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Honorable Thomas J.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BROWN COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN
 Plaintiff,

 vs.

TAYLOR DENISE
SCHABUSINESS
1130 Moraine Way
Green Bay, WI 54303
DOB: 11/23/1997
Sex/Race: F/W
Eye Color: Hazel
Hair Color: Brown
Height: 5 ft 2 in
Weight: 120 lbs
Alias: Also Known As Taylor
Denise Coronado
 Defendant.

DA Case No.: 2022BR001645
Assigned ADA: Caleb J Saunders
Agency Case No.: 22-209240
Court Case No.: 2022CF _____
ATN:

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

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Complainant, Caleb Saunders, an Assistant District Attorney, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that:

Count 1: FIRST DEGREE INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE, REPEATER

The above-named defendant, on or about Wednesday, February 23, 2022, in the City of Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin, did cause the death of the Victim, with intent to kill that person, contrary to sec. 940.01(1)(a), 939.62(1)(c) Wis. Stats., a Class A Felony, and upon conviction shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life.

And further, invoking the provisions of sec. 939.62(1)(c) Wis. Stats., because the defendant is a repeater, having been convicted of Battery or Threat to a Judge, Prosecutor, or Law Enforcement Officer in Brown County Case Number 20CF998, which conviction(s) remain of record and unreversed, the maximum term of imprisonment for the underlying crime may be increased 6 years if the prior conviction was for a felony.

Count 2: MUTILATING A CORPSE, REPEATER

The above-named defendant, on or about Wednesday, February 23, 2022, in the City of Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin, did dismember a corpse with the intent to conceal a crime, contrary to sec. 940.11(1), 939.62(1)(c) Wis. Stats., a Class F Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), or imprisoned not more than twelve (12) years and six (6) months, or both.

And further, invoking the provisions of sec. 939.62(1)(c) Wis. Stats., because the defendant is a repeater, having been convicted of Battery or Threat to a Judge, Prosecutor, or Law Enforcement Officer in Brown County Case Number 20CF998, which conviction(s) remain of

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record and unreversed, the maximum term of imprisonment for the underlying crime may be increased.

Count 3: THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL ASSAULT, REPEATER

The above-named defendant, on or about Wednesday, February 23, 2022, in the City of Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin, did have sexual intercourse with the Victim, without that person's consent, contrary to sec. 940.225(3)(a), 939.62(1)(b) Wis. Stats., a Class G Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), or imprisoned not more than ten (10) years, or both.

And further, invoking the provisions of sec. 939.62(1)(b) Wis. Stats., because the defendant is a repeater, having been convicted of Battery or Threat to a Judge, Prosecutor, or Law Enforcement Officer in Brown County Case Number 20CF998, which conviction(s) remain of record and unreversed, the maximum term of imprisonment for the underlying crime may be increased 4 years if the prior conviction was for a felony.

Complainant is an Assistant District Attorney with the Brown County District Attorney's Office and knows of the above offense(s) on information and belief based upon:

PROBABLE CAUSE:

The complainant, being duly sworn on oath, swears that he has had the opportunity to review the police reports from officers of the Green Bay Police Department, and other documents supporting this complaint referenced herein, which are the types of reports and documents kept in the ordinary course of business, which complainant believes to be truthful and reliable because they have proven to be truthful and reliable on numerous occasions in the past. Your complainant also bases this complaint upon the statements of TP, who is presumed to be reliable as a citizen witness in this instance. Your complainant also bases this complaint upon the statements of Taylor Schabusbusiness, which were against her penal interest. The complainant further asserts that based upon his review of the referenced reports and/or supporting documents, the incidents alleged occurred in Brown County, Wisconsin.

1. Your complainant's review of the report of Officer Alex Wanish of the Green Bay Police Department, which indicates that on February 23, 2022, at about 3:25 a.m., Officer Wanish was dispatched to a residence that is located in the City of Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin, for a report of a severed head being found in a bucket in the basement. Upon arrival, Officer Wanish met with TP, who allowed officers into the residence. Officer Wanish reports he went down to the basement. Once he reached the bottom of the stairs, Officer Wanish observed the plastic bucket on the floor. Officer Wanish observed a shower/beach towel over the bucket. Officer Wanish lifted the towel and observed a human head inside the bucket. Wanish looked around the room and observed what appeared to be dried blood on a nearby mattress.

