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

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THE STATE OF UTAH,  
  
Plaintiff,

vs.

**JENNIFER GLEDHILL,**  
**DOB: 02/04/1983**  
**7038 HORIZON CIR**  
**Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121**  
**OTN#: 68083690**  
**SO#: 451969**  
**SID#/BCI#: 1494044**  
**Booking#: 24045713**

Defendant.

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Assigned to: TO BE ASSIGNED

**INFORMATION**

DAO # 24.018128

BAIL: NO BAIL WARRANT

WARRANT/RELEASE: IN JAIL PRD  
10/15/2024

Case No.

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The undersigned Detective B. Phelps - Cottonwood Heights Police Department, Agency Case No. CH2024-13553, upon a written declaration states on information and belief that the defendant, JENNIFER GLEDHILL, committed the crime(s) of:

COUNT 1

MURDER (DV), 76-5-203, a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about September 21, 2024, at in Cottonwood Heights, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally or knowingly cause the death of another; or intending to cause serious bodily injury to another, commit an act clearly dangerous to human life that caused the death of another; or acting under circumstances evidencing a depraved indifference to human life, knowingly engage in conduct which created a grave risk of death to another and thereby caused the death of another.

Furthermore, the defendant was a cohabitant of the victim.

COUNT 2

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - CAPITAL/FIRST DEGREE FELONY CONDUCT, 76-8-306(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about September 21, 2024, in Cottonwood Heights, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did with intent to hinder, delay, or prevent the investigation, apprehension, prosecution, conviction, or punishment of any person regarding conduct that constitutes an offense that would be a capital felony or first degree felony: alter, destroy, conceal, or remove any item or other thing; and is a second degree felony if the conduct that constitutes an offense would be a capital felony or first degree felony.

To wit: Deleting WhatsApp Messages

COUNT 3

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - CAPITAL/FIRST DEGREE FELONY CONDUCT, 76-8-306(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about September 21, 2024, in Cottonwood Heights, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did with intent to hinder, delay, or prevent the investigation, apprehension, prosecution, conviction, or punishment of any person regarding conduct that constitutes an offense that would be a capital felony or first degree felony: alter, destroy, conceal, or remove any item or other thing; and is a second degree felony if the conduct that constitutes an offense would be a capital felony or first degree felony.

To wit: Disposing of Mattress

COUNT 4

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - CAPITAL/FIRST DEGREE FELONY CONDUCT, 76-8-306(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about September 21, 2024, in Cottonwood Heights, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did with intent to hinder, delay, or prevent the investigation, apprehension, prosecution, conviction, or punishment of any person regarding conduct that constitutes an offense that would be a capital felony or first degree felony: alter, destroy, conceal, or remove any item or other thing; and is a second degree felony if the conduct that constitutes an offense would be a capital felony or first degree felony.

To wit: Cleaning House

COUNT 5

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - CAPITAL/FIRST DEGREE FELONY CONDUCT, 76-8-306(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about September 21, 2024, in Cottonwood Heights, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did with intent to hinder, delay, or prevent the investigation, apprehension, prosecution, conviction, or punishment of any person regarding conduct that constitutes an offense that would be a capital felony or first degree felony: alter, destroy, conceal, or remove any item or other thing; and is a second degree felony if the conduct that constitutes an offense would be a capital felony or first degree felony.

To wit: Disposing of Gun

COUNT 6

OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - CAPITAL/FIRST DEGREE FELONY CONDUCT, 76-8-306(2)+(3A), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about September 21, 2024, in Cottonwood Heights, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did with intent to hinder, delay, or prevent the investigation, apprehension, prosecution, conviction, or punishment of any person regarding conduct that constitutes an offense that would be a capital felony or first degree felony: alter, destroy, conceal, or remove any item or other thing; and is a second degree felony if the conduct that constitutes an offense would be a capital felony or first degree felony.

To wit: Moving Truck

COUNT 7

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE, 58-37-8(1)(A)(III), a Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about September 21, 2024, in Cottonwood Heights, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did knowingly and intentionally possess, with intent to distribute, a controlled or counterfeit substance that was

- (a) classified in Schedule I or II;
- (b) a controlled substance analog; or
- (c) gammahydroxybutyric acid as listed in Schedule III.

