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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.

MARK ANTHONY MUNOZ,
DOB: 07/23/1971
AKA: Mark Nelson Munoz; Mark Munoz
OTN#: 68174135
SO#: 167367
SID#/BCI#: 329629
Booking#: 25003686

Defendant.

Screened by: HOMICIDE TEAM
Assigned to: TO BE ASSIGNED

INFORMATION

DAO # 24.006577

BAIL: NO BAIL WARRANT

WARRANT/RELEASE: IN JAIL PRD
01/30/2025

Case No.

The undersigned Detective B. Pender - Unified Police Department, Agency Case No. CO2005-74463, upon a written declaration states on information and belief that the defendant, MARK ANTHONY MUNOZ, committed the crime(s) of:

COUNT 1

MURDER, 76-5-203, a First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about August 5, 2005, at 7383 West Paine Road, in Salt Lake County, the defendant did intentionally or knowingly cause the death of another; intending to cause serious bodily injury to another, commit an act clearly dangerous to human life that caused the death of another; 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; engage in the commission,

attempted commission, or immediate flight from the commission or attempted commission of any predicate offense, to wit: Aggravated Burglary or was a party to the predicate offense; and a person other than a party as defined in Utah Code Section 76-2-202 was killed in the course of the commission, attempted commission, or immediate flight from the commission or attempted commission of any predicate offense; and the actor acted with the intent required as an element of the predicate offense.

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

Detective B. Pender, T.M., M.D., C.M., and Dr. Maureen Frikke

DECLARATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your affiant bases probable cause on information and evidence collected by Unified Police Department, Case No. CO2005-74463 and the following:

The statement of Unified Police Detective B. Pender that on August 6, 2005, law enforcement was dispatched to a report of a stabbing and possible deceased male at 7383 West Paine Road, in Salt Lake County. Upon arrival, detectives observed a kitchen chair with what appeared to be blood on the seat cushion. On the kitchen floor was broken glass, a cap, sunglasses, and a cordless telephone. There was blood on the kitchen floor and walls. There was also blood on the wall of the stairwell leading to the basement. On the stairs to the basement was debris, possibly trash, and a knife with a bent blade covered in blood. In the basement, a male identified as Jason Royter, was found lying against the wall deceased covered in blood. Detectives observed blood on basement walls, doors, and floor. Evidence was collected, along with blood samples from various locations. The items were processed by the State crime lab and a DNA profile located on the folding door of the basement laundry room returned to Jason Royter and an unknown profile. The unknown profile was placed in the National DNA Index System of the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) database. Years later, a DNA profile returned to the blood swab found on the folding door to the laundry room and was identified as MARK ANTHONY MUNOZ (aka MARK NELSON MUNOZ).

The statement of T.M. that she was in a relationship with Jason Royter on and off for three years. T.M. stated that on August 5, 2005, she and Jason went out shopping and returned to the house about 10:25 pm. T.M. stated she then left the residence to get some groceries. When she got home, she had a short conversation with H.M. and then left alone to go to her friend's residence about 11:30 pm. T.M. stated she returned home sometime after 1:30 am on August 6, 2005.

T.M. stated that when she returned home, she observed the front door open to her residence, which was unusual. T.M. stated that when she entered the residence, she observed blood on the floor and items thrown around. She thought maybe Jason had cut himself because there was a broken Bacardi bottle. T.M. stated that she started calling out Jason's name and was searching the upstairs of the house and the backyard for Jason but couldn't locate him. T.M. stated that there was garbage all over the basement stairs. T.M. ran down to the basement and saw Jason on the floor with blood all over him. T.M. stated that she started shaking Jason and was yelling at him to wake up. T.M. stated that she thought she heard a noise and got scared, so she ran outside and drove to her sister's house for help. T.M. told her sister that there was something wrong with Jason and asked her sister to call the cops. T.M. stated that she and a few others returned to T.M.'s residence.

