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JD-CR-71 REV. 1-17
Police Case number

2100010367

Agency name

South Windsor Police

Disposition date

Agency number

P0132

Title, Allegation and Counts

State of Connecticut vs. (Name of accused) **Hutchinson, Tahj, H.** Residence (Town) of accused **South Windsor** Docket number

Address **5 Cinnamon Spgs** Date of birth **06/20/1998** **The undersigned Prosecuting Authority of the State of Connecticut charges that:**

To be held at (Town) **Manchester** Geographical area number **12** Court date

Count One — Did commit the offense of: **MANSLAUGHTER 1ST DEG** Continued to Purpose Reason

At (Town) **South Windsor** On or about (Date) **05/10/2021** In violation of General Statute number **53a-55(a)(3) SW**

Count Two — Did commit the offense of:

At (Town) On or about (Date) In violation of General Statute number

Count Three — Did commit the offense of:

At (Town) On or about (Date) In violation of General Statute number

See other sheet for additional counts Date **05/21/2021** Signed (Prosecuting Authority) *Shawn Ford*

Court Action

Defendant advised of rights before plea Bond Surety 10% Cash Election (Date) CT JY

(Judge) (Date) Attorney Public defender Guardian Bond change Seized property inventory number

Count	Plea date	Plea	Plea withdrawn		Verdict finding	Fine	Remit	Additional disposition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 IMP NCI Bond information Bond forfeited Forfeiture vacated 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 Circle one W I Q

Prosecutor on original disposition Reporter/monitor on original disposition Signed (Clark) Signed (Judge)

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Name: Hutchinson, Tahj, H.
Residence: South Windsor
Court to be held at: Manchester
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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: [X] Affidavit Below. [] Affidavit(s) Attached.

Date: 05/21/2021
Signed: Sharnese L Walcott
Type/print name of prosecuting authority: Sharnese L Walcott

Affidavit

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

1. THAT: I, Ofc. Daniel Cain # 175, am a member of the South Windsor Police Department and that I have been a member of said department for a period of 14 years and at all pertinent times mentioned herein, I acted in my official capacity as a member of said department. I am currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Unit. I have investigated numerous criminal cases and have received specialized training in crime scene processing, Interview and Interrogation. The following facts and circumstances are stated from personal knowledge and observations as well as information received from brother and sister officers acting in their official capacity.

2. THAT: In accordance with C.G.S. 54-86, the name of victim will remain confidential and be referred to as victim for this affidavit. The victim's family members and addresses will be confidential. The victim's residence is a condo complex within South Windsor and will not be disclosed in this warrant.

3. THAT: On Monday, 5/10/21 at 2246 hours, the SWPD received a frantic 911 call from a female reporting that she was at Victim's Residence, South Windsor, CT to check the welfare of her sister and her sister's husband just sped off on them when they went to confront him. She was identified as (other) Sister of Victim and was crying. She identified her sister's husband as (suspect) Tahj Hutchinson and stated he fled in CT. AX90378, a 2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee after handing his baby to her. She stated that her sister, Victim had not been seen or heard from since early this morning. Sister of Victim stated that Hutchinson had been in contact with her mother (other) Mother of Victim who had been speaking to Tahj about reporting Victim missing and last stated she was going to come search the cars. Other family members were also calling 911 during the same time, and they reported Tahj's last known direction of travel. While on this call, they discovered that the car keys to another vehicle Tahj and Victim own (Nissan

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Signed (Affiant): Daniel Cain #175
Subscribed and sworn to before me on (Date): 21 MAY 21
Signed (Judge/Clerk, Commissioner of Superior Court, Notary Public): [Signature] #139

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: W. Hutter
Signed at (City or town): [Signature]
On (Date): 5/21/21
Signed (Judge/Judge Trial Referee): [Signature]
Name of Judge/Judge Trial Referee: BALDWIN, J.

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Maxima) had keys in it and the baby bag, which was left behind. Several South Windsor Patrol Officers responded to the scene and were in search of the vehicle.

4. THAT: South Windsor patrol officers arrived and identified Sister of Victim (Victim's sister), Mother of Victim (Victim's mother) and Fiancé of Victim's Sister (Sister of Victim's fiancé) as well as others who were concerned about Victim. It was learned that they had last seen Victim the night before (5/9/21) at their residence in East Hartford when Victim left their house with her 7-month-old son (Baby of Victim) to return home to Victim's Residence. This was described as sometime around 2300 hours that night. Sister of Victim advised officers that Victim told them that she and Tahj had been verbally arguing that day.