COUNT 8

ABUSE OR DESECRATION OF A HUMAN BODY, 76-9-704, a Third Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about September 21, 2024, in Cottonwood Heights, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally and unlawfully disturb, move, remove, conceal, or destroy a dead human body or any part of it.

COUNT 9

TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS, 76-8-508, a Third Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about September 21, 2024, in Cottonwood Heights, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did, believing that an official proceeding or investigation was pending or about to be instituted, or with the intent to prevent an official proceeding or investigation, attempted to induce or otherwise cause another person to:

- (a) testify or inform falsely;
  - (b) withhold any testimony, information, document, or item;
  - (c) elude legal process summoning him to provide evidence; or
  - (d) absent himself from any proceeding or investigation to which he has been summoned; OR
- (2) solicit, accept, or agree to accept any benefit in consideration of his doing any of the acts specified under Subsection (1).

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

A.C., Officer G. Commagere, an Informant, Identified Neighbor, Identified Neighbor's Mother, Detective Alcivar, Detective S. Winters, and Detective B. Phelps

DECLARATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your affiant bases probable cause on information and evidence collected by Cottonwood Heights Police Department, Case No. CH24-13553 and the following:

The statement of A.C. with the Utah National Guard that on September 25, 2024, he contacted Cottonwood Heights Police Department and requested assistance in locating a fellow National Guardsman, Matthew Johnson. A.C. stated that Matthew had not returned to work which was very unusual, and he had tried to call Matthew several times, but his phone went straight to voicemail. A.C. stated that the National Guard was going to list Matthew as AWOL.

The statement of Cottonwood Heights Officer G. Commagere that he contacted JENNIFER GLEDHILL by phone on September 28, 2024. GLEDHILL wanted to report her husband Matthew Johnson as missing. GLEDHILL stated that Matthew had not been seen or heard from since September 20, 2024, when they had an argument at their home in Cottonwood Heights, in Salt Lake County. GLEDHILL provided Matthew's telephone numbers and a vehicle description. GLEDHILL stated that Matthew told her that he was going to be gone for a week and not to call him. Officer Commagere noticed that during his initial call with GLEDHILL she seemed distracted and at times nervous.

The statement of an identified Informant through interviews with Detectives that he was having an extramarital affair with GLEDHILL. Informant stated that on Sunday, September 22, 2024, GLEDHILL asked to come over to his house just before midnight to give him some prints. Informant stated that GLEDHILL arrived at his house and was visibly distraught. GLEDHILL then told Informant that she was likely going away for a long time and wanted to give the prints to someone who would enjoy them. GLEDHILL told Informant that Matthew had returned to the home on September 20, 2024, and started yelling at her because he knew she had been sleeping with someone else. GLEDHILL told Informant that on the night of September 21, 2024, she had shot Matthew in the head with Matthew's 9mm Glock as he slept in their shared bed. GLEDHILL stated that she smashed Matthew's cell phone and hid his vehicle in a neighborhood near their house. GLEDHILL told Informant that she loaded Matthew's body into a rooftop storage container, slid him down the stairs by herself, and loaded him into the back of her minivan. GLEDHILL stated that she had taken Matthew's body north, dug a hole, and buried him in a shallow grave. GLEDHILL stated that she cleaned everything up. Informant stated that he observed bruises on GLEDHILL's arms and legs which she explained were from moving Matthew's body and cleaning the mess in the house. Informant stated that GLEDHILL told him she was very likely going to kill herself that very night or eventually if the police figured out she killed Matthew as she refused to spend her life in prison. Informant stated that GLEDHILL had shown him a tan Glock handgun on September 19, 2024, and she pulled the slide back showing him it was loaded. Informant stated that he waited to contact police with this information because he wasn't sure GLEDHILL was telling the truth. Informant stated that GLEDHILL told him not to say anything and that it was not a crime to not say anything.

