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

THE STATE OF UTAH,
Plaintiff,

vs.

CHESTER TURNER,
DOB: 11/05/1966
SO#: 195636

Defendant.

Screened by: HOMICIDE TEAM
Assigned to: TO BE ASSIGNED

INFORMATION

DAO # 24.001319

BAIL: NO BAIL WARRANT

WARRANT/RELEASE: SAN QUENTIN
STATE PRISON

Case No.

The undersigned Detective K. Olsen - Salt Lake City Police Department, Agency Case No. 98-188823, upon a written declaration states on information and belief that the defendant, CHESTER TURNER, committed the crime(s) of:

COUNT 1

AGGRAVATED MURDER, 76-5-202, a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about September 24, 1998, at 165 East 900 South, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally or knowingly caused the death of another under any of the following circumstances: the defendant was previously convicted of aggravated murder, murder or a felony involving the use or threat of violence to a person.

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

Officer J. Emery, Detective K. Kent, Dr. Ed Leis, and Investigator C. Parks

DECLARATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your affiant bases probable cause on information and evidence collected by Salt Lake City Police Department, Case No. SL98-188823 and the following:

The statement of Salt Lake City Police Officer J. Emery that on September 24, 1998, he was flagged down by three juveniles at 165 East 900 South, in Salt Lake County, stating that there was a body in the rear of the business. Officer Emery approached the rear of the business and located a female at the bottom of some stairs, with her pants partially pulled down. The female was deceased.

The statement of Salt Lake City Police Detective K. Kent that the victim was identified as Itisha Camp. Itisha was located with her pants pulled down below her buttocks and her shirt pulled up. She had minor scrapes on the base of her hands along with cement dust and a small scrape on the lower portion of her neck. There was dirt and saliva mixed along the side of her face and mouth. There were a few scrapes on the victim's face that appeared to be old. There was cement dust on the victim's face and a multicolored scarf around her neck.

During the investigation, Detective Kent learned that Itisha was using drugs, working as a street prostitute, and was last home the night of September 23, 1998. Itisha wore scarfs around her head similar to a head band but not around her neck.

Dr. Ed Leis with the Utah State Office of the Medical Examiner conducted an autopsy of Itisha Camp. Dr. Leis located evidence of ligature strangulation, an abrasion on the anterior neck, intramuscular hemorrhages, a cricoid cartilage injury and petechiae, palpebral and bulbar conjunctiva. During the autopsy, vaginal, oral, and rectal swabs were collected from Itisha. Dr. Leis determined the cause of death as strangulation and the manner of death as homicide.

The statement of Salt Lake City Police Investigator C. Parks that a DNA profile was entered into CODIS. A major STR DNA profile for sperm fraction was found on the crotch of Itisha's pants and on her back, which was identified to match the CODIS profile of CHESTER TURNER. Additionally, TURNER's DNA was located on the scarf tied around Itisha's neck. TURNER was located in San Quentin Prison in California. An approved search warrant was served on TURNER and DNA buccal swabs were collected. The DNA buccal swab sample obtained from TURNER was sent to the Utah State Lab for testing. TURNER's DNA swabs were compared to the DNA profile obtained from the crotch of Itisha's pants, her back, and the scarf. The DNA profiles obtained from the items were compared to and matched TURNER's DNA profile.

Detectives learned that TURNER was on parole in California in 1998 for auto theft and drug sales and absconded to Utah. Detectives located a report where the defendant was the victim of an assault and living in Salt Lake City in 1998.

TURNER is currently convicted of multiple aggravated murders/murders in California occurring from 1987 to 1998.

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 a felony and there is substantial evidence supporting the charge 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 incarcerated in the California State Penitentiary on death row, having been convicted of 14 murders, wherein the victims were primarily sex workers and homeless women, including one who was six-months pregnant, in South Los Angeles, California. The defendant used manual strangulation and in several cases ligature strangulation to kill his victims.

In this case, the victim was found deceased at the bottom of a cement stairwell with her pants pulled down below her buttocks and a scarf around her neck. The medical examiner determined that the victim died by strangulation. Swabs were taken from the victim and her scarf, and a DNA profile was established. The DNA profile was entered into CODIS and returned to the defendant. Further comparison of the defendant's DNA to the DNA profile returned to the defendant. During the investigation, Detectives learned that the defendant was in Utah during the time of the victim's death. Additionally, the circumstances surrounding the victim's death matched the murders the defendant was convicted of in California. The defendant is a danger to the community. Due to the serious nature of the allegations, the defendant 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: 11th day of June, 2024.

/s/ KORY OLSEN
Declarant

Authorized for presentment and filing:
SIM GILL, District Attorney

/s/ John Ham
Deputy District Attorney
11th day of June, 2024
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OTHER PENDING CASES FOR THE DEFENDANT

Court	Court Case #	Trial Judge	DAO #	Charge
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