

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS

STATE OF ARKANSAS

INFORMATION FOR

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BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS

VS

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AMBER L. RUNAU  
DOB 05/26/1999

1. MURDER IN THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE  
5-10-102, CLASS Y FELONY

Candace R. Clerk  
by D.C. [Signature]

I, DAVID L. ETHREDGE, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY WITHIN AND FOR THE 14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, of which Baxter County is a part, in the name and by the authority of the State of Arkansas, on oath, accuse the Defendant Amber Runau, of the crimes of Murder in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 5-10-102, Class Y Felony, committed in Baxter County as follows:

1. On or about August 17, 2020, in Baxter County Arkansas, did unlawfully and feloniously, a person commits the crime of murder in the first degree if: acting alone or with on (1) or more other persons, with a purpose of causing the death of another person, the person causes the death of another person, against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas.

TO WIT: Defendant did unlawfully and feloniously on or about August 17, 2020, In Baxter County, Arkansas, a 911 call was received and the caller, which was the defendant, stated that she just stabbed the victim in the heart. As officers were heading to the residence, officers had the dispatcher tell the defendant to walk outside in the driveway and stay there until the officers arrived. The officer met the defendant in the driveway, at which time she stated to the officer she had stabbed the victim in the heart. The defendant was placed in the patrol car and the officers entered the residence and discovered the victim sitting in her recliner with a large kitchen knife protruding from her upper left chest area. For officer safety the house was cleared, and officers checked on the victim. The victim did not have any signs of life and the coroner was requested. The officers transported the defendant to police department, post Miranda Rights, the defendant described her actions in a very matter of fact manner. The defendant described her stabbing of the victim and her further action in watching the eyes as the victim died. The defendant's actions were taken against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas.

DAVID L. ETHREDGE, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

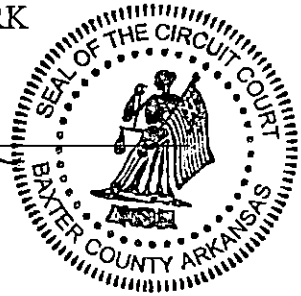
  
DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2020

CANDACEE, CIRCUIT CLERK

Admit to bond in sum of  
**\$1,000,000.00**

BY   
DEPUTY CLERK



AMBER RUNAU AFFIDAVIT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS

**AFFIDAVIT FOR PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION**

In the matter of: State of Arkansas v. **AMBER L. RUNAU**  
L.K.A. 159 Mountain Loop  
Gassville, AR 72635  
DOB: 05/26/1999  
ARDL# 938187368

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BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Criminal Offense(s):

(1) Arkansas Code §§ 5-10-102 1<sup>st</sup> DEGREE MURDER

August 19, 2020

AUG 21 2020  
Candace R. Clark  
by D.C.

Pursuant to Rule 4.1(e) of the Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure, the undersigned affiant(s), being duly sworn, deposes and says that there is reason to believe that MS. AMBER RUNAU committed the above offense(s) on or about August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in the City of Gassville, Baxter County, Arkansas. MS. RUNAU has done so against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas.

**The facts constituting probable cause are as follows:**

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at approximately 1:34 pm 911 received a call from 870-435-2720. The caller, 21 year old Amber Runau, stated that she had just stabbed Sharon Adler in the heart. Myself and Sgt. Ron Weaver responded to the scene at 601 Elm Street. With Dispatch still on the phone with Ms. Runau, I asked them to tell her to walk out into the driveway to meet me. She did so and as I exited my vehicle she stated to me that she had stabbed Sharon in the heart as well.

Ms. Runau was placed in my patrol car and at this time we entered the residence and discovered Mrs. Adler sitting in her recliner with a large kitchen knife protruding from her upper left chest area. For Officer safety, we cleared the house then checked Mrs. Adler for signs of life, none were found, the Coroner was requested at that time. After the Coroner picked up Mrs. Adler we transported Ms. Runau to the Gassville Police Department, she was given Miranda Rights, and then described her actions in a very matter of fact manner.

