

During their interview, Bruco told Investigator Gove he may have journaled about his intentions and thoughts about what he was going to do today. He said there was one journal on the kitchen table and another one possibly in the basement. Bruco also admitted he had been placed on a mental health hold by the Littleton Police Department in or around 2002. He said he had been placed on that mental health hold because he had contacted the Littleton Police Department about hearing voices. He believed the voices had been coming from a Nielson television box that had been installed in his apartment at the time. Despite having the box removed from his apartment shortly after his placement in the hospital, Bruco said he continued hearing voices and was still hearing the voices today, February 23, 2010.

Throughout the interview, Bruco continued to make gestures as if he were trying to remove or pick things off of the skin on his hands and arms. He also made gestures as though he was pushing things away from his body. When asked about these motions, Bruco indicated he was trying to remove what he called transforming forces from his body.

While Bruco was being interviewed, Investigator Thomas Acierno responded to Bruco's home at 20983 Highway I-76 in Hudson, County of Weld, State of Colorado, and spoke to Bruco's father, War Eagle Eastwood, [REDACTED]

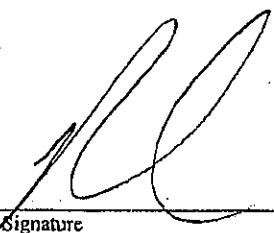
War Eagle told Investigator Acierno his son had a lot of anger issues and had had a lot of problems in the past. His son had been upset with himself recently because he had been unable to pass a GED test in order to go into military service. War Eagle said he had gone to visit his own elderly mother last night and had stayed with a friend in Arvada. He did not return to his home in Hudson until 1:30 PM this afternoon and Bruco was already gone by the time he arrived home.

When asked if Bruco had any access to guns, War Eagle said there were only bb-guns in the residence. He added that the only real gun in the home was a 30-06 hunting rifle with a scope, which belonged to him, not his son. War Eagle took Investigator Acierno to his bedroom on the main level of his home where the 30-06 was normally kept behind his bedroom door. There was a rifle case in that location, but no weapon.

Based upon the foregoing facts, your affiant submits that there is probable cause to believe that criminal offenses have been committed in violation of Colorado law. Your affiant further submits that there is probable cause to charge **Bruco Strong Eagle Eastwood, DOB/1-21-78**, with the commission of these offenses.

Your affiant requests this affidavit and warrants or orders resulting from this affidavit be sealed by the court to preserve the integrity of the on-going criminal investigation.

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_  
JUDGE



Affiant's Signature

**Investigator Richard Creswell Gove**

Affiant's Name (Print)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of February, 2010

  
Michelle Healy  
Notary Public

3/17/2012  
Expiration Date

Sheriff's Office Investigator Kathleen Battan responded to the hospital and obtained documentation from doctors that both victims had sustained serious bodily injury. [REDACTED] had a gunshot wound to the forearm and [REDACTED] had a gunshot wound to the chest.

Several staff members from Deer Creek Middle School were transported to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Investigations Division for interviews.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Investigator Cheryl Moore interviewed one of these staff members, math teacher David Benke, [REDACTED]. Benke told Investigator Moore that the math department had parking lot duty today. School had been released at 3:05 PM, and he had gotten outside to the crosswalk in front of the school, near the buses, by about 3:07 PM. After being there only a couple of minutes, Benke heard what sounded like an M80 firecracker going off in a trashcan.

Benke told Investigator Moore he turned toward the front of the school, where the sound had come from, and saw a white male, about 5'10" tall pointing a hunting rifle toward the south. Benke saw that it was a bolt action rifle and the male was using his right hand and struggling to chamber another round. Benke went toward the male who pulled the rifle up and fired another round to the south. The male saw Benke and dropped the rifle. At that point Benke was able to grab the male by the sweatshirt the male was wearing. He began struggling with the male, and was joined by another math teacher, Norm Hanne, [REDACTED]. Benke and Hanne physically restrained the male on the ground until Jefferson County Sheriff's Office deputies arrived and were able to take custody of him.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Investigator Cres Gove interviewed Bruco once he was brought to the Sheriff's Office. Investigator Gove read Bruco his Miranda rights via a Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Advisement/Waiver form. Bruco indicated he understood his rights and placed his signature on the form to indicate he was willing to speak to investigators.

Bruco told Investigator Gove he had left his residence in Hudson between 11:30 AM and 12 Noon while in possession of his father's 30-06 hunting rifle. He admitted he was also in possession of a box of 30-06 ammunition. He informed Investigator Gove he had also stopped at Dick's Sporting Goods in Brighton in order to purchase another box of ammunition. He thought he arrived at Deer Creek Middle School sometime prior to 2:50 PM.

Bruco said he entered the front of the school, signed himself in as a visitor, and was provided a visitor's pass. He then went back outside to his vehicle, which he had parked in the parking lot of the school. It was there he made his final decision to shoot at students of the school.

At approximately 3:12 PM, Bruco said students began exiting the front of the school. He armed himself with the 30-06 rifle, which had been on the back seat of the vehicle, got out of his vehicle and approached a group of students who had been congregating at the front of the school. After asking the group of students if they liked going to school at Deer Creek Middle School, he raised the rifle and shot at a girl. Bruco did not know if the bullet struck the girl or not because she had turned and run away from him.

After shooting at the girl, and reloading the rifle, he aimed his rifle at a boy who had his back turned to him. He fired the rifle again and struck the boy in the back. The boy fell to the ground.

Bruco advised Investigator Gove that, as he attempted to load another round into the weapon, a man in a black sweat suit grabbed him and knocked him to the ground.

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Affiant's Name (print)

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Notary Public

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Eastwood, Bruco Strong Eagle  
Defendant, (Last, First, Middle)

January 21, 1978  
D.O.B.

10-5734  
Agency Case No.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
Arresting Agency

February 23, 2010  
Date of Arrest

- CHARGE(S):**
1. Criminal Attempt First Degree Murder  
(Charge)
  2. Criminal Attempt First Degree Murder  
(Charge)
  3. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Charge)
  4. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Charge)

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## AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF A WARRANTLESS ARREST

Your affiant is of lawful age and a sworn peace officer of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, Golden, Colorado, in the County of Jefferson.

Your affiant states that the following facts are true and based upon his/her personal knowledge, as a result of his/her conversations with the person(s) named herein and reviewing their written or oral statements. On February 23, 2010 (date), at 3:17 p.m. (time), your affiant arrested Bruco Strong Eagle Eastwood, whose date of birth is January 21, 1978, for the crime(s) of Two Counts of Criminal Attempt First Degree Murder, which occurred at 9201 West Columbine Drive, in the County of Jefferson, State of Colorado. The facts which developed the probable cause of this arrest are as follows:

On February 23, 2010, at approximately 3:15 PM, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Deputies Frederick Lang and Jerry Warren were dispatched to a call of a shooting at Deer Creek Middle School, 9201 West Columbine Drive, County of Jefferson, State of Colorado. According to information being aired by Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Dispatch, a teacher had the suspect in custody at the school.

Deputy Lang arrived on scene at about 3:17 PM and Deputy Warren arrived on scene at about 3:18 PM.

As Deputy Lang approached the front of the school, he saw that there were two staff members holding down a white male. The white male was wearing a black jacket and was later identified as Bruco Strong Eagle Eastwood, DOB/ 01-21-1978. Deputy Lang took Eastwood into custody and placed him in handcuffs. When he patted down Eastwood, he observed there were four live rounds of 30-06 caliber bullets in the right front pocket of Eastwood's jacket. Deputy Lang secured Eastman in his patrol vehicle.

Eastman was later transported to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Investigations Division for an interview.

Deputy Warren went to check the condition of an injured student outside the school. He observed the male student was bleeding from his right side. The student said he had been shot and told Deputy Warren he had heard two "booms." He heard one "boom" and turned around to look towards the school where the sound seemed to have come from. He then heard another "boom" and felt pain in his side. The student described he then fell to the ground.

A total of two juvenile victims, both students at Deer Creek Middle School, were located, including the male student Deputy Warren had spoken to. The students were identified as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were transported to Littleton Hospital for medical attention. Jefferson County

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