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

**COMPLAINT**

DCTN: U4002061  
Lockup No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Case No: 14 CRW 240

District of Columbia ss:

Defendant's Name: Tisheena Louise Brown

(First) (MI) (Last) (PDID) (CCNO)

Also Known As: \_\_\_\_\_

(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: Brandywine Street, S.E. Washington DC

On or about September 18, 2013, within the District of Columbia, Tisheena Louise Brown, did intentionally, knowingly and recklessly torture, beat and otherwise willfully maltreat H.B., a child under 18 years of age, that is, about 1 month years of age, and thereby caused bodily injury. (First Degree Cruelty to Children, in violation of 22 D.C. Code, Section 1101(a) (2001 ed.))

Tisheena Louise Brown, within the District of Columbia, in perpetrating and attempting to perpetrate the crime of Maltreatment and providing prescription drugs Promethazine (Non-Controlled Prescription Drug) killed H.B. by giving a quality of Promethazine on or about September 18, 2013, thereby causing injuries from which H.B. died on or about September 18, 2013. (First Degree Murder - Felony Murder, in violation of 22 D.C. Code, Section 2101 (2001 ed.))

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

John Ted Worrell  
Affiant's Name

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of January, 2014

Hendell E. Gardner  
(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 Tisheena Louise Brown

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 January 16, 2014

Hendell E. Gardner  
Judge - Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Title 16: ☐

Rule 105: ☐ Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: Female

DOB: 06/25/1982

CCN: \_\_\_\_\_

PDID: \_\_\_\_\_

Papering Officer: Det. Jed Worrell

Badge No.: D2-1492

**OFFICER MUST EXECUTE RETURN**

Officer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date / Time: January 15, 2014

AUSA Signature: Julian Cockburn 1-20-2014

Rel. I ☒

AFTC ☐

Fel. II ☐

Superior Court of the District of Columbia  
CRIMINAL DIVISION

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF AN ARREST WARRANT**

USW NO.: 14CRW240

DEFENDANT'S NAME: <b>Tisheena Louise Brown</b>				NICKNAME:		ALIASES:		CCN: 13-133-462	PDID:																
SEX: female	RACE: Black	DOB: 6/25/1982	HGT:	WGT:	EYES: Brown	HAIR: Black	COMPL: Dark	SCARS, MARKS, TATOOS																	
DEFENDANT'S HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Brandywine Street, S.E., [REDACTED]							TELEPHONE NUMBER:																		
DEFENDANT'S BUSINESS ADDRESS:							TELEPHONE NUMBER:																		
COMPLAINANT'S NAME: "HB"							TELEPHONE NUMBER:																		
LOCATION OF OFFENSE: [REDACTED] Brandywine Street, S.E., [REDACTED]							DATE OF OFFENSE: 18 September 2013	TIME OF OFFENSE: 3:22 am																	
<b>CAUTION AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS (CMC)</b> Select a valid CMC code below for wanted person when using the caution indicator.																									
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<p>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.</p> <p>1. On Wednesday, 18 September 2013, at 2:45 am, the Unified Communications Division of the Metropolitan Police Department and the D.C. Fire Department received a 911 call in reference to an unconscious 1 month old infant at [REDACTED] Akron Place, Southeast, Washington, D.C. DC Fire &amp; EMS units arrived at the address where they found 1 month old {HB} unconscious and not breathing. The child, {HB}, was transported via Ambulance 19 to the {CNMC} Children's National Medical Center's Emergency Department located on the grounds of the {UMC} United Medical Center in Southeast, Washington, D.C.</p> <p>2. The child {HB} arrived at the hospital with CPR in progress and was pronounced dead at 3:22 am, by Doctor Dafina Good. The {OCME} Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for the District of Columbia accepted jurisdiction of the case and {HB}, hereinafter referred to as, "the decedent" was transported to the OCME pending the results of their post mortem examination and the MPD Homicide-Special Victims Unit initiated a concomitant investigation into the facts surrounding the decedent's death.</p> <p>3. On the morning of 18 September 2013, the decedent's mother {Tisheena Brown} was interviewed by Detective Carlos Hilliard of the Homicide-Special Victims Unit. Tisheena Brown explained that the decedent was last fed at around 10:00 pm, and put to sleep at around 10:30 pm. Tisheena Brown said that sometime after 2:00 am, she looked over at the decedent and noticed that he was "blue and wasn't breathing." This is when 911 was called. Tisheena Brown said that the only medication that she had provided the decedent was an {OTH} Over-the-Counter gas relief medication which she had given to the child recently.</p>																									