Ms. Runau described her stabbing of the victim and her further action in watching the eyes as the victim died.

Ms. Runau was then transported to Baxter County Jail and booked in for First Degree Murder with a one million dollar bond.

AMBER RUNAU AFFIDAVIT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS

I swear that the allegations contained herein are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Christie McIntosh-G2  
Affiant's signature

CAPTAIN  
Official Position

Subscribed and sworn before me this 19th day of August, 2020.

[Signature]  
Court Clerk

PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION

I, being a Judicial Officer with jurisdiction in Baxter County, Arkansas, do hereby state that I have examined this Affidavit and I have determined that reasonable and probable cause does exist for charging the above named Defendant with the above offense(s). This determination is made pursuant to Rule 4.1(e) and Rule 8.3(c) of the Arkansas rules of Criminal Procedure.

[Signature] Duffy  
Judicial Officer

8-19-2020  
Date

\$ 1,000,000<sup>00</sup> bond.

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
CRIMINAL DIVISION**

STATE OF ARKANSAS

PLAINTIFF

VS

NO. 03CR-20-287

AMBER LEA RUNAU

DEFENDANT

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO RELY ON THE  
DEFENSE OF MENTAL DISEASE OR DEFECT**

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §5-2-305, the defendant, Amber Lea Runau, hereby gives notice that he/she intends to rely on the defense of mental disease or defect.

AMBER LEA RUNAU

By: /s/ Samuel J. Pasthing  
Samuel J. Pasthing, Arkansas Bar No. 99082  
DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER  
301 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 182  
Mountain Home, Arkansas 72653  
(870) 424-2907 Telephone  
(870) 424-2914 Facsimile  
ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Samuel Pasthing, attorney for the Defendant herein, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Notice by causing a true and correct copy thereof to be delivered, via the e-flex filing system to Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Kerry Chism, in Mountain Home, Baxter County, Arkansas this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

/s/ Samuel J. Pasthing  
Samuel Pasthing, Arkansas Bar No. 99082

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Baxter COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
14th DIVISION

STATE OF ARKANSAS

VS CASE NO. : 2020-287

Amber L. Runau 05/26/1999 f w  
(FULL NAME OF DEFENDANT) Date of Birth Sex Race

Murder in the 1st Degree, 5-10-102, Class Y Felony  
OFFENSE(S) CHARGED AND CODE NOS.:

David Ethredge, 301 E.6th St., Ste 170 Mountain Home, AR  
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

Samuel Pasting, Public Defenders Office, 301 E. 6th St., Ste 182, Mtn Home, AR 72653

DEFENSE ATTORNEY'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

Samuel Pasting, Public Defenders Office, 301 E. 6th St., Ste 182, Mtn Home, AR 72653

NAME OF ATTORNEY REQUESTING EXAMINATION:

Mark Cooper, Public Defenders Office, 301 E. 6th St., Ste 182, Mtn Home, AR 72653

ARKANSAS ARREST TRACKING NUMBER:

Baxter County Detention Center  
DEFENDANT'S CUSTODY STATUS AND LOCATION:

**ORDER FOR CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAMINATION OF  
DEFENDANT**

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 5-2-305, the defendant has filed notice that he/she  
intends to rely on the defense of mental disease or defect and Amber L. Runau  
has petitioned the Court for a criminal-responsibility examination and opinion.

It is therefore ORDERED:

1. All further proceedings in the prosecution are immediately suspended.
2. ☒ (check if appropriate) The defendant has requested simultaneous fitness-to-proceed and criminal-responsibility examinations and two separate orders have been completed. *Checking this paragraph identifies cases in which DHS should receive two separate orders from the Court. Checking this paragraph does not substitute for the requirement of separate orders for a fitness-to-proceed examination and a criminal-responsibility examination as mandated by Ark. Code Ann. § 5-2-305.*

3. (Check the appropriate choice below.)