5. THAT: Sister of Victim advised officers that they had been unable to contact the Victim all day on Monday (5/10/21) which was out of character for her. Sister of Victim stated that when she arrived to check on her sister this evening, Tahj was outside with his Jeep backed up to his residence unit, and quickly closed the rear hatch. She stated she looked in the rear and it appeared the blanket may be covering something up. She questioned him about it and requested to look in the back of the Jeep. She stated he handed her his baby, and commented he was going to his parent's house. She described the "sheet" or "comforter" as being canopied over something in the rear area, possibly covering her sister's body. She stated that while demanding him to open the rear of the Jeep which she stated was locked, Tahj drove out of the parking lot while she was chasing him and holding on to the door handle.

6. THAT: Sgt. Gesualdi responded to the scene and contacted the Criminal Investigations Supervisor, Sgt. Prescher # 139 and provided him with the details of the incident and that Victim may have been abducted or harmed by Tahj, and requested a response from the unit. Sgt. Gesualdi explained that they had conducted a search of Victim's Residence under exigency to be sure she was not injured or inside in need of immediate medical attention. She was not located inside. He stated that attempts to ping her cell phone were unsuccessful as it appeared her phone was off or the battery was dead. While Sgt. Gesualdi was on the phone with Sgt. Prescher, Tahj had just arrived at East Hartford PD to report Victim missing to them. Tahj called Victim's family members in South Windsor and inquired where they were. Ofc. Hoover #178 spoke with him and advised him to go into the lobby of EHPD and remain there and we would send officers from South Windsor to come take his report there. It was later verified through surveillance video from EHPD that Tahj arrived in his Jeep at 2314 hours, coming in from Burnside Ave to School Street. There was approximately a 28-minute gap from the time he left his residence in South Windsor and

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arrived at EHPD. The drive time between these locations should be no more than an estimated 10-15 minutes.

7. THAT: Ofc. Kuzara and Ofc. Higgins arrived and interviewed Tahj. They noted that he was not wearing any shoes and was barefoot while inside EHPD. When asked why he came to EHPD to report his wife missing, he claimed it was because Victim was previously a residence of East Hartford and he went there. Tahj remained with the officers while Sgt. Prescher and I responded to Victim's Residence for further investigation.

8. THAT: Sgt. Prescher and I arrived on scene a short time later, and we re-interviewed Sister of Victim and her Fiancé. Sister of Victim stated she believed Tahj may have murdered Victim and was disposing of her body that was in the back of the Jeep when he fled. She stated she had pulled on the blanket from the back seat but there was tension on it and she believed it was covering a body. She reiterated her allegations that it was highly unlike Victim to not have communication with her and her family daily, and to have her cell phone off and that she would not leave her baby. She stated Victim did not use drugs, did not abuse alcohol, was not suicidal and did not have any previously known mental health issues.

9. THAT: Sgt. Prescher and I then re-interviewed David, Sister of Victim's Fiancé. He stated that he had looked through the rear window of the Jeep and did not believe there was enough room for a body to be in there. He stated that from his opinion, Tahj left at a normal speed, stopped at the stop sign, put his blinker on and then turned left out of the complex. He said that he attempted to follow Tahj, but lost sight of him and was not sure which way he traveled to the East Hartford PD. It should be noted that David smelled of recently burnt/smoked marijuana.

10. That: After consulting with officers on scene and reviewing the facts at that point, it was determined that on the first search of the residence, officers may not have looked fully under beds and done a thorough search. Sgt. Gesualdi, Sgt. Prescher and I conducted a secondary search of the premises to verify Victim was not inside. She was not found. While conducting the search, it was noted that the unit was extremely cluttered and messy. There were no obvious signs of a struggle noted, no visible bodily fluids such as large pooling, splattering or smears of suspect blood, and no odor of chemicals indicating anyone had cleaned up a crime scene.

11. THAT: While on scene, it was determined that all three vehicles Victim and Tahj owned were

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accounted for and she had not left in any vehicles. Sgt. Prescher instructed officers on scene to search the trunk area of a Nissan Maxima that was owned by Tahj (CT. AR38526) and driven by both of them. This search was completed on an exigency that she may be injured in the trunk area of the vehicle. No body was discovered in the trunk.

12. THAT: Sgt. Prescher instructed officers to hold the scene at Victim's Residence and begin conducting a neighborhood canvass for any other information, witnesses or camera systems. A K-9 was called to the scene and cast from the front door area to see if a track led anywhere. The track did not lead to the discovery of Victim in the area.

13. THAT: Sgt. Gesualdi obtained cell phone records including GPS locations for the last 48 hours for Victim's cell phone under exigent circumstances. Prior to leaving, Ofc. Hoover notified us that Sister of Victim had found divorce papers in the residence that Victim had filled out but not filed yet. The papers were seized by Ofc. Hoover as evidence. Sgt. Prescher and I left the scene and drove to EHPD to interview Tahj further.