2. Your complainant's review of the report of Officer Garth Russell of the Green Bay Police Department, which indicates that on February 23, 2022, Officer Russell was asked to assist by going to a residence on Eastman Avenue in the City of Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin. Officer Russell gathered information that a person, identified as Taylor D. Schabusbusiness, DOB: 11/23/1997, who was last seen with the victim, may be living at the Eastman Avenue address.

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Officer Russell also learned there was a van associated with Schabusiness. Officer Russell reviewed a prior photograph of Schabusiness. As officers inspected the van, Officer Russell saw Schabusiness emerge from the apartment building and upon seeing officers, she stopped. Officer Russell could see that Schabusiness had what appeared to be dried blood on the front of her black hooded sweatshirt, as well as her black sweatpants. Officer Russell later found Schabusiness' hands appeared to be smeared with blood as well, and there was also what looked like dried blood on the back of her sweatshirt. Officer Russell asked Schabusiness if she knew why officers were there, and she stated something that sounded like, "Because of my warrant for my arrest."

3. Your complainant's review of the report of Detective Jena Luberdia of the Green Bay Police Department, which indicates that Detective Luberdia received additional information that TP told patrol officers that Schabusiness' van, which had been parked outside her address for a day or so, was gone. Patrol and other detectives were at an address on Eastman Avenue where the van Schabusiness had been using was parked and where Schabusiness had been taken into custody and the van was later examined. Detective Luberdia reports that in the rear passenger seat, behind the driver's seat, there was a crock pot box. Medical Examiner Dr. Vincent Tranchida went to the box, which was on top of a laundry basket of clothes, and located additional human body parts including legs.

4. Your complainant's review of the report of Detective Phil Scanlan of the Green Bay Police Department, which indicates that Detective Scanlan summarized evidence obtained during a search warrant executed at the residence in the City of Green Bay, Brown County, Wisconsin, where the Victim was located. Detective Scanlan reports that during the search, a human head, severed from the neck, was located in a bucket in the basement near the stairs. The head was identified visually in comparison with a prior photograph of the Victim and it was confirmed to be the Victim. According to Dr. Tranchida, there was visual evidence of strangulation observed. Also located in the same bucket was a male organ, along with body fluid and two knives. Other body parts were found in the basement in other bags, including plastic shopping bags, along with three knives, including a bread knife consistent with kitchen knives. Located in a storage tote, an upper torso was located. The upper torso had numerous rigid cuts at the site where the head was removed consistent with the separated head. Also located in the tote was a carving knife consistent with a kitchen knife, and several internal organs. Also located in the search was what appeared to be significant blood staining on an un-sheeted top bed mattress along with what appeared to be a site of previously-cleaned up blood on a concrete surface next to and under a significant portion of the bed. Evidence of drug use was observed in the open on the top of the entertainment center including a glass pipe and a gem bag containing light colored powder material. Also observed was evidence of blood around a stand-up shower located in the unfinished portion of the basement and what appeared to be numerous blood drops were visible on the concrete floor in front of the shower that appeared to have been partially wiped or washed away. Detective Scanlan reports that during the search, he stayed in contact with Detective Graf and Detective Kempf, who at the time were questioning Taylor Schabusiness. Detective Scanlan reports that based on Schabusiness' statements and officers' observations at the scene, Detective Scanlan found the information Schabusiness was saying to be consistent with officers' findings during the search of the basement.

