

THE STATE OF TEXAS )(

WARRANT NO. 2021 FW 002821

**WARRANT OF ARREST**  
TO ANY PEACE OFFICER OF THE STATE OF TEXAS;

The undersigned Magistrate having heretofore found that probable cause exists for the issuance of this warrant; you are hereby commanded to arrest

NO PHOTOGRAPH  
AVAILABLE

**Thornburg, Jason Alan, Native  
American Male, DOB: 08/27/1980**

hereinafter referred to as the suspect, and bring the said suspect before a Magistrate in and for Tarrant County, Texas, instanter, then and there to answer the State of Texas for an offense against the laws of the said State, to-wit

**Capital Murder Multiple Persons**

Of which offense he the said suspect is accused by the written affidavit, under oath of Detective M. Barron #3087 Fort Worth

Police Department filed before me anterior to the issuance of this warrant.

Herein fact not and due return make hereof at the place hereinafter named.



Witness my official signature this the 21 day of September, A.D., 2021.

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MAGISTRATE IN AND FOR TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS

Municipal Judge City of Ft. Worth  
TITLE AND OFFICE HELD BY MAGISTRATE

Bond: 1,000,000.00

**BOND:**

**RETURN**

Came on to hand on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, and executed on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF PEACE OFFICER

\_\_\_\_\_  
DESCRIPTION OF OFFICE

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ARREST WARRANT AFFIDAVIT

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared the undersigned affiant, who after being duly sworn on oath deposes and says; my name is Detective M. Barron of the Fort Worth Police Department, and I have good reason to believe and do believe that on or about the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2021, in Tarrant County, Texas, **Jason Alan Thornburg**, DID THEN AND THERE INTENTIONALLY CAUSE THE DEATH OF INDIVIDUALS, IDENTIFIED as David Lueras AND two additional persons tentatively identified as [REDACTED] BY CUTTING THEIR THROATS AND DISMEMBERING THEIR BODIES. THESE MURDERS WERE COMMITTED PURSUANT TO THE SAME SCHEME OR COURSE OF CONDUCT BUT DURING DIFFERENT CRIMINAL TRANSACTIONS.

This offense did occur in Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas.

On 9/22/21 at approximately 0617 hours, Fort Worth Fire Department was called about a fire in a dumpster located at 3120 Bonnie Dr, Tarrant County, Texas. When the firefighters arrived on scene and put out the fire they discovered inside the dumpster human remains that had been mutilated into multiple pieces. Officers J. Minter #3906 and A. Aguilera #3255 were dispatched to the scene and notified on-call Homicide Detective M. Barron #3087 that there appeared to be at least two bodies in the dumpster

Due to the nature of this offense multiple assisting homicide detectives, and other detectives from digital forensics units were called in to assist in locating any surveillance videos related to the offense.

Medical Investigators Amy Renfro and Steve White processed the remains from the dumpster and were able to ascertain there to be at least three bodies. The dumpster appeared to have been recently emptied as there was little else found in the dumpster besides the human remains. Detective Barron would later be notified by the medical examiner's office that not all of the remains were accounted for, but the remains appeared to belong to an adult male, a young adult or teenage female, and a possible child of unknown sex. Detective Barron has since been notified that their deaths were caused by homicidal violence, but have yet to determine the exact instrument that caused their death due to the mutilation of the bodies. Identification of the remains is still ongoing and is extremely time consuming due to the burned and dismembered condition. A portion of a large tattoo was visible on the section of a back that was discerned to be the letters "ueras" in large print. Detectives were able to use a partial name search to locate a possible last name of Lueras and located several Facebook pages for David Lueras, a Hispanic male born 10/29/78. Lueras had a photo of his back and shoulder tattoos on one of his accounts that exactly matches the tattoo found on the remains. Lueras was also described to have a penis implant that was discovered during examination of the remains at the medical examiner's office. The female and possible child have not yet been fully identified.

Detectives from the digital forensics unit were able to obtain surveillance video from across the street off the dumpster that showed a dark colored SUV pull up and park next to the dumpster at about 2250 hours on 9/21/21. The sole occupant, who appears to be male, exits the driver's seat and appears to make multiple trips from the truck to the dumpster before putting the containers back in his vehicle. The SUV leaves minutes later, but returns at 0050 hours on 9/22/21. The driver gets out and again makes multiple trips to the dumpster to empty the contents of his containers into the dumpster. He then places a single unknown item into the dumpster just before turning his vehicle around and returning to the dumpster to ignite the unknown device/substance, which starts a large visible fire seconds later. The SUV is then driven away into the dumpster to determine the cause of the fire. Those videos allowed detectives to determine the SUV to be traveling to and from the dumpster each time. Those videos also allowed detectives to determine the SUV to be a black Jeep Cherokee in the 2005-2010 range with chrome accents, roof rack, and chrome rims.