14. THAT: Upon arrival, we located Tahj's Jeep in the front parking lot of EHPD. We looked at the contents of the Jeep that were visible in plain view through the windows with flashlights. There was a comforter in the rear area, along with other items such as cans of food, bread, and other abstract things that appeared to take up a good portion of the back-hatch area. There was no visible blood anywhere and nothing seen that would indicate a body was in the vehicle.

15. THAT: Sgt. Prescher and I met with Tahj, who agreed to speak with us in a private interview room. Tahj was visibly unemotional about the disappearance of his wife while we spoke with him. We interviewed him for approximately 40 minutes and he provided us with the following information. He stated that Victim and he were married and were the biological parents of their child. He stated Victim had made mention in the past that she wanted a guinea pig, and he decided to get her guinea pigs as a Mother's Day gift. He stated that when he gave her the guinea pigs as a gift, she became angry at him because she had wanted to do her acrylic nails on Mother's Day (5/9/21) while her mother watched their son. She was mad because the smell of the acrylic nails would be harmful to the guinea pigs and she would not be able to do them. He stated that on Mother's Day, she hung out primarily in their bedroom, while he hung out in the living room area. He stated that there was no physical altercation between them and that she was just upset with him so they didn't spend time together. He stated that later that evening, she left to go pick up

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their son who was with her mother in East Hartford. He stated that he fell asleep in the living room that evening, and she came home late that night around 2300-2330 hours. He stated they did not talk and he continued sleeping. In the morning, Victim verbally woke him and stated that she was leaving with a friend and would be home later. He stated he went back to bed and never heard from Victim again that day and she did not return home. He stated he never looked at her to see what she was wearing or to see who she left with. He stated that her family began calling him multiple times, asking where she was. When asked if he did anything to look for her, he stated he called twice but did not leave a voicemail. When asked if he sent her any text messages looking for her he stated no. We asked if again if he harmed her in any way or knew where she was. He stated no. We asked about divorce papers and he stated that she often threatened divorce when she got mad but then never went through with it. When asked why he doesn't appear to be upset that she is missing, he stated he was and hopes she makes it home safe. He did say that she has never left like this before. We asked where he thought she may be or knew if she was still alive and he stated he didn't know. He stated that she was in a respiratory therapy program through Manchester Community College and was supposed to go to Clinical's at Hartford Hospital that morning but he did not know if she went. He also did not know if her keycard / ID badge was in their residence or with her. He was advised to keep open communication with us and that we would do the same.

16. THAT: Sgt. Prescher and I went to Hartford Hospital and confirmed with security and with members of the Respiratory Therapy division that Victim had not shown up for her clinicals on Monday, 5/11/21 and had not used her keycard in the facility. It was also learned that Victim or someone on Victim's school account had sent a message to her college instructor that she would not be attending the clinicals that day. She did not send any further messages or comments to her instructor. Interviews with other classmates that morning confirmed that Victim had discussed calling out for her class that day to prepare for her finals.

17. THAT: On Tuesday, 05/11/21 around 0757 hours, Sister of Victim called SWPD to report that she was at Victim's Residence and Tahj just walked outside to the dumpster, acting weird and had visible scratches on his face. Sgt. Prescher and I responded with patrol units and met with Victim's family members as well as Tahj. Tahj was interviewed again by us. He did have some light scratches on his face that were not visible to us when we interviewed him at EHPD. He was also wearing a mask while inside the building during that first interview per Covid 19 protocols. When questioned about the scratches, he stated he had worked on his truck in the parking lot on 5/10/21 (CT. C241040 - Chevy Pickup truck) and had installed a trailer wiring harness and brake pads on the front. He stated he scratched his face when he was under the

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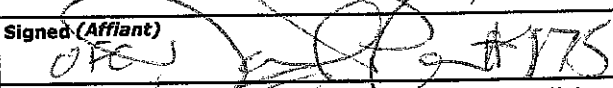


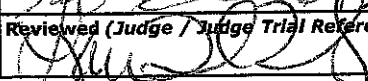
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truck and also his son scratched his lip slightly. I inspected the truck and noted fresh and clean wiring on the rear of the truck. A visual inspection of the brake pads did not show any indication of fresh tampering with them. There was no grease transfer, fresh fingerprints, smudges and there was sand in the parking lot near each tire that appeared undisturbed. In order to work on brakes on a vehicle it is necessary to remove the tire, which presumably would disturb the sand in the parking lot and leave some footprints and other impressions. When we pointed this discrepancy out to Tahj, he became visibly nervous and his upper lip began to twitch. This was observed by both of us. Tahj maintained that he put on new brake pads on 5/10/21 and that's how he received the scratches. He agreed to allow us to come into his residence and show us where he slept in the living room and let us look through the house. During our contact he never once asked us if we had any updates to his missing wife or showed any emotional concern over her. I asked him to log into her bank on a computer and see if she had made any new purchases which he agreed to do. While doing this, he began asking Sgt. Prescher about CT laws regarding airsoft and pellet guns and how he enjoys using them. We found this to be strange that he was more concerned about that than finding his missing wife. He confirmed via bank info that Victim had not made any purchases since 5/9/21 before she went missing.

