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State of Minnesota
County of Hubbard

District Court
9th Judicial District

Prosecutor File No. 26CR01107
Court File No. 29-CR-26-241

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

VINCENT FRANCIS BELLOMO DOB: [redacted]

[redacted]

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

Warrant

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: Wrongfully Obtaining Assistance-Theft- By False Stmts,Concealment, Impersonation
Minnesota Statute: 256.98.1(1), with reference to: 609.52.3(2)
Maximum Sentence: 10 years and/or $20,000.00
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/20/2023

Control #(ICR#): 26000675

Charge Description: On or about 6/20/2023, within the County of Hubbard, State of Minnesota, the defendant did obtain or attempt to obtain, or aids or abets any person to obtain by means of a willfully false statement or representation, by intentional concealment of any material fact, or by impersonation or other fraudulent device, assistance or the continued receipt of assistance, to include child care assistance or vouchers produced according to sections 145.891 to 145.897 and MinnesotaCare services according to sections 256.9365, 256.94, and 256L.01 to 256L.15, to which the person is not entitled or assistance greater than that to which the person is entitled.

COUNT II

Charge: Perjury
Minnesota Statute: 609.48.1, with reference to: 609.48.4(2)
Maximum Sentence: 5 years and/or $10,000
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/20/2023

Control #(ICR#): 26000675

Charge Description: On or about 06/20/2023, within the County of Hubbard, State of Minnesota, the defendant did make a false material statement not believing it to be true.

COUNT III

Charge: Wrongfully Obtaining Assistance-Theft- By False Stmts,Concealment, Impersonation
Minnesota Statute: 256.98.1(1), with reference to: 609.52.3(2)
Maximum Sentence: 10 years and/or $20,000
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/26/2024

Control #(ICR#): 26000675

Charge Description: On or about 6/26/2024, within the County of Hubbard, the defendant did obtain or attempt to obtain, or aids or abets any person to obtain by means of a willfully false statement or representation, by intentional concealment of any material fact, or by impersonation or other fraudulent device, assistance or the continued receipt of assistance, to include child care assistance or vouchers produced according to sections 145.891 to 145.897 and MinnesotaCare services according to sections 256.9365, 256.94, and 256L.01 to 256L.15, to which the person is not entitled or assistance greater than that to which the person is entitled.

COUNT IV

Charge: Perjury
Minnesota Statute: 609.48.1, with reference to: 609.48.4(2)
Maximum Sentence: 5 years and/or $10,000
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/26/2024

Control #(ICR#): 26000675

Charge Description: On or about 06/26/2024, within the County of Hubbard, State of Minnesota, the defendant did make a false material statement not believing it to be true.

COUNT V

Charge: Wrongfully Obtaining Assistance-Theft- By False Stmts,Concealment, Impersonation
Minnesota Statute: 256.98.1(1), with reference to: 609.52.3(2)
Maximum Sentence: 10 years and/or $20,000
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/16/2025

Control #(ICR#): 26000675

Charge Description: On or about 6/16/2025, within the County of Hubbard, State of Minnesota, the defendant did obtain or attempt to obtain, or aids or abets any person to obtain by means of a willfully false statement or representation, by intentional concealment of any material fact, or by impersonation or other fraudulent device, assistance or the continued receipt of assistance, to include child care assistance or vouchers produced according to sections 145.891 to 145.897 and MinnesotaCare services according to sections 256.9365, 256.94, and 256L.01 to 256L.15, to which the person is not entitled or assistance greater than that to which the person is entitled.

COUNT VI

Charge: Perjury
Minnesota Statute: 609.48.1, with reference to: 609.48.4(2)
Maximum Sentence: 5 years and/or $10,000
Offense Level: Felony

Offense Date (on or about): 06/16/2025

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Charge Description: On or about 06/16/2025, within the County of Hubbard, State of Minnesota, the defendant did make a false material statement not believing it to be true.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Complainant believes the following to be true based upon the files and reports of Hubbard County Sheriff's Inv. Bill Schlag:

On January 16, 2026, Inv. Schlag was given information by Hubbard County Senior Financial Worker Sarah Brown regarding potential benefits fraud. The matter had been under investigation by Regional Fraud Prevention Investigator Jonah Koeppen until Koeppen moved to a different role in a separate jurisdiction.

