

INFORMATION

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
SUPERIOR COURT

E24-025

Disposition date

Police Case number 2200446322	Agency name Connecticut State Police-EDMCS	Agency number 32596	Seized property inventory number
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Title, Allegation and Counts

State of Connecticut vs. (Name of accused) Peikert, Joshua	Residence (Town) of accused Montville	Docket number
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Address Corrigan Correctional Ctr, 986 Norwich-New London Tpke.		Date of birth 06/11/1992	The undersigned Prosecuting Authority of the State of Connecticut charges that:
To be held at (Town) Norwich	Geographical area number 21	Court date	

Count One — Did commit the offense of: Conspiracy to Commit Murder	Continued to	Purpose	Reason
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At (Town) Montville	On or about (Date) 7/22/2022-7/26/2022	In violation of General Statute number 53a-48/53a-54a
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Count Two — Did commit the offense of: Conspiracy to Commit Risk of Injury to a Minor	Continued to	Purpose	Reason
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At (Town) Montville	On or about (Date) 7/22/2022-7/26/2022	In violation of General Statute number 53a-48/53-21
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Count Three — Did commit the offense of:	Continued to	Purpose	Reason
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At (Town)	On or about (Date)	In violation of General Statute number
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<input type="checkbox"/> See other sheet for additional counts	Signed (Prosecuting Authority) <i>Joshua Peikert</i>	Date 3-8-24
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Court Action

Defendant advised of rights before plea (Judge)	(Date)	Amount of bond	Surety	<input type="checkbox"/> % <input type="checkbox"/> Cash
<input type="checkbox"/> Attorney	<input type="checkbox"/> Public defender	Guardian	Bond change	Election (Date) <input type="checkbox"/> CT <input type="checkbox"/> JY

Count	Plea date	Plea	Plea withdrawn		Verdict finding	Fine	Remit	Additional disposition
			Date	New plea				
1						\$	\$	
2						\$	\$	
3						\$	\$	

Date	Other Court Action	Judge

Receipt number	Cost <input type="checkbox"/> IMP <input type="checkbox"/> NCI	Bond information <input type="checkbox"/> Bond forfeited <input type="checkbox"/> Forfeiture vacated <input type="checkbox"/> Forfeiture vacated and bond reinstated		
Application fee - receipt number if paid	Circle one W I Q	Program fee - receipt number if paid	Circle one W I Q	Probation fee - receipt number if paid
Prosecutor on original disposition	Reporter/monitor on original disposition	Signed (Clerk)	Signed (Judge)	

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Arrest Warrant

Geographical area number 21	State of Connecticut v. Peikert, Joshua
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To: Any Proper Officer of the State of Connecticut

The court has found probable cause to believe that an offense has been committed and that the accused listed above committed it. Therefore, by the Authority of the State of Connecticut, you are commanded to arrest the accused listed above. (Select all that apply)

- A. The accused is ordered to be brought before a clerk or assistant clerk of the Superior Court.
- B. The accused is not entitled to bail.

If A, B, or both are checked above, you shall, without undue delay, bring the arrested person before the clerk or assistant clerk of the Superior Court for the geographical area where the offense is alleged to have been committed, or if the clerk's office is not open, to a community correctional center within said geographical area, or the nearest community correctional center if no such center exists in the geographical area, or to the York Correctional Institution, as the case may be.

- C. Bail set at \$500,000 O/S.
- D. Bail amount set at _____, with the requirement that 30%+ (Specify %) _____ of the bail amount must be deposited in Cash directly with the court.
- E. Non-financial conditions of release:

- F. Conditions of release not determined by court.

Extradition boundaries established by prosecutor

By the Court	Signed (Judge of the Superior Court) <i>[Signature]</i>	Date MAR 08 2024	Name of Judge (Print or type) Hon. John M. Newson
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Return on Arrest Warrant

Geographical area number 10	Town of NEW Canaan	Date 04/01/24	State of Connecticut
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Under the authority of this warrant, I arrested the accused listed above and read the same in the hearing of the accused; and have the accused here in court for examination.

