
GOC: Attempt
Penalty: 609.185 - Murder - 1st Degree
Arresting ORI/Cntrl #: MN0810300/14002258
Reporting ORI/Cntrl #: None/None

Count: 4
Charge Statute: 609.185 subd. (a)(1) - Murder -1st Degree
- Premeditated (F)
MOC: H1H07
GOC: Attempt
Penalty: 609.185 - Murder - 1st Degree

Arresting ORI/Cntrl #:	MN0810300/14002258
Reporting ORI/Cntrl #:	None/None
Count:	5
Charge Statute: Deg-Forseeable Risk Bodily Harm (F)	609.595 subd. 1(1) - Damage to Prop-1st
MOC:	P11E1
GOC:	Attempt
Penalty: Deg-Value Reduced Over \$1000	609.595 subd. 1 - Damage to Prop-1st
Arresting ORI/Cntrl #:	MN0810300/14002258
Reporting ORI/Cntrl #:	None/None
Count:	6
Charge Statute: Deg-Value Reduced Over \$1000 (F)	609.595 subd. 1(3) - Damage to Prop-1st
MOC:	P11EH
GOC:	Attempt
Penalty: Deg-Value Reduced Over \$1000	609.595 subd. 1 - Damage to Prop-1st
Arresting ORI/Cntrl #:	MN0810300/14002258
Reporting ORI/Cntrl #:	None/None
Count:	7

Charge Statute: 609.668 subd. 2(a) - Explosive/Incendiary
Device-Possession By U/18 yr (F)
MOC: W145E
GOC: NA
Penalty: 609.668 subd. 6(a) - Explosive/Incendiary
Dev-Possess/Make/Transp/Store
Arresting ORI/Cntrl #: MN0810300/14002258
Reporting ORI/Cntrl #: None/None

Count: 8
Charge Statute: 609.668 subd. 2(a) - Explosive/Incendiary
Device-Possession By U/18 yr (F)
MOC: W145E
GOC: NA
Penalty: 609.668 subd. 6(a) - Explosive/Incendiary
Dev-Possess/Make/Transp/Store
Arresting ORI/Cntrl #: MN0810300/14002258
Reporting ORI/Cntrl #: None/None

Count: 9
Charge Statute: 609.668 subd. 2(a) - Explosive/Incendiary
Device-Possession By U/18 yr (F)
MOC: W145E
GOC: NA

Penalty: 609.668 subd. 6(a) - Explosive/Incendiary
Dev-Possess/Make/Transp/Store

Arresting ORI/Cntrl #: MN0810300/14002258

Reporting ORI/Cntrl #: None/None

Count: 10

Charge Statute: 609.668 subd. 2(a) - Explosive/Incendiary
Device-Possession By U/18 yr (F)

MOC: W145E

GOC: NA

Penalty: 609.668 subd. 6(a) - Explosive/Incendiary
Dev-Possess/Make/Transp/Store

Arresting ORI/Cntrl #: MN0810300/14002258

Reporting ORI/Cntrl #: None/None

Count: 11

Charge Statute: 609.668 subd. 2(a) - Explosive/Incendiary
Device-Possession By U/18 yr (F)

MOC: W145E

GOC: NA

Penalty: 609.668 subd. 6(a) - Explosive/Incendiary
Dev-Possess/Make/Transp/Store

Arresting ORI/Cntrl #: MN0810300/14002258

Reporting ORI/Cntrl #: None/None

Count:	12
Charge Statute:	609.668 subd. 2(a) - Explosive/Incendiary
Device-Possession By U/18 yr (F)	
MOC:	W145E
GOC:	NA
Penalty:	609.668 subd. 6(a) - Explosive/Incendiary
Dev-Possess/Make/Transp/Store	
Arresting ORI/Cntrl #:	MN0810300/14002258
Reporting ORI/Cntrl #:	None/None

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JUVENILE FACT SHEET

1. **Other DOBs:**
2. **Gender:** Male
3. **Race/Ethnicity:**
4. **CID:**
5. **Alias Information:**
6. **Fingerprinted:** Done
7. **Photographed:**
8. **Handgun Permit:**
9. **Location of Violation:**
10. **Drivers License #:** Y 885 283 122 621 (MN)
11. **Accident Type:**
12. **License Plate #:**
13. **BAC Status:**
14. **BAC Level:**
15. **Master File Number:**
16. **Petition Number:**
17. **Petition Type:** Delinquency Petition
18. **Initial Appearance:** 5/1/2014
19. **Probation:**
20. **EJJ Motion Filed:**
21. **Certification Motion Filed:**
22. **Prosecutor Desig. EJJ** ***No case stmt for: Delinquency Petition-
Prosecutor Designated EJJ ***