

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
COUNTY OF: MERCER



No. 6982 P. 1  
POLICE COMPLAINT  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
VS.

ORIGINAL  
JUL 3 2024

Magisterial District Number: 35-2-01  
MDJ Hon. **MARTWIANSKI, TRAVIS P.**  
Address: 1217 HALL AVE  
SHARON, PA 16146  
Telephone: (724) 346-6641

DEFENDANT: (NAME and ADDRESS)  
**DASHAWN DALE DEGREE WATKINS**  
First Name Middle Name Last Name  
336 STERLING AVE, APT A111  
SHARON, PA 16146  
(724) 877-2182

NCIC Extradition Code Type

NCIC Extradition Code Type 1 - FELONY FULL Distance

DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

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Gender <b>M</b>	Date of Birth <b>11/09/1994</b>	POB <b>PA - USA</b>	Add'l DOB	Co-Defendant? <b>NO</b>	
Defendant Also Known As	Defendant's First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Suffix	
Race <b>BLACK - B</b>	Ethnicity <b>NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN - N</b>				
Hair Color <b>BLACK - BLK</b>	Eye Color <b>BROWN - BRO</b>				
DNA <b>NO</b>	DNA Location			Weight <b>260 LBS</b>	
FBI Number	MNU Number			Height <b>6' 00"</b>	
Defendant Fingerprinted <b>NO</b>	Fingerprint Classification <b>NOT PRINTED</b>				

DEFENDANT VEHICLE INFORMATION

Plate #	State	HazMat	Registration Sticker (MM/YY)	Commercial Vehicle?	School Veh.	Oth. NCIC Veh. Code	Reg. same as Def. <b>NO</b>
VIN	Year	Make	Model	Style	Color		

Office of the Attorney of the Commonwealth  Approved  Disapproved because:

(The attorney for the Commonwealth may require that the complaint, arrest warrant affidavit, or both be approved by the attorney for the Commonwealth prior to filing. Pa.R.Crim.P.507.)

(Name of Attorney for Commonwealth - Please Print or Type) (Signature of Attorney for Commonwealth) (Date)

I, **TYPY CRAIG** **708321/00422**  
(Name of Affiant - Please Print or Type) (PSP/MPOETC - Assigned Affiant ID Number & Badge #)

of **PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE, TROOP D, MERCER** **PAP6P5700**  
(Identify Department or Agency Represented and Political Subdivision) (Police Agency ORI Number)

do hereby state: (check appropriate box)

- 1.  I accuse the above named defendant who lives at the address set forth above
- I accuse the defendant whose name is unknown to me but who is described as
- I accuse the defendant whose name and popular designation or nickname is unknown to me and whom I have therefore designated as John Doe or Jane Doe.

with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at: **302**  
(Subdivision Code) **ON W BUDD ST NEAR TO SR 62, SHARON CITY**  
(Place-Political Subdivision)

In **MERCER** County **43** on or about **06/23/2024 AT APPROX. 03:20 HRS - 06/23/2024 AT APPROX. 04:00 HRS**  
(County Code) (Offense Date)



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Defendant Name	First <b>DASHAWN</b>	Middle <b>DALE DEPREE</b>	Last <b>WATKINS</b>	

The acts committed by the accused are described below with each Act of Assembly or statute allegedly violated, if appropriate. When there is more than one offense, each offense should be numbered chronologically

(Set forth a brief summary of the facts sufficient to advise the defendant of the nature of the offense(s) charged. A citation to the statute(s) allegedly violated, without more, is not sufficient. In a summary case, you must cite the specific section(s) and subsection(s) of the statute(s) or ordinance(s) allegedly violated.

Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older				
Lead? YES	Offense # <b>1</b>	Section <b>2502</b>	Subsection <b>A</b>	PA Statute (Title) <b>18</b>	Count <b>1</b>	Grade <b>H1</b>	NCIC Offense Code <b>0999</b>	UCR/NIBRS
PennDOT DATA (If applicable)		Accident Number		Interstate Indicator <b>NO</b>	Safety Zone <b>NO</b>		Work Zone <b>NO</b>	

Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):  
**MURDER OF THE FIRST DEGREE**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:  
**IN THAT, on or about said date, THE DEFENDANT did commit murder of the first degree by an intentional killing; TO WIT, THE DEFENDANT did plan to and then subsequently kill the victim, in violation of Section 2502.**

Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older				
Lead? NO	Offense # <b>2</b>	Section <b>2702</b>	Subsection <b>A1</b>	PA Statute (Title) <b>18</b>	Count <b>1</b>	Grade <b>F1</b>	NCIC Offense Code <b>1315</b>	UCR/NIBRS
PennDOT DATA (If applicable)		Accident Number		Interstate Indicator <b>NO</b>	Safety Zone <b>NO</b>		Work Zone <b>NO</b>	

Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):  
**AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - ATTEMPTS TO CAUSE SBI OR CAUSES INJURY WITH EXTREME INDIFFERENCE**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:  
**IN THAT, on or about said date, THE DEFENDANT did attempt to cause or did intentionally, knowingly or recklessly cause serious bodily injury to the victim under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, that is to say THE DEFENDANT did cause injuries which resulted in death to the victim, in violation of Section 2702(a)(1) of the PA Crimes Code.**



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Defendant Name	First <b>DASHAWN</b>	Middle <b>DALE DEPREE</b>	Last <b>WATKINS</b>	

The acts committed by the accused are described below with each Act of Assembly or statute allegedly violated, if appropriate. When there is more than one offense, each offense should be numbered chronologically

Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older				
Lead? NO	Offense # <b>3</b>	Section <b>5510</b>	Subsection	PA Statute (Title) <b>18</b>	Count <b>1</b>	Grade <b>M2</b>	NCIC Offense Code <b>4804</b>	UCR/NIBRS
PennDOT DATA (If applicable)		Accident Number		Interstate Indicator <b>NO</b>	Safety Zone <b>NO</b>		Work Zone <b>NO</b>	

Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):  
**ABUSE OF CORPSE**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:  
**IN THAT, on or about said date, THE DEFENDANT, except as authorized by law, did treat a corpse in a way that he knows would outrage ordinary family sensibilities; TO WIT, THE DEFENDANT did remove the victim's body from the scene and did dismember the victim's body via a cutting tool and did then dispose of the remains, in violation of Section 5510 of the PA Crimes Code.**

Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903	Number of Victims Age 60 or Older				
Lead? NO	Offense # <b>4</b>	Section <b>4910</b>	Subsection <b>1</b>	PA Statute (Title) <b>18</b>	Count <b>1</b>	Grade <b>M2</b>	NCIC Offense Code <b>4804</b>	UCR/NIBRS
PennDOT DATA (If applicable)		Accident Number		Interstate Indicator <b>NO</b>	Safety Zone <b>NO</b>		Work Zone <b>NO</b>	

Statute Description (include the name of statute or ordinance):  
**TAMPER WITH/FABRICATE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE**

Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:  
**IN THAT, on or about said date, THE DEFENDANT believing that an official proceeding or investigation is pending or about to be instituted, did alter, destroy, conceal or remove any record, document or thing with the intent to impair its verity or availability in such proceeding or investigation, TOWIT; THE DEFENDANT did remove the victim's body and belongings from the scene of a homicide and did dismember the victim's body and concealed the body and belongings - all in violation of Section 4910(1) of the PA Crimes Code.**



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- I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the defendant be required to answer the charges I have made.
- I verify that the facts set forth in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge or information and belief. This verification is made subject to the penalties of Section 4904 of the Crimes Code (18 Pa.C.S. §4904) relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.
- This complaint consists of the preceding page(s) numbered 1 through 4
- I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Case Records Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

The acts committed by the accused, as listed and hereafter, were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and were contrary to the Act(s) of the Assembly, or in violation of the statute cited.

(Before a warrant of arrest can be issued, an affidavit of probable cause must be completed, sworn to before the issuing authority, and attached.)

07/03/24  
(Date)

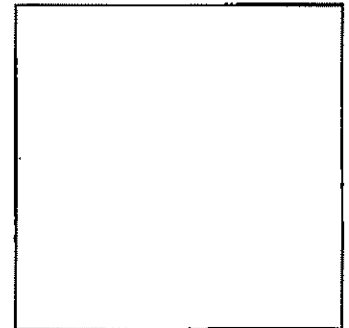
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(Signature of Affiant)

AND NOW, on this date, 3 July 2024 I certify that the complaint has been properly completed and verified. An affidavit of probable cause must be completed before a warrant can be issued.

CO-AFFIANT: TR. [Signature] MORRIS - #10277

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[Signature]  
(Issuing Authority)





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AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE

Your Affiants are Members of the Pennsylvania State Police, Troop D Criminal Investigation Unit, Mercer Statlon.

On 06/26/2024 at approxlmately 1431 hours, Sharon Police Department responded to 343 Cedar Avenue for the report of a missing juvenile. The juvenile's father reported that his son (here after referred to as victim), 14 yoa, was missing. the father advised that he and his younger son had left his residence on 06/22/2024 to visit a family member and stay in Greenville, PA for several days. He advised that he last spoke with the victim on 06/22/2024 in the evening by phone. He related that the victim told him that he was going to spend the night at a friend's residence, however, the identity of the friend he was going to stay with is unknown. The father advised that he has not been able to reach his son by phone since then. He advised that no other family members or friends have had any contact with the victim since the early morning hours of 06/23/2024. The father advised that his son has never done anything like this before and that this is very abnormal.