☐ A. The defendant shall undergo examination by one (1) or more qualified psychiatrists or qualified psychologists: (name, address, and telephone no. of the examiner): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ B. The defendant shall undergo examination by one (1) or more qualified psychiatrists not practicing with the Arkansas State Hospital: (name, address, and telephone no. of examiner): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ C. The Director of the Division of Behavioral Health Services of the Department of Human Services is directed to determine who will examine the defendant.

DBHS Forensic Coordinator  
Arkansas State Hospital  
305 South Palm St.  
Little Rock, AR 72205  
(Tel) (501) 686-9174  
(Fax) (501) 686-9198

4. The Director of the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Human Services or designee shall determine the location of the examination.
5. The prosecuting attorney shall provide a copy of this Order to the DBHS Director of Forensic Services, or examiner ordered by this Court to conduct the examination if not the Division of Behavioral Health Services, within five (5) days of entry of the Order.
6. The prosecuting attorney shall provide the examiner any information relevant to the examination, including but not limited to:
  - A. The name and address of any attorney involved in the matter;
  - B. Information about the alleged offense (s); and
  - C. Any information about the defendant's background that is deemed relevant to the examination, including the criminal history of the defendant.
7. Having determined that the information is available and relevant pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 5-2-305 (g)(3), the Court directs the attorney for the defendant to provide the following information to the examiner:  

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8. The examiner shall provide a report to this Court which includes the following:
  - A. A description of the nature of the examination;
  - B. A description of any evidence that the defendant is feigning a sign or symptom of mental disease or defect;
  - C. A specific description of the signs or symptoms of mental disease or defect, if in the opinion of the examiner the defendant has a mental disease or defect;



- D. A substantiated diagnosis in the terminology of the American Psychiatric Association's current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders;
  - E. An opinion as to whether as the result of a mental disease or defect the defendant at the time of the alleged criminal conduct lacked the capacity to appreciate the criminality of his or her conduct or to conform his or her conduct to the requirements of law and an explanation of the examiner's opinion and the basis of the opinion; and
  - F. ☐ (check if required) When directed by the Court, an opinion as to the capacity of the defendant to have the culpable mental state that is required to establish an element of the offense charged with an explanation of the examiner's opinion and the basis of the opinion.
9. The examiner shall not render an opinion or issue a report on criminal responsibility if the examiner believes that the defendant is not fit to proceed. The criminal responsibility examination shall be suspended and the Court shall be notified immediately that there is a question as to the defendant's fitness to proceed.
10. If an examination cannot be conducted because of the unwillingness of the defendant to participate in the examination, the report shall so state and shall include, if possible, an opinion as to whether the unwillingness of the defendant is the result of mental disease or defect.
11. The examination shall be for a period not exceeding sixty (60) days or such longer period as the Director of the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of

Human Services or his or her designee determines to be necessary for the purpose of the examination.

12. Any existing medical or pertinent record in the custody of a public agency shall be made available to the examiner and to the prosecuting attorney and the defendant's attorney for inspection and copying.
13. A person designated to perform an examination shall file the report of the examination with the clerk of the court, and the clerk of the court shall mail a copy to the defense attorney and a copy to the prosecuting attorney.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Circuit Judge



Arkansas Judiciary

**Case Title:** STATE V AMBER L RUNAU

**Case Number:** 03CR-20-287

**Type:** ORDER CRIM RESPONSIBILITY EXAM

So Ordered

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Putman".

Judge John Putman

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[To be used when required by Administrative Order No. 2 (g)\*]

COURT: CIRCUIT COURT OF BAXTER COUNTY

Docket/Case Number: 03CR-20-287

CASE NAME:

PLAINTIFF/

PETITIONER: STATE

DEFENDANT/

RESPONDENT: Runau

TITLE OF PLEADING OR  
DOCUMENT BEING FILED

(If a multi-part file,  
the designation "part \_ of \_"  
(example, part 1 of 2)):

APPOINTMENT NOTIFICATION

\*Administrative Order No 2.