Attest (Officer's signature and Department)
DET. CPW #378 CSP-EDMC-E

Date	Other Court action	Judge

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<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) Peikert, Joshua	Residence (Town) of accused Montville	Court to be held at (Town) Norwich
		Geographical Area number 21

Application For Arrest Warrant

To: A Judge of the Superior Court

The undersigned hereby applies for a warrant for the arrest of the above-named accused on the basis of the facts set forth in the: Affidavit Below. Affidavit(s) Attached.

Date 3-8-24	Signed (Prosecuting authority) <i>[Signature]</i>	Type/print name of prosecuting authority Theresa Anne Feely
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Affidavit

The undersigned affiant, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. That this affiant, Detective Christopher Hubbard #338, is a sworn member of the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of State Police, having been so employed since October 10, 2008. This affiant presently holds the rank of Detective and is assigned to the Eastern District Major Crimes Squad at Troop E in Montville, CT. At all times mentioned herein, this affiant was acting as an official member of said department. The following facts and circumstances are stated from personal knowledge, observation and investigation, as well as, the information received from fellow law enforcement officials acting in such an official capacity.

2. That, this investigation involves a conspiracy to commit the murders of a 29 year-old adult female (Victim #1, DOB [redacted]), a 10 year-old juvenile female (Victim #2, DOB [redacted]), a 1 year-old juvenile female (Victim #3, DOB [redacted]), as well as, a 23 year-old adult male (Victim #4, DOB [redacted]). That the victim's names and addresses will be kept confidential, in accordance with section 54-86e of the Connecticut General Statutes. The accused, Joshua Peikert (DOB 06/11/1992), will be referred to by his name throughout this affidavit.

3. That, on 10/19/2022, at approximately 9:00 am, this affiant was assigned by Eastern District Major Crimes Supervisor, Sergeant Robert Scavello #167, to investigate a suspicious incident at Corrigan Correctional Center (CC) in Montville, CT. A prior inmate of Corrigan CC, Witness #1, who is currently incarcerated at MacDougall-Walker Correctional Institution (CI) in Suffield, CT, had reportedly sent a handwritten letter to Victim #1. This letter detailed a possible "murder for hire" plot, with Victim #1, her children, Victim #2 and Victim #3, as well as, her boyfriend, Victim #4, as the intended targets. Corrigan Inmate Joshua Peikert (DOB 06/11/1992) had planned this murder plot with Witness #1 when they were cell mates at Corrigan CC. Joshua Peikert had allegedly hired Witness #1 to find a "hitman" to murder the above listed victims. Upon receiving this letter, Victim #1 immediately contacted the Groton City Police Department, who in turn contacted the State Police to investigate, after learning the origin location of the incident.

(This is page 1 of a 5 page Affidavit.)

Date 03/01/24	Signed (Affiant) <i>[Signature]</i>
Jurat Subscribed and sworn to before me on (Date) 3/1/24	Signed (Judge/Clerk, Commissioner of Superior Court, Notary Public) <i>[Signature]</i>

Finding

The foregoing Application for an arrest warrant, and affidavit(s) attached to said Application, having been submitted to and considered by the undersigned, the undersigned finds from said affidavit(s) that there is probable cause to believe that an offense has been committed and that the accused committed it and, therefore, that probable cause exists for the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of the above-named accused.

Date and Signature New London	Signed at (City or town)	On (Date) MAR 08 2024	Signed (Judge/Judge Trial Referee) <i>[Signature]</i>	Name of Judge/Judge Trial Referee Hon. John M. Newson
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4. That, at approximately 11:00 a.m., this affiant met Groton City Police Detective Daniel Grimm and Department of Correction (DOC) Counselor Supervisor (CSV) [REDACTED] at the MacDougall-Walker CI, to assist in interviewing Witness #1. In an electronic written statement, Witness #1 provided the following information regarding the incident in question.