On 06/26/2024, a known juvenile friend of the victim was interviewed. She advised that the victim was at her residence on 06/22/2024 until around 2100 or 2130 hours. She related that the victim left to walk home to his residence. She advised that around 0230 hours on 06/23/2024, the victim posted an image on Snapchat of a dark roadway and made a statement indicating that he was out for a late-night walk to clear his mind. She related that she had sent the victim a message to see if he was ok. She related that he responded once to her indicating that he was ok but had not responded to her any further after she tried to have more conversations with him. She advised that she had been unable to reach him since that time.

As of 07/01/2024, no viable leads have been established to date which would indicate anyone has seen or had any contact with the victim since the early morning hours of 06/23/2024. No cellular activity has been observed transmitting from the victim's cellular account either.

I, TPR. TYLER CRAIG BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO THE LAW, DEPOSE AND SAY THAT THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE FOREGOING AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF.

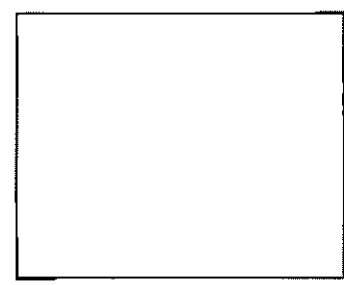
I CERTIFY THAT THIS FILING COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CASE RECORDS PUBLIC ACCESS POLICY OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF PENNSYLVANIA THAT REQUIRE FILING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS DIFFERENTLY THAN NON-CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS.

*[Signature]*  
(Signature of Affiant)  
*TPR. Tyler Craig MORRIS #10157*

Sworn to me and subscribed before me this 3<sup>RD</sup> day of July 2024

Date *Brian Cotto* Magisterial District Judge

My commision expires first Monday of January, 2028





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**AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE CONTINUATION**

Location data obtained from the victim's cellular provider indicates that he may have left the area of his residence at 343 Cedar Avenue and traveled in the direction of Budd Street and Sr 62 In the City of Sharon between 0300 and 0340 hours (EST) on 06/23/2024. Data obtained from the victim's cellular provider indicates that his cellular phone has been off since the early morning hours of 06/23/2024 at approximately 0340 hours. Video footage was obtained from a business and residence near this location depicted a person consistent in clothing and physical description as the victim travelling on foot south on Dock Street and then West on Budd Street. The person observed walking in this video appears to be utilizing a cell phone which is observed in his hand as the screen is observed to be on. This subject is walking slowly and pausing frequently which seems to be consistent with waiting for someone or attempting to meet up with someone. No other persons have been observed on foot in the area during this time period. The victim is observed to remain in the area of the canoe launch near Budd Street and SR 62 for a period of time. The last known location of the victim's cellular device appears to be in this area at around 0340 hours on 06/23/2024. Family members report that the victim utilizes his cell phone on a consistent basis and uses Snapchat in addition to traditional call/text to communicate. To date, the victim's cellular phone has not been located.

On 06/25/2024, Hermitage Police Department was dispatched to respond to the area of Shenango Lake in Clark Borough, Mercer County. Dismembered human remains were recovered in and partially in the water. Over the next week, various dismembered human remains have been recovered in the area surrounding Shenango Lake at various remote locations. Evaluation and analysis of the human remains by the Mercer County Coroner have confirmed the remains to be that of the victim. Evaluation by a forensic pathologist indicates that the victim was dismembered by some type of cutting instrument. Upon completion of the autopsy of several of the recovered remains, the Coroner's Office has ruled the cause of death to be sharp force trauma to the head and the manner of death is homicide.

Phone records and video surveillance from local businesses and residences show the victim traveling to the area of the canoe launch located along the Shenango River under the Budd Street overpass in the early morning hours of 06/23/2024 just before the victim's phone stops communicating with cellular towers indicating it is either shut off or destroyed. Numerous video surveillance systems from nearby locations were used to trace the movement of a vehicle during this same time period which enters into and the exits the canoe launch around the time the victim's phone last communicated with cellular towers in this area. It was found that the aforementioned vehicle traveled from the Riverwalk Apartment Complex onto Sterling Avenue and then turned east on Budd Street. The vehicle then travels across the bridge on Budd Street and turns left into the canoe launch area. Shortly afterwards, this vehicle is observed on video footage to be coming out of the canoe area, traveling west on Budd Street, then north on Sterling Avenue before turning into the Riverwalk Apartment Complex Building A located at 335 Sterling Avenue, Sharon, PA. Video evidence indicates that after the vehicle leaves the canoe launch, the victim is not observed leaving the area.