18. THAT: While we were there we learned that Tahj's parents had arrived as well from Manchester. It was learned in speaking to them that he had not told them anything about his missing wife and had not called them to the scene. We learned that Sister of Victim and other family members had gone to their house this morning and told them that Victim was missing and they believed Tahj has something to do with her disappearance. This was the first they heard of her being missing. Sgt. Prescher asked Tahj why he never notified his parents that the victim was missing and that police were investigating it. He did not have any explanation other than he planned on notifying them today. With permission, we seized a bra and underwear of Victim's for DNA purposes to be sent to the state lab for the missing person investigation. We also took one of her shoes as a scent article with intent to have a bloodhound respond and search the area again. They were advised to keep contact and keep checking banking information and Tahj stated he would be staying at his parent's house in Manchester.

19. THAT: On Tuesday, 05/11/21 Sgt. Prescher and I searched on foot the area around Victim's Residence condominiums to include the wood line, pond in the center area and dumpsters on the property with no evidence found. Later that day CT State Police responded with a K-9 (bloodhound) and searched the area around Victim's Residence and Amato Drive and wooded area with no evidence found.

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20. THAT: On Tuesday, 05/11/21, Det. Geraci and Det. Poehnert went to Tahj's parent's house and spoke with him. He agreed to give us consent to take his cell phone and conduct a forensic download/image of the device to see if it contained any evidence that could assist in locating the Victim.

21. THAT: On 5/12/21, Det. Geraci advised Sgt. Prescher that a forensic examination of Tahj's cell phone was conducted by him and showed that on 5/10/21 at 0643 hours, Tahj took two pictures with his cell phone of a computer screen where he had logged into the Victim's bank account. The images showed account numbers and recent activity. It should be noted that this was done during a time where Tahj previously reported to us that he had been sleeping in the living room, and was so groggy that he never even looked at the Victim when she left around 0700 hours to see what she was wearing. Det. Geraci also plotted cell tower coordinates provided to us by T-Mobile through an exigency request on the night of the original call. It showed that the last time the Victim's cell phone connected to a tower, it was within the approximate area of the Victim's Residence. This last tower hit was at 0813 hours on 5/10/21, which is after the time she allegedly left the residence based on Tahj's statements.

22. THAT: On Thursday, 05/13/21, Sgt. Prescher and I asked Tahj to come to SWPD which he agreed. He was advised he was free to leave at any point and if he needed to use the bathroom to let us know. He agreed to speak with us further. This interview was video/audio recorded in an interview room. It should be noted that Tahj had still not asked us if we had any new leads and continued to be visibly unemotional about Victim's disappearance. He was interviewed for approximately 3 hours that morning. Tahj provided us with more details regarding the time leading up to the disappearance of Victim. He stated that on Saturday (5/8/21) he was home with Victim and had found someone giving free guinea pigs away on Facebook Marketplace in Willimantic, CT. He stated that Victim had arranged to have her mother watch their son overnight and into Mother's Day so she could have some time to herself. He stated that he went and picked up the guinea pigs that evening, while she had gone to her mother's to drop off their son. Later that evening she came home and he had the guinea pigs in a cage that was covered. He stated when she got home that night, he presented her the guinea pigs and she was not happy about it and went into their bedroom with their son and went to bed. Tahj stated he slept on the living room floor. He stated on Mother's Day he wished Victim a Happy Mother's Day and stated he had to go pick up a gift for his mother and her. When he returned, he gave her a card and gift card to Ulta Beauty Supplies and stated she was happy with it. She was still angry about the guinea pigs however and she spent the day in their bedroom while he remained in the living room. He stated they weren't really arguing but he knew she was mad. He stated that around 2000 hours on 5/9/21, she left to go pick up their son at her mother's in East Hartford.

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He stated he fell asleep shortly after on the living room floor. He stated he heard her come home and go into the bedroom around 2300-2330 hours that night. He stated he continued to sleep and only woke in the morning when she verbally stated she was leaving with a friend and to watch their son, who was still in the bedroom crib. He again stated he never looked up at her or fully woke because he was tired. He stated that his son did not wake until approximately 0930-1000 hours, and that was when he got up. He stated he never left the house all day, and only went out in the afternoon to work on his truck.

