

OK-15-203 (17)

AFFIDAVIT AND REQUEST FOR ARREST WARRANT

State of Maine

PISCATAQUIS, SS

DISTRICT COURT  
SITTING IN DOVER  
CRIMINAL ACTION  
DOCKET NO.

I, Det. Thomas Pickering, am a duly sworn officer of the Maine State Police, currently serving as a Detective in the Major Crimes Unit-North. I have been a police officer for 15 years and make the following statement of Probable Cause to support the charge of Murder, Title 17-A M.S.R.A. Section 101.1.A, Class Murder.

The facts and circumstances, which lead your affiant to believe this, are as follows:

1. Your Affiant is a Detective with the Maine State Police, Major Crimes Unit North. Your Affiant has been a Detective since February 2012. Before this your affiant was a Trooper with the Maine State Police since May of 2000. Your Affiant has successfully completed the Maine State Police Basic Training School, which was conducted by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy in Waterville Maine. Your Affiant has also investigated numerous serious crimes, including but not limited to Murder, Burglary, Felony Theft, Domestic Violence, Death Scenes and Child Abuse, during your affiant's career as a law enforcement officer. Your affiant's involvement has included the preparation and execution of search warrants, the interviewing of suspects and witnesses, and the arrest of persons charged with the above listed crimes. I have personal knowledge of the facts and circumstances hereinafter related as a result of my own investigative efforts.
2. Your Affiant spoke with Dep. Kyle Wilson and learned the following information: that on June 5, 2015 at 6:17 AM the Piscataquis County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from [REDACTED] (13) who reported that her mother was bleeding from the back of the head.
3. On June 5, 2015 at 7:08 AM your affiant received a call from Bangor RCC who requested that I respond to Parkman for an apparent homicide. I learned the following information: that the decedent is an adult female named Stephanie Gêbo [REDACTED] that the deceased was discovered by her 13 year old daughter, [REDACTED] that the deceased was cold and stiff to the touch; that Piscataquis County Sheriff's Office (PCSO) was on

scene; that the deceased recently broke up with her boyfriend; that her boyfriend was later identified as Robert Burton [REDACTED]; that the boyfriend had made threats to kill the deceased; that the whereabouts of the boyfriend is unknown.

4. Your affiant arrived at 46 Kulas Rd. in Parkman. I met with Det. Hugh Landry and Det. Jay Pelletier and learned the following information: that the victim's name is Stephanie Gebo [REDACTED] that the daughter to the victim is named [REDACTED] age 13; that the son to the victim is [REDACTED] age 10; that Stephanie's ex-boyfriend is named Robert Burton [REDACTED]; that the children were sleeping in the residence during the previous night; that [REDACTED] found Stephanie in her bedroom on the floor deceased this morning; that [REDACTED] called 911.
5. Your affiant interviewed [REDACTED] and learned the following information: that he lives at 46 Kulas Road in Parkman with his mother and sister; that his mother is Stephanie Gebo; that his sister is [REDACTED]; that Robert Burton had been in a relationship with his mother; that no one else stayed with them at house last night; that he went to bed at approximately 8:30 PM; that [REDACTED] went to bed at the same time; that his mother tucked him into bed; that he didn't see his mother again; that [REDACTED] woke him up and shielded him from seeing his mother; that there was a fire in the woodstove last night; that the fire was not burning this morning; that he had left his bicycle leaned against the rear of the house last night; that this morning he noticed that his bicycle appeared to be kicked over on the ground; that [REDACTED] observed Robert's camouflage backpack and camouflage jacket sitting on the ground next to the house; that the back pack and jacket was on his mother's bedroom side of the house; that Robert lived with them at 46 Kulas Rd. in Parkman for approximately two years; that Robert recently moved out of the residence; that Robert moved out before last weekend; that [REDACTED] has not seen Robert since he (Robert) moved out; that Stephanie changed the locks to the house after Robert moved out; that Stephanie told [REDACTED] that she was afraid that Robert would hurt [REDACTED] and he; that Robert is an angry person; that he has yelled at Stephanie, [REDACTED] and he in the past; that Robert is not supposed to have guns; that Robert has a lot of guns; that Robert has pistols, rifles and shotguns; that Robert's truck is a black and has a bar extending from the front bumper; that the truck has a loud exhaust.
6. Your affiant spoke with Det. Jay Pelletier who interviewed [REDACTED] Gebo and learned the following information: that she lives at 46 Kulas Road in Parkman with her mother, Stephanie; and brother, [REDACTED]; that she and [REDACTED] have bedrooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor; that Stephanie's bedroom is on the first floor; that the only person she knew of that would want to harm her mother was Robert Burton; that Robert lived at the residence for