4. On 19 September 2013, an autopsy was conducted on the decedent's remains by Deputy Medical Examiner Joseph Pestaner. The cause and manner of death determination was placed in a Pending Status awaiting further studies which included a toxicological analysis of samples obtained from the decedent at autopsy.
5. The decedent's mother {Tisheena Brown} has an admitted history of prescription drug abuse which began in 2007 or 2008. Her reported prescription drugs of choice are Percocet (Oxycodone) and Dilaudid {Hydromorphone}, both of which are Schedule II Controlled Prescription Drugs. She admits frequenting local hospitals in an effort to unlawfully obtain drug prescriptions while using fraudulent identifiers. Her last known attempt was at the Shady Grove Hospital on 5 September 2013, while the decedent was in her care.
6. In October 2013, the DC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's Forensic Toxicology Unit determined that the decedent's autopsy drug screen was positive for Promethazine. Promethazine commonly referred to by the brand name Phenergan is a non-controlled prescription medication which is prescribed for allergy, motion sickness, nausea, vomiting, nighttime sedation, pain relief following surgery, and to help certain narcotic pain relievers work better. Phenergan is prescribed with the warning that it should not be used in children younger than 2 years because it may cause serious {possibly fatal} slow/shallow breathing.
7. In November 2013, the DC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's Forensic Toxicology Unit confirmed that Promethazine {Phenergan} was present in the decedent's heart {blood}, urine, gastric contents, and liver.
8. On 20 December 2013, your Affiant re-interviewed the decedent's mother {Tisheena Brown}. Tisheena Brown initially denied giving the decedent Phenergan and that she had only provided the child an OTC medication for gas. She then admitted that she had given the child Phenergan at around 1:00 pm or 2:00 pm, on 17 September 2013. She explained that the child had gastric problems and was not keeping food down and had been "fussy." She said she ground up a Phenergan tablet and put a small amount on the child's tongue and swallowed the remaining portion of the tablet herself. She said she did not believe the Phenergan would harm the decedent because after his birth the child remained in the hospital and was administered morphine to treat withdrawal from Dilaudid, which she had taken during her pregnancy with the decedent. She said that no one else had provided the decedent Phenergan.
9. Tisheena Brown said that she has taken Phenergan consistently since 2008. A review of Tishenna Brown's CVS Pharmacy Records revealed that in calendar year 2013, Tisheena Brown had prescriptions filled for Phenergan a total of 12 times at local CVS Pharmacies. It was also determined that in calendar year 2013; Tisheena Brown had prescriptions filled for Phenergan an additional 6 times at local Walgreen pharmacies.
10. Your Affiant obtained a CVS Drug Education Monograph for the drug Promethazine {Phenergan}. These instructions are included with each prescription filled for Promethazine {Phenergan} at local CVS Pharmacies. These instructions include the warning that "Promethazine should not be used in children younger than 2 years because it may cause serious {possibly fatal} slow/shallow breathing".
11. On 10 January 2014, Deputy Medical Examiner Joseph Pestaner ruled the decedent's Cause of Death to be Promethazine Intoxication and the Manner of Death Homicide.
12. Based on the information contained in this affidavit your Affiant submits that probable cause exists to believe that Tisheena Brown is responsible for the death of 1 month old {HB}.

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13. It is therefore requested that a DC Superior Court Arrest Warrant be issued for Tisheena Brown's arrest.

AFFIANT'S SIGNATURE:

x J. Brown  
Tedd Worrall

TO: WARRANT CLERK

PLEASE ISSUE A WARRANT FOR:

Tisheena Louise Brown

Charge With: First Degree Felony Murder -  
gun R. Byrd First Degree causing to

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY Ch. 12

Form CD(17)-1050

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME THIS \_\_\_\_\_

16th DAY OF January 2014

Shondell R. Brown, Jr.  
(JUDGE) ~~DEPUTY CLERK~~ SUPERIOR COURT OF THE  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Revision Date: 11-29-06

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