"My name is Witness #1 and I am currently an inmate at MacDougall Correctional Institute in Suffield, CT. A few months ago, I was incarcerated at Corrigan Correctional Institute in Uncasville, CT. My cell mate at the time was Josh Peikert in cell [REDACTED]. After only a short period of time of being cell mates with Josh, he disclosed to me that he wanted Victim's #1, #2, #3 and #4 murdered. We were discussing previous illegal activity at the time and I told Josh that I knew a few people that could have that taken care of for him. I told Josh that it would cost approximately 10 thousand dollars a head for each person killed. When I told this to Josh, he said that it was doable and he told me that he would pay half up front and half after the job was done. Josh wrote down on a piece of paper the victim's address, where the victims would sleep, as well as, the location of a spare key [REDACTED] to gain access to the home. At no time did I have any intention of hiring a hitman or committing any violence toward Victim's #1, #2, #3 or #4, however, I told Josh that he would have to pay me \$500 for a "finder's fee." Also, at no time did I contact anyone to commit violence against the victims, nor anyone else. I asked for \$250 up front and \$250 after the job was done. A short time after this conversation with Josh, I was transferred a total of \$250 on two separate occasions. This money was transferred to my tablet through Josh's brother. The first installment was \$100 and the second was \$150. A short time after, Josh was bailed out and we spoke over a cell phone about the "construction job" and "materials", which was code for the hit. Josh was re-incarcerated at Corrigan approximately two weeks later and I ran into him in the rec area of [REDACTED]. Josh asked me why nothing had happened yet and I played dumb, acting as if his brother had messed up with the transfer of money. I saw Josh a few other times while still at Corrigan and "blew smoke up his ass" that there was actually a hit out. After about a week, I was assaulted by an inmate and while in the infirmary, I wrote a letter to Victim #1 because I am concerned for her safety and the safety of her children. A short time later, I was transferred to MacDougall. On the way to MacDougall, I was informed by another inmate that Josh had put a hit out for me."

5. That, while speaking with Witness #1, he provided this affiant with a handwritten letter from Joshua Peikert. Among other things, this letter detailed the location of Victim #1's home, the layout of the residence and the location of a spare key to gain access. At the bottom of the letter, the word "Job" is written and it is signed by "Joshua Peikert." The information written in this letter by Joshua Peikert concerning the address, layout of the home, occupant's sleeping arrangements and the location of a spare key, was later confirmed to be true and accurate by Victim #1.

6. That, on 11/01/2022, at approximately 3:00 p.m., Detective Lloyd Wright #959 provided this affiant with a copy of Witness #1's Jpay Inmate Summary (inmate financial account), which he had received from the CT Department of Correction (DOC). Upon reviewing Witness #1's Jpay account, two transactions are of note in this particular investigation. On 07/19/2022, an individual named Jeremiah Peikert deposited \$100.00 into Witness

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Date 07/01/24	Signed (Affiant) DET. CRIVELLO #338
Jurat Subscribed and sworn to before me on (Date) 3/1/24	Signed (Judge/Clerk, Commissioner of Superior Court, Notary Public) ST. JAMES #167
Reviewed (Prosecutorial Official) Sherese Anne Dery	Date 3-8-24
Reviewed (Judge/Judge Trial Referee) [Signature]	WAR 08 2024

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#1's account via credit card. On 07/25/2022, this same individual deposited \$150.00 into Witness #1's account, also via credit card. The total amount of money transferred into Witness #1's Jpay account corroborates the claims Witness #1 made during his interview. Also worth mentioning, is that it was later confirmed that Jeremiah Peikert is Joshua Peikert's younger brother and a member of the armed forces.

7. That, upon obtaining signed search and seizure warrants from the New London Superior Court for both Witness #1's and Inmate Joshua Peikert's DOC phone call conversations in July of 2022, and later reviewing these calls; three specific phone conversations initiated by Witness #1 are of note in this investigation. On 07/22/2022 and 07/26/2022, Witness #1 places three (3) calls to the telephone number [REDACTED]. A query of this number [REDACTED] revealed that the number is assigned to Jeremiah R. Peikert (DOB 03/21/1994) of [REDACTED]. Further investigation revealed that Jeremiah Peikert is Joshua Peikert's brother and a member of the U.S. Army, currently stationed at [REDACTED] TX.

