

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR LINN COUNTY

STATE OF IOWA

vs.

Plaintiff,

COMPLAINT

ETHAN ALEXANDER ORTON
361 CARNABY DR NE
CEDAR RAPIDS IA 52402

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Defendant.

Count 1

THE DEFENDANT is accused of the crime of MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, in violation of Section(s) 707.1, 707.2(1)(a), Code of Iowa. For that the said defendant did on or about October 14, 2021 in Linn County and State of Iowa,

with malice aforethought, willfully, deliberately and with premeditation kill Casey Orton at 361 Carnaby Drive NE, Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa.

Count 2

THE DEFENDANT is accused of the crime of MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, in violation of Section(s) 707.1, 707.2(1)(a), Code of Iowa. For that the said defendant did on or about October 14, 2021 in Linn County and State of Iowa,

with malice aforethought, willfully, deliberately and with premeditation kill Misty Scott-Slade at 361 Carnaby Drive NE, Cedar Rapids, Linn County, Iowa.

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, state that all facts contained in this Complaint and Affidavit, told to me by other reliable persons, form the basis for a finding of probable cause by the court that the defendant committed this crime.

Peace officers were dispatched to the residence at 361 Carnaby Drive N.E., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in response to a 911 call concerning suspicious noises coming from the residence. Upon arrival, officers made contact with the defendant outside the home. The defendant, who appeared to be covered with blood, told officers he had "killed his parents". Officers entered the residence and found the bodies of Casey Orton and Misty Scott-Slade who appeared to have been stabbed to death. Officers transported the defendant to the police station for questioning where he admitted killing his parents to "take charge of his life". He indicated he used a knife to stab both and later used an axe to kill his mother when it appeared she was still alive after the first attack.



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Subscribed and sworn to before me on October 14, 2021.



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