23. THAT: We asked Tahj how he kept an eye on the baby while he was outside. Tahj informed us that they had a baby monitoring camera on the wall over the crib. Sgt. Prescher asked to see the app that runs it and he showed him on his cell phone. The camera is a Nooie, which shows motion alerts and has real time video. There is an option for recorded video but Tahj stated they do not pay for that service. He allowed Sgt. Prescher to view the past history of motion alerts on this app. The motion alerts showed numerous alerts throughout the overnight from 5/9/21 into the morning of 5/10/21. The last recorded motion alert on the app shows 5/10/21 at 06:46 hours. There were no other entries in the alerts on the phone, but the video was active and live when we viewed it, indicating it was functioning properly. When asked why it abruptly ended at 06:46 hours if their son was still sleeping in the crib until 0930-1000 hours, he stated he didn't know and sometimes the camera didn't work. I asked specifically if he deleted any of the alerts in the bedroom and he claimed he had not. He had also described putting the baby to sleep in the bedroom later that afternoon and we questioned him why there were no alerts since the early morning of 5/10/21. He again could not provide an explanation. We suspected that Tahj was being deceptive about deleting alerts or saved information on the Nooie system since he could not explain why it stopped at the time of Victim's disappearance.

24. THAT: Sgt. Prescher and I asked Tahj if he had taken pictures of Victim's banking information early that morning. After a momentary pause, he stated he did do that. We asked why he didn't tell us that before and that he indicated he was sleeping the whole time and was so tired he never fully woke to look at Victim when she left. He stated he planned on paying a bill online and needed her account number that they had previously talked about doing. I advised him he physically had to wake up, open the computer and log on to her bank info in order to take pictures, all during the time where he previously said he was sleeping. We asked why it was so important at that hour and why he couldn't do it when he actually woke up. He maintained his reasoning. When asked if he did indeed pay the bill later that day, he stated he did not. Sgt. Prescher asked if he was jealous and spying on her activities and he claimed he was not. We again suspected Tahj was being deceitful in his statements about what happened that morning around the

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time he reported to us that Victim left.

25. THAT: During the interview, we asked him to describe the route he took on 5/10/21 from Victim's Residence, South Windsor to the EHPD to report his wife missing. He stated he took a left out of the complex onto Pleasant Valley Rd, a right onto Buckland Road. He stated he turned right onto Tolland Turnpike near the Honda Dealership and went straight to the PD. At the end of Tolland Tnpk in East Hartford, the PD is a quick left onto School Street however he did not describe this last time. He stated it took him approximately 10 minutes to drive there. We asked if he stopped anywhere on the way and he stated no, that he went directly there. We later had EHPD review video footage and confirm that at 2314 hours, Tahj's Jeep was seen pulling into the front lot, coming from Burnside Ave side of School Street, not Tolland Tnpk. That leaves approximately 18 minutes unaccounted for in his travel time.

26. THAT: At the end of the interview, we asked Tahj if he was willing to consent to a search of his residence to include an electronic sniffing K-9 in hopes of finding Victim's cell phone, a search of all three vehicles and if he was willing to take a polygraph exam. He stated he wanted to speak with his parents first and would contact us shortly which we agreed to.

27. THAT: A short time later, he called me and stated he would consent to all requests. We went to 29 Fairview Street, Manchester and met with Tahj. He signed a consent form to search his jeep which was there. In the rear, we pulled out the comforter which was still there. It appeared wet in a few spots, as did other parts of the rear. He stated his jeep sometimes leaks when it rains. As we looked closer, we saw a few small red stains consistent with a possible bloodlike substance. When asked, Tahj stated that they sometime take it inside and lay on it, and that she may have had her period. We advised him we were seizing the blanket as possible evidence. No other suspicious items were located in the rear. In the center console, Sgt. Prescher located Victim's bank debit card and her driver's license, which was presumably on her when she had last been seen. These two items were photographed but not seized. No other suspicious items were discovered.

28. That: We then drove to Victim's Residence, South Windsor. Tahj's two other vehicles were searched with written consent and his apartment was searched with written consent. Members of the CT. Center for Digital Investigations assisted and were unable to log into their cox cable router but were able to review some connected devices through his Wi-Fi account. At this time, they noted that Victim's cell phone last connected to their Wi-Fi on 5/10/21 but there was no detailed information as to what time it connected or

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stopped connection. It was determined that a search warrant would need to be served on the internet provider to get more detailed time stamps for the connection and loss of connection of Tahj and Victim's cell phones. A connection and disconnect log would show anyone leaving and coming back within range of the router while in possession of their cell phones. A CSP K-9 trained in sniffing electronics was unable to locate Victim's cell phone in the residence.

