

JUSTICE COURT, LAS VEGAS TOWNSHIP  
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

State of Nevada

Plaintiff,

vs.

Kelsey Turner

Defendant(s).

Case No. 19F04996 X

Dept. No. 9

MOTION FOR DISCLOSURE OF  
NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION

DECLARATION

(1) PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

This Motion is being brought by:

- A member of the following media organization: KLAS-TV
- The following criminal Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_
- An attorney for the following client: \_\_\_\_\_
- OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) PLEASE COMPLETE THE LINE BELOW:

Court staff has indicated that the following document(s) currently in the file are deemed to be presumptively non-public and confidential:

Arrest Report / Criminal Complaint

Declaration of Warrant

Arrest Warrant

**(3) PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY THE COURT SHOULD ALLOW ACCESS TO THE DOCUMENT(S) LISTED ABOVE :**

(NOTE: If you need more space, please attach additional pages.)

Murder Suspect

**(4) PLEASE SIGN BELOW:**

Under the penalty of perjury under the law of the State of Nevada, I swear or affirm that the above information is true and correct, and that the Court should allow access to the requested document(s).

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 3-29-19

Phone Number: 702-792-8870

**ORDER**

This matter will be set for hearing, and all parties will be notified. The hearing date will be at \_\_\_\_\_ M on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

The motion is denied as to the following documents:

for the following reason(s):

The motion is granted as to the following documents:

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You may bring a copy of this order to the front counter to obtain the requested information.

OTHER:

DATED THIS 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF April, 20 19

[Handwritten Signature]  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

DEFENDANT TURNER, KELSEY NICHOLE

DEFENDANT ID# 08462418

CASE NO: 19F04996X

DEPARTMENT JCRT9

JUDGE REBECCA KERN

AGENCY: METRO

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SUBMITTING OFFICER ID#: NAME:

COUNTS	CHARGE
1	OPEN MURDER, E/DW

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LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT  
**DECLARATION OF WARRANT/SUMMONS**  
(N.R.S. 171.106) **FILED**  
(N.R.S. 53 amended 7/13/1993)

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Event Number: 190300030743

STATE OF NEVADA ) Kelsey Nichole Turner  
                          ) ss: ID#: 8462418  
COUNTY OF CLARK ) DOB: [REDACTED] SS# [REDACTED]

JUSTICE COURT  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA  
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19F04996X  
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Declaration of Warrant Summons (Affidavit)  
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Mitchell Dosch, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That he is a detective with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, being so employed for a period of 16 years, assigned to investigate the crime(s) of Murder with Deadly Weapon committed on or about March 3-6, 2019, which investigation has developed Kelsey Nichole Turner as the perpetrator thereof.

**THAT DECLARANT DEVELOPED THE FOLLOWING FACTS IN THE COURSE OF THE INVESTIGATION OF SAID CRIME, TO WIT:**

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at approximately 0930 hours, the LVMPD Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call of a suspicious vehicle parked in the desert area off of State Route 147 (Lake Mead Boulevard) near mile marker 14 in eastern Clark County. Patrol officers were dispatched to the area under LVMPD event 190300030743 and the suspicious vehicle was eventually located approximately two miles off of State Route 147 on a dirt road. The vehicle was a blue 2017 Mercedes Benz C300 two-door coupe bearing California registration [REDACTED] which was high-centered on a dirt berm on the side of the road. A California DMV records check on the license plate revealed it was registered to Kwong [REDACTED] in San Francisco and the vehicle was not reported stolen. The cab of the Mercedes Benz was unoccupied and both door windows were rolled down. Patrol officers started the vehicle by pushing the push-start ignition and opened the trunk. The trunk was filled with clothes and bedding. The patrol officers detected a foul odor, moved the clothing and bedding to the side and observed what appeared to be a human body part.

Your Affiant, Detective Jaeger and crime scene personnel were advised of the event and responded to the scene to assume investigatory responsibility. Evidence at the scene consisted of the vehicle, tire impressions and footwear impressions. On the right front passenger seat were several latex gloves and evidence of a small fire. There was apparent blood on the driver's seat headrest, apparent blood in the backseat and small defects or tears to the headliner. Homicide

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Sergeant Scott obtained a telephonic search warrant for the Mercedes Benz and the vehicle was towed to the LVMPD Crime Lab. The dead body of an older white male, later identified as Thomas Burchard from Salinas, California, was removed from the trunk. Burchard's body was partially clothed and there was apparent trauma to his head. The next day your Affiant attended Burchard's autopsy. Dr. Gavin determined Burchard died from blunt force trauma to the head and ruled his manner of death a homicide. It appeared Burchard was struck multiple times with an unidentified object, which left a unique pattern. There was also apparent defensive wounds to Burchard's body.

A records check on Burchard revealed his longtime girlfriend, Judy [REDACTED] reported him missing in early March. [REDACTED] claimed she last heard from Burchard on March 2<sup>nd</sup> via a text message. Burchard said he was excited to return home to California but had to take care of a few things in Las Vegas. [REDACTED] then started receiving several text messages which did not sound like Burchard. [REDACTED] tried to call Burchard's cell phone and the phone was off. [REDACTED] knew Burchard had flown to Las Vegas on March 1<sup>st</sup> to visit Kelsey Turner #8462418, who lived at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was in the area of Warm Springs Road and Amigo Street. Burchard was scheduled to fly home on March 4<sup>th</sup> but never returned. [REDACTED] said Burchard may have early stages of Alzheimer's disease and it was her belief Turner and Turner's boyfriend, Greg [REDACTED] murdered him. [REDACTED] sent LVMPD patrol officers to [REDACTED] to conduct welfare checks on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Each time patrol officers were unable to contact or locate Burchard.

