

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

COURT CASE NO. 17CF15684

AGENCY CASE NO. 201746001698

Offense(s):

782.04(1)(a) First Degree Murder (w/weapon)-
Capital

787.01(1)(a) Kidnapping (w/weapon)-Life

810.02(2)(a) Burglary of a Dwelling w/
Assault/Battery therein (with a Weapon)
- Life

812.133(2)(a) Carjacking w/Deadly Weapon-F1PBL

812.13(2)(a) Robbery w/Deadly Weapon-F1PBL

914.22(1)(e) Tampering w/witness to Hinder
Communication to a law Enforcement
Officer in a Life Felony-F1PBL

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STATE OF FLORIDA,
Plaintiff,
VS.

SCOTT EDWARD NELSON
ADDRESS: Homeless
Orlando, FL, 32801
Race/Sex: White / Male
Height/Weight: 6' 00" / 175 lbs
DOB: 02/28/1964
Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

APPLICATION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST WARRANT

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ORANGE

COMES NOW THE AFFIANT, Detective Sharon Wagganer, ID #134, a sworn law enforcement officer of the Winter Park Police Department, who, by first being duly sworn, states in a written and sworn Application and Affidavit for Arrest Warrant that there is probable cause to believe that on/between **September 27, 2017** in Orange County, Florida, the Defendant, **SCOTT EDWARD NELSON**, born on **02/28/1964** did in violation of Florida State Statute unlawfully commit the following offense(s):

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On September 27, 2017, at approximately 1825 hours, the Winter Park Emergency Communication Center received a phone call from Witness 1, who wanted to report a possible missing person with suspicious circumstances. The missing person report was taken and documented under Winter Park Case Number 2017CJ015432. The last known location of the missing person, Jennifer Fulford, was 175 East Webster Avenue, Winter Park Florida, County of Orange. This residence is within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Winter Park Police Department.

Your affiant possess a sworn written statement from Witness 1 stating the following:

On September 27, 2017, at approximately 1600 hours, he received a phone call from his son's mother advising him that their son had not been picked up from school. Witness 1 said his house manager, who he identified as Victim Jennifer Fulford, was supposed to have picked his son up from school at 1530 hours. Witness 1 also said that he made several attempts to reach the house manager by telephone, but her phone appeared to be turned off. Witness 1 picked up his son and returned to his residence located at 175 E. Webster Avenue, Winter Park, Florida. This location is within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Winter Park Police Department.

Upon his return, he noticed that there was a purse sitting on the floor next to the toilet, in the downstairs hallway bathroom. The toilet seat was also left up and he described that as unusual stating he doesn't usually use that bathroom. Witness 1 said the Victim has worked for him for 6 to 7 years and it's out of character for her not to answer her phone as well as not pick up his child from school. Witness 1 said the last communication he had with the victim was, via text message, on September 27, 2017 at approximately 1112 hours. The victim's wallet, cell phone, credit cards, Florida Driver License, and electronic tablet were not located inside the found purse. The victim's vehicle, a 2015 grey Hyundai SUV, bearing Florida tag# IKZB52, was also not at the residence. Officers conducted area checks for the Victim's vehicle, with no success.

Your affiant possess a sworn audio recorded statement from the Victim's husband who said the last time he saw and spoke to his wife was, September 27, 2017 at approximately 0515 hours, when she left their home and headed to work in Winter Park, Florida.

Your affiant possess a sworn audio recorded statement from the Victim's husband stating:

On September 27, 2017, at approximately 1951 hours, he noticed a suspicious withdrawal of \$300 from their joint Wells Fargo bank account.

Your affiant possess Wells Fargo Bank video that captured an unknown white male (later identified as Defendant Nelson) withdrawing that amount of money from the Wells Fargo ATM located at 275 S. New York Avenue in Winter Park Florida. The person captured is a middle aged white male wearing eyeglasses with his hair pulled back in a ponytail. The suspect is seen wearing, a white tee shirt with a white towel draped around his neck, white or tan shorts, bright blue tennis shoes, white socks, and a men's wrist watch, with a very distinctive plaid band, on his left wrist.