29. That: While on this consent search, it was noted that the wooden door from to the bedroom was damaged, indicating the door had been forced open from outside to the inside. Sgt. Prescher asked Tahj about this and he stated his door sometime sticks tightly, and approximately 1 month ago the door was stuck closed and they had to force it open. He stated he has not gotten around to fixing it. Sgt. Prescher entered the bedroom where he stated Victim had been staying and closed the door. It was tight but not in a manner that would require forcing it open. Sgt. Prescher noted that the door knob itself was in the locked position, and he had to unlock the door to let himself out. Based on my training and experience, I know that it is common during domestic disputes for one party to lock themselves in a bedroom or other room of the house for safety from an offending or aggressive party. This can often lead to the offending party forcing entry into that locked room to continue arguing or to physically harm that person inside the locked area. Given the blanket with suspected bloodlike substance on it that was recovered from the Jeep, the unaccounted for missing time driving from his residence to EHPD on the night he reported Victim missing as well as other concerns noted in this affidavit, we believed that Tahj forced entry into the bedroom where Victim was locked into for safety with the intent to cause serious physical harm to her.

30. THAT: On Friday, 05/14/2021 search warrants were drafted for the Nissan Maxima, Jeep Cherokee, Chevrolet K1500, residence at Victim's Residence and both Tahj's and Victim's T-Mobil accounts. The warrants were signed by a Judge on the same day. The Connecticut State Police (Major Crimes) responded to Victim's Residence where the Chevrolet and Nissan were present. Tahj was followed to the scene from his parent's residence in his Jeep. When on scene Tahj was given copies of the face sheets of the warrants. Tahj was picked up from the scene by his father. Three CSP K-9 (cadaver) dogs were run through all three vehicles and the residence. The dogs did not hit on any of the vehicles or anything in the residence. CSP major Crimes processed all three vehicles and the residence. CSP seized the gray cargo area privacy cover from the Jeep where blood was located on the handle. They also swabbed the blood on the handle to be sent to the lab. They also seized a white and gray pillow that was located in the bedroom with blood staining on it. The State Lab was contacted on Monday, 05/17/2021 and they requested an expedited letter for the following items to be analyzed. The blanket we recovered on the

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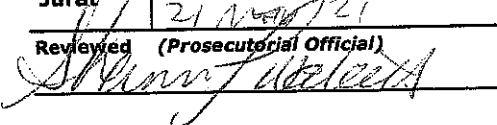
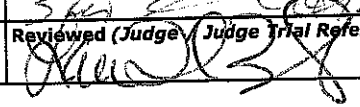
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consent search, the privacy cover and Swab of suspected blood from it. Search Warrants authorized the additional testing of these items by the CT State Forensic Lab in Meriden CT. The items were transported to the lab by Sgt. Diaz on that same day.

31. THAT: On Saturday, 05/15/2021 our agency was notified that the resident at 3-L Amato Dr. has a camera facing the area in front of 5-L Amato Dr. The resident gave Officer Clouser a Medion brand (serial number: MVHN003567974) 64GB microSD card. The camera is set up in a large living room window that covers the parking lot area adjacent to Pleasant Valley Road. Det. Geraci inserted the microSD card into a Digital Intelligence USB 3.0 Forensic Card Reader to ensure no data was altered when viewing the files. Once connected, he observed the microSD card contained two folders, one labeled "log" and one labeled "record." The "log" file contained .tar.gz files, which appear to be archive records such as wifi connection logs. The "record" folder contained numerous subfolders labeled in the following format Year/Month/Day/Hour (2021Y05M06D16H). Each subfolder contained .mp4 videos that were approximately sixty seconds in duration. In most of the subfolders, there were 60 minutes of video per hour for each subfolder within a given day. It should be noted that the date modified appears to have the correct day. However, the timestamp is represented as UTC-0 and not UTC-4. This was confirmed after reviewing the video footage labeled 05/10/2021 @1056 hrs. The footage shows several High School age children entering a school bus. Det. Geraci contacted Dattco, who provides transportation services for the South Windsor Board of Education. Dattco confirmed a bus stop location on Pleasant Valley Road, in front of Amato drive, at approximately 0650 hrs (plus or minus five minutes.) Given how the videos were recorded into sixty-second clips to the microSD card, Det. Geraci contacted Southington Police Department Detective James Armack, who has specialized training in video forensics. Detective Armack said that the Southington Police Department utilizes Input Ace Software that could combine smaller video files into longer segments to make reviewing much more manageable.