Moreover, when patrol officers went to the residence on March 5<sup>th</sup> they did not get an answer at the door. The patrol officers noticed all of the lights were on inside the home and the blinds were up. There was mail piled up at the mailbox and there was a package at the front door. Patrol officers went into the backyard and found the windows open. The front doors were also unlocked and the patrol officers made entry into the home. Nobody was there and the officers noticed there was cleaning supplies throughout the residence, which suggested the occupants were in the process of moving out. The patrol officers then met with a neighbor who recognized the description of Burchard and through Burchard was Turner's [REDACTED]

Detective Jaeger and crime scene personnel searched and processed the Mercedes Benz for evidence. Several items of evidence were recovered, including latent prints, swabs of possible DNA, blue latex gloves with apparent blood, clothing with apparent blood and Burchard's vest and house keys. There were cleaning supplies in the vehicle and evidence of

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attempted clean-up. The blood evidence in the backseat suggested Burchard was attacked in the vehicle; however, it is unclear if the attack started inside the vehicle or if the attack started outside of the vehicle and continued inside. The blood evidence also suggested Burchard's body was removed through the passenger door and placed in the trunk.

On March 8<sup>th</sup> your Affiant obtained a search warrant for [REDACTED], which was a split level single family residence. The search warrant was served by your Affiant and crime scene personnel. According to the landlord, the residence was rented by Turner in December of 2018 and her lease wasn't set to expire until June. Your Affiant also learned from the landlord Turner's March rent had been paid by Burchard.

The residence was searched and several items of evidence were recovered. In the living room was a pile of unfolded laundry, next to several piles of folded laundry. One of the piles included blue and white striped bath towels. A matching blue and white striped bath towel was one of the items removed from the trunk of the Mercedes Benz. Detectives also located a damaged bedroom door to an upstairs bedroom. The door appeared to be ripped away from the hinges and broken into two pieces. There was apparent blood on both halves of the door. Inside the garage was apparent blood, footwear impressions, cleaning supplies, and evidence of a clean-up.

On the same day your Affiant obtained a search warrant and order for pen register/trap and trace with real-time precision location for Turner's cell phone number. The order included a request for historical information from February 7<sup>th</sup> through March 8<sup>th</sup>. Your Affiant and Detective Jaeger later received and examined the historical phone records and learned Turner's cell phone was primarily in the area of her home with some variance from March 1<sup>st</sup> through March 5<sup>th</sup>. On March 5<sup>th</sup> the phone appeared to be away from the house. Then, after approximately 1720 hours on March 6<sup>th</sup>, Turner's cell phone left the area of her home and appeared to never return. This was noteworthy because March's rent had been paid on March 1<sup>st</sup> by Burchard and her lease was good until June of 2019 according to Turner's landlord. On March 7<sup>th</sup> Turner's cell phone was powered off. The cell phone has remained off since then and it appears to your Affiant and Detective Jaeger it was powered off after the body was reportedly found in a truck by the media.

On March 12<sup>th</sup> your Affiant was contacted by San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) Detective Discenza. SFPD Detective Discenza had contacted Kwong, who was the registered owner of the Mercedes Benz, to determine ownership and any involvement. Kwong was in China and provided SFPD Detective Discenza his records which documented a transaction between

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Kwong, Kwong's wife Rose and Turner. Kwong placed an advertisement in Craigslist for someone to take over his car payments. Turner contacted Kwong and they coordinated a sale to occur in November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Turner paid \$2500.00 and signed an agreement to take over the payments. Kwong placed Turner on his insurance and Turner agreed to pay Kwong \$541.72 a month until the loan was satisfied. It appears the Mercedes Benz has been in Turner's possession since last November and is her vehicle.

On March 12<sup>th</sup> your Affiant and Detective Jaeger received Burchard's cell phone records. Burchard's cell phone records show no outgoing voice calls or text messages after March 3<sup>rd</sup> and that suggests he was killed sometime between March 3<sup>rd</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>.

As of March 13<sup>th</sup> Turner's cell phone has remained off. Turner never reported her Mercedes Benz stolen and she has not contacted law enforcement to explain what happened. It appears Turner went into hiding after Burchard's body was found. Therefore, based on the fact that Burchard came to Las Vegas with the intent to visit Turner, Burchard was found murdered in Turner's vehicle, and there was evidence of a clean-up at Turner's residence, there is probable cause to believe that Turner is involved in Burchard's death.

Wherefore, Declarant prays that a Warrant of Arrest be issued for suspect Kelsey Nichole Turner on the charge(s) of Murder with Deadly Weapon.

**I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the State of Nevada that the foregoing is true and correct.**

Executed on this 15th day of March, 2019.

DECLARANT:  7907WITNESS: R. Jaeger #5587DATE: 03-15-19

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CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

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1 THE STATE OF NEVADA,  
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4 -vs-

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6 KELSEY NICHOLE TURNER #8462418,

7 Defendant.

8 CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

9 The Defendant above named having committed the crime of MURDER WITH USE  
10 OF A DEADLY WEAPON (Category A Felony - NRS 200.010, 200.030, 193.165 - NOC  
11 50001), in the manner following, to wit: That the said Defendant, on or between March 3,  
12 2019 and March 6, 2019, at and within the County of Clark, State of Nevada, did willfully,  
13 unlawfully, feloniously and with malice aforethought, kill THOMAS BURCHARD, a human  
14 being, with use of a deadly weapon, to wit: a blunt instrument, by striking the head of  
15 THOMAS BURCHARD with said blunt instrument, the said killing having been willful,  
16 deliberate and premeditated.

17 All of which is contrary to the form, force and effect of Statutes in such cases made and  
18 provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Nevada. Said Complainant makes  
19 this declaration subject to the penalty of perjury.

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