

STATE OF MICHIGAN 12th JUDICIAL DISTRICT 4th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

# COMPLAINT FELONY

DISTRICT: CIRCUIT:

CTN: 96-20900969-01

MSP #:

District Court ORI: MI380025J Circuit Court ORI: MI380015J AG ORI: MI820025A

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN			Victim or complainant: STATE OF MICHIGAN		
					PAUL EDWARD BELLAR
MILFORD, MI 48381					
Co-defendant(s)			Date: On or about		
Pete Musico AKA Phillip Westenberger, Joseph Matthew Morrison			11/01/2019 to 10/07/2020		
City/Twp./Village	County in Michigan	Defendant SID	Defendant DOB		
County of Jackson	Jackson				
Charge(s)			Maximum Penalty		
See Below			See Below		

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF JACKSON

The complaining witness says that on the above date range and in Munith, Jackson County, MI, the defendant, contrary to law,

#### **COUNT 1:** TERRORIST ACTS - PROVIDING MATERIAL SUPPORT

did knowingly provide material support or resources to a terrorist or terrorist organization, to be used in whole or in part, to plan, prepare, carry out, facilitate, or avoid apprehension for committing an act of terrorism against the United States or its citizens, this state or its citizens, or a political subdivision or any other instrumentality of this state or of a local unit of government; contrary to MCL 750.543k(1)(b). [750.543K1B]

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#### **COUNT 2:** GANG MEMBERSHIP FELONIES

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The complaining witness asks that defendant be apprehended and dealt with according to law.

Warrant authorized on	Complaining witness signature	
	Subscribed and sworn to before me on	
	Judge/Magistrate/Clerk Bar no.	

STATE OF MICHIGAN DISTRICT: CIRCUIT: 12th JUDICIAL DISTRICT WARRANT CTN: 96-20900969-01 4th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT **FELONY** MSP #: AG ORI: MI820025A District Court ORI: MI380025J Circuit Court ORI: MI380015J Victim or complainant: STATE OF MICHIGAN THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN **PAUL EDWARD BELLAR** MILFORD, MI 48381 Complaining Witness Height: Weight: Hair Color: Eye Color: Race: Sex: Date: On or about 6'02" UKN 190 lbs **BRO** 11/01/2019 to 10/07/2020 UKN County in Michigan City/Twp./Village Defendant SID Defendant DOB County of Jackson **JACKSON** 

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Charge(s)

See Below

To any peace officer or court officer authorized to make arrest: The complaining witness has filed a sworn complaint in this court stating:

Maximum Penalty

See Below

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District Court immediately.	·	
The defendant may be relea interim bail	sed before arraignment if \$	is posted as
by Date	·	
	(SEAL)	
Date	Judge/Magistrate	Bar no.

Upon examination of the complaining witness, I find that the offense(s) charged has/have been committed and that there is probable cause to believe that defendant committed the offense(s). THEREFORE, IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, I order you to arrest and bring defendant before the 12th

# **RETURN**

As ordered in this warrant, the defendant was arrested on		at	
at	Date	Time	
Place of arrest			
Date		Peace officer	
PROSECUTION TO BE HANDLED BY:			
Gregory J. Townsend (P35857)			

STATE OF MICHIGAN 12th JUDICIAL DISTR 4th JUDICIAL CIRCUI	RICT	ADULT BINDOVER	DISTRICT: CIRCUIT: CTN: 96-20900969-01
		BINDOVER	MSP #:
District Court ORI: MI3800	)25J (	Circuit Court ORI: MI380015J	AG ORI: MI820025A
THE PEOPLE OF TH	E STATE OF MICHIC	GAN	Victim or complainant:
v			STATE OF MICHIGAN
PAUL EDWARD BEL	LAR		
MILFORD, MI 48381	•		
MILI OND, MI 4030	•		Complaining Witness
Co-defendant(s)			Date: On or about
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Charge(s)	JACKSON		Maximum Penalty
See Below			See Below
Date:		District Judge:	
			Bar no.
Reporter/Recorder	Cert.	no. Represented	by counsel Bar no.
	Γ	EXAMINATION WAIVER	
1. I, the defendant, under	stand:	ENGLISH VINCENCE	
a. I have a right to em	nlov an attornev		
b. I may request a cou	irt appointed attorney if I a	m financially unable to employ one. ere it must be shown that a crime was comi	mitted and probable cause exists to charge me with the
2. I voluntarily waive my i	right to a preliminary exam	ination and understand that I will be bound	over to circuit court on the charges in the complaint and
warrant (or as amende			
	Bar no.	Defendant	
		ADULT BIND OVER	
☐ 3. Examination has be	een waived.		
	ld and it was found that pr the defendant committed t		offense not cognizable by the district court has been
☐ 5. The defendant is b	oound over to circuit court	to appear on	at m.
<b></b>	( )	Date	Time
on the charge	(s) in the complaint.		
on the ame	ended charge(s) of		

MCL/PACC Code \_\_\_\_

Judge

6. Bond is set in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. Type of bond:

Date

Posted

Bar no.

STATE OF MICHIGAN 12th JUDICIAL DISTR 4th JUDICIAL CIRCUI	ICT	INFORMATION FELONY	DISTRICT: CIRCUIT: CTN: 96-20900969-01 MSP #:
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#### STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF JACKSON

Charge(s)

See Below

IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN: Dana Nessel, Attorney General for the State of Michigan, appears before the court and informs the court that on the above date range and in Munith, Jackson County, MI, the defendant:

Maximum Penalty
See Below

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and against the peace and dignity of the State of Michigan.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN 12TH DISTRICT COURT #2 4th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT		MITTIMUS FELONY			CASE NO	D: 2020900969
The People of the State of Michiga	n Vs	Offense Information Date of Offense 11/01/2019 to 10/0		Police Ag	gency / R	eport No.
Paul Edward Bellar 96-20900969-01	VS	SEX RAC		DOB		SID K209009691
Defendant(s)						
<b>Charge(s)</b> 750/543K1B 01 750/411U 01 750/227B-A 01		Type of offense		BOND	HISTOR	Y
Defendant Alias(s): HOL	.DS:	[] Felony	Date Set	Date Posted	Туре	Amount
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	Scheduled	court appearances:				
	DATE	TIME	COUR	T LOCATIO	ON	
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To the Sheriff or Custodial Agency: Yo of the Court, or until such time as bail bor the Defendant to all hearings and Court a	nd or personal recogniza	ance is posted. When th	ne Defend	our care and ant is in your	custody ur custody, y	ntil further order /ou are to bring
Date	_	Judge/Magistrate			Ва	r no.

State of Michigan

# AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF COMPLAINT

Case No:
District:
Circuit:

### THE COMPLAINING WITNESS, ON INFORMATION AND BELIEF, SAYS:

- 1. I, Brian Russell, am a Detective Sergeant with the Michigan Department of State Police and been employed as a law enforcement officer for over 20 years. Affiant has served in multiple capacities during my career with the Michigan State Police.
- 2. The Michigan State Police (MSP) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) have jointly investigated an anti-government militia group within Michigan called the Wolverine Watchmen, an anti-government, anti-law enforcement, militia group who have performed tactical training at 8008 Dunn Rd., Munith, Michigan (Jackson County). The Wolverine Watchmen and associates have made terroristic threats towards government officials and organizations and provided material support for planned acts of terrorism. The facts of this affidavit and my knowledge of this investigation come from training, experience, and information provided to me by Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Special Agents (SA) Henrik Impola and Jayson Chambers, MSP D/Sgt. Brian Russell and other investigators as part of a joint domestic terrorism investigation.
- 3. In early 2020, FBI became aware of groups of individuals in several states that were discussing a violent overthrow of government and law enforcement entities. These groups agreed to unite others in their cause and take violent action against government entities they believed to be violating the U.S. Constitution.
- 4. The "Wolverine Watchmen" is a militia group who recruited members using a social media platform, FaceBook, since November 2019. Once recruited, members communicated via a secure, encrypted messaging platform. Members of Wolverine Watchmen periodically met for "field training exercises" (FTXs) on private property in remote areas where they engaged in firearms training and tactical drills to prepare for the "boogaloo," a terms referencing a violent uprising against the government or impending politically-motivated civil war. Joseph Morrison and Pete Musico are founding members of the Wolverine Watchmen. Joseph Morrison is considered Wolverine Watchmen's "Commander" and is known by the online moniker "Boogaloo Bunyan."
- 5. The Wolverine Watchmen have called on members to identify law enforcement officers home addresses in order to target the officers, have made threats of violence to instigate a civil war leading to societal collapse, and have engaged in planning and training for an operation to attack the Capitol of Michigan, and kidnap Government officials including the Governor of Michigan.

- 6. Joseph Morrison and Pete Musico are individuals that reside at 8008 Dunn Rd., Munith, Michigan located in Jackson County where FTXs have been conducted. Joseph Morrison and Pete Musico have hosted multiple tactical training sessions with other members of the Wolverine Watchmen at their property. During these trainings, specific training was provided for members to learn and practice tactical maneuvers. The group has drawn upon their members' individual skills for trainings including tactical skills, medical knowledge, communications knowledge, and weapons expertise. For instance, member Paul Bellar, who was appointed the role of "Sergeant," had specific expertise in medical and firearms training and designed tactical exercises for training.
- 7. Wolverine Watchmen members together with another group of individuals led by Adam Fox engaged in planning and training for various acts of violence, including kidnapping politicians and storming the Michigan Capitol Building in Lansing.
- 8. Ultimately, participants of these trainings and meetings, led by Michigan resident Adam Fox, went on to engage in a plot to kidnap the Governor of Michigan by the November 2020 national election. In preparing for this plot, Shawn Fix, William Null, Michael Null and Eric Molitor all aided in physical surveillance of the Governor's private vacation home. Several other members of this conspiracy are being charged federally for their part in the plot to kidnap the Governor.
- 9. Based on my training and experience, as well as other information received from other law enforcement officers and the facts outlined in this affidavit, your Affiant believes that Paul Bellar conspired with others and in fact provided material support and resources in the furtherance of terrorist acts. In particular, Paul Bellar has provided plans for tactical maneuvers at trainings, coded language for covert communication, hosted meetings at his residence, provided ammunition, and coordinated logistics for trainings contrary to MCL 750.543k. While providing material support to a terrorist, Paul Bellar was in possession of a firearm.
- 10. Your affiant believes, based upon the facts of this investigation, that the Wolverine Watchmen as an organization, sub-groups of Wolverine Watchmen, or associates of Wolverine Watchmen have provided the means and opportunity to commit material support for terrorism, in violation of MCL 750.411u.
- 11. By pooling the skills of its members and providing training, the Wolverine Watchmen organization and its associates have provided training and expertise to materially support and provide resources to plan, prepare, carry out or facilitate acts of terrorism.

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# **Count 2 – Gang Membership Felonies**

Being as associate or member of a gang, did commit or attempt to the commit the felony of Providing Material Support for Terrorist Acts and his association or membership in the gang provided the motive, means, or opportunity for committing the crime; contrary to MCL 750.411u.

## Count 3 – Felony Firearm

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#### FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

Dated:	Detective/Sergeant Brian Russell
STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF Subscribed and sworn to before me This day of October, 2020.	
, NOTARY PUBLIC COUNTY, MICHIGAN MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:	$\mathbf{C}$