(g) *File Mark.* (1) There shall be a two inch (2") top margin on the first page of each document submitted for filing to accommodate the court's file mark. If the pleading or document must be filed in multi-parts because of size or for other reasons, the first page of each part must include the file name and file mark and shall clearly indicate the part number and number of parts (example, part 1 of 2).

(2) If a document is such that the first page cannot be drafted to provide sufficient space to satisfy the file-mark requirement, the document must include the uniform cover page developed by the Administrative Office of the Courts and found under Forms and Publications at [www.arcourts.gov](http://www.arcourts.gov).



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January 15, 2021

Honorable John Putman  
14<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division  
100 North Main Street, Box 305  
Harrison, AR 72601

**RE: State v. Runau, 03CR-20-287**

Honorable Judge Putman,

I am writing to inform the Court that the defendant, Amber Runau, is scheduled for a forensic evaluation on February 03, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. with Dr .Michel. The evaluation will take place at the Arkansas State Hospital, 305 South Palm Street, Little Rock, AR 72205.

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 5-2-327(b) and 5-2-328(a)(3)(A) the Director of the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services has determined that an extension is necessary for the purpose of examination.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Stephanie Vondran

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CC: David Ethredge  
CC: Samuel Pasting  
CC: Baxter County Circuit Clerk

# SENTENCING ORDER

**ELECTRONICALLY FILED**Baxter County Circuit Court  
Canda Reese, Circuit/County Clerk  
2022-Oct-17 15:44:07  
03CR-20-287  
C14D03 : 3 PagesIN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF Baxter COUNTY, ARKANSAS,  
14th JUDICIAL DISTRICT 3rd DIVISIONOn 10-17-2022 the Defendant appeared before the Court, was advised of the nature of the charge(s), of Constitutional and legal rights, of the effect of a guilty plea upon those rights, and of the right to make a statement before sentencing.