Video surveillance footage was recovered from the interior entranceways/hallways of building A of the Riverwalk Apartment for the early morning hours of 06/23/2024. A light skinned black male (later identified as DaShawn WATKINS) was observed carrying a large duffel bag which appears to be empty out of the apartment just prior to the time of the victim's last known phone and video activity. This is consistent with the vehicle leaving the parking lot and traveling to the canoe launch area. Of note, the video evidence indicates that WATKINS took this duffel bag with him to make initial contact with the victim on 06/23/24. WATKINS is then observed returning approximately twenty to twenty-five minutes later again carrying the duffel bag which is apparently heavy and awkward- again consistent in timeline with the vehicle returning to the Riverwalk parking lot from the canoe launch area. WATKINS is observed carrying this bag into the first floor of the apartment building on the security camera footage. WATKINS was observed placing the duffel bag on the floor just inside the main fire door of the hallway and then again placing it on the floor just outside of apartment #111 as he struggled to carry it. WATKINS is observed opening the door and carrying the bag into apartment #111. What appears to be blood in the video footage is observed on the floor in the area

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where WATKINS placed the large duffie bag in the hallway. WATKINS is observed returning shortly after to these locations in the hallway, at one point wearing different clothing, carrying a cloth used for cleaning efforts. WATKINS is observed attempting to clean the areas of suspected blood along his entry route.

The interior video from Riverwalk also depicts WATKINS then leaving and returning to the complex on 06/23/24 carrying a shopping bag. Later, in the early hours of 06/24/24, WATKINS is observed to make multiple trips out of the apartment complex carrying multiple bags and garbage bags.

Troopers responded to this area of the complex upon observing this footage and secured the entranceway/hallway and exterior of apartment #111. It was observed that there was what appears to be blood staining in locations where WATKINS placed the duffie bag on the floor. An occupant of the apartment was contacted and advised that this apartment is rented/occupied by DaShawn WATKINS and this individual had just recently moved in with WATKINS. WATKINS was identified via rental records at the apartment as well to be the tenant. WATKINS's appearance and description is consistent with the male observed in the video footage from Riverwalk Apartment bringing the large bag in, engaging in cleaning efforts, coming in with a shopping bag, and leaving with multiple bags.

On 07/02/2024 at approximately 1906 hours, WATKINS returned to his residence at 275 Sterling Avenue and was detained by officers at the scene. Upon taking WATKINS into custody, a large cut was observed on WATKINS left hand that had been treated with stitches and appeared to be healing at this time.

On 07/02/24 at approximately 1930 hours, WATKINS was interviewed in the Sharon Police Interview Room. He identified that he lived at 335 Sterling Ave, A111, Sharon PA 16146. WATKINS related that recently, on a weekend, he had used the Grindr App to arrange a meet up with an individual. This was to have been the only recent Grindr meet. This individual was to be previously unknown to WATKINS and was described to match the likeness of the victim. WATKINS advised that he had sexual contact with this male at a location off E Broadway Avenue. The male was to have walked to this location while WATKINS had driven. When asked if he may have met the individual at the canoe launch, WATKINS denied stopping in this area. He then advised that he may have stopped in the area of the bridge to coordinate his meet up but denied pulling into the canoe area. He later advised that it was possible that his vehicle pulled into the canoe launch but advised that his memory was poor, and he had issues with it. WATKINS advised that following his meeting of this male, he had returned to his residence. WATKINS denied that the male ever came with him back to the apartment. He advised that he had taken a large rolling luggage bag inside his apartment that was to have been left in the vehicle from a vacation from approximately a month ago. He claimed the bag was light and that he carried it instead of rolling it.

WATKINS advised that he cut his hand on a piece of sheet metal while searching for reptiles. This was found to be in conflict with the information that he provided to another known source as to the origin of the injury to his hand. WATKINS advised that he had gone to hospital to receive stitches for his hand after his Grindr meet up as the cut continued to open up from this described incident with the sheet metal. It was observed that WATKINS's hand had two cuts that had received stitches.

On 07/02/24, a search warrants were executed on 335 Sterling Ave, Apt A111 (the residence of WATKINS) as well as the Riverwalk A Building common areas. Positive preliminary tests for blood were discovered in the hallway leading to WATKINS's apartment in the area where video depicts WATSON setting down the large luggage bag after returning from the canoe launch. Inside of the apartment, there were positive preliminary tests for blood at multiple locations including in the bathroom as well as underneath the bathroom flooring. A receipt from 06/23/24 was found to indicate the purchase of a saw. A saw with exchangeable blades, which was consistent with listed saw on the receipt, was recovered at the scene. One of the exchangeable blades for this saw was missing.

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(Signature of Affiant)

*MARLIS BASTON*



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It is respectfully requested that WATKINS be made to answer to the charges brought against him.

*B. A.*

*[Signature]*

(Signature of Affiant)