8. That, on 07/22/2022, at approximately 5:23 p.m. and again at 5:49 p.m., Witness #1 calls an individual identified as, Jeremiah Peikert and the two discuss the transfer of funds from Jeremiah Peikert's account to Witness #1's Jpay inmate financial account. The two continue to discuss that Jeremiah Peikert had already transferred \$100 into Witness #1's account, however, that Peikert was now having difficulty transferring an additional \$150 into the account. Witness #1 then asks Jeremiah Peikert what he does for work, to which Peikert replies, "I'm in the military." Witness #1 and Jeremiah Peikert continue to discuss Peikert's brothers and the fact that "Josh" is the only one in Connecticut. Jeremiah Peikert goes on to discuss his siblings and the fact that he lives, "Not far from [REDACTED] [Texas]."

9. That, on 07/26/2022, at approximately 10:51 a.m., Witness #1 again calls Jeremiah Peikert. In this conversation, Witness #1 first asks if Jeremiah Peikert has a "Pen and paper handy," to which Peikert replies, "I sent the money." Witness #1 then advises Peikert that he received the money and again to get a pen and paper in order for him to write down a message to, "His brother," Josh Peikert. Witness #1 goes on to tell Jeremiah Peikert that the individual that was going to do the "job" for Josh Peikert went to Florida, where he was arrested after getting into a fight with a police officer. Witness #1 states that as a result, he does not know when this individual is going to get back. Witness #1 explains to Jeremiah Peikert that, "The good news is that the job is going to get done because the payment, the agreement went through; the bad news is it may take a little while to happen; maybe two weeks." Witness #1 informs Jeremiah Peikert that if Josh Peikert, "Goes back on the deal after the job has been done," that he still has, "That handwritten letter from him," and that this would not be good. Witness #1 states that he, "Got his materials that he put out money for," and that once the job is done, "I want the other half of the money." Witness #1 then reiterates to Jeremiah Peikert that if Josh Peikert, "Goes back on the agreement before the job is done; it's not gonna be a good thing."

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Date 05/01/24	Signed (Affiant) DET. C. P. [Signature]
Jurat Subscribed and sworn to before me on (Date) 3/1/24	Signed (Judge/Clerk, Commissioner of Superior Court, Notary Public) [Signature]
Reviewed (Prosecutorial Official) Sheresa Anne [Signature]	Date 3.8.24
Reviewed (Judge/Judge Trial Referee) [Signature]	Date MAR 08 2024

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10. That, upon reviewing DOC phone calls made by Inmate Joshua Peikert while incarcerated at Corrigan CC, one (1) conversation is of note in this investigation. On 07/26/2022, at approximately 9:41 a.m., Inmate Joshua Peikert contacted his brother, Jeremiah Peikert. In this conversation, the two initially discuss the frequency of Witness #1's calls to Jeremiah and that Jeremiah, "Sent the money using my debit card so that he would stop fucking calling me all the time." During the conversation, the two also discuss the possibility of Victim #1 moving to [REDACTED] and the distance from where Jeremiah Peikert lives in Texas to [REDACTED]

11. That, on 12/17/2023, Detective Justin Clachrie #516 and I traveled, via airline, to [REDACTED] TX for a pre-arranged interview with Army Sergeant Jeremiah Peikert (DOB 03/21/1994). This interview was facilitated by Criminal Investigation Division (CID) Special Agent (SA) Andrew Maticka, who is currently assigned to the Central Texas Field Office aboard [REDACTED]

12. That, on 12/19/2023, at approximately 9:50 a.m., Detective Clachrie and I met with Sergeant Jeremiah Peikert at the CID Office at [REDACTED]. In a private interview room equipped with audio and video recording, Sergeant Peikert proceeded to provide the following statement regarding his involvement in our investigation.