Your affiant possess certified bank records from Wells Fargo Bank that show this unauthorized withdrawal occurred on September 27, 2017, at approximately 1210 hours.

Your affiant possess a sworn statement from Witness 3 stating: He viewed the bank surveillance video and the still images of the person who made the fraudulent withdrawals and he recognized that person as Defendant Scott Edward Nelson (W/M, DOB 02/28/1964), who is on supervised Federal Probation for Armed Robbery. Witness 3 supervises Defendant Nelson and he has met with him, in person, on a regular basis.

Your affiant possess Wells Fargo Bank video that shows, on September 27, 2017, at approximately 1633 hours (approximately 4 hours later), Defendant Scott Edward Nelson returned to the same Wells Fargo Bank in Winter Park and attempted to withdraw additional funds from the Victim's bank account. That withdrawal was denied due to fact that the daily withdrawal limitation (\$300) was previously met. During this second attempt to withdraw funds, bank surveillance cameras captured Defendant Nelson wearing the same eyeglasses, as the ones worn in the previous withdrawal, and his hair was pulled back in the same type ponytail, but his clothing was different. This time, Defendant Nelson wore a white tee shirt with a front logo, "Workout Winter Park 32789", an unzipped dark colored long sleeve shirt or jacket, and a dark colored baseball cap with a "UCF" logo on the front. In this video, Defendant Nelson is also seen with fresh cuts and scratches on his hands.

Your affiant possess a sworn statement from the victim's husband stating; the male in the video, identified as Defendant Scott Edward Nelson, is not a known person and he was not authorized to withdraw money from his Wells Fargo bank account.

On September 28, 2017, the Victim's 2015 gray Hyundai SUV, bearing Florida tag# IKZB52, was found abandoned in the parking lot of the Colonialtown Publix, store #662, which is located at 1400 East Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida 32803. The vehicle was found unoccupied and parked in the store's parking lot.

On September 29, 2017, Winter Park Crime Scene Technician Ed Bigley, processed the Victim's recovered vehicle for evidence. The following items were collected from the vehicle and forwarded to FDLE for analysis: Latent fingerprints, DNA swabs, one Belgian White Blue Moon brand beer bottle, and a men's watch, (with the same distinctive plaid watch band), a white towel, and a white tee shirt. The watch band, towel, and tee shirt all contained suspected blood stains. The recovered watch, towel and tee shirt also match the clothing that Defendant Scott Nelson wore on September 27, 2017, at approximately 1210 hours, when he was captured making the first unauthorized withdrawal of money from the Victim's Wells Fargo bank account. Additionally, the Victim's husband indicated that his wife would not be drinking beer while working and the beer would not be hers.

A taupe colored duvet cover with a comforter was also recovered from the back hatchback area of the vehicle. Photographs of the comforter were shown to Witness 1, who said it looks just like the one that is missing from is bed.

Witness 1 also said that he has the same type of Belgian White Blue Moon beer at his home. Detective Wagganer collected bottles Belgian White Blue Moon beer from the outdoor patio refrigerator and kitchen refrigerator of Witness 1's home and submitted them into evidence at the Winter Park Police Department.

Your affiant possess an Amtrak Train manifest showing: On September 27, 2017, at approximately 1652 hours, Defendant Nelson purchased a train ticket to Jacksonville Florida from the Amtrak train station in Winter Park, Florida. The Winter Park Amtrak station is in very close proximity to the bank where the fraudulent withdrawals occurred and this ticket was purchased 19 minutes after Defendant Nelson's second attempt to use the victim's credit card.