32. THAT: Det. Geraci and I followed up at 3-L Amato Drive and located the camera in a large living room window. The camera was positioned facing the northeastern parking lot, which included a clear view of Pleasant Valley Road. The camera was approximately 319 feet from the front door to Victim's Residence, 251 feet from the parking lot where Tahj and Victim parked their vehicles, and 275 feet from the eastern entrance/exit Victim's Residence. Det. Poehnert and I spent the next three days reviewing video footage. From reviewing the video, we were able to determine that Victim left for her mother's house on 05/09/2021 at 2017 hours and returned at 2329 hours. On Monday, 05/10/2021 the day that Victim goes missing we never observe her leaving the condo the entire day. We also can see that at no point does

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Tahj go to the parking lot to work on his truck. The video footage from the night of 05/10/2021 is hard to see due to the darkness but you can make out vehicle lights and movement. At 2227 hours it appears that a vehicle consistent with Tahj's Jeep is backed up to the front entrance of his residence and remains there until 2343 hours. Due to darkness and the distance, it is difficult to make out detailed movements around the Jeep at that time. Shortly after the Jeep appears to leave the complex, consistent with when we received 911 calls from Sister of Victim. This video shows that this vehicle was parked in that area for approximately 16 minutes, allowing sufficient time range for a person to place the body of another human into the rear of the vehicle under cover of darkness. When the vehicle starts to leave the camera does not capture it leaving the lot, but the video shows people in the parking lot moments after which is consistent with Victim's family being in the front lot just after he leaves and they call 911.

33. THAT: On Wednesday, May 19, 2021, while Det. Geraci was reviewing the Cellebrite UFED Reader report from Tahj's Samsung Galaxy Note 20 Ultra, he located a thumbnail that depicted Victim and her baby presumably sleeping in bed. The file was located under the following file path location: /sdcard/Android/data/com.nooie.home/files/Nooie/Temp/ and was labeled as, NOOIE_THUMBNAIL_95332f658b436d9a87edc3cafd3b5e61_1620645086975.nooie. The thumbnail appears to have been taken from the Nooie baby camera mounted to the bedroom wall. A timestamp of 05/10/2021 @06:11:26 was located in the upper left-hand corner of the thumbnail and appeared to have been generated by the Nooie camera. It gave an accurate time that Victim was still in the condo. There were no other files located within the temporary folder of the com.nooie.home file. The position of the camera is positioned in a manner that captures a view of the room to include the bed and the entry door that leads to the hallway of the residence, which was not the case when we observed the camera on the wall on 05/10/2021. Additionally, when Sgt. Prescher viewed the live view of the camera position on Tahj cell phone, it was facing directly down at the crib only. Based on this information, it is clear that someone had to physically manipulate the position of the mounted camera from that of capturing the full bedroom to that of only the crib area.

34. THAT: On Thursday, 05/20/2021, Det. Geraci received the requested data via email from T-Mobile for Victim and Tahj's accounts. Each email contained several .xls and .pdf files containing the requested data. Det. Geraci forwarded the emails to FBI Special Agent James Wines, located in the New Haven Field Office. Special Agent Weiss has extensive training and is assigned to the FBI's Cellular Analysis Survey Team (CAST).

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35. THAT: Special Agent Wines reviewed the cell site data, including Timing Advanced Data for Tahj's cellular telephone. The Timing Advanced Data showed not only the tower and sector used by the phone but also the approximate distance the phone was from the tower. The review indicated that on 05/10/2021, from approximately 2257 hrs to 2307 hrs, the time after Tahj left the condo to report Victim missing, Tahj's phone utilized a tower southeast of Labor Park in East Hartford. The Timing Advanced Data showed ranging measurements consistent with being in the wooded area adjacent to Labor Field. Immediately after this, Tahj's phone moved to an area consistent with being at the East Hartford Police Department. After leaving the East Hartford Police Department, Tahj's phone moved to an area consistent with being at his residence in South Windsor. On 05/11/2021, from approximately 0230 hrs to 0300 hrs, Tahj's phone returned to the wooded area near Labor Field in East Hartford. This was the same location he visited before he went to the East Hartford Police Department on 05/10/2021. Special Agent Wines provided Det. Geraci with a potential search area map. The map indicated that the search area was within a wooded area adjacent (southwest) to Labor Field. The site runs along the Hockanum River and is heavily wooded, with several walking paths and muddy marsh type areas.