Informant further stated that he and GLEDHILL communicated via text message and WhatsApp which he provided to police. In these messages GLEDHILL tells Informant that she assumed he would be like her and if her friend told her a hypothetical story, she would say, "let me get my shovel!" GLEDHILL told Informant that if she was told the story she told him, she would take it to the grave. GLEDHILL told Informant, "I washed everything & vacuumed & its not an issue anymore." Informant stated that as he was taking screenshots of these messages, GLEDHILL was actively deleting them. Informant turned over the screenshots to law enforcement as well as phone conversations he recorded with GLEDHILL alluding to her actions.

The statement of an identified Neighbor that she lives within view of GLEDHILL's residence. Neighbor stated that on September 20, 2024, she observed Matthew's truck backed into the garage. Neighbor stated the night after, September 21, 2024, and into the early morning of September 22, 2024, she could hear GLEDHILL and Matthew arguing. Neighbor stated that when she left her house the afternoon of September 22, 2024, Matthew's truck was not in the driveway. Neighbor stated that on September 24, 2024, she observed GLEDHILL's mother and father at the home with GLEDHILL and the children. Neighbor stated GLEDHILL's mother and father left the residence at approximately 2300 hours.

The statement of identified Neighbor's mother that on September 24, 2024, she observed GLEDHILL's parents in the home "cleaning." The parents were observed cleaning in the garage and moving things around and all the lights in the house were on and she could see the parents cleaning inside.

On September 30, 2024, detectives located Matthew's truck .3 miles away from his home. Detectives obtained doorbell cam footage that showed the truck was parked in its location on September 21, 2024, at 06:15 hours. Detectives located Matthew's phone inside of his truck.

Detectives obtained a search warrant for GLEDHILL's residence. Detectives noted that the mattress in the master bedroom was on a heavy wooden frame with no box spring. The mattress appeared to be brand new. Additionally, the entire wall behind the master bed appeared to have fresh wipe marks from cleaning. Several reddish-brown spots were located on the walls, bed frame, and blinds of the master bedroom. Detectives noted that the wall behind the master bed was covered in bleach. The master bed was pulled away from the wall and the carpet below the bed was forensically tested and flashed positive for human blood in an area with a large circular pattern. This pattern was located under the right side of the bed near the head of the bed. Detectives noted a strong smell of chlorine in the basement and observed the black carpet on the stairs appeared to have bleach discoloration on several stairs. During the search of the basement, a carpet cleaner was located and collected as evidence. It was noted that during the search of the home, no computers, laptops, or electronic storage devices were located, although a Xfinity high speed internet box was located/found in the living room.

During a search of GLEDHILL's Chrysler Pacifica, detectives located a black box containing 3 small cardboard cylinders that contained a powdered plant substance. Inside a black fanny pack were 6 Ziplock bags containing what appeared to be Psilocybin mushrooms, that appeared to be packaged for individual sale. Inside a white purse was \$206 USD in a pocket on the interior of the purse. Detectives also noted that the back seats in the van were folded down, increasing the cargo capacity of the van.

Detectives obtained a search warrant for GLEDHILL's cell phone. GPS mapping of the phone showed that on September 22, 2024, around 6 a.m. it traveled near the area where Matthew's truck was ultimately discovered. At 13:44, the phone begins moving northbound on the I-215 west belt. At 13:46, a phone call is placed to GLEDHILL's father which lasts for approximately four minutes. The phone then continues north towards Davis County via Legacy Parkway at 13:50 and continues northbound until it is powered off at approximately 14:37. GLEDHILL's phone then appears powered back on at approximately 17:07. A call is again placed to her father at 17:08 as she is traveling eastbound on the West Davis Corridor.

Detectives located video footage from a Maverik gas station located on Parrish Lane in Centerville, Utah. The footage covers September 22, 2024, from 1700 hours to 1730 hours and shows a Chrysler Pacifica that appears to match GLEDHILL's enter the Maverik property from 1250 West then turn onto 375 North into an apartment complex. The Chrysler Pacifica is seen leaving at 17:25:19 hours. This location was corroborated by GLEDHILL's cell phone location data.

