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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.

DONALD EUGENE YOUNGE, JR.

DOB: 06/21/1966 SO#: 216413

SID#/BCI#: 0402927

Defendant

Screened by: HOMICIDE TEAM Assigned to: TO BE ASSIGNED

INFORMATION

DAO # 24.000105

BAIL: NO BAIL WARRANT

WARRANT/RELEASE: USP

Case No.

The undersigned Detective J. Nelson - West Valley City Police Department, Agency Case No. 96-68120, upon a written declaration states on information and belief that the defendant, DONALD EUGENE YOUNGE, JR., committed the crime(s) of:

COUNT 1

MURDER, 76-5-203, a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about December 9, 1996, at 5300 West 3100 South, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally or knowingly caused the death of another; intending to cause serious bodily injury to another committed an act clearly dangerous to human life that caused the death of another; acting under circumstances evidencing a depraved indifference to human life engaged in conduct which created a grave risk of death to another and thereby caused the death of another; or while in the commission, attempted commission, or immediate flight from the commission or attempted commission of aggravated robbery, robbery, or aggravated kidnapping, kidnapping, caused the death of another or person other than a party as defined in Utah Code § 76-2-202.

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COUNT 2

AGGRAVATED KIDNAPPING, 76-5-302, a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about December 9, 1996, at 5300 West 3100 South, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did, intentionally or knowingly, without authority of law and against the will of the victim by any means and in any manner, seized, confined, detained, or transported the victim with intent: to hold for ransom or reward, or as a shield or hostage, or to compel a third person to engage in particular conduct or to forbear from engaging in particular conduct or to facilitate the commission, attempted commission, or flight after commission or attempted commission of a felony; or to inflict bodily injury on or terrorize the victim or another.

COUNT 3

AGGRAVATED ROBBERY, 76-6-302, a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about December 9, 1996, at 5300 West 3100 South, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did, in the course of committing a robbery, used or threatened to use a dangerous weapon as defined in Section 76-1-601; caused serious bodily injury upon another; or took an operable motor vehicle.

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

Detective J. Nelson, Officer T. Gray, Officer D. Taylor, Lt. A. Halulic, Forensic Investigator A. Petersen, and Dr. Ed Leis

DECLARATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your affiant bases probable cause on information and evidence collected by West Valley City Police Department, Case No. 96-68120 and the following:

The statement of West Valley City Police Officer T. Gray that on December 9, 1996, at 2154 hours, Officers responded on a report of an auto pedestrian accident at 3100 South 5300 West, in Salt Lake County. A female was found in the roadway, unconscious and not breathing. The female was declared deceased on scene and was observed wearing a Pizza Hut employee uniform. Employees from Pizza Hut identified the female as Lisa Redmond. Lisa left the Pizza Hut store in her 1994 GMC extended cab pickup at 2143 hours to deliver pizza to the Comfort Inn near the Airport. Lisa's GMC pickup truck was missing from the scene where she was found.

The statement of West Valley City Police Officer D. Taylor that Lisa's pickup truck was located at 3291 South 4440 West on December 10 in front of a church, which is approximately 1.3 miles away from the crime scene.

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During an inventory search of Lisa's truck, Detectives saw signs of a struggle in the cab of the truck. Blood was found on the front passenger seat, on the head rest, and on the interior near the passenger door. A shoe print was found on the passenger door and was confirmed to belong to Lisa. Blood was found on the lower passenger side rocker panel leading to the rear of the truck, there was blood spot located on the exhaust system on the passenger side, and blood was found on the components underneath the truck suggesting that Lisa was run over. Detectives located a knife behind the driver's seat, which contained a palm print, blood on a seat belt buckle, and they also lifted prints from inside the truck. The blood and prints were sent to the lab for testing.

The statement of Lt A. Halulic that in March 2019 he received a report from the crime lab in which a DNA profile taken from the blood on a seat belt buckle came back with a CODIS hit to DONALD EUGENE YOUNGE. A DNA standard was obtained from YOUNGE and sent to the lab for comparison. The crime lab tested the standard from YOUNGE and compared it to the DNA profile on the seat buckle. The blood DNA profile from the seat belt buckle was a match to YOUNGE.

The statement of West Valley City Police Department Forensic Investigator A. Petersen that she manually compared prints lifted from the knife to a ten-print/palm print card bearing the name YOUNGE and determined the palm print on the knife were a match to YOUNGE.

In 2019, YOUNGE was interviewed by Detectives. Post-Miranda YOUNGE was informed that his DNA and prints were found at the scene of a homicide that occurred in December 1996. YOUNGE denied knowing of or having any involvement with Lisa Redmond. YOUNGE denied being in any truck at this time and claimed that it couldn't be him as he was not in West Valley City at the time. YOUNGE also believed that Detectives were speaking of seminal DNA and not blood DNA. When YOUNGE was informed that it was blood DNA, YOUNGE stated that if his DNA and prints were on scene, and if Detectives weren't interviewing anyone else, that he was clearly the suspect in this case.

In November 2023, Detectives interviewed YOUNGE again. Post-Miranda YOUNGE denied any involvement with the case and could not explain why his DNA was found inside of the truck. YOUNGE admitted to using UTA buses to get around in 1996.

During the investigation, Detectives learned that YOUNGE worked in the area of 2100 South and 4400 West, the border of Salt Lake and West Valley, approximately 4.3 miles from Pizza Hut. Detectives located at least two bus stops near the Pizza Hut location where Lisa was employed.

Dr. Ed Leis with the Utah State Office of the Medical Examiner conducted an autopsy on Lisa Redmond. Dr. Leis stated that Lisa's cause of death was blunt force injuries to the head, torso, and extremities. Dr. Leis stated the manner of death as homicide.

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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 based upon the above probable cause statement, 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 has a criminal history of aggravated sexual assault, robbery, assault, and obstruction. He was and remains suspect in a 1999 murder investigation and is suspected of multiple homicides in East St. Louis, Illinois involving women.

The defendant is currently in the Utah State Prison serving a sentence for Aggravated Sexual Assault and Robbery, Third District Court case no. 001904001.

In this case, the victim was a Pizza Hut delivery driver. She left the store to deliver a pizza and approximately 11 minutes later, she was found in the middle of the road unconscious and not breathing. She was pronounced deceased at the scene. Detectives learned that the victim drove her personal vehicle for the pizza deliveries, which was missing from the scene. The victim's truck was located the next day about 1.3 miles away from the crime scene. When the truck was processed, blood was located inside and underneath the truck, a knife was located behind the driver's seat, which contained the defendant's palm print and the defendant's DNA was located on the seat belt buckle. The defendant denied any involvement or knowledge about the victim or her truck. The defendant is a danger to the community, especially women. Due to the serious nature of the charges, 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: 16th day of May 2024.

/s/ JEFFREY NELSON

Declarant

Authorized for presentment and filing: SIM GILL, District Attorney

/s/ Vincent Meister
Deputy District Attorney
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