

Justice

COURT

Pima

County, Arizona

IN RE:

Varun Batchigari

Name (First, Middle, Last)

☒ DV [check if applicable]PROBABLE CAUSE ARREST
WARRANT (A.R.S. § 13-3897A)

Court Record No.

Warrant No. TF20260002TF

01 Fingerprints required upon arrest

For Court Use

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TO: ANY AUTHORIZED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

PROBABLE CAUSE HAVING BEEN FOUND that the person named above has committed the felony offense(s) listed below,

YOU ARE COMMANDED to arrest and bring the named person to the nearest or most accessible magistrate in this county unless the arrest is made in another county. In such case, you must take the named person before the nearest or most accessible magistrate in that county or a magistrate in the county where the alleged offense was committed.

Offense Date	Statute/Rule & Literal Description	Class
08/05/26	[To be completed by law enforcement] 13-1105/13-3601 First degree murder/DV1 and 3-1304/13-3601 Kidnapping/DV	F1 & F2

To be completed by the magistrate:

The named person must NOT be released on bond or own recognizance without having an initial appearance before a magistrate.

This warrant is void if it is not executed within 90 days from the issuance date, unless a different date is specified here 8/7/2026.

The offense is, or is materially related to, a victims' rights applicable offense. ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

8/7/2026
Issued date

Victoria L STEELE
Magistrate Signature

Victoria L STEELE
Magistrate Printed Name

Law enforcement to complete all known information below:

SEX: M	RACE: Asian	DOB: 01/11/2006	HGT: 5'08"	WGT: 120	EYES: Brown	HAIR: Black
ADDRESS: [TYPE:]						
COURT ORI: 1001	EXTRADITION:		LE AGENCY: P2608060166			
DR#:	Yes					
DL#:	STATE:		SSN (LAST 4):			
VIN:	YEAR:	MAKE:	MODEL:	STYLE:		
Upon service, immediately contact (name) at (phone number).						
Other (e.g., special instructions, etc.):						

CERTIFICATE OF EXECUTION

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I certify that the named person was arrested at _____ a.m./p.m. on _____, 20____,
(month) (day) (year)
and presented the named person before Judge _____ at _____.

Date

Agency

Deputy Sheriff / Officer

Badge #

THIS WARRANT MUST BE RETURNED TO ISSUING COURT WITHIN 72 HOURS OF EXECUTION.

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County, Arizona

IN RE: **FW26-000058-FW**

Varun Batchigari

NAME (First, Middle, Last)

**AFFIDAVIT IN
SUPPORT OF
PROBABLE CAUSE
ARREST WARRANT
(A.R.S. § 13-3897A)**

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A. SUSPECT INFORMATION

TF20260002TF

DR#:	DOB: 01/11/2006	Sex: Male	Race: Asian
Height: 5'06"	Weight 120	Eye Color Brown	Hair Color Black
Address: [REDACTED]			

B. OFFENSE INFORMATION

Statutes & Descriptions:	
13-1105/13-3601--First degree murder domestic violence----13-1304/13-3601--Kidnapping	
Offense Date: 08/05/2026	Offense Location: [REDACTED] Tucson, AZ 85711

C. PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Provide a summary and include the facts which establish probable cause for the crime(s) for which the warrant is being requested. Use additional pages or an attachment if necessary.

The following establishes probable cause that the named individual committed the listed felony offense(s):

See attached.

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D. AFFIRMATION - I certify (declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Officer Name:		Agency:	
Gillespie #50458		Tucson Police Department	
Date:	Signature:	Serial Number:	
8/7/2026	[Signature]	50458	

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ATTACHMENT

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CHARGES:

A.R.S. § 13-1105 MURDER FIRST DEGREE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

F1

A.R.S. § 13-1304A3 KIDNAP-INFLICT DEATH/INJURY/SEX OFFENSE/AID IN FELONY, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

F2

Probable Cause Statement:

On 8/6/2026 The Tucson Fire Department responded to a report of a cardiac arrest at [REDACTED]. When fire personnel arrived, they found [REDACTED] deceased on the floor of her bedroom with a blanket pulled up to her neck. They observed petechia and scratches on the front of her neck, believed the injuries were suspicious, and treated the location as a crime scene. No weapons were found in the room. Investigators also noted that a candle was still burning, [REDACTED]'s vehicle was parked in a different space than assigned, her cell phone and bank cards were not located, and the apartment's video surveillance system was not working. [REDACTED] was pronounced deceased at 4:09 p.m.

Witnesses were interviewed about [REDACTED]'s activities before her death. Her roommate, [REDACTED], stated that she had exchanged text messages with [REDACTED] on August 5 and August 6. [REDACTED] believed [REDACTED] planned to end her relationship with her boyfriend, Varun, and became concerned after learning of [REDACTED]'s death. [REDACTED] identified Varun as someone she feared and stated that [REDACTED] had previously reported being sexually assaulted by him. [REDACTED] also stated that Varun had a history of violent behavior and provided investigators with his social media information and a photograph. However, [REDACTED] did not witness the events that occurred inside the