On September 30, 2017, at approximately 1300 hours, Orange County Aviation Unit located the deceased Victim in a heavily wooded area just off Fenton Street in Orlando, Florida, County of Orange. Ground officers located her body and confirmed she was deceased and in an extensive state of decomposition with obvious signs of foul play. It should be noted the Victim's wrists and ankles were bound and her entire face was covered with duct tape.

Your affiant possess the District Nine Medical Examiner's Case Synopsis #ME17-01513, dated October 1, 2017, from Dr. Joshua Stephany, stating; the cause of death is stab wounds and asphyxia and manner of death is Homicide.

Your affiant possess FDLE Laboratory Report 20170512422, dated October 2, 2017, stating; DNA swabs taken from FDLE item #1, exhibit #6 (Belgian White Blue Moon beer bottle found in the deceased's abandoned car), identified a complete DNA profile consistent with a male individual.

Your affiant possess a Search Warrant requesting DNA swabs be obtained from Defendant Scott E. Nelson.

I possess 2 swabs from Defendant Scott E. Nelson's mouth, taken on October 4, 2017, at the Orange County Jail.

Your affiant possess FDLE Laboratory Report 20170512422, dated October 5, 2017, stating; during a search of CODIS, a match occurred between the DNA profile obtained from Exhibit 6 (Beer bottle) and a qualifying offender sample. The qualifying offender is identified as: Defendant Scott E. Nelson, DOB 02/28/1964, FBI Number: 83755C44, BOP Number: 29821-048.

FDLE compared the swabs collected from Defendant Scott E. Nelson's mouth and the match was confirmed.

Your affiant possess FDLE Laboratory Report 20170512422, dated October 17, 2017, (analysis of shirt, towel, and watch recovered from the victim's car and identified as those being worn by Defendant Nelson at the time of the first withdrawal):

FDLE item #10, Exhibit #17 (one white t-shirt); gave chemical indications for the presence of blood. Several blood stains matched the DNA profile from Defendant Scott E. Nelson and several blood stains matched the DNA profile from Victim Jennifer Fulford.

FDLE item #11, Exhibit #18 (one white towel); gave chemical indications for the presence of blood. Several blood stains matched the DNA profile from Defendant Scott E. Nelson and several blood stains matched the DNA profile from Victim Jennifer Fulford.

FDLE item #12, Exhibit #19 (one gold watch with white face); gave chemical indications for the presence of blood. Blood stains on the watch matched the DNA profile from Victim Jennifer Fulford and it also contained the DNA profile from Defendant Scott E. Nelson.

On November 1, 2017, defendant Scott E. Nelson mailed a letter to Detective Ferrara, with the Orlando Police Department, requesting to speak with detectives about this investigation.

On November 13, 2017, your affiant and Detective Ferrara met with defendant Scott E. Nelson at FDC Miami and the defendant confessed to all of the above listed crimes.

Based on the aforementioned, your affiant believes that probable cause exists to prove; On September 27, 2017, between approximately 1130 hours and 1633 hours, Defendant Scott E. Nelson unlawfully and without permission entered a residential home, located at 175 E. Webster Avenue in Winter Park, Florida, while armed with a cutting instrument (as evidenced from the autopsy report), and kidnapped the victim. The Defendant then stole the victim's bank card, car keys, and vehicle during the course of the robbery. The Defendant then drove to a Wells Fargo bank where surveillance video captured him making an unauthorized withdrawal from the Victim's bank account. The Defendant then executed the only witness to the crime. Three days later, the Victim was found deceased with her hands and feet bound and her face covered with duct tape. Evidence gathered during this investigation identify Defendant Scott E. Nelson as the perpetrator of these crimes.

Based upon my investigation, your Affiant has probable cause to believe that the Defendant, **SCOTT EDWARD NELSON**, committed the aforementioned violations of law and requests the issuance of an arrest warrant.

Sharon Wagganer

Affiant

Detective Sharon Wagganer, ID#134

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me in the County and State aforesaid this 5 day of December, 2017.

Sergeant Lisa Suepat/186

Law Enforcement Officer