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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.

THOMAS PENNINGTON
DOB: 01/25/1966,
AKA: Peanut
TIPTON CORRECTIONAL CENTER
619 NORTH OSAGE AVENUE
TIPTON, MO 65081
D.L.#
OTN
SO#
Defendant.

Screened by: VINCENT B. MEISTER
Assigned to: VINCENT B. MEISTER

DAO # 11013940

ECR Status: **NON-ECR**

Initial Appearance:

Bail: \$1,000,007 AND PTS

Warrant/Release: IN-CUSTODY

INFORMATION

Case No.

The undersigned Michael Hardin - SALT LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, Agency Case No. 1986-67052, upon a written affidavit states on information and belief that the defendant, THOMAS PENNINGTON, committed the crime of:

COUNT 1

MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE, 76-5-203 UCA, first degree felony, as follows: That on or about July 08, 1986 in Salt Lake County, State of Utah the defendant, **THOMAS PENNINGTON**, a party to the offense did intentionally or knowingly cause the death of Patricia Ramirez; and/or intending to cause serious bodily injury to another, committed an act clearly dangerous to human life that caused the death of another; and/or acting under circumstances evidencing a depraved indifference to human life, engaged in conduct which created a grave risk of death to another and thereby caused the death of another; and/or while in the commission, attempted commission, or immediate flight from the commission or attempted commission of aggravated kidnapping, kidnapping, forcible sexual abuse, caused the death of another person other than a party as defined in § 76-2-202.

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

Michael Hardin, Terrance Allen, Carolyn Anderson, Brenda Blackwater, David Bluford, Jerome Brooks, Synita Brown, William Burns, Terry Carey, Perry Carey, Rodney Carter, Judon Casias, Renee Cavaness, Michael Collins, Renee Crayton, Tonya Davison, Stephanie Davison, Miriam Dejesus, Mike Hamideh, Allen Hicks, Kevin Hicks, Patrick Hopkins, Ceaser Howard, Caesar Howard, Chris Howells, Justin Hudson, Tracy Ita, Michael Jackson, Kristopher Jeppsen, Ernest Johnson, Bryan Jordan, Karen Kido, Mark Knighton, Andre Lanier, Byron Lewis, Donald Littles, Regina Lockheart, Virgil Lucas, Ray Matlock, Ammon Mauga, Steven Mayfield, Tirshatha Mitchell, Tony Montgomery, Joel Murray, Veronique Nielsen, Reginald Pennington, Rochelle Pennington, Darryl Pennington, Danny Phillips, Donald Piggie, Patricia Ramirez, Manuel Ramirez, Betty Ramirez, Fallen Randle, Victor Robinson, Kenneth Schoney, Ann Sherwin, Mark Shields, James Shugart, Clarence Silas, Pervis Smith, Larry Smith, June Smith, Jolene Stevens, E.S. Sweeney, Shirley Thomas, Leslie Thomas, Sharon Thompson, Bobby Wallace, Roy Williams, Bruce Williams, Bruce Williams, Sonya Williams, Michelle Wollsheleger,

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your Declarant, Michael Hardin, Detective with Salt Lake City Department, Homicide Division, based on interviews of witnesses, and on information in report 1986-67052, hereby states the following:

The statement of Renee Crayton that on or about the evening of July 8, 1986 her roommate, Patricia Ramirez, left their residence to meet up with three individuals on Main Street by Crossroads Mall. Ms. Ramirez never returned home. Ms. Crayton filed a missing person report on July 10, 1986 with Salt Lake City Police Department.

On or about July 13, 1986, a female who was deceased was found near 700 North Bonneville Boulevard in Salt Lake County. Detectives were able to positively identify the deceased as Patricia Ramirez. Patricia's skirt was unzipped, her shirt was torn and buttons were missing, and her bra was torn in half. One half of the bra was used to strangle her.

The statement of Joel Murray that on the evening of July 8, 1986 he drove Ms. Ramirez's ex-boyfriend defendant THOMAS PENNINGTON, and two other unknown males to an apartment building in Salt Lake City. Mr. Murray said that he stayed in his vehicle while the defendant and two unknown males went into the apartment building. The defendant and the two unknown males returned and placed something in the trunk of his car. Mr. Murray said he then drove to an area next to a hill. Joel Murray gave police a description of what the area looked like. Mr. Murray was asked to open the trunk for the defendant and the two unknown males, which he did. Mr. Murray said he got out of his car, looked in his trunk, and observed what he described as a package that was similar in size and the shape of a body, in particular a body the

size of Ms. Ramirez. The package was removed from the trunk of Murray's car. Mr. Murray then drove the defendant and two other unknown males back to the party at Terry Carey's house.

The statement of Terry Carey that he learned about Ms. Ramirez's death from the defendant the evening of July 8, 1986. Mr. Carey reports that the defendant asked Joel Murray for a ride while attending his party the evening of July 8, 1986. The defendant later returned in Joel Murray's vehicle with two unknown males. The defendant then told Carey that Patricia was gone and that she was found over a hill, or on a mountain, or something similar to that. Mr. Carey said that it wasn't until a few days later that detectives came to his house inquiring about the death of Ms. Ramirez.

The statement of Ernest Johnson that he was at Terry Carey's house with several people on the evening of July 8, 1986 when he learned from the defendant that Ms. Ramirez was killed.

The statement of Dr. E.S. Sweeney with the State of Utah Medical Examiner's Office, that he determined the cause of death of Patricia Ramirez was ligature strangulation and the manner of death to be homicide.

In a recorded interview on March 8, 2011, the defendant told detectives that he never wanted to kill her or harm her in that way. The defendant also said that the last time he saw Ms. Ramirez was at a bus stop in Kansas City, Missouri six months prior to her death.

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: _____

Michael Hardin
Declarant

Authorized for presentment and filing

SIM GILL, District Attorney

Deputy District Attorney
21st day of June, 2011
EDH / / DAO # 11013940

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