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

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<p>THE STATE OF UTAH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p><b>CRAIG CRAWFORD</b> <b>DOB: 12/02/1968,</b> <b>574 N. EAST CAPITOL STREET</b> <b>SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84103</b> <b>OTN 53114781</b> <b>SO# 393573</b> <b>Booking# 16024837</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Defendant.</p>	<p>Screened by: HOMICIDE UNIT Assigned to: CHOU CHOU COLLINS, JEFFREY W. HALL, ROBERT G. NEILL, and VICTORIA A. TURNER</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INFORMATION</b></p> <p>DA Case No. 16011581</p> <p>BAIL NOT ALLOWED</p> <p>Warrant/Release: IN SALT LAKE COUNTY JAIL</p> <p>Case No.</p>
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The undersigned M. Garaycochea - SALT LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, Agency Case No. 16-89245, upon a written declaration states on information and belief that the defendant, CRAIG CRAWFORD, committed the crimes of:

COUNT 1  
CRIMINAL HOMICIDE, AGGRAVATED MURDER (DV), 76-5-202 UCA, First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about May 22, 2016 at 574 North East Capitol Street, in Salt Lake County, State of Utah, the defendant intentionally or knowingly caused the death of John Williams, and the homicide was committed incident to an act, scheme, course of conduct, or criminal episode during which the actor committed or attempted to commit Aggravated Arson or Arson.

Furthermore, the defendant was a cohabitant of the victim.

## COUNT 2

AGGRAVATED ARSON (DV), 76-6-103 UCA, First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about May 22, 2016 at 574 North East Capitol Street, in Salt Lake County, State of Utah, the defendant, by means of fire or explosives, intentionally and unlawfully damaged a habitable structure; or any structure when any person not a participant in the offense was in the structure.

Furthermore, the defendant was a cohabitant of the victim.

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

A. A., H. Arguello, A. Bailey, B. Bastian, R. Bradley, A. Bromley, C. Burns, D. Carlson, T. Chopp, T. Cornelison, W. Cowley, J. Cunningham, C. Dekok, R. Elton, J. Evans, G. Evans, C. Ford, L. Forsgren, M. Fosgren, J. Fuller, M. Garaycochea, J. Gardiner, H. Gordon, R. Gruis, A. Hale, T. Hansen, B. Heaney, K. Herburg, M. Higgins, M. Jensen, A. Johnston, B. Jorgensen, C. Kotrodimos, S. Larsen, S. Larsen, G. Larsen, P. Lignell, D. Loyola, J. Lund, B. Manning, N. Marsala, D. Marsala, Z. Martin, A. Maxwell, J. Mayo, H. Miles, G. Miller, H. Mount, C. Nixon, J. North, T. Oliva, C. Parks, E. Payne, B. Preston, S. Robinson, P. Rogers, M. Ruff, J. Saunders, D. Shafter, B. Shepard, K. Sieders, M. Sundwall, A. Sylleloglou, M. Throckmorton, H. Trinh, M. Ulrich, R. Whitney, C. Williams, John Williams, V. Williams, S. Williams, W. Wilson, and D. Zisumbo.

## DECLARATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your Declarant, Detective M. Garaycochea with the Salt Lake City Police Department, based on information in report number 2016-89245, interviews of witnesses, and investigation by law enforcement officers states as follows:

On May 22, 2016 at 01:18 a.m., Ms. P. Rogers called 911 and reported her neighbor's house at 574 North East Capitol Street in Salt Lake County, Utah, was on fire. Ms. Rogers told police officers that the house belonged to John Williams and that Mr. Williams' husband, CRAIG CRAWFORD, also resided in the house. Ms. Rogers stated CRAWFORD came to her door shortly after she got off the phone with the 911 operator. Ms. Rogers described CRAWFORD as calm and stated he wanted to show her something in his kitchen. Ms. Rogers watched CRAWFORD walk back toward the burning house.

A group of juveniles were in the area when they saw smoke and flames coming from the house. They drove to the house and two juveniles went up the exterior stairs next to the garage and observed a male in the courtyard. The male was using a hose to spray water on some trees and plants, but not spraying water on the house or towards the fire. The male matched the description of CRAIG CRAWFORD.