T.M. stated that the front door is always locked and Jason never answers the door. T.M. stated that she didn't understand why the front door would be unlocked and open. T.M. said Jason only went into the basement to play pool with her children or a friend of his. T.M. stated that when she went to her sister's house, she remembers seeing a blue Bronco/Jeep with tinted windows parked around the corner and when she returned to the house; it was gone.

T.M. told police that MUNOZ may be involved with Jason's death. T.M. stated that she knew MUNOZ through his then wife. T.M. remembers a time when MUNOZ showed up to her house with a gun looking for her son.

The statement of M.D. that on August 5, 2005, between 11:00 and 11:30 pm, he took his dog out for a jog. M.D. stated that he went westbound on Paine Avenue in front of T.M. and Jason's residence. M.D. stated that he heard two males, one being Jason's, inside the front door yelling at each other. M.D. stated that it sounded like the two males were going to fight. M.D. stated that he heard one male saying, "pay me back", and Jason saying, "I don't owe you shit". M.D. stated that there was a truck parked to the east of the residence. The truck was grey or blue, no shell, and it was a smaller type of truck. M.D. described the other male as taller than Jason, medium build.

The statement of C.M. that on August 6, 2005, she was in her room playing a game when her aunt, T.M., came in screaming, and freaking out. T.M. told C.M. that Jason was on the floor and to call 911. C.M. stated that her ex-husband, J.M., and brother-in-law, D.C., went over to T.M.'s house and C.M. got into T.M.'s car. When they arrived, they went into the basement and found Jason. They tried waking Jason, shaking and screaming at him, but he would not respond. C.M. stated that when she went back up the stairs, she hit something with her shoe. She looked down and noticed it was a knife. As C.M. continued up the stairs, she observed blood on the doors and walls.

Dr. Maureen Frikke with the Utah State Office of the Medical Examiner conducted an autopsy on Jason Royter. Dr. Frikke noted that Jason had facial and scalp abrasions and contusions, superficial incisions and abrasions of the anterior neck, hemorrhages into the strip muscles and mucosa of the larynx, stab wounds of the upper anterior left chest, perforation of the skin intercostal muscles, pleura, and left upper lobe of the lung, stab wound of the upper posterior left chest, fracture of the left second rib, multiple non-perforating incisions of the left upper back, lower back, and anterior surface of the left shoulder, and multiple other abrasions and contusions. Dr. Frikke determined that the cause of death was stab wounds to the chest and the manner of death as homicide.

The statement of Unified Police Department Detective B. Pender that a DNA profile was obtained from the human blood swab from the folding door to the laundry room was a mixture of two individuals. Jason Royter's DNA was present, and the second individual whose DNA profile was present was identified as MUNOZ.

Additionally, MUNOZ had a blue 1974 Chevrolet C10 Pickup truck that was registered to him at the time of the offense and was transferred to his ex-wife on September 11, 2005.

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 first-degree 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 is transient, unemployed, and has a history of traveling out of State. The defendant does not have a telephone number or regular contact with local family and friends. If released on bail, the defendant poses a flight risk and will more than likely flee the jurisdiction of the Court given the severity of the charges.

In this case, the victim was home alone between 11:30 pm and 1:30 am. A witness reported hearing arguing between the victim and another male during this time. When the victim's girlfriend returned home, she found the front door open which was unusual, the home in disarray, and blood everywhere. The victim was located in the basement deceased and covered in blood. During an autopsy, it was determined that the defendant died of stab wounds to the chest. The crime scene was processed, and multiple swabs of blood were taken. A DNA profile was entered into CODIS and the profile returned to the defendant. Due to the serious nature of the allegations and the defendant's potential flight risk, 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: 28th day of January, 2025.

/s/ BEN PENDER

Declarant

Authorized for presentment and filing:

SIM GILL, District Attorney

/s/ Joshua Graves

Deputy District Attorney

29th day of January, 2025

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OTHER PENDING CASES FOR THE DEFENDANT

Court	Court Case #	Trial Judge	DAO #	Charge
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