5. Your complainant's review of the reports of Detective David Graf of the Green Bay Police Department, which indicates:

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On February 23, 2022, Detective Graf reports he met with the Victim's mother, TP. TP stated that around 9:30 p.m. on Monday, February 21, 2022, Taylor D. Schabusiness, DOB: 11/23/1997, came and picked up the Victim. TP stated that was the last time she saw the Victim alive. TP stated that her boyfriend told her that sometime Monday night into Tuesday, February 22, 2022, the Victim and Schabusiness returned to the home and went into the basement. TP believed that Schabusiness and the Victim were in the basement during the day on Tuesday. TP stated she did not go into the basement but she did recall hearing Schabusiness talking at one point. TP stated she and her boyfriend were out of the house during the day on Tuesday. TP stated that there was a minivan parked on the road in front of the house during that time and she was not sure if it was Schabusiness'. TP stated that sometime between 2:30 and 3:00 a.m. that morning (February 23, 2022) she was awoken by a storm door being slammed. TP stated that she heard a vehicle and she assumed it was Schabusiness'. TP stated that she got out of bed and saw the light in the basement was still on. TP stated she went to see if the Victim was still there because she thought Schabusiness had left. TP went into the basement and did not see anyone, so she started to walk back up the stairs and that was when she noticed a bucket next to the bottom of the stairs. TP stated she removed a blanket that was over the bucket and she discovered the head of the Victim.

Detective Graf reports he was then informed that Taylor Schabusiness was located by patrol officers and brought to the station. Officer Russell informed Detective Graf that Schabusiness had a large amount of what he believed to be blood on her clothing. Detective Graf observed Schabusiness had a cut on her left thumb. Detective Graf also observed some scratches on her arms and hand that according to Schabusiness were self-inflicted. Detective Graf also noticed on Schabusiness' hands a red substance stain that Detective Graf believed to be blood.

Detective Graf spoke with Schabusiness after advising her of her rights. Detective Graf told Schabusiness that a few hours ago officers were sent to a residence in Green Bay in which the head of the Victim was found. Schabusiness' response was "that is pretty fucked up." Detective Graf asked Schabusiness if she knew the Victim and she said she did. Detective Graf confirmed with Schabusiness that she lives on Eastman Avenue and the van that was located there was her roommate's, ST's, van. Detective Graf confirmed with Schabusiness that she drove ST's van to Eastman Avenue earlier in the morning. Detective Graf asked where the rest of the Victim's body was, and Schabusiness stated that it was still in the basement. Detective Graf asked her to tell him what happened and Schabusiness' first comments to Detective Graf were "that is a good question" because she had blacked out during that time. Detective Graf asked Schabusiness if it was just her and the Victim in the basement, and she said that it was and that nobody else had come down.

Schabusiness stated that she and the Victim were smoking "the bitch," which Detective Graf was able to clarify with Schabusiness that he believed she was referring to methamphetamine. Schabusiness stated that the Victim had a chain that he had put around his neck. Schabusiness stated they were getting to sexual intercourse. The strangulation was part of the sex act, according to Schabusiness. Schabusiness stated she and the Victim had used strangulation during sex in the past.

Detective Graf asked Schabusiness questions about her using ST's minivan and asked if she and the Victim had contact with anybody when they first got back to the house. Schabusiness

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then made the statement “damn the head” and “I can’t believe I left the head though” (referring to the Victim’s head). Detective Graf then asked Schabusiness where the rest of the body was and she stated it was in the basement. Schabusiness responded that the police were going to have fun trying to find all of the organs as she dismembered the body. Schabusiness stated all of the body parts should be in the basement. Schabusiness stated there should be a foot or a leg in the minivan. Detective Graf asked Schabusiness what she did with the head, and Schabusiness stated she had put the Victim’s head in a black bucket and put a blanket over it.

Detective Graf asked how Schabusiness dismembered the body. Schabusiness stated she used knives that she obtained from the kitchen of the residence and that a bread knife worked the best because of the serrated blade. Schabusiness stated the knives should be in a black bag along with the body parts in the basement. Schabusiness indicated that she would use whatever bags she found in the basement to place the body parts into. Schabusiness made the comment that at one point, she did get paranoid and lazy and that she thought it was the “dope” that was making her paranoid.

