

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CRIMINAL DIVISION**

COMPLAINT

DCTN: _____
 Lockup No: _____
 Case No: 2013CAW003524

District of Columbia ss:

Defendant's Name: Sosefina Amoa 13146224
(First) (MI) (Last) (PDID) (CCNO)

Also Known As: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: 4200 HAREWOOD ROAD NE, WASHINGTON DC

SOSEFINA AMOA, within the District of Columbia, in perpetrating and attempting to perpetrate the crime of first degree cruelty to children killed Joseph LNU, an infant child by asphyxiating him with a wool garment or cloth on or about October 10, 2013, thereby causing injuries from which Joseph LNU, an infant child died on or about October 10, 2013. (First Degree Murder - Felony Murder, in violation of 22 D.C. Code, Section 2101 (2001 ed.))

Co-Defendants:

Jed Worrell
 Jed Worrell D2-1492

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of October, 2013

Jed Worrell
 Affiant's Name

 (Judge) (Deputy Clerk)

WARRANT

To The United States Marshal or any other authorized federal officer or the Chief of Police of the District of Columbia
 WHEREAS the foregoing complaint and affidavit supporting the allegations thereof have been submitted, and there appearing probable cause and reasonable grounds for the issuance of an arrest warrant for Sosefina Amoa

YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED TO BRING THE DEFENDANT BEFORE SAID COURT OR OTHER PERSON ENUMERATED IN 18 U.S.C. 3041 forthwith to answer said charge.

Issued Oct. 16, 2013 *[Signature]*
 Judge - Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Title 16: Rule 105: Judge: _____

Sex: Female	DOB: 08/27/1987	CCN: 13146224	PDID:
Papering Officer: Jed Worrell			Badge No.: D21492
OFFICER MUST EXECUTE RETURN			
Officer's Name:		Date / Time: October 16, 2013	
AUSA Signature:		Fel. I <input type="checkbox"/>	AFTC <input type="checkbox"/> Fel. II <input type="checkbox"/>

Superior Court of the District of Columbia
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AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF AN ARREST WARRANT

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USW NO.:

DEFENDANT'S NAME: Sosefina Amoa				NICKNAME:		ALIASES:		CCN: 13-146-224	PDID:
SEX: Male	RACE: Samoan	DOB: 08/27/1987	HGT:	WGT:	EYES: Brown	HAIR: Black	COMPL: Light	SCARS, MARKS, TATOOS	
DEFENDANT'S HOME ADDRESS: 4200 Harewood Road, N.E. "Little Sisters of the Poor"							TELEPHONE NUMBER:		
DEFENDANT'S BUSINESS ADDRESS:							TELEPHONE NUMBER:		

COMPLAINANT'S NAME: John Doe {Baby Joseph}			TELEPHONE NUMBER:		
LOCATION OF OFFENSE: 4200 Harewood Road, N.E. "Little Sisters of the Poor"			DATE OF OFFENSE: 10 October 2013	TIME OF OFFENSE: 11:30 AM	

CAUTION AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS (CMC)
Select a valid CMC code below for wanted person when using the caution indicator.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 00 = Armed and Dangerous <input type="checkbox"/> 05 = Violent Tendencies <input type="checkbox"/> 10 = Martial Arts Expert <input type="checkbox"/> 15 = Explosive Expertise <input type="checkbox"/> 20 = Known to abuse drugs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 25 = Escape Risk <input type="checkbox"/> 30 = Sexually Violent Predator <input type="checkbox"/> 50 = Heart Condition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 55 = Alcoholic <input type="checkbox"/> 60 = Allergies <input type="checkbox"/> 65 = Epilepsy <input type="checkbox"/> 70 = Suicidal <input type="checkbox"/> 80 = Medication Required <input type="checkbox"/> 85 = Hemophilic <input type="checkbox"/> 90 = Diabetic <input type="checkbox"/> 01 = Other
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GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHAT HAPPENED:

Your Affiant is Detective Jed D. Worrell who has been a sworn member of the Metropolitan Police Department for nearly 22 years, and is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division's, Homicide Branch - Special Victims Unit.

1. On Friday, 11 October 2013, at around 11:10 am, uniformed members of the Fourth Police District were requested to respond to the Providence Hospital for the report of a deceased infant male who was believed to have been delivered in an extramural environment (outside of a hospital setting). It was reported that the biological mother was also present at the hospital.
2. Law enforcement officers went to the Providence Hospital Emergency Room and determined that the child was wrapped and transported to the hospital in a small black luggage bag, accompanied by the child's mother (Sosefina Amoa), from the Little Sister's of the Poor" facility located at 4200 Harewood Road, N.E., which is a home for the elderly poor and a convent for the "Little Sister's of the Poor." The "Little Sisters of the Poor" is an international congregation of Roman Catholic Women who provide world wide service to the elderly poor.
3. The child's body was observed at the hospital and found to be wrapped in a flowered designed garment and covered with a black wool garment. The child's body was stored in a small black luggage bag. There was meconium found under the child (Meconium is the early feces (stool) passed by a newborn soon after birth, before the baby has started to digest breast milk or formula). There was reddish bruising present on the child's nose.
4. The child arrived at the Providence Hospital Emergency Room and was immediately pronounced dead on 11 October 2013, at 11:10 am, by Doctor Walsh. The child's body was observed in the emergency room by OB/GYN Doctor Mejebi Mayor who opined that the child appeared to be "full-term" in gestation.