Brown informed Inv. Schlag of possible ongoing fraud perpetrated by Vincent Francis Bellomo, DOB [redacted] (the Defendant). The Defendant lived in Nevis Township, within Hubbard County.

Brown reported that she had served as the Defendant's financial worker since she received his first application for benefits on October 22, 2004. The Defendant has received Medical Assistance, Minnesota Supplemental Aid, Medicare Savings Program benefits, Group Residence Housing Benefits, Emergency General Assistance Benefits, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits since 2004.

In order to obtain state and federal benefits, the Defendant was required to submit an annual renewal application each year to determine any changes in financial circumstances. The application required the Defendant to disclose any and all assets and income.

When an individual applies for or renews benefits, an Asset Verification Service report is created.

On May 8, 2025, Brown discovered that the Defendant had an undisclosed savings account with Northwoods Bank. Brown learned of the account after reviewing an Asset Verification Service Report.

Brown obtained bank documents from the Nevis branch of Northwoods Bank. From the documents, Brown learned that the Defendant opened the savings account on October 25, 2017 with an initial deposit of $3,425. The Defendant was listed as an agent on the account, which allowed him to deposit, withdraw, and move all funds in the account. The Defendant's son Blaze Aaron Bellomo was also listed as an authorized person on the account. Blaze Bellomo was added to the account on November 9, 2017.

On June 4, 2018, the Defendant completed an annual renewal of benefits form. On the form, the Defendant stated that he had no cash, had a Wells Fargo savings account with $1.08 in it, and owned a 1979 Chevrolet El Camino worth $500. The Defendant did not disclose the Northwoods account.

On June 8, 2018, the savings account contained $24,259.66. A bank statement showed no withdrawals or deposits on June 4, 2018. The Defendant signed the form. On the signature page, the form states:

I declare under penalties of perjury that I have examined this application and to the best of my knowledge, it is a true and correct statement of every material point. I understand that a person convicted of perjury may be sentenced to imprisonment of not more than 5 years or payment of a fine not more than $10,000, or both."

Directly above the signed portion of the form, an additional section states that "By signing,

·I understand cash assistance is provided to help eligible families meet their basic needs.
·I understand if I give incorrect information or misuse an electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card, I may be investigated or disqualified or prosecuted for fraud.

·I acknowledge that since my last application or recertification, I have received my cash and/or SNAP benefits directly or used my EBT card to get my cash and/or SNAP benefits.
·I acknowledge that I have read and understand the "Penalty warnings and qualification sections" on page 8.
·I acknowledge that my worker reviewed and explained the attached "Notice of Privacy Practices" (DHS-3979) and "Client Responsibilities and Rights" (DHS-4163).
·I agree to assign my child support as stated above.
·I agree to the sharing of information as stated on the fraud release information section above.
·I agree to the sharing of information as stated in the Social Security numbers section on page ii."

On May 23, 2019, the Defendant completed an annual renewal of benefits form. On the portion of the form that asked whether the Defendant or his spouse owned any assets other than the Defendant's home, the Defendant documents ownership of "car." The form states that "Assets include bank accounts, stocks, bonds, retirement accounts, life insurance, annuities, trusts, contracts for deed, vehicles and real estate." The Defendant did not disclose the Northwoods account, or a Wells Fargo account that contained $71.28.

On March 29, 2019, the Northwoods account contained $33,025.84. On May 28, 2019, the Northwoods account contained $32,825.84. No deposits or withdrawals were made on May 23, 2019.

The Defendant signed the form. On the signature pages, the form states that, "By signing below:

·I agree to and understand the statements listed above.
·I agree I have read and understand the Notice of Privacy Practices and the list of my responsibilities in that Notice.
·I agree that I have read and understand the Rights and Responsibilities section including Following the rules, Changes and Liens and Estate Claims.
·I understand I may be prosecuted for fraud if I give wrong information or misuse an electronic benefits transfer card.
·I understand my benefits may stop or change because of information I give on this form. I understand changes may be made to my benefits without 10 days advance notice. However, I will be sent a written notice no later than the effective date of change.
·I declare, under penalty or perjury, all parts of this form are true and correct statements, to the best of my knowledge. I understand what happens to people convicted of perjury (not telling the truth). They may be sentenced to prison for up to five years, given a fine up to $10,000, or both.