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Detective Sullivan was also provided with historical location data for Thorndyke's Jeep and was told it was repeatedly shown to be located at 1451 W. Bullis Blvd in Dallas, Tarrant County, Texas which is the address for the Mid City Inn. Detective P. Vega went to the Mid City Inn and verified with the manager that Jason Thorndyke has been the sole registered occupant for room #13 since 7/28/21.

Detective Sullivan found Thorndyke's Jeep and found the details on that Jeep match to the SUV seen in surveillance videos dumping items into the dumpster before setting them on fire.

Detective Sullivan contacted [REDACTED] Motor Company, which is the lien holder for Thorndyke's Jeep, and found the vehicle is affixed with a GPS locator that prints sporadically. Detective Sullivan was advised the Jeep was currently located at [REDACTED] in Arlington and went to that location to view the vehicle.

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Detectives were able to locate multiple surveillance videos in the immediate area that showed the SUV southbound and out of view. Detectives were able to determine the SUV to be a black Cherokee in the 2005-2010 range with chrome accents, roof rack, and chrome rims. Those videos also allowed detectives to determine the SUV to be traveling to and from the dumpster each time. Those videos allowed detectives to determine the SUV to be a black Cherokee in the 2005-2010 range with chrome accents, roof rack, and chrome rims.

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American Indian female reported missing from ██████████ body of his friend Arizona. He identified her as ██████████. Records check revealed that she is an Detective asked if there had been any additional sacrifices and he responded that he had sacrificed the line an lit a candle in the room. The uncapped gas line and candle were located at the crime scene.

Prior to concluding the interview Detectives Barton and O'Brien asked Thorningburg if he had also made a sacrifice regarding the death of ██████████ who was killed in the suspicious fire earlier this year in Fort Worth. Thorningburg said that he had sacrificed ██████████ by slicing his throat. He then uncapped the natural gas line and used it to kill his victim.

- » Thorningburg said that he used what he described as a Milwaukee brand knife to stab his victim in the execution of a search warrant.
- » Thorningburg said that he used what he described as a Milwaukee brand straight blade knife to dismember the bodies. A box for a Milwaukee brand knife was located at the motel room during the execution of a search warrant.
- » Two days later an additional female came to his motel. He knew her as ██████████ Thorningburg described initially trying to stab her but said that he ultimately had to strangle her. He cut her body in pieces and also stored her remains in the tubs.
- » Approximately two days later a female he knows as ██████████ showed up at his motel. He described her throat and dismembering her body and also storing her remains in the storage tubs.
- » Thorningburg believed that David needed to be sacrificed. He sliced David's throat and then cut him into pieces in the bathtub. Thorningburg initially hid the remains in his room in trash bags before being discovered. David had stayed with him in his motel room.
- » Thorningburg said that David had shown up at his motel approximately five days prior to the bodies being discovered. David had stayed with him in his motel room.
- » Thorningburg believed having an in-depth knowledge of the bible and believed that he was being called to commit sacrifices.

On 09/27/21 at approximately 1800 hours Detectives M. Barton, K. Sullivan, and M. Anderson located Jason Thorningburg at the address of ██████████ in Arlington, Texas where he was performing electrical work. Thorningburg agreed to come to the homicide office and speak with detectives. He provided the following summary of information:

Detective Vega spoke with ██████████ who is the resident of room ██████████ which is one of the rooms above room #113. ██████████ told Det. Vega that he had seen an additional male that had been staying in room #113 for two or three days last week. Det. Vega showed ██████████ a photograph of David Lujeras and ██████████ confirmed that was who he saw staying in room #113. ██████████ told Det. Vega that he had also seen a woman recently staying in room #113 that went by ██████████ and had reddish blonde hair, but does not remember seeing a kid.

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MUNICIPAL COURT  
TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS  
TITLE AND OFFICE HELD BY MAGISTRATE  
Magistrate Clerk Main

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this the 27 day of September, 2021.

AFFIANT

WITNESS my signature this the 27 day of September, 2021.

according to the laws of this State.

WHEREFORE, I request that an arrest warrant issue for the suspect hereinbefore designated

Your affiant has reason to believe and does believe that **Jason Alan Thorndyke** knowingly and intentionally committed the offense of Capital Murder Multiple Persons according to the laws of this State.

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