about a year and a half until this past Sunday (May 31<sup>st</sup>) when he moved to his parent's house; that Stephanie changed the locks at the house because she did not want Robert to come in the residence; that Stephanie slept with a gun near her pillow or under the comforter because Stephanie was scared of Robert; that [REDACTED] went to bed sometime between 9:00 and 9:15 on June 4th; that her mother tucked her into bed; that [REDACTED] woke up at about 5:30am, but laid in bed until about 6:15; that she went downstairs and saw her mother face down on the floor; that there was blood and "flesh"; that there were holes in her mother's back; that her mother was unresponsive; that she got [REDACTED] out of his bedroom and she called 911 using her mother's phone; that she later saw a backpack outside the residence; that she recognized the backpack as either Roberts or [REDACTED]; that there was a jacket on the backpack she recognized as being Roberts; that she described Robert as "always angry" and had confronted Stephanie with the belief that she cheated on him.

7. Your affiant conducted a protective sweep of the property located at 46 Kulas Rd. in Parkman and observed the following: that there is a gray Toyota Camry bearing Maine registration 7429 UK; that the residence is a two-story home on a slab foundation; that I located the deceased lying face down inside a first floor bedroom; that I observed two holes in the center of the back of the deceased; that I observed red/brown staining around the holes; that I observed a full copper jacketed bullet on the floor near the left side of the deceased; that I swept the bedroom and noted that a window was open; that there is a camouflage colored backpack and camouflage colored jacket on the ground next to the residence; that the backpack and jacket were only a few feet from the residence; that the backpack and jacket are on the same side of the house as the bedroom where the deceased was located.
8. Your affiant contacted Bangor RCC and requested a vehicle registration check on Maine registration 7429 UK. I was advised that the registration belongs to a 2007 silver Toyota Camry that is registered to Stephanie Gebo.
9. Your affiant has spoken with Lt. James Kane and learned the following information: that George Clukey observed a male parked on his property off the Mantor School Rd. in Parkman on June 4, 2015; that the male was driving a black Toyota truck; that George asked the male to leave the property and he did; that George has viewed a picture of Robert Burton; that he identified Robert Burton as the male he observed on his property yesterday; that the Mantor School Rd. intersects with the Kulas Rd..

10. Your affiant spoke with Det. Jay Pelletier who interviewed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. I learned the following information from Det. Pelletier: that [REDACTED] stated that the camouflage backpack and jacket was not on the ground next to their residence last night; that [REDACTED] stated that the camouflage backpack and jacket was not on the ground next to their residence last night; that [REDACTED] identified the camouflage backpack and jacket as belonging to Robert Burton.
11. Your affiant believes the following: that the camouflage backpack and jacket identified by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] is owned by Robert Burton; that it was left there during the commission of the crime; that the backpack may contain evidence of the commission of the crime.
12. Your affiant spoke with Det. Hugh Landry who interviewed Roger Burton. I learned the following information from Det. Landry: that Roger is Robert Burton's father; that he spoke with Robert <sup>June 4, 2015, IP</sup> yesterday, that Robert was upset and made the statement that he was at the end of his rope; that Robert stated that he thought Stephanie was cheating on him; that Robert stated he had found messages on Stephanie's old phone; that Roger stated that Stephanie had either a Glock or Colt 9mm handgun; that Roger state that Stephanie has purchased guns in the past from Conrad Rollins.
13. Your affiant spoke with Det. Hugh Landry who interviewed Conrad Rollins. I learned the following information from Det. Landry: that Conrad owns a gun shop near the Abbot and Guilford town line; that Conrad stated he sold a Ruger 9mm handgun to Stephanie; that he sold the gun approximately three years prior.
14. Your affiant spoke with Det. Todd Stetson who interviewed Jason Miles. I learned the following information from Det. Stetson: that Jason is a friend of Robert Burton; that they grew up together; that Robert had stated that if he has problems with a woman again he is going to kill her.
15. Your affiant spoke with Det. Todd Stetson who interviewed George Miles. I learned the following information from Det. Stetson: that George said that has been a friend with Robert Burton since childhood; that he last spoke with Robert a couple days prior; that Robert was talking break up with Stephanie; that Robert suspected that Stephanie was cheating on him; that he thought that Nick and Erica had something to do with Stephanie breaking up with him; that while George was talking with Robert he described his (Robert's) eyes looked "black"; that Robert stated "George, it ain't over yet"; that George replied don't do anything stupid with Steph; that Robert replied don't worry I'm just mad at Steph; that Robert had made past statements that he would never go back to jail.