Offender	Defendant [Last, First, MI] <u>Runau, Amber</u>		DOB <u>05/26/1999</u>	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female	Total Number of Counts <u>1</u>
	SID #	Race & Ethnicity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic			
Supervision Status at Time of Offense					
Court Info	Judge <u>John Putman</u>			File Stamp	
	Prosecuting Attorney/Deputy <u>David Ethredge/Kerry Chism</u>				
	Defendant's Attorney <u>Jim Pedigo</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Defender <input type="checkbox"/> Pro Se <input type="checkbox"/> Appointed				
	Change of Venue <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, from:				
Legal Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Pursuant to A.C.A. §§16-93-301 et seq., or <input type="checkbox"/> §§ this Court, without making a finding of guilt or entering a judgment of guilt and with the consent of the Defendant defers further proceedings and places the Defendant on probation.				
	There being no legal cause shown by the Defendant, as requested, why judgment should not be pronounced, a judgment: is hereby entered against the Defendant on each charge enumerated, fines levied, and court costs assessed. Defendant was advised of the conditions of the sentence and/or placement on probation and understands the consequences of violating those conditions. The Court retains jurisdiction during the period of probation/suspension and may change or set aside the conditions of probation/suspension for violations or failure to satisfy Department of Community Correction (D.C.C) rules and regulations.				
Offense #1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> of conviction is hereby entered against the Defendant on each charge enumerated, fines levied, and court costs assessed. The Defendant is sentenced to the Arkansas Department of Correction (A.D.C.) for the term specified on each offense shown below.				
	Defendant made a voluntary, knowing, and intelligent waiver of the right to counsel. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				
	A.C.A. # of Offense/ Name of Offense+ <u>5-10-103 Murder in the 2nd Degree</u>			Case # <u>03cr-20-287</u>	
	A.C.A. # of Original Charged Offense <u>5-10-102</u>		ATN	Offense was <input type="checkbox"/> Nolle Prossed <input type="checkbox"/> Dismissed <input type="checkbox"/> Acquitted	
			Appeal from District Court <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Probation/SIS Revocation+ <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	Offense Date <u>August 17, 2020</u>		Offense is <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Felony <input type="checkbox"/> Misd. <input type="checkbox"/> Viol.	Offense Classification <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> U	
	Number of Counts: <u>1</u>	Criminal History Score <u>0</u>	Seriousness Level <u>9</u>	Defendant <input type="checkbox"/> Attempted <input type="checkbox"/> Solicited <input type="checkbox"/> Conspired to commit the offense	
	Presumptive Sentence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prison Sentence of <u>180</u> to <u>300</u> months <input type="checkbox"/> Community Corrections Center <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Sanction				
	Defendant Sentence* (see Page 2) Imposed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADC <input type="checkbox"/> Jud. Tran. <input type="checkbox"/> County Jail <u>360</u> months Probation _____ months SIS _____ months Other <input type="checkbox"/> Life <input type="checkbox"/> LWOP <input type="checkbox"/> Death		If probation or SIS accompanied by period of confinement, state time: _____ days or _____ months. Sentence was enhanced _____ months, pursuant to A.C.A. §§ _____ Enhancement(s) is to run: <input type="checkbox"/> Concurrent <input type="checkbox"/> Consecutive. Defendant was sentenced as a habitual offender, pursuant to A.C.A. §5-4-501, subsection <input type="checkbox"/> (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/> (c) <input type="checkbox"/> (d)		
	Victim Info# (See page 2) <input type="checkbox"/> N/A [Multiple Victims <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No]	Age	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Race & Ethnicity <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic	
Defendant voluntarily, intelligently, and knowingly entered a <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> negotiated plea of <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> guilty or <input type="checkbox"/> nolo contendere. <input type="checkbox"/> plea directly to the court of <input type="checkbox"/> guilty or <input type="checkbox"/> nolo contendere.		Defendant: <input type="checkbox"/> was sentenced pursuant to <input type="checkbox"/> §§16-93-301 et seq., or <input type="checkbox"/> other §§ <input type="checkbox"/> entered a plea and was sentenced by a jury. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> was found guilty by the court & sentenced by <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> court <input type="checkbox"/> jury. <input type="checkbox"/> was found guilty at a jury trial & sentenced by <input type="checkbox"/> court <input type="checkbox"/> jury. <input type="checkbox"/> was found guilty of lesser included offense by <input type="checkbox"/> court <input type="checkbox"/> jury.			
Sentence is a Departure <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Sentence Departure is <input type="checkbox"/> Durational or <input type="checkbox"/> Dispositional. If durational, state how many months above/below the presumptive sentence:			
Departure Reason (See page 2 for a list of reasons) Aggravating # _____ or Mitigating # _____. For Agg. #17 or Mit. #9, or if departing from guidelines, please explain: _____			Sentence will run: <input type="checkbox"/> Consecutive <input type="checkbox"/> Concurrent to Offense # _____ or Case # _____		

