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IN THE THIRD DISTRICT COURT, SALT LAKE DEPARTMENT
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SALT LAKE, STATE OF UTAH

THE STATE OF UTAH

Plaintiff,

vs.

ALEXANDER HUNG TRAN
DOB: 08/06/1983,
AKA: ALEX TRAN
639 NORTH SIR PHILLIP DRIVE
SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84116
D.L.# 216152488
OTN 48973986
SO# 388178
Booking# 15053135

Defendant.

Screened by: CHOU CHOU COLLINS and
MATTHEW B. JANZEN
Assigned to: CHOU CHOU COLLINS and
MATTHEW B. JANZEN

INFORMATION

DAO # 15024198

\$3,000,007.00

Warrant/Release: IN JAIL

Case No.

The undersigned H. Gordon - SALT LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, Agency Case No. SL2015-178561, upon a written declaration states on information and belief that the defendant, ALEXANDER HUNG TRAN, committed the crimes of:

COUNT 1

CRIMINAL HOMICIDE, AGGRAVATED MURDER, 76-5-202 UCA, First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about September 18, 2015 at 639 North Sir Phillip Drive, in Salt Lake County, State of Utah, the defendant intentionally or knowingly caused the death of Dakota Smith and the homicide was committed incident to one act, scheme, course of conduct, or criminal episode during which two or more persons were killed.

COUNT 2

CRIMINAL HOMICIDE, AGGRAVATED MURDER, 76-5-202 UCA, First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about September 18, 2015 at 639 North Sir Phillip Drive, in Salt Lake County, State of Utah, the defendant intentionally or knowingly caused the death of Heike Poike and the homicide was committed incident to one act, scheme, course of conduct, or criminal episode during which two or more persons were killed.

COUNT 3

CRIMINAL HOMICIDE, AGGRAVATED MURDER, 76-5-202 UCA, First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about September 18, 2015 at 639 North Sir Phillip Drive, in Salt Lake County, State of Utah, the defendant intentionally or knowingly caused the death of L.P. under any of the following circumstances:

(b) the homicide was committed incident to one act, scheme, course of conduct, or criminal episode during which two or more persons were killed; and/or

(t) the victim was younger than 14 years of age.

THIS INFORMATION IS BASED ON EVIDENCE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES:

H. GORDON, OFFICER BENZON, K. CROCKETT, J. FLORES, M. GARAYCOCHEA, E. GONZALEZ, C. KOTRODIMOS, B. MANZANARES, E. OLIVER, C. PARKS, J. PAYNE, R. PECK, H. POIKE, L. P., A. POIKE, K. SANTOS, J. SANTOS, D. SMITH, J. SPANGENBERG, C. SPEAKER, and B. TUCKER.

DECLARATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your Declarant, Detective H. Gordon with the Salt Lake City Police Department, based on information in report number 2015-178561, interviews of witnesses, and investigation by law enforcement officers states as follows:

On September 18, 2015, a welfare check was requested on Heike Poike at 639 North Sir Phillip Drive, Salt Lake County, after she failed to pick her grandson up from school when it let out at 1:15pm. Officers knocked on the front door of the residence and received no response. Officers found the back door was wide open. The officers announced themselves and received no response. Officers then entered the residence and located the deceased bodies of Dakota Smith, Heike Poike and 2-month-old L.P. in the upstairs living room.

Officers encountered ALEXANDER HUNG TRAN in the basement of the residence. TRAN stated, "I'm putting down the gun." TRAN was taken into custody without further incident. TRAN asked officers, "If I think this is my mom's fault and that she should be here instead, is there anything I can do?" TRAN then stated, "She made me do it. I'm not saying that I didn't do it."

Officers spoke with TRAN's mother, Ms. K. Santos, who stated she purchased the residence at 639 North Sir Phillip Drive for TRAN. On September 14, 2015 Ms. Santos spoke to TRAN who told her a man, woman, and two children were staying in the upstairs portion of the house. Ms. Santos indicated she did not want other people in the house and TRAN stated the people would not leave. Ms. Santos instructed TRAN to tell the people to go and stated she would start the eviction process. On September 18, 2015 at approximately 12:00pm, TRAN called Ms. Santos and told her the people upstairs were gone.

Officers located a .22 caliber hand gun on the floor where TRAN indicated he put the gun down. Several spent .22 caliber casings were located throughout the upstairs living room area.

On September 19, 2015, Dr. T. Grey, Chief Utah Medical Examiner, performed an autopsy on Dakota Smith, Heike Poike and L.P. Dr. Grey determined the cause of death for all three individuals was multiple gunshot wounds and the manner of death was homicide.

Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated § 78B-5-705 (2008) I declare under criminal penalty of the State of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my belief and knowledge.

Executed on: 10/1/15



H. Gordon
Declarant

Authorized for presentment and filing

SIM GILL, District Attorney



Deputy District Attorney
1st day of October, 2015
EG / DAO # 15024198

OTHER PENDING CASES FOR THE DEFENDANT

<u>Court</u>	<u>Court Case #</u>	<u>Trial Judge</u>	<u>DAO#</u>	<u>Charge</u>
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