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IN THE THIRD DISTRICT COURT, SALT LAKE DEPARTMENT
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SALT LAKE, STATE OF UTAH

STATE OF UTAH,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CESAR MATIAS SEVILLA-ALEMAN,
DOB: 08/22/1997
AKA: Taliban
SID#/BCI#: 1457816

Defendant.

Screened by: VINCENT MEISTER
Assigned to: HOMICIDE TEAM

INFORMATION

DAO # 23.022688

BAIL: NO BAIL WARRANT

WARRANT/RELEASE: USP

Case No.

The undersigned Detective N. Johanson - West Valley City Police Department, Agency Case No. wv22-26821, upon a written declaration states on information and belief that the defendant, CESAR MATIAS SEVILLA-ALEMAN, committed the crime(s) of:

COUNT 1

AGGRAVATED MURDER, 76-5-202, a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about March 28, 2022, at Tooele County, the defendant did intentionally or knowingly cause the death of another under any of the following circumstances: the homicide was committed incident to one act, scheme, course of conduct, or criminal episode during which two or more persons were killed, or during which the actor attempted to kill one or more persons in addition to the victim who was killed; the actor knowingly created a great risk of death to a person other than the victim and the actor; the homicide was committed incident to an act, scheme, course of conduct,

or criminal episode during which the actor committed or attempted to commit aggravated kidnapping or kidnapping, the homicide was committed for pecuniary gain.

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COUNT 4

AGGRAVATED KIDNAPPING, 76-5-302(2)+(3B), a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about March 28, 2022, at Salt Lake County, the defendant did in the course of committing a kidnapping: used or threatened to use a dangerous weapon; or acted with the intent to: facilitate the commission, attempted commission, or flight after commission or attempted commission of a felony; or hinder or delay the discovery of or reporting of a felony; or inflict bodily injury on or to terrorize the victim.

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THIS INFORMATION IS BASED ON EVIDENCE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES:

Detective N. Johanson, I.B., A.A., L.A., and S.M.

DECLARATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your affiant bases probable cause on information and evidence collected by West Valley City Police Department, Case No. WV22-26821 and the following:

The statement of I.B. that on March 28, 2022, in Salt Lake County, she saw a Facebook conversation her daughter Rocio Bustamante-Banuelos was having with Carlos "Carlitos" Sepulveda. I.B. decided to go outside to check on Rocio and observed Rocio getting into a car with Carlos and Zamir "Cumbias" Sanchez. I.B. believed that Rocio owed Zamir money for drugs. I.B. stated that she attempted to call Carlos twice, but he did not answer. I.B. stated the next day she received a message from Carlos' Facebook messenger account from a person claiming to be Rocio which stated, "I'm sorry mom I will be back this afternoon." I.B. attempted to contact Carlos, but he blocked and deleted the conversation. I.B. stated that she has not seen or heard from Rocio since. I.B. stated that her ring doorbell video showed Rocio walking out of the residence wearing black shorts and a gray hoodie. I.B. stated that in June 2022, she received a phone call from a male who informed her to stop looking for Rocio, that Rocio had been killed and buried somewhere in the mountains.

The statement of A.A. that he is Carlos' friend, and he hasn't seen or heard from Carlos since early March 2022. A.A. stated that he heard rumors that Carlos had disappeared. A.A. stated that Carlos had mentioned a man named "Taliban" and A.A. knew him to be a "bad guy" but didn't know his name. A.A. heard "Taliban" had been arrested for a shooting at a party in Spanish Fork around June or July 2022.

The statement of L.A. that on March 27, 2023, Zamir and Carlos had picked him up and dropped him off at Alexis' house. Zamir and Carlos left to go get something to eat and after a while, L.A. called Zamir to ask where they were. Zamir told L.A. that they were going to pick up Rocio and would come back to Alexis' house, but they never came back. Zamir was driving a gray Land Rover or Range Rover. L.A. stated he fell asleep and the next day he was told that Taliban, Zamir, and Carlos came looking for him the night before. L.A. stated that he called Zamir the next day, but he never answered. L.A. stated that Carlos used to hang out with Taliban. L.A. stated that he thinks that Carlos owed money to Taliban. After Zamir, Carlos, and Rocio went missing, L.A. asked Taliban where Carlos was which upset Taliban. Taliban and L.A. got into a physical fight.

Detective N. Johanson searched news articles involving shootings at parties in Spanish Fork and an article stating that CESAR MATIAS SEVILLA-ALEMAN was arrested at a party. Further searches showed SEVILLA-ALEMAN's moniker is "Taliban". At the time of SEVILLA-ALEMAN's arrest, Utah County Detectives seized his cell phone. Detective Johanson served an approved warrant for call details records and historical location on SEVILLA-ALEMAN's, Carlos' and Zamir's phones. Based on analysis of location data of all seized phones, Detective Johanson observed that Carlos, Zamir, and SEVILLA-ALEMAN's phones were in the same location at the same time, including at Alexis' home as L.A. described. The last location of Carlos and SEVILLA-ALEMAN's phones together was around 3:21 am on March 28, 2022. SEVILLA-ALEMAN's phone location data was in the Vernon/Rush Valley area in Tooele County. At 9:30 am on March 28, 2022, SEVILLA-ALEMAN's phone's location data was in Tooele for a stop on Main Street before heading back to Salt Lake County.