36. THAT: On Thursday, 05/20/2021 at 1900 hours our Criminal Investigations Unit along with Sgt. Dobler using a drone searched the above-mentioned area. We were unable to locate Victim before it got dark. Prior to leaving for the night we coordinated with the Connecticut State Police of what we had and they said that they would conduct a search with us in the morning with Cadaver K-9s specifically trained at recovering cadaver/deceased bodies

37. THAT: On Friday, 05/21/2021 at 0830 hours CSP started their search with assistance from us. The search began at various locations in the wooded area between the East Hartford Middle School and Labor Field. Shortly thereafter, the deceased body of a black female consistent with the size and weight of the Victim was located in a wooded area south of the cul-de-sac of Driver Rd, East Hartford. The body was within the potential search area that was consistent with the plotting of Tahj's cell phone. She was wearing gray pants and a red shirt. The condition of her body appeared to be consistent with the time frame that Victim was missing. CSP Major Crimes Division led by Sgt. Ralph Soda who was already on scene with us took over the processing of the body and wooded area, which is town owned land of the town of East Hartford. At 1540 hours the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner contacted us to say they positively identified the body as the Victim from the birth mark on her right shoulder.

38. THAT, Sgt. Prescher notified Det. Futtner and Det. Poehnert, who were conducting surveillance at 29

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Fairview Street, Manchester where Tahj was staying with parents. Sgt. Prescher assigned Det. Futtner and Det. Poehnert to contact Tahj and interview him. He agreed to speak with them outside regarding what we knew at this point. They spoke outside for 2.5-3 hours and Tahj provided them with a confession to what had happened. Tahj advised Det. Futtner and Det. Poehnert of the following: On Saturday 5/8/21, Tahj and Victim had been verbally arguing throughout the day. He stated that he had gone to pick up the Guinea pigs that he wanted to give her as a gift, and she became angered when she saw them later that evening. He stated he went upstairs and she continued to argue with him and was trying to call him on his phone and send Facebook messages. He stated that he blocked her cell phone and blocked her on Facebook that night. He stated they went to bed in separate locations that night. He stated that on Sunday 5/9/21, they continued arguing verbally and it escalated to a physical confrontation, where she was attempting to hit him and threw household items at him. At some point during that day, he stated he pushed her hard and she hit her head on something causing her ear to bleed. He stated she left that evening to go to her mother's house and pick up their son and he fell asleep on the floor. When she returned around 2330 hours, she woke him up and grabbed his cell phone to see why he didn't answer when she called. At that point, she found that he had blocked her number on his phone, and they continued to argue. They eventually both went to bed and on Monday 5/10/21, they woke up in the morning and continued arguing. He stated that he was trying to calm her but felt she had reached a "breaking point". He stated at some point she struck him in the head with the laptop. He stated that Victim grabbed a kitchen knife, and they wrestled over the knife and he eventually pinned her on the ground on the living room floor, him on top of her and her on her back. He stated that they continued in a physical confrontation and he was able to flip her over onto her stomach and was kneeling on her back and neck area with his body weight, holding her down. He stated that she eventually stopped moving and he stated he didn't know what happened so he got up and tended to his son. He came back a short time later and she was still not moving and did not respond to him. At that point, he realized she was not alive. He left her on the floor on the blanket that we seized from the Jeep along with a red blanket that was observed in the washing machine by investigators. He left her on the floor for the day and tended to his son throughout the day and evening, while her family was calling him looking to locate her. He stated that later that night, he backed his Jeep up to his door, loaded her body in the rear of it and left when the family came over. He stated that he drove to a "random GPS" location on his way to East Hartford PD, stopped and dragged her body into the wooded area and then went to the EHPD. He stated she was wearing a pair of gray pants and a red shirt, which matches that found on the body that was recovered. He stated his shoes were covered in mud, so he took them off and went to EHPD barefoot. Later that night he admitted to driving back to the same area and attempted to locate her again, using the flashlight of his cell phone, but his

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battery was almost dead, on 5 percent. He stated he was unable to locate her again and left.

39. That, during our investigation on Driver Rd near Chipper Drive in East Hartford, Ofc. Geraci located several residences in the immediate area that had cameras on their homes. He was able to secure footage showing an SUV consistent with Tahj's Jeep traveling south on Driver Rd towards the cul-de-sac on 5/10/21 at 2254 hours, and then leaving in the opposite direction on 2306 hours. This is consistent with the time frame of Tahj's cellular phone plotting to the area and then arriving at short time later at EHPD. This video was secured as evidence and additional video is believed to be forthcoming from other residents.

40. THAT: Based on the evidence obtained through this investigation as well as the fact that Tahj confessed to Det. Futtner and Det. Poehnert that he kneeled on Victim's back while having her pinned on the floor until she stopped moving and died, probable cause exists to arrest Tahj Hutchinson for violation of C.G.S. 53a-55-Manslaughter in the 1st Degree. I believe that Tajh Hutchinson intended to cause serious physical injury to the Victim and did so by kneeling with his full body weight on her back so she was unable to breath, and remaining on her until she stopped moving and died. An arrest is desired on this violation.

41. This application has not been sent to any other court for consideration.

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