Defendant's Full Name: Runau, Amber

Reasons for Departure (Please see complete list of departure criteria found at A.C.A. §16-90-804)	
Aggravating	Mitigating
1. Offender's conduct manifested deliberate cruelty to the victim during commission of current offense.	1. Victim played an aggressive role or provoked the incident or was a willing participant.
2. Offender knew victim vulnerable due to extreme youth, advanced age, disability or ill health.	2. Offender played a minor or passive role in commission of the offense.
3. Offense was major economic offense established by one of the following criteria: (a) multiple victims/incidents, (b) monetary loss substantially greater than typical, (c) degree of sophistication or time, (d) misuse of fiduciary duty, or (e) other similar conduct.	3. Offender compensated/made an effort to compensate for damage or injury before detection.
4. Current Offense was major controlled substance offense if two or more of the following are present: (a) Three or more separate transactions involve sale, transfer or possession with purpose; (b) Amount substantially larger than the statutory minimums which define the offense; (c) Offense involved a high degree of planning or lengthy period or broad geographic area; (d) Offender occupied a high position in the drug distribution hierarchy; (e) Offender misused position of trust or status or fiduciary duty to facilitate commission; (f) Offender has received substantial income or resources from drug trafficking.	4. Offender was lesser participant showing caution/concern for safety or well-being of victim.
	5. Offender or offender's children acted in response to continuing physical/sexual abuse by victim.
	6. Policy on multiple offenses in single course of conduct in offender's prior criminal history results in sentence which is excessive for the offense.
5. Current offense is a felony and the offender employed a firearm in furtherance or flight unless such use is element of offense.	7. Offender voluntarily admitted sexual offense and sought and participated in treatment before detection.
6. Current offense was sexual offense and part of pattern with same or different victims under eighteen manifested by multiple incidents over a prolonged period of time.	8. Offender made effort to provide assistance in investigation or prosecution of another as indicated by motion of state (can weigh timeliness of assistance, nature and extent of assistance, and truthfulness, completeness, and demonstrable reliability of info or testimony).
7. Policy on multiple offenses in a single course of conduct in offender's prior criminal history results in a sentence that is clearly too lenient.	9. Other
8. Offense was committed in manner that exposed risk of injury to others.	
9. Offense was a violent or sexual offense committed in victim's zone of privacy.	
10. Offender attempted to cover or conceal the offense by intimidation of witnesses, tampering of evidence, or misleading authorities.	
11. Offense committed to avoid arrest or effecting an escape from custody.	
12. Offender lacks minimum insurance in a vehicular homicide.	
13. Statutory minimum sentence overrides the presumptive sentence.	
14. Multiple concurrent sentences being entered at this time require a higher sentence.	
15. Sentence is higher as a result of other charges being dropped or merged.	
16. Sentence is outside the presumptive range but is not a departure due to statutory override or because the offender/offense is ineligible for a Community Correction Center.	
17. Other.	

**NOTE:**

\* **Defendant Sentence.** "Imposed ADC" means incarceration in an Arkansas Department of Correction facility. "Imposed Judicial Transfer" means incarceration in a Department of Community Correction Center. "Imposed County Jail" means incarceration in a county jail facility. Indicate in months the total time the Defendant was sentenced to a term of incarceration. DO NOT INCLUDE TIME FOR SIS.

# **Victim Info.** For more than one victim, please use the "Additional Victim Information" page to disclose additional victim demographics. If there is no victim, check not applicable.

+ **A.C.A. # of Offense/Name of Offense & Probation/SIS Revocation.** If an offender is being sentenced as a result of a revocation of probation or SIS, check the box indicating this is a "Probation/SIS Revocation", and enter the A.C.A. number and name of the offense for which the defendant was originally convicted. Do not enter the code provision for revocation or the cause of the revocation.

Defendant's Full Name: Runau, Amber

Special Conditions

### Sex Offenses

Defendant has been adjudicated guilty of an offense requiring sex offender registration and must complete the Sex Offender Registration Form and pay the Mandatory Sex Offender Fee of \$250. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Defendant has committed an aggravated sex offense as defined in A.C.A. §12-12-903. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Defendant is alleged to be a sexually dangerous person and is ordered to undergo an evaluation at a facility designated by A.D.C. pursuant to A.C.A. §12-12-918. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Defendant, who has been adjudicated guilty of an offense requiring registration, has been adjudicated guilty of a prior sex offense under a separate case number. ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If yes, list prior case numbers:

### Domestic Violence Offenses

Defendant has been adjudicated guilty of a domestic-violence related offense and must pay additional court costs of \$25 under Act 583 of 2017. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Defendant was originally charged with a domestic-violence related offense. ☐ Yes ☒ No  
If yes, state the A.C.A. # of the offense:

If yes to either question, identify the relationship of the victim to the Defendant by offense number.

### DNA Sample/Qualifying Offense

Defendant has been adjudicated guilty of a qualifying offense or repeat offense (as defined in A.C.A. §12-12-1103). ☒ Yes ☐ No

Defendant is ordered to have a DNA sample drawn at ☐ A.C.C. facility ☒ the A.D.C. or ☐ other \_\_\_\_\_

### Drug Crime

Defendant has been convicted of a drug crime, as defined in §12-17-101. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Fines, Fees, Restitution

Court Costs	\$200.00
Fines	\$1,000.00
Booking/Admin Fees (\$20)	\$40.00
Drug Crime Assessment Fee (\$125)	\$
DNA Sample Fee (\$250)	\$250.00
Children's Advocacy Center Fund Fee	\$
Public Defender User Fee (\$25)	\$75.00
Public Defender Attorney Fee	\$125.00
Other (explain)	\$

Restitution \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Payable to [If multiple beneficiaries, give names and payment priority] \_\_\_\_\_  
Terms  
☐ Due Immediately  
☒ Installments of: minimum \$100.00 per month  
☒ Payments must be made within 60 days of release from A.D.C.  
☐ Upon release from confinement, Defendant must return to court to establish payment of restitution  
☐ Restitution is joint and several with co-defendant(s) who was found guilty - List name(s) and case number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence Options

Defendant was convicted of a target offense(s) and is sentenced pursuant to provisions of the Community Punishment Act. ☐ Yes ☒ No

The Court hereby orders a judicial transfer to the Department of Community Correction. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Pursuant to the Community Punishment Act, the Defendant shall be eligible to have his/her records sealed ☐ Yes ☒ No

Extended Juvenile Jurisdiction Applied ☐ Yes ☒ No

JAIL TIME CREDIT  
495

TOTAL TIME TO BE SERVED FOR ALL OFFENSES  
In months: 360 ☐ Life ☐ LWOP

Death Penalty ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, State Execution Date:

DEFENDANT IS ASSIGNED TO: ☒ ADC ☐ ADC, Admin. Transfer Authorized ☐ CCC ☐ COUNTY JAIL ☐ PROBATION ☐ SIS

Conditions of disposition or probation are attached. ☐ Yes ☒ No

A copy of the pre-sentence investigation on sentencing information is attached ☐ Yes ☒ No

☐ Defendant has previously failed a drug court program.

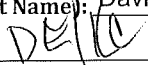
A copy of the Prosecutor's Short Report is attached ☒ Yes ☐ No

DEFENDANT WAS INFORMED OF APPELLATE RIGHTS ☐ Yes ☒ No Appeal Bond \$

The County Sheriff is hereby ordered to: ☐ transport the defendant to county jail ☐ take custody for referral to CCC ☒ transport to ADC

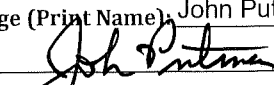
Defendant shall report to ACC probation officer for report date to CCC ☐ Yes ☒ No

Prosecuting Attorney/Deputy (Print Name): David Ethredge/Kerry Chism

Signature: 

Date: 10-17-22

Circuit Judge (Print Name): John Putman

Signature: 

Date: 10-17-22

Additional Info:

Signature



DEFENDANT: Amber Runau

DOCKET # 2020-287  
ARREST TRACKING # N/A

PROSECUTOR'S REPORT

CASE NO. 2020-287

Defendant Name: Amber L. Runau

DOB: 05/26/1999

Charges the defendant has been convicted of:

Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, 5-10-103, Class A Felony

Date of offense(s): August 17, 2020

Summary of crime, (including aggravating or mitigating factors): The defendant did knowingly while at the residence of the victim and take a large kitchen knife and stab the victim in her upper left chest area causing her death.