On May 22, 2020, Brown completed the annual renewal of benefits form with the Defendant via phone due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In a section of the form that asked, "Do you need help right away," one question asks the applicant how much money their household has in cash, checking, or savings. The Defendant answered $70.

The Defendant stated that he had no cash, had a Wells Fargo account, and a 1979 Chevrolet El Camino. The Defendant did not disclose the Northwoods account.

On May 20, 2020, the Northwoods account contained $36,133.27. On June 27, 2020, the Northwoods account contained $37,153.67. No deposits or withdrawals were made on May 22, 2020.

On May 22, 2020, the Defendant applied for Emergency General Assistance via phone due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Defendant received assistance in the amount of $383. If the Defendant had disclosed the Northwoods account, he would have been ineligible to receive the emergency fund.

The final two pages of the 2020 Combined Annual Renewal Form contained a section titled "Penalty warnings and qualification questions." The following warnings were read to the Defendant:

"Do not give false information or hide information to get or continue to get benefits. If you get SNAP benefits and give false information or hide information about your identity and residency to get multiple benefits for the same period of time, you may be barred for 10 years."

On the signature page of the 2020 Combined Annual Renewal Form, there is a section that states "Perjury and general declarations." It states the following:

"I declare under the penalties of perjury that I have examined this application and to the best of my knowledge, it is a true and correct statement of every material point. I understand that a person convicted of perjury may be sentenced to imprisonment of not more than 5 years or payment of a fine of not more than $10,000 or both.

The Defendant provided a verbal signature.

On June 30, 2021, the Defendant completed a Household Update Form to renew his benefits. The Defendant attested that no one in his household had any assets. The Defendant did not disclose the Northwoods account. The Defendant verbally signed the form. On June 30, 2021, the Northwoods account had a balance of $47,154.77.

The signature page of the form contained a section titled "Telling the Truth." The section stated the following:

"I declare that, under penalty of perjury, all parts of this form are true and correct statements, to the best of my knowledge. I understand what happens to people convicted of perjury (not telling the truth). They may be sentenced to prison for up to five years, to a fine up to $10,000, or both."

If the Defendant had disclosed the balance of the Northwoods account, he would have been ineligible to receive cash assistance benefits.

On May 23, 2022, the Defendant completed his Combined Annual Renewal for Certain Populations form in order to renew his benefits. In response to the form's question, "Have you or your spouse had any changes from last year that have not been reported?" the Defendant stated no. In response to the form's inquiry as to whether the applicant or their spouse have any assets other than the home they live in,, the Defendant listed a Wells Fargo checking account with $0 and a 1979 Chevrolet El Camino.

The Defendant did not disclose the Northwoods account on the form. On May 16, 2022, the account had a balance of $58,877.69. On May 27, 2022, the account had a balance of $59,641.59. No withdrawals or deposits were made on May 23, 2022.

The Defendant signed the form directly under a section that states: "By signing below,"

·I agree to and understand the statements listed above.
·I agree I have read and understand the Notice of Privacy Practices and the list of my responsibilities in that Notice.
·I agree that I have read and understand the Rights and Responsibilities section including Following the rules, Changes and Liens and Estate Claims.
·I understand I may be prosecuted for fraud if I give wrong information or misuse an electronic benefits transfer card.
·I understand my benefits may stop or change because of information I give on this form. I understand

changes may be made to my benefits without 10 days advance notice. However, I will be sent a written notice no later than the effective date of change.

·I declare, under penalty or perjury, all parts of this form are true and correct statements, to the best of my knowledge. I understand what happens to people convicted of perjury (not telling the truth). They may be sentenced to prison for up to five years, given a fine up to $10,000, or both."
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On June 20, 2023, the Defendant completed his Combined Annual Renewal for Certain Populations form in order to renew his benefits. In response to the form's question, "Do you or your spouse have any changes from last year?" the Defendant stated "No." In response to the question as to whether the applicant or their spouse have any assets that require proof, the Defendant listed a Wells Fargo checking account with $0, and a 1979 Chevrolet El Camino worth $500.

The Defendant did not disclose the Northwoods account. On May 5, 2023, the account had a balance of $59,501.86. On June 30, 2023, the account had a balance of $59,534.57. Account statements did not show any withdrawals or deposits on June 20, 2023.