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5. The {OCME} Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for the District of Columbia accepted jurisdiction of the case and the child's remains were transported to the OCME, pending the results of their post-mortem examination.
6. The Homicide Branch's Special Victims Unit was assigned investigative jurisdiction and during the initial investigation several persons were interviewed.
7. The child's mother {Sosefina Amoa} arrived in the United States from her home residence, located on the Island of Samoa, on Saturday, 5 October 2013, and began Religious Formation, which consists of receiving religious classes, doctrine, prayer life, community life, and caring for the residents. This in furtherance of taking official vows to become a Religious Sister, so the mother is considered a "Postulant," which is a person who wants to be admitted into a religious order.
8. Your affiant interviewed the child's mother {Sosefina Amoa} shortly after her arrival at the hospital. The mother explained that she had her last menstrual cycle in February 2013, or March 2013, and believes that she last had intercourse in April 2013. The mother said that she began to experience bleeding on Wednesday, 9 October 2013, which she believed was the reoccurrence of her menstrual cycle.
9. The mother said that the following day, Thursday, 10 October 2013, she continued to experience bleeding, and at 8:30 am or 9:00 am, she began to experience significant abdominal pain, which she described as being unlike any cramping pain which she has experienced during her menstrual cycle. She said at around 11:00 am, she "felt like something was coming out of her stomach." She described her stomach pain as being "very painful." The mother reports that around 15 minutes or 20 minutes later, the baby started "coming." She stood on the floor while leaning on her bed and the baby "came out" and fell straight down striking the floor.
10. The mother said that after the child fell to the floor she heard the child cry for 2 to 3 minutes. She said she heard no crying after this period of time. She said she lay on the floor next to the child and could see that the child was not breathing. She said she wrapped the child in Samoan garb and placed the child on her bed. She said she remained in her room with the child for the remainder of the day until the following morning. She said that the following morning, Friday, 11 October 2013, at around 8:30 am, or 9:00 am, she contacted a Religious Sister and informed her about the child. She said that she and child were transported to the hospital. The mother said that the child was transported to the hospital in a luggage bag. The mother said that following the child's birth, she cleaned up the room with rags leaving them in a trash pail in her room. The mother said that she did know that she was pregnant. The mother told law enforcement members that she had named her 1 day old son, "Joseph."
11. A Religious Sister, who is part of the Little Sister's of the Poor" congregation at the convent, was interviewed and will be referred to as "W-1." W-1 said that on the morning of Friday, 11 October 2013, the child's mother contacted her and told her that she needed to show her something. W-1 went to the mother's room and was shown the child's body. W-1 said that the child's mother initially told her that she found the body outside and later recanted admitting that she gave birth to the child. W-1 picked up the child and said that the child was cold and stiff. W-1 obtained a small black luggage bag which was used to transport the child to the hospital.
12. Later that day, members of the MPD Homicide - Special Victims Unit and Mobil Crime Unit went to the mother's convent room. There were small traces of suspected blood, and bloody clothing found in the room. It appeared that the room area had been cleaned following her extramural delivery. This was evidenced in part by the absence of any significant amount of blood found in the room. There was a small plastic trash pail found under the sink. Found in the pail, were a pair of blood saturated panties, bloody tissues, several blood saturated cloths, one of which has blood and suspected meconium on it, and a placenta {"after-birth"} with a portion of umbilical cord present.

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13. On Saturday, 12 October 2013, an autopsy was conducted on the child's remains, at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for the District of Columbia. The post-mortem procedure was conducted by Deputy Medical Examiner, Nikki Moutznous, D.O. It was Doctor Moutznous' opinion that the child was full-term in gestation and weighed 6.lbs - 2 oz. Doctor Moutznous said that it appeared that the child had breathed and that her gross findings at autopsy were unremarkable, with the exception of the bruises on the child's nose. The case was placed in a Pending Status.

14. On Wednesday, 16 October 2013, your Affiant re-interviewed the child's mother {Sosefina Amoa}. The mother admitted that she had not truthful during her first interview at the hospital on 11 October 2013. She admitted that she had not told the "Little Sister's of the Poor" about her prior sexual encounters. She said that after she gave birth to the child the child fell to the floor and she lay next to the child. She said that she didn't know what to do and was afraid that someone would hear the child crying and learn of her pregnancy. She said that she placed a black wool garment over the child's nose and mouth and applied pressure with her hand for 2 to 3 minutes. The mother said that prior to placing the wool garment over the child's nose and mouth; the child was breathing and had cried. The mother said that after she removed the garment from the child's nose and mouth, the child was not breathing and she knew the child was dead. The mother said that she initially was going to place the child's body in the "rubbish," but later thought that was a wrong thing to do. She admitted to initially telling "W-1" that she found the child outside and later admitted to W-1 that she had given birth to the child. The mother said that the black wool garment that was wrapped around the child's body when he was placed in the luggage was the garment she placed over the child's face.

15. On Wednesday, 16 October 2013, Deputy Medical Examiner, Nikki Moutznous, D.O, ruled the Cause of the decedent's death to be Asphyxia, and the Manner of Death Homicide.

16. Based on the information presented in this affidavit, your affiant believes that Probable Cause exists that Sosefina Amoa is responsible for the death of her 1 day old infant son. It is therefore requested that a DC Superior Court Arrest Warrant be issued of Sosefina Amoa.

AFFIANT'S SIGNATURE:

x [Signature]
Jed O'Worner
02-1492

TO: WARRANT CLERK

PLEASE ISSUE A WARRANT FOR:

Sosefina Amoa

Charge With: First Degree Felony Murder

[Signature] (1st Deg. (Seely) to children)

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME THIS 16th
DAY OF Oct 2013

[Signature]
(JUDGE) DEPUTY CLERK, SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA