

State of West Virginia

Case No. 22-M13F-02209

v.

Misdemeanor/  Felony  
1988

Zachary Hess Dawson  
Defendant (Full Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number

08/29/2008  
Date of Birth

487 Maple Avenue West  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Driver's License / Identification Number

Alderson, WV, 24910  
City, State & Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number(s)

**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

*Mag. Ct. Criminal Procedure Rule 3,4; 18 U.S.C. § 921 (a) (33)*

I, the undersigned complainant, upon my oath or affirmation, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about 11/25/2022 in Greenbrier County, West Virginia, in violation of *West Virginia Code § (cite specific section, subsection, and/or subdivision, if applicable)* Murder-- 61-2-1 the defendant did *(state statutory language of the offense)*

See attached page.

I further state that this complaint is based upon the following facts:

See attached page.

Continued on an attached sheet?  Yes  No

~~(If this complaint involves misdemeanor assault/battery, [West Virginia Code § 61-2-9] or misdemeanor domestic assault/battery, [West Virginia Code § 61-2-28], check all that apply.)~~

The defendant

- is/was the victim's spouse.  is/was living with the victim as a spouse, parent, or guardian.
- is/was a parent or guardian of the victim.  is a person who is like a spouse, parent, or guardian of the victim.
- has a child in common with the victim.  has none of the above connections to the victim.

Complainant (who appears before Magistrate):

Chief Todd Williams  
Complainant Name (Full Name)

202 S Monroe Street  
Address

Alderson WV, 24910  
City, State & Zip Code

304-445-2916  
Phone Number(s)

Chief  
Office or Title, if any

11/25/2022  
Date [Signature]  
Complainant Signature

On this complaint, sworn or affirmed before me and signed in my presence on this date by the complainant, the item(s) checked below apply:

Finding

- No probable cause found
- Probable cause found

Issuance

- Summons issued
- Warrant issued
- Warrantless arrest

11-25-22 [Signature]  
Date Magistrate Signature

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF Greenbrier COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT (CONTINUATION PAGE)**

On Friday, November 25th 2022, at approximately 0900 hours, the Alderson Police Department was dispatched to 847 Maple Avenue West, Alderson, WV, 24910 in reference to an unresponsive female. Upon arrival the undersigned officer arrived and noted the deceased female had sustained major facial trauma causing the victim to be deceased. The undersigned officer was informed by the initial caller Tyler Truman that she located her friend Marisa Mann Bennett in residence on the floor, and Marrisa's vehicle is gone. The undersigned officer and members of the Greenbrier County Crime scene team secured the scene and processed the area. The undersigned officer was ultimately informed the registration on the vehicle is a WV-- 97B478--2016 QX80 which was issued for a BOLO. Members of the Crime Scene Team noted blood throughout the residence on both the second floor and basement. Members also noted where it appeared the subject was thrown through the residence and striking what appeared to be her head on several items in the residence. Also noted during a search of the residence were bloody clothing consistent with the size of the victim, which appeared to show the victims clothes had been changed. It was also relayed that the basement bathroom had been cleaned after utilizing blue star chemical reagent.

It should be noted at this time that it appeared the fight that took place in the residence continued throughout said residence over a period of time.

The undersigned officer along with members of Greenbrier County Law Enforcement Departments ultimately were able to locate Marrisa's 2016 Infinity QX80 Gold/Pewter in color being bearing WV registration 97B478 operated by Zachary Hess Dawson (Live in Boyfriend of Marisa Mann Bennett) on US 219 in Lewisburg WV. West Virginia State Police Corporal D.P. Dillon assisted with the removal and searched Zachary Hess Dawson. Upon this search the undersigned officer observed blood on Zachary Hess Dawson's clothing, necklace, hands and on the inside of the vehicle. Corporal D.P. Dillon observed the phone in the pocket of Zachary Hess Dawson having GPS routing him on maps to the hotels near the interstate in Lewisburg WV.

The undersigned officer and members of the West Virginia State Police transported Zachary Hess Dawson to the WVSP/Lewisburg Detachment for questioning. Upon a post mirandized interview Zachary Hess Dawson admitted being responsible for her death and takes responsibility for it. Zachary Hess Dawson admitted to striking Marisa Mann Bennett last night/ early this morning during an argument. Zachary Hess Dawson informed the officers he killed his wife. Subject stated that after striking his wife he blacked out and when he came to he knew that he had messed up. Subject admitted that he changed her clothes to have clean clothes on her.

These events occurred in Greenbrier County