"Today, December 19, 2023, at about 09:50 AM, I went to the Army CID office at [REDACTED] where I was requested for an interview. When I was requested to the CID office, I was not initially made aware the interview was with Connecticut State Police detectives.

During the interview, we discussed some money transfers from the summer of 2022 that I made to an inmate account at Corrigan Correctional facility in Connecticut. My brother, Joshua Peikert, was there at the time and he asked me to put money into another inmate's account. That inmate was Witness #1. During this time, I had phone conversations with Joshua and Witness #1. In total, I sent \$250 (over two transfers of \$100 and \$150) from my bank account into Witness #1's account at the correctional facility. During phone conversations I later had with Witness #1, we discussed the "construction job" and "materials" related to the job. During the interview, I was advised that Josh had made arrangements with Witness #1 to pay \$10,000 to have the Victim #1 and [REDACTED] killed.

I knew the "construction job" was not related to any type of actual construction. Instead, based on conversations I had with Josh and Witness #1 over the phone, I knew the "job" was related to having Victim #1 hurt. I was unaware of the specifics, but knew the money I sent was being paid to Witness #1 for his role in arranging to have Victim #1 hurt. I did not believe the kids were planned to be involved in this scheme. I initially did not want any involvement in this plan, and I reluctantly transferred the money. I eventually did because Josh and Witness #1 kept pressuring me to send the money for the "job." After sending the money, I was under the impression the "job" (Victim #1 being hurt) would be done in about two weeks. I don't recall any conversations that led me to know how Victim #1 would be hurt or killed. I had thoughts of notifying the police and/or Victim #1, but I never did, but know I should have.

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Date 03/01/24	Signed (Affiant) <i>[Signature]</i> #337
Jurat Subscribed and sworn to before me on (Date) 3/1/24	Signed (Judge/Clerk, Commissioner of Superior Court, Notary Public) <i>[Signature]</i> #67
Reviewed (Prosecutorial Official) <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 3-5-24
Reviewed (Judge/Judge Trial Referee) <i>[Signature]</i>	MAR 08 2024

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The fact that Josh wanted Victim #1 hurt is not a total surprise, because Josh has displayed violent tendencies, even growing up. He is also manipulative, especially with me, which played a role in me cooperating. During our conversations he did mention not wanting Victim #1 or the kids [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I did not immediately connect this with wanting them killed, but it makes sense now."

13. That, on 01/19/2023, at approximately 11:30 a.m., Detective Clachrie and this affiant attempted to interview Inmate Joshua Peikert, per his request, at Corrigan CC, in regard to the allegations made against him. After reading Inmate Peikert his Notice and Waiver of Rights form, he chose not to speak with us without his attorney present. Inmate Peikert was then permitted to contact his attorney, Peter Bartinik, of The Bartinik Law Firm in Groton, CT. During their phone conversation, Attorney Bartinik agreed to meet with Inmate Peikert, as well as, Detective Clachrie and this affiant, at Corrigan CC at 12:30 p.m. Upon his arrival to Corrigan CC, Attorney Bartinik spoke with Inmate Peikert in a private room, before exiting and explaining to Detective Clachrie and this affiant that Inmate Peikert requested to exercise his right not to speak with us about the allegations made against him.

14. That, based on the facts and circumstances contained within the affidavit, this affiant believes that probable cause exists and respectfully requests that an arrest warrant be issued for Joshua Peikert (DOB 06/11/1992), in violation of Connecticut General Statutes.

15. That, this arrest warrant application has not been presented to any other judge or magistrate.

Handwritten signature

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Date <i>03/01/24</i>	Signed (Affiant) <i>PET. CRIVIA #333</i>
Jurat Subscribed and sworn to before me on (Date) <i>3/1/24</i>	Signed (Judge/Clerk, Commissioner of Superior Court, Notary Public) <i>[Signature] #167</i>
Reviewed (Prosecutorial Official) <i>Theresa Anne Lewis</i>	Date <i>3-2-24</i>
Reviewed (Judge/Judge Trial Referee) <i>[Signature]</i>	MAR 08 2024