Weapon involved: ☐ Yes XXX No KIND:

Injury to victim: N/A


Is the victim a minor: ☐ Yes XXX No

Relationship to minor: N/A

Victim notification request: N/A

Name and Address of Victim: N/A

DAVID L. ETHREDGE, Prosecuting Attorney

BY:   
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS

STATE OF ARKANSAS

PLAINTIFF

VS.

03cr-20-287

AMBER RUNAU

DEFENDANT

PLEA STATEMENT

There are presently criminal charges against you in Baxter County Circuit Court. Before you make a plea to the charges against you in front of the Judge you must understand your rights, the charges against you and their penalties. The Judge, also, must be sure that you understand the following:

1. That you are charged with the felony of: Murder in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 5-10-102, Class Y Felony and if you are convicted you may be imprisoned in the Arkansas Department of Correction or the Baxter County Jail and fined.

2. That you have the right to plead not guilty, to be tried by a jury, to confront your accusers and to testify or not. If you so plead the State would have the burden of proving your guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. If you are found guilty by the jury they will set your sentence and you will have the right to appeal to a higher court.

However, if you are guilty and desire to plead guilty the Judge, upon accepting your plea of guilty will decide what your sentence should be. If you decide to plead guilty the Judge can only accept your plea if you understand the following and convince him that you understand the following:

1. Do you understand that you are charged with: Murder in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, 5-10-102, Class Y Felony? YAR

2. Do you understand that the possible penalties provided by law on those charges are: 10-40 and/or life for each Class Y Felony? YAR

3. Do you understand that by pleading guilty you give up your right to be tried by a jury and to confront your accusers in Court? X AR
4. Do you understand that by pleading guilty you give up your right to appeal? X AR
5. Are you pleading guilty freely and voluntarily and not because you have been threatened or promised anything in return for the plea? X AR
6. Are you pleading guilty because you are, in fact, guilty as charged? X AR
7. Do you understand that the Prosecuting Attorney and your Attorney have agreed to recommend a particular sentence if you plead guilty? X AR
- That Agreement is: See Attached Page 3
8. Do you accept this agreement? X AR
9. Have you discussed your case fully with your attorney and are you satisfied with his services and advice? X AR

I have fully and completely gone over this plea statement with my attorney, and I have personally read everything on this plea statement and have answered each question. I fully understand my rights and I am freely and voluntarily pleading guilty because I am guilty of the charges.

10/14/2022  
DATE

X Amber L Runau  
DEFENDANT

I personally have fully and completely gone over and explained this plea statement to the Defendant, and the charges, penalties and his/her rights in this particular case. In my opinion, he/she fully understands this plea statement and is freely and voluntarily entering this plea.

10/14/2022  
DATE

[Signature]  
ATTORNEY FOR THE DEFENDANT

Defendant: Amber L. Runau  
Case: 2020-287

PLEA STATEMENT: The defendant shall plead guilty to the following:

1. Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, 5-10-103, Class A Felony and receive a sentence of thirty (30) years in the Arkansas Department of Corrections.

1. Offense Seriousness: 9 Criminal History Score: 0 Presumptive Sentence: ADC 180-300

The defendant shall receive four hundred and ninety five (495) days jail time credit.

The defendant shall pay the following:

Court Costs	\$200.00	Public Defender Fee	\$75.00
Fine:	\$1,000.00	Public Defender User Fee	\$125.00
Mandatory DNA:	\$250.00		
Booking and Administration Fee:	\$40.00		

Payments shall be made to the Baxter County Sheriff's Department at the rate of a minimum of \$100.00 per month beginning within sixty (60) days after release from incarceration and the same day each month thereafter until paid in full. You must submit your tax return or other earning information to your Probation Officer each year. If you are able to pay more your monthly minimum payment will be increased.

10/14/2022  
Date

Amber L. Runau  
Defendant

10/14/2022  
Date

Jim Padgett  
Defense Attorney

10-18-22  
Date

John Paulson  
Circuit Judge

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