

EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE

DETERMINATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE TO DETAIN

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(Completed by arresting authority)

Arrestee **Brant, John Edward**
Address **4046 S. Logan Street**
Englewood, Co. 80113

DOB **06-08-82**
SS# (DET#) [REDACTED]
Date of Arrest **05-09-15**
Time of Arrest **2:17**

am pm
Phone **303-762-2438**

Arresting agency **Englewood Police Department**
Arrested for **Murder in the Second Degree** **18-3-103**

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The above person is ordered to report to court as directed by the appropriate law enforcement authorities per the following information:

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Date **05-10-15** Time **8:30 a.m.**
Court Location **7325 S. Potomac Street**
Centennial, Colorado

(Completed by judge)

Probable Cause Determination

On this date, the court has reviewed the relevant information pertaining to the arrest of the above individual and has determined:

Probable cause to believe that this person has committed a crime does exist and there is reason to detain said person pending posting of bond or further court proceedings.

Probable cause to believe that this person has committed a crime has not been shown and the person is ordered released pending further court proceedings and must appear before the court as directed above.

BY THE COURT:

[Signature]
Judge
Date **5.9.15** Division **9:00 a.m.**
Time

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- Copy 1: Arrestee copy
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- Copy 3: District Attorney copy

STATE OF COLORADO
EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF WARRANTLESS ARREST

Brant, John Edward

Suspect (Last, First, Middle)

Englewood P.D.

Arresting Agency

303-762-2438

Phone

6/8/82

D.O.B.

05-09-15

Date of Arrest

15-3947

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1. Murder in the Second Degree

Charge

18-3-103

Statute No./Ordinance No.

2F

Class

\$50,000

Bond

Charge(s):

2. _____

Charge

Statute No./Ordinance No.

Class

Bond

Edward J. Disner, a peace officer with the Englewood Police Department states that there exists probable cause for the warrantless arrest of the above named suspect for the charges stated above. The officer further states that the facts below are based on personal knowledge and/or interviews with witnesses and fellow peace officers and/or review of official law enforcement reports.

1. The crime(s) alleged occurred on February 21, 2015, at 4046 S. Logan Street, City of Englewood, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado.
2. The suspect was arrested at 2:17 am / pm on the 9th day of May, 2015.
3. The facts in support of the probable cause for the warrantless arrest of the above named suspect are as follows:

On May 3, 2015 at about 12:47 PM, Karl Griebel (09-07-90) and four other subjects located a dead body covered in a blue tarp in the area of Mine Road and Crest Road in Clear Creek County, Colorado. Griebel called the Clear Creek County Sheriff's Department who responded to the scene. Upon further investigation, Clear Creek Sheriff's Sergeant Gremillion noted that the head and both hands were removed from the body. Autopsy later revealed that the head and hands were removed post mortem. The body was believed to be a female in her mid to late forties and she had a tattoo of a heart and flower connected by vines on the outside of her right shin, just below the knee. The cause and manner of death could not be determined at that time. The Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office distributed a bulletin on May 5, 2015, containing a photograph of the tattoo, in an attempt to identify the body. On May 8, 2015, Englewood Detective Curtis Leoni saw the bulletin and believed that the tattoo may belong to missing person Jacqueline Degarmo (07-22-59). Degarmo was reported missing on April 24, 2015 with the last date seen reported to be February 21, 2015. Detective Leoni responded to 4046 S. Logan Street, in the City of Englewood, County of Arapahoe, and State of Colorado with a copy of the tattoo only, removed from the bulletin. Detective Leoni contacted Alisia Blythe (05-20-86), Degarmo's daughter, who reported Degarmo missing. Blythe told Detective Leoni that she and Degarmo got matching tattoos, and the photograph of the tattoo belonged to Degarmo. Follow up into CCIC/NCIC queries involving Degarmo's name led the investigation to Denver Police Sergeant Mike Reichardt, who directed investigators to talk with Rodney Hood (07-29-64) and later to Roy Minjarez (05-08-65). Englewood Police Detective Carl Kisselman interviewed Minjarez who said Berg gave him information that led him to believe that Blythe's Fiance Brant may have killed Degarmo. This information led to a search warrant for Degarmo's home at 4046 S. Logan Street. During the execution of the search warrant, on May 8, 2015, officers contacted Blythe, Racheal Berg (04-03-84), and John Brant (06-08-82). All three subjects agreed to voluntarily respond to the Englewood Police Department to be interviewed. During the interview of Berg, she was asked if Brant killed Degarmo and she shook her head affirmatively. She later said she was unsure if Degarmo was murdered, but she assumed that Degarmo was murdered. During an interview of Brant (after a proper written Miranda Advisement and Waiver), Brant was asked about an incident involving Degarmo and a BB Gun that Berg

previously told Detective Kisselman about. Brant was asked what happened during that incident and he explained that Degarmo threatened to shoot him and Blythe with the BB Gun. Brant was asked what happened to Degarmo and was told that the investigator knew what happened. Brant was also told that people make mistakes. Brant told investigators that he wanted a lawyer. Just after that statement, Brant (unsolicited) told investigators "I was pushed man," "I'm really not a violent person," and "This is not something that like I ever thought in my life would ever happen, I mean I really didn't, I really really didn't." The interview ended at that time. Blythe returned to be interviewed a second time, and told investigators that Brant had strangled Degarmo to death at 4046 S. Logan Street after Degarmo swung a stick at her (Blythe) on February 21, 2015. Blythe told investigators that after Degarmo was dead, Brant drug her body to the back yard in the snow so her body could be preserved. Blythe left with her two year old daughter and when she later returned the body was gone. Brant told Blythe that he took care of the body but didn't tell her what he had done with it. Brant was arrested and later jailed at the Arapahoe County Jail on charges relating to this incident. Brant was fingerprinted on the AFIS machine at the Englewood Police Department and based on the fingerprints was positively identified by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation as being John Edward Brant with a date of birth of June 8, 1982.

Reports and additional pages stapled to this statement are incorporated into the statement.

Executed on the 9th day of May, 2015 at 5:20 am/pm.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Arresting Officer Signature

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