During the investigation, Detective N. Johansen served several search warrants on Facebook. While reviewing records for Zamir, Detective Johansen found a conversation between Zamir and Carlos in which Carlos says he needs to pay a debt of \$2,400 or "they" will take him away. Carlos told Zamir that "el Taliban" later identified as SEVILLA-ALEMAN is making Carlos do something the following day because of the debt. There are no conversations for Carlos or Zamir after the end of March 2022.

On April 22, 2023, Detective Johanson was notified that cadaver dogs from Rocky Mountain Cadaver Search and Rescue Group, had located human remains while training in the area of the Mercur Trailhead, in Tooele County. On April 24, 2023, Detectives, ME doctors, Investigators, and WVC Forensics began removing the human remains from that area. During the course of the dig, three human bodies were located along with two bullets in the grave. In the back pocket of one of the bodies, was a wallet that contained identification for Zamir.

During the autopsy of the three bodies, Rocio was identified by DNA and had one gunshot wound to her temple. Zamir was identified by his fingerprints and had two gunshot wounds to the top of his head; a bullet was recovered from the back of his neck. The third body was identified as Carlos by his fingerprints and tattoos. Carlos had been shot three times, once through the mouth, once through his temple, and the third through his neck. A bullet was recovered from Carlos' brain. The manner of death for all three decedents was determined to be homicide; the causes of death for all three descendants was gunshot wound(s).

The statement of S.M. that on March 28, 2022, in Salt Lake County, she woke up to find SEVILLA-ALEMAN and three other people in her house and they were covered in dirt and mud. They were talking about shooting and killing Carlos, Zamir, and Rocio. S.M. stated that Carlos owed SEVILLA-ALEMAN money and when he went to collect, Carlos couldn't pay, so they drove them up to the mountains and killed them. S.M. heard them say they dug the hole for the men and the girl was not supposed to be there at the time; they also shot her and placed her on top of the two males. Detectives noted during the recovery of the three decedents that Rocio was placed on top of the two males.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, SEVILLA-ALEMAN is subject to enhanced penalties on the three aggravated kidnapping charges as he caused serious bodily injury to each of the three victims during the course of the aggravated kidnapping.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Utah Code Ann. 76-1-202(1)(a)(b)(c)(e)(f) Salt Lake County is the appropriate venue for the prosecution of this matter.

MOTION FOR NO BAIL HOLD:

Pursuant to Utah Code 77-20-201(1) the State requests that the defendant be held without bail until further notice in this matter on the following grounds:

The defendant is charged with six First-Degree aggravated felonies and based upon the above probable cause statement, there is substantial evidence supporting the charges and clear and convincing evidence that the defendant would constitute a substantial danger to any other individual or to the community or is likely to flee the jurisdiction of the court, if released on bail.

The defendant is currently being housed at the Utah State Prison serving a sentence for two counts of Felony Discharge of a Firearm, from the Fourth District Court, case number 221402075.

In this case, three people were reported missing in Salt Lake County in March 2022. About a year after their disappearance, three bodies were located and recovered in the mountains in Tooele County, all with gunshot wounds. The three people were identified as Carlos, Zamir, and Rocio, the victims in this case. As the investigation went on, Detectives learned that Carlos had a debt to pay to the defendant and when Carlos couldn't pay the debt, he, Zamir, and Rocio were left to face the consequences. Witnesses all stated that the defendant is "a bad guy" and many talked about his violent history. The defendant went to great lengths to collect the debt owed to him and took the victims to a remote area in Tooele County to collect the debt and hide their bodies.

The defendant has a violent history and is currently serving time in prison for felony discharge of a firearm. The defendant had demonstrated himself to be a clear danger to the community. The defendant had no regard for the safety or welfare of the victims. Due to the serious nature of the allegations, the defendant's violent history, the violent nature of the crime, and his lack of regard for the safety of the community, he should be held without bail.

Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated § 78B-18a-106 (2018) I declare under criminal penalty of the State of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my belief and knowledge.

Executed on: 19th day of December, 2023

/s/ NATALIE JOHANSON

Declarant

Authorized for presentment and filing:
SIM GILL, District Attorney

/s/ Vincent Meister

Deputy District Attorney

3rd day of January, 2024

VM / MM / DAO # 23.022688

OTHER PENDING CASES FOR THE DEFENDANT

Court	Court Case #	Trial Judge	DAO #	Charge
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