Detectives received a LPR hit on GLEDHILL's Chrysler Pacifica. Detectives located video footage from a Holiday Oil on Highland Drive. The footage shows GLEDHILL's Chrysler Pacifica at the car wash at 22:37 on September 22, 2024. The Pacifica uses the car wash then parks near the vacuums. The single occupant is then seen thoroughly cleaning the Pacifica on all sides and opening all doors. This was also corroborated by cell phone data. The Pacifica then leaves at 23:07 pm. Shortly thereafter, GLEDHILL's phone shows present at Informant's residence at 23:47 hours, consistent with his report.

Further analysis of GLEDHILL's call records shows that at no point after September 21, 2024, did she ever attempt to contact Matthew.

Detectives served a search warrant on GLEDHILL's parents' house. Detectives located a plastic tote near the bedroom where GLEDHILL would sleep when she visited. Inside the tote, detectives located a Glock 19X gun box (green/tan in color) with one of the handles broken. The gun box was wrapped in a child's onesie. This gun container is consistent with the gun (model and color) which was shown to Informant by GLEDHILL.

Detectives later confronted GLEDHILL's parents concerning their presence at GLEDHILL's home on September 24, 2024. GLEDHILL's mother stated that she was only at the house for less than an hour. GLEDHILL's mother admitted to purchasing a mattress from Amazon at the request of GLEDHILL on September 24, 2024. GLEDHILL's father stated that he could not remember the details of that day but was there for a short period of time. Detectives confronted him concerning other evidence suggesting otherwise and he said he was helping with a leak in the garage. GLEDHILL's father was asked if he went into the master bedroom to which he responded, "I did not go in where the incident happened." GLEDHILL's father admitted to sending a text to GLEDHILL on September 26, 2024, that the mattress had been delivered to their house.

Detectives provided a section of carpet that appeared to have blood on it to the Utah State Crime Lab. Forensic scientists conducted serological testing which confirmed the stain was human blood. DNA testing was initiated, and a profile was developed showing the blood to originate from a single source that was male. At the time of this filing, further testing is ongoing to compare this single source to Matthew's DNA and results are pending.

At the time of this filing, Detectives have been unable to locate Matthew's body. Detectives note that nobody, including family and co-workers, have heard from Matthew since September 21, 2024 which is inconsistent from his normal pattern of life.

#### 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 multiple 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.

In this case, the defendant presents a substantial danger to the community and to the integrity of law enforcement's investigation if released on bail. Records searches reveal that the defendant had previously made unsuccessful attempts to secure a protective order against Matthew during the course of their marriage and was found by the Court to be an instigator and one to goad Matthew into a response in order to get him in trouble. The State believes that defendant was very calculating in her crimes in that she arranged for the children to stay with her parents during the evening Matthew was killed. Investigation further revealed that she asked her parents to keep the children for another day, presumably while she was cleaning up the crime scene and disposing of Matthew's body. The evidence is significant that defendant obstructed the investigation by removing the mattress she admitted to Informant that she shot Matthew on while he was sleeping and replaced days later with a new mattress. Detectives noted through interviews that the cargo box was observed at the home on prior occasions and has since disappeared. Many of Informant's statements have been corroborated by other evidence

including her admission to him to burying him up north in a shallow grave, consistent with her cell phone travel on September 22, 2024. The location of the blood stain is also consistent with where one would normally place their head on a mattress while sleeping. The gun described by Informant was also consistent with the gun box defendant hid in a onesie at her parent's home. The Informant reported that the defendant hid Matthew's truck in a nearby neighborhood which was corroborated. Further, the bruising observed by Informant on the defendant's arms and legs were, as she stated to him, consistent with moving Matthew's body from the home into the cargo box and out of the home. The evidence is substantial and if released the State believes the defendant will continue her efforts to cover her crimes.

Further, the defendant is a flight risk. The defendant told Informant that she would kill herself before spending her life in prison or that she would flee to Indiana with her children. Due to the serious nature of the allegations, the defendant should be held in jail 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: 15th day of October, 2024.

/s/ BRAYDEN PHELPS  
Declarant

Authorized for presentment and filing:

SIM GILL, District Attorney

/s/ Joshua Graves  
Deputy District Attorney  
15th day of October, 2024  
JG / MM / DAO # 24.018128



**OTHER PENDING CASES FOR THE DEFENDANT**

Court	Court Case #	Trial Judge	DAO #	Charge
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