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16. Your affiant spoke with Det. Micah Perkins who has conducted a search of the camouflage back pack and jacket located outside of the residence located at 46 Kulas Rd. in Parkman. I learned the following from Det. Perkins: that the backpack contained a knife, duct tape (black on one side and white on the other), binoculars, five prescription medication bottles for Robert Burton, flashlights, water bottles; that the jacket contained a black eyeglass case with prescription eye glasses; that inside the black eyeglass case contained an eyeglass prescription for Robert Burton.
  17. Your affiant spoke with Det. Micah Perkins who has conducted a search of the residence located at 46 Kulas Rd. in Parkman. I learned of the following items that Det. Perkins located inside the bedroom where the deceased was located: that the window was open; that there are four 9mm shell casings on the floor; that there is an apparent bullet hole in the bedroom ceiling; that there is a hole in a pillow consistent with the passage of a bullet; that there is duct tape on the bed; that the duct tape found on the bed was similar in color (black on one side and white on the other) to the duct tape found in the backpack.
  18. Your affiant learned the following information regarding Robert Burton's cellphone: that Lt. James Kane advised me that Robert Burton's cellphone number is [REDACTED]; that Computer Crimes Task Force Chris Hull has downloaded the data from Stephanie Gebo's cellphone; that I have viewed a text conversation downloaded from that cellphone; that the text conversation was with a phone number [REDACTED] and was assigned the name Rob; that [REDACTED] is listed as Rob in Stephanie's phone contacts.
  19. Your affiant learned from Sgt. Darryl Peary the following information: that Det. Jay Pelletier located a cellphone inside the camouflage jacket; that this is the jacket located with a camouflage back pack on the ground next to the house located 46 Kulas Rd. in Parkman; that this was the camouflage jacket that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] identified as belonging to Robert Burton; that the jacket had not been in its location the night before; that Det. Pelletier collected the cellphone and noted that it is a white Samsung Galaxy cellphone; that your affiant believes that this cellphone belongs to Robert Burton.
  20. Your affiant spoke with Det. Greg Mitchell and learned the following information: that he attended the autopsy conducted on June 7, 2015; that Dr. Margaret Greenwald conducted the autopsy; that the deceased suffered multiple gunshot wounds to the lungs spinal area and trachea; that the deceased had black duct tape partially wrapped around the right wrist; that Dr. Greenwald determined the death was a homicide.

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- 21. Your affiant spoke to Roger Burton and learned the following information: that Roger Burton found a note on his camouflage one ton truck where it was parked at his home located at 451 North Guilford Rd. in Monson; that he discovered the note at approximately 4:30 AM today (June 8, 2015); that the note was under a windshield wiper; that the note was from his son, Robert Burton; that note directed Roger to the location of his (Robert's) truck; that as of this affidavit that Robert's whereabouts are unknown.
- 22. Your affiant contacted Bangor RCC and learned the following: that there was a truck reported stolen from 116 West Rd. in Abbott this morning; that the truck is a 2004 Chevrolet ¾ ton truck with a fuel tank and tool box in the back; that the truck is bearing Maine Commercial Registration 716020; that the distance from the from 451 North Guilford Rd. in Monson to 116 West Rd. in Abbott is approximately 11.3 miles.

WHEREFORE, based on the above information, your affiant has probable cause to believe and does believe that Robert Burton has committed the offense of Murder in violation of Title 17-A M.S.R.A. Section 101.1.A, Class Murder and prays that a complaint and Warrant of Arrest be issued.

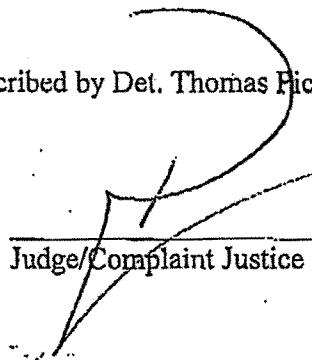
DATED: 6-8-15

  
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 Detective Thomas Pickering  
 Maine State Police  
 Major Crimes Unit-North


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DISTRICT COURT

The above statement was sworn to and subscribed by Det. Thomas Pickering as a true statement this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

  
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 Judge/Complaint Justice

Dated: 6-8-15

  
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 Detective

A True Copy:  
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