

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN CIRCUIT COURT

GRANT COUNTY

THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA,  
Plaintiff,PROBABLE CAUSE  
STATEMENT

VS.

**Brent Hanson**  
(DOB: [REDACTED])**Arresting Officer's Probable Cause Statement:**

On December 15th, 2021 at approximately 9:10 am, Milbank Police Chief Boyd VanVooren met with Brent Hanson (DOB [REDACTED]) at the Milbank Police Department to give him a Christmas card from a church. Chief VanVooren set up the meeting with Brent through Facebook on December 14th, 2021.

While Chief VanVooren met with Brent in his office, Chief VanVooren asked Brent about any further issues with an individual referred to as victim #1 and victim #2. Brent was previously arrested for simple assault domestic violence against victim #2. Brent advised Chief VanVooren, "they no longer live here."

At approximately 9:45 am, Chief VanVooren heard a call for service over his police radio for a welfare check at 112 South Main #2, Milbank. Dispatch advised a worker for ICAP was there to deliver food basket and thought she saw blood on the door (this is victim #1's address). Chief VanVooren asked Brent where victim #1 moved to and if there was blood on his door. Brent replied, "I snapped." Brent made a motion with his thumb across his neck indicating a "slashing motion."

Chief VanVooren asked Brent what he meant, and again he said, "I snapped." He said, "I killed them on Sunday." Brent said on Sunday Victim #1 was home alone and he went up there with a baseball bat and wacked Victim #1 in the head enough times, so Victim #1 was gone. Brent said victim #2 came home on Monday morning. Brent said he wacked victim #2 in the head with a machete, and that was the end of victim #2. Brent said he totally flipped.

Chief VanVooren asked about victim #1 and Victim #2's child's age and Brent said they were 3 years old. Brent said the child is safe and has been with him. Brent again said the child was safe and that he had fed the child. Brent said he was up with the child last night until 3:30 AM.

Chief VanVooren detained Brent and transported him to the Grant County Sheriff's Office. Special Agent Sinner was contacted by Chief VanVooren and informed of the information learned from Brent. SA Sinner advised Chief VanVooren due to exigent circumstances, he needed to enter the apartment and check the welfare of the individuals and the 3-year-old.

Chief VanVooren and Grant County Sheriff Kevin Owen went to 112 S Main #2 at approximately 10:05 am. Brent informed Chief VanVooren the bodies were in the upstairs undone part. He said that the child was in the apartment sleeping.

Chief VanVooren and Sheriff Owen entered the apartment and did see a blue tarp covering what looked like a body. Sheriff Owen – Deputy Coroner activated his body worn camera and filmed the bodies that were in the apartment. Chief VanVooren thought it looked to be a female under the blue tarp and a male was located behind some sheetrock to the west of the female. Chief VanVooren and Sheriff Owen continued in the apartment to the finished part and located the child. They took the child and exited the apartment. Officers secured the door and contacted DCI with the information they gathered.

During the investigation law enforcement learned that Victim #2 was approximately 9 months pregnant when she was killed. Victim #2's death also resulted in the death of the unborn child.

A search warrant was executed at 112 S Main Street apartment #2 and apartment #3. During the search of apartment #2 law enforcement confirmed that Victim #1 and Victim #2 were deceased.

Victim #1 had head trauma consistent with a blunt object.

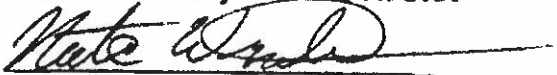
Victim #2 had numerous slash marks and lacerations.

**Current Charges:**

1. 22-16-4 Homicide as murder in the first degree
2. 22-16-4 Homicide as murder in the first degree
3. 22-16-4 Homicide as murder in the first degree
4. 22-16-7 Homicide as murder in the second degree
5. 22-16-7 Homicide as murder in the second degree
6. 22-16-7 Homicide as murder in the second degree

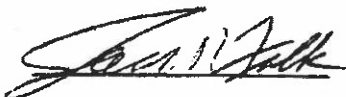
I am a law enforcement officer for the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation. I declare and shall affirm under the penalties of perjury that this probable cause statement has been examined by me, and to the best of my knowledge, and belief, is in all things true and correct. Please consider this information to determine initial probable cause to hold the defendant.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of December 2021



Nate Winter  
Special Agent  
South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation

Subscribed and sworn to me on the 15 day of December 2021.



My Commission Expires: 10/20/2027

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