The Defendant signed the form directly under a section that states: "By signing below,"

·I agree to and understand the statements listed above.
·I agree I have read and understand the Notice of Privacy Practices and the list of my responsibilities in that Notice.
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On June 26, 2024, the Defendant completed his Combined Annual Renewal for Certain Populations form in order to renew his benefits. In response to the form's question, "Do you or your spouse have any changes from last year?" the Defendant stated "No." In response to the question as to whether the applicant or their spouse have any assets that require proof, the Defendant listed a Wells Fargo checking account.

The Defendant did not disclose the Northwoods account. The account had a balance of $77,138.99 on March 30, 2024 and a balance of $77,785.38 on June 28, 2024. No withdrawals or deposits were made on June 26, 2024.

The Defendant signed the form directly under a section that states: "By signing below,"
·I agree to and understand the statements listed above.
·I agree I have read and understand the Notice of Privacy Practices and the list of my responsibilities in that Notice.
·I agree that I have read and understand the Rights and Responsibilities section including Following the rules, Changes and Liens and Estate Claims.
·I understand I may be prosecuted for fraud if I give wrong information or misuse an electronic benefits transfer card.

·I understand my benefits may stop or change because of information I give on this form. I understand changes may be made to my benefits without 10 days advance notice. However, I will be sent a written notice no later than the effective date of change.

·I declare, under penalty or perjury, all parts of this form are true and correct statements, to the best of my knowledge. I understand what happens to people convicted of perjury (not telling the truth). They may be sentenced to prison for up to five years, given a fine up to $10,000, or both."

On June 16, 2025, the Defendant completed his Combined Annual Renewal for Certain Populations form in order to renew his benefits. In response to the form's question, "Do you or your spouse have any changes from last year?" the Defendant stated "No."

Brown attempted to contact the Defendant after discovering the bank account. On May 12, 2025, the Defendant left a voicemail for Brown. In the voicemail, the Defendant stated that the money in the account belonged to his son.

Brown sent a Request for Information Form to the Defendant, requesting proof that the money in the Northwoods account was his son's. The Defendant never returned the form.

On June 17, 2025, Brown learned that on January 7, 2025, the Defendant removed $80,000 from the Northwoods account and transferred it into a Certificate of Deposit account. On June 9, 2025, the Defendant placed the money from the CD account, along with its accrued interest, back into the Northwoods account. As of August 12, 2025, the money had again been removed from the Northwoods account, and approximately $25 remained.

On September 21, 2025, the Defendant left a voicemail for Brown stating, in part, "Hey Sarah, it's Vince Bellomo. It's Sunday and I can't even enjoy watching the football game. I'm not feeling good, just wanted you to know. I'm gonna make things right."

Brown provided Inv. Schlag with a breakdown of overpayments of benefits received by the Defendant between 2017 and 2025. The Defendant would have been ineligible for the payments if he had disclosed the Northwoods account.

The Defendant received overpayments of the following amounts between 2017 and 2025:

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program: $9,757
Minnesota Supplemental Aid: $7,371
Medical Assistance/Medical Savings Program: $246,438
Emergency General Assistance: $383
The Defendant received a total of $263,949.46 in benefits overpayments.

In 2023, the Defendant received total overpayments of $34,631.67.

In 2024, the Defendant received total overpayments of $43,549.45.

In 2025, the Defendant received total overpayments of $18,386.29.

On January 29, 2026, Inv. Schlag provided BCA Special Agent Steve Kritzeck with the banking records he had reviewed. Per BCA analysis, the vast majority of deposits in and withdrawals from the account were connected with the Defendant. The account's money flow activity showed a total of $259,962.76. $227,319 could be directly connected with the Defendant. $32,370.67 could be directly connected to the Defendant's son Blaze Bellomo.

On March 11, 2026, Inv. Schlag spoke with Blaze Bellomo. Blaze Bellomo stated that he opened the Northwoods account to allow the Defendant access to money, and that the account was a joint idea.

Blaze Bellomo reported that the Defendant was the primary user of the account while it was open, that some of the money belonged to him, but was shocked by how much money had accumulated in the account.

When asked directly whether the Defendant was hiding the money to obtain benefits, Blaze Bellomo said, “Yeah, for sure.”