Schabusiness described she and the Victim were in the basement and that the Victim produced two chains, one for him and one for her. Schabusiness described the chains at the time as being “chain link” and “silver.” Schabusiness would later describe the chains as being like a dog choke collar. Schabusiness stated she just went “crazy,” referring to strangling the Victim. At one point during the interview, Schabusiness stated she could feel the Victim’s heart beating still as she was choking him, so she kept pulling and choking him harder, but the Victim would not die and that he just kept “rebuilding into muscle.” Detective Graf asked at what point did she know that the Victim was not alive anymore. Schabusiness stated that the Victim’s face turned purple, blood was coming out of his mouth, but she did not stop. Detective Graf asked what she did after the Victim died. Schabusiness stated that she then played with his body. Schabusiness stated she sucked the Victim’s penis, that she had a dildo that she put in the Victim’s mouth, and then in the Victim’s “ass.” Detective Graf asked Schabusiness if when she was choking the Victim if he tried to fight back at all. Schabusiness stated he did.

Schabusiness stated that she and a friend picked up the Victim in ST’s minivan. After picking up the drugs, the three went to the Eastman Avenue apartment. Schabusiness stated she, her friend, and the Victim smoked marijuana and she and the Victim smoked some methamphetamine. Schabusiness’ friend left. Schabusiness reported that she then “shot up” herself and the Victim with Trazadone. Schabusiness stated she and the Victim left her apartment on Eastman Avenue and drove to the Victim’s mom’s house in ST’s minivan. They went to the basement. Schabusiness stated the Victim’s mother’s boyfriend let her and the Victim into the house. Schabusiness stated that it was about five minutes after they arrived that the Victim pulled out the chains. Schabusiness stated she then began to choke the Victim, and she described it as the Victim lying face down on the bed with her on top of him pulling on the end of the chain. The Victim coughed up blood and she was just waiting for him to die while she was watching his face. Schabusiness made the comment that she was “already this far” so she just kept on, referring to choking the Victim. Schabusiness said in a lower tone of voice, “Ya I liked it,” and Detective Graf believed her to be referring to when she was choking the Victim. Schabusiness stated she thought it took 3-5 minutes for the Victim to die. Detective Kempf clarified with Schabusiness that when the Victim began to cough up blood she just did keep on choking the Victim because she wanted to see what happens. Schabusiness made comments that she blacked out while choking the Victim but when she woke up that the Victim was already purple, so she kept on going. Schabusiness stated she enjoyed choking him and

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made comments to detectives asking if they knew what it was like to love something so much that you kill it. Schabusiness stated she played with the Victim's body for like two to three hours, which included sucking his penis and putting the dildo in his mouth and anus. Detective Graf clarified with Schabusiness that she was in the basement with the Victim all during the day of Tuesday into Tuesday night and into Wednesday morning, and then dismembered the Victim's body.

Schabusiness stated the plan was for her to bring all of the body parts with her but she got lazy and only ended up putting the leg/foot in the van and she forgot the head. Schabusiness made comments that she did not mean to kill the Victim but as she was choking him she liked it and she would just keep doing it. Schabusiness also made the comment that she was not prepared as killing the Victim was random. Schabusiness stated that she had the Victim's body on the bed in the basement and she pulled him to the edge of the bed and put the black bucket underneath the Victim's head as she was cutting the head off. Schabusiness also talked about using a bucket and a tote to catch the Victim's blood and that she would use the shower in the basement to dump out the bucket. Schabusiness was asked if she thought it was the right thing to do, and Schabusiness' comment was that she did it anyway, referring to killing the Victim.

6. Your complainant's review of the records of the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access Program (CCAP) website, which records are presumed truthful and reliable as they are kept in the normal and ordinary course of departmental business. These records indicate that the defendant, Taylor D. Schabusiness, DOB: 11/23/1997, was the defendant in Brown County Case Number 20CF998. Said records indicate that on or about January 3, 2022, there was a disposition in said case with a Judgment of Conviction on a charge of Battery or Threat to a Judge, Prosecutor, or Law Enforcement Officer, a felony contrary to sec. 940.203(2) Wis. Stats. Said conviction remains of record and unreversed, making the defendant a repeater pursuant to sec. 939.62 Wis. Stats.

Based on the foregoing, the complainant believes this complaint to be true and correct.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on
03/01/22

Electronically Signed By:

David L. Lasee

District Attorney

State Bar #: 1041798

Electronically Signed By:

Caleb Saunders

Complainant