

PREPARED BY COURT

State of New Jersey,

v.

Christopher J Gregor,
Defendant.



SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION: CRIMINAL PART
OCEAN COUNTY

Complaint #: W-2022-000073-1533

Criminal Action

ORDER GRANTING
PRETRIAL DETENTION

FINDINGS:

THIS MATTER having been opened to the court by the State, and the court having conducted a hearing, with Lynn Juan appearing on behalf of the Ocean Prosecutor, representing the State of New Jersey, and Mario F Gallucci appearing on behalf of the defendant,

The court finds that the State has established probable cause that the eligible defendant committed the charged offense(s) based on:

- The probable cause affidavit
- Other evidence, specifically, S2A, S2B; probable cause is stipulated for this hearing only.

Further, the court finds probable cause that the defendant committed offenses that create the presumption that the defendant shall be detained pending trial because no amount of monetary bail, non-monetary condition or combination of monetary bail and conditions would reasonably assure the defendant's appearance in court when required, the protection of the safety of any other person or the community, and that the defendant will not obstruct or attempt to obstruct the criminal justice process.

REASONS FOR GRANTING PRETRIAL DETENTION:

FURTHER, for the reasons set forth on the record and herein, the court finds that although the defendant was able to rebut, by a preponderance of the evidence, the presumption that the defendant shall be detained pending trial, the State was nevertheless able to establish by clear and convincing evidence that no amount of monetary bail, non-monetary conditions or combination of monetary bail and conditions would reasonably assure the defendant's appearance in court when required, the protection of the safety of any other person or the community, that the defendant will not obstruct or attempt to obstruct the criminal justice process.

In reaching this decision, the court made the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

- The nature and circumstances of the offense charged.



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- Offense(s) charges, specifically, 2C:11-3A(1)

On April 2, 2021, B.M. messaged the defendant "the police are looking for you". The defendant's phone records reveal that 5 minutes later at 6:09 p.m., the defendant searched "can your phone be tracked in airplane mode?" At 6:10 p.m., the defendant searched "can my car be tracked?" The defendant also searched "will red marks turn into bruises?" At 6:10 p.m., the defendant speaks with his parents, and advised them via text message that he would not be back for a while and will they take care of his dog. At 4:32 p.m. on April 3, 2021, the defendant's cell phone pings in Langhorn, PA. The court feels there must be a typographical error in the affidavit on this date and time. At 4:59 p.m., the defendant's cell phone pings in Little Rock, AK. On April 4, 2021, at 9:58 a.m., the defendant searches "there was a murder determined from an autopsy how long to file charges?", and at 10:21 a.m. he searched "how long after an autopsy to file charges". At 12:17 p.m. on April 4, 2021, the defendant sent a Tinder message to a contact named Rachel that he's going to see his brother in L.A. On the same date, the defendant is stopped in Alcoa, TN by the local police. On April 6, 2021, the police respond to the Marriott where the defendant advised he was staying. They learned the defendant rented a vehicle and checked out of the hotel on April 5, 2021. This supports the defendant is a risk of flight.

The court relies heavily on the medical reports, particularly Dr. Ragasa's finding that the cause of death was blunt impact injuries. Later reviewing Dr. Andrew's report, he comments upon Dr. Deacon's finding of C.M.'s bruises. Dr. Andrew found that the pattern, distribution, and character of the injuries was consistent with ongoing abuse, and found that the manner of death was homicide. Dr. Andrew also concluded that the window was 4-12 hours. The court has the victim in the defendant's custody from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., equaling 8 hours. The court takes into consideration the video of the treadmill incident, and finds the defendant a danger to the community based on the fact that this was a pattern, distribution and character of the injuries is consistent with ongoing abuse.

The court takes into consideration the searches "can your be phone tracked in airplane mode?", "can my car be tracked?", "there was a murder determined from an autopsy how long to file charges?" and "how long after an autopsy to file charges?". The court considers the defendant's departure from the jurisdiction to be inexplicable, and sees this as clearly an attempt to thwart the investigation into C.M.'s death.

Therefore, the motion for pretrial detention is **GRANTED**. The defendant is hereby **ORDERED DETAINED** pending the disposition of the above-captioned offenses.

It is further ORDERED that Defendant be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with counsel.

Defendant was informed of the right to an expedited appeal of this order. The appeal must be filed within 7 days of the entry of this order pursuant to R. 2:9-13(b).

Date:03/18/2022

/s/ JUDGE MICHAEL COLLINS