Blaze Bellomo said that he closed the account.

The Defendant is known to currently be residing in the state of California.

NOTICE: You are hereby notified that failure to appear for court when required to do so is a criminal offense in the State of Minnesota, pursuant to Minn. Stat. 609.49. If you are charged with or have been convicted of a felony offense, an intentional failure to appear for a court appearance is a felony offense, which is punishable by one-half the statutory maximum term of imprisonment, fine, or both for the underlying crime for which you fail to appear and is to be no less than one (1) year and one (1) day in prison, a $1,500.00 fine, or both, pursuant to Minn. Stat. 609.49, Subd. 1(a). If you are charged with a gross misdemeanor or misdemeanor offense, an intentional failure to appear for trial is a misdemeanor offense and may be punished by imprisonment for up to ninety (90) days in jail, $1,000.00 fine, or both pursuant to Minn. Stat. 609.49, Subd. 2.

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	Craig Eric Rypkema Deputy Sheriff 301 Court Ave Park Rapids, MN 56470 Badge: 5126	Electronically Signed: 03/24/2026 10:50 AM Hubbard County, Minnesota

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

Prosecuting Attorney	Grace Bowman 301 Court Ave Park Rapids, MN 56470 (218) 732-4133	Electronically Signed: 03/24/2026 10:39 AM

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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: March 24, 2026.

Judicial Officer Kathryn Lorsbach Electronically Signed: 03/24/2026 10:58 AM

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

COUNTY OF HUBBARD **STATE OF MINNESOTA** **State of Minnesota** Plaintiff vs. **Vincent Francis Bellomo** Defendant	*LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER RETURN OF SERVICE* *I hereby Certify and Return that I have served a copy of this Warrant upon the Defendant herein named.* Signature of Authorized Service Agent:

DEFENDANT FACT SHEET

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Name:	Vincent Francis Bellomo
DOB:	[redacted]
Address:	[redacted]
Alias Names/DOB:	
SID:	
Height:	
Weight:	
Eye Color:	
Hair Color:	
Gender:	MALE
Race:	
Fingerprints Required per Statute:	Yes
Fingerprint match to Criminal History Record:	No
Driver's License #:	[redacted] (MN)
Alcohol Concentration:	

STATUTE AND OFFENSE GRID

Cnt Nbr	Statute Type	Offense Date(s)	Statute Nbrs and Descriptions	Offense Level	MOC	GOC	Controlling Agencies	Case Numbers
1	Charge	6/20/2023	256.98.1(1) Wrongfully Obtaining Assistance-Theft-By False Stmts,Concealment, Impersonation	Felony		N	MN0290000	26000675
	Penalty	6/20/2023	609.52.3(2) Theft - Value over $5,000 or trade secret, explosive, Controlled Substance I or II	Felony		N	MN0290000	26000675
2	Charge	6/20/2023	609.48.1 Perjury	Felony		N	MN0290000	26000675
	Penalty	6/20/2023	609.48.4(2) Perjury-All Other Cases-Felony	Felony		N	MN0290000	26000675
3	Charge	6/26/2024	256.98.1(1) Wrongfully Obtaining Assistance-Theft-By False Stmts,Concealment, Impersonation	Felony		N	MN0290000	26000675
	Penalty	6/26/2024	609.52.3(2) Theft - Value over $5,000 or trade secret, explosive, Controlled Substance I or II	Felony		N	MN0290000	26000675
4	Charge	6/26/2024	609.48.1 Perjury	Felony		N	MN0290000	26000675
	Penalty	6/26/2024	609.48.4(2) Perjury-All Other Cases-Felony	Felony		N	MN0290000	26000675
5	Charge	6/16/2025	256.98.1(1) Wrongfully Obtaining Assistance-Theft-By False Stmts,Concealment, Impersonation	Felony		N	MN0290000	26000675
	Penalty	6/16/2025	609.52.3(2) Theft - Value over $5,000 or trade secret, explosive, Controlled Substance I or II	Felony		N	MN0290000	26000675
6	Charge	6/16/2025	609.48.1 Perjury	Felony		N	MN0290000	26000675
	Penalty	6/16/2025	609.48.4(2) Perjury-All Other Cases-Felony	Felony		N	MN0290000	26000675