Shortly after arriving, fire fighters heard calls for help from a male inside the house. While searching for the male, fire fighters found the staircase leading to the third and fourth floors of the residence was fully engulfed in fire and largely collapsed. There was no other way for the fire fighters to access the upper levels from the interior of the house. Fire fighters used two ladders on the exterior of the house and cut an access hole in the wall to reach the third level. The fire fighters broke a window to reach the fourth level. Fire fighters found the deceased body of John Williams in the bedroom on the fourth floor.

CRAWFORD's vehicle was parked in the garage, but he was not located around the exterior of the house and fire fighters did not find anyone else inside the house. At approximately 7:00 a.m. CRAWFORD walked up to the house, which was still being processed by fire and police personnel. Officer Z. Martin observed a small laceration on CRAWFORD's hand. CRAWFORD stated he received the laceration during the fire.

After learning that CRAWFORD was present during the fire, Det. Garaycochea researched 911 call records and found that a call to 911 was made from CRAWFORD's phone on May 22, 2016 at 2:57 a.m., but the caller hung up. A 911 operator called the number back, but the call went to voicemail. A second call to 911 was made from CRAWFORD's phone at 3:30 a.m., and again the caller hung up. A 911 operator called back and a male answered. The male told the 911 operator that he had meant to call 411. There is no record that CRAWFORD ever reported the fire to emergency personnel.

Fire Investigator G. Miller examined the residence and stated the burn patterns observed in the staircase indicate growth and development of the fire from the foyer area on the second floor, leading up the stairway to the upper levels. The stairway would be the only way out of the residence for persons on the upper levels. With the stairway rendered unusable, persons on the upper levels would be trapped. Investigator Miller concluded that the fire was intentionally set. The damage to the residence is estimated at \$750,000.

On May 22, 2016, Dr. E. Christensen, Assistant Medical Examiner with the Utah Office of the Medical Examiner, performed an autopsy on John Williams. Dr. Christensen preliminarily determined Mr. Williams' cause of death to be smoke inhalation and the manner of death to be homicide.

Several of Mr. Williams' family and friends stated CRAWFORD made multiple statements to them in the past about how he would be rich when Mr. Williams died. CRAWFORD also made multiple statements about his desire to set Mr. Williams' home on fire, or how he wished the home would burn down.

Mr. S. Williams stated he had dinner with John Williams on May 21, 2016. Mr. Williams stated John told him that he was in the process of ending his relationship with CRAWFORD. Mr. Williams stated John expressed fear of CRAWFORD and that John stated he had contacted an attorney to start the process of obtaining a restraining order against CRAWFORD. Throughout dinner, John received multiple calls from CRAWFORD on his cell phone and restaurant staff came to the table and stated CRAWFORD was on the restaurant phone, asking to speak to John. Mr. Williams stated he was concerned that John intended to return to his residence while CRAWFORD was there. Mr. Williams parted company with John and left the restaurant at approximately 11:45 p.m.

Attorney M. Anderson stated Mr. Williams was a client of his. Mr. Anderson was assisting Mr. Williams with evicting CRAWFORD from the residence at 574 North East Capitol Street. Mr. Anderson stated a 5-day eviction notice was posted on the house on May 20, 2016 at 5:05 p.m. Mr. Anderson stated Mr. Williams also filled out a Petition for Protective Order against CRAWFORD on May 20, 2016.

Attorney E. Maycock stated Mr. Williams was a client of hers. Ms. Maycock was assisting Mr. Williams with divorcing CRAWFORD. Ms. Maycock stated Mr. Williams' Petition for Divorce was entered on May 4, 2016. Ms. Maycock stated that CRAWFORD had not been served with the divorce papers, but that CRAWFORD acknowledged the divorce proceedings in an email to her on May 13, 2016.

REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF A WARRANT:

The State hereby requests that the Court issue a Warrant of Arrest in the above-entitled case for the following reasons:

- 1) To prevent risk of injury to a person or property.
- 2) To protect the public safety and welfare of the community or an individual.
- 3) To secure the appearance of the accused.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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M. Garaycochea  
Declarant

Authorized for presentment and filing  
SIM GILL, District Attorney

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Deputy District Attorney  
8th day of June, 2016  
EG / DAO # 16011581

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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