



Minnesota Lawmakers Shootings Statewide June 16, 2025

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Posted on Governor Tim Walz's Website

"[ST. PAUL, MN] – Governor Tim Walz today released the following statement on the apprehension of Vance Boelter following the assassination of Melissa and Mark Hortman and the attempted assassination of John and Yvette Hoffman.

"After a two-day manhunt in which hundreds of law enforcement officials left their families to run into danger and deliver justice for Melissa and Mark Hortman, Vance Boelter has been apprehended.

"Boelter's unthinkable actions ended the life of someone who shaped the core of who we are as a state. Someone who was beloved by colleagues on both sides of the aisle. Someone who sacrificed everything for public service.

"As a country we cannot become numb to this violence. We are a deeply divided nation. That has become even more clear over the last two days. The way we move forward and solve the problems facing our nation is not through hate. It is not through violence. It is through humility, and grace, and civility.

"To Melissa and Mark's family: I cannot fathom your pain, your grief. Let us take solace in their memory, in Melissa's legacy of selfless, pragmatic, gentle public service. The state of Minnesota grieves with you.

“To John and Yvette: we’re excited to see you at the Capitol, and the bravery you and your daughter Hope showed saved countless lives and will not be forgotten.

“To our law enforcement officers: thank you for your courage, your service, and your professionalism. You have saved lives.

“As we heal, we will not let fear win. We must now move forward in Melissa’s honor with understanding, service, and above all, a sense of one other’s humanity.”

Local Mental Health Crisis Line

Minnesota Department of Health-Mental Health and Well-being

Minnesota Peer Support (844) 739-6339 (5pm—9am)

If you need free, confidential support, call or text 988 to connect to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The Lifeline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please call and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals.

211 Minnesota

[Search | Greater Twin Cities United Way 211](#)

[Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211](#)

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

(800) 273-8255

[988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline - Call. Text. Chat. \(988lifeline.org\)](https://988lifeline.org)

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration Disaster Distress Helpline

(800) 985-5990

National mental health helpline that is available to those who have experienced a natural or human caused disaster. The helpline is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The counselors can provide support and referrals to local resources.

Suggestions for Meditation and Breathing Apps

- Calm - Available for iOS and Android
- UCLA Mindful - Available for iOS and Android
- Smiling Mind - Available for iOS and Android

Helpful Articles and Resources

- **National Institute of Mental Health**
Coping with Traumatic Events
[NIMH » Coping With Traumatic Events \(nih.gov\)](https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/coping-with-traumatic-events/)
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**
“Coping with a Traumatic Event”
[Coping with a Disaster or Traumatic Event \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/disaster/mental/trauma.html)
- **American Psychological Association**
“How to talk to children about difficult news”
[How to talk to children about difficult news \(apa.org\)](https://www.apa.org/press/releases/children-news)
- **American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry**
[Disaster and Trauma Resource Center \(aacap.org\)](https://www.aacap.org/trauma)

Free Help Line

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-447-3573, will be open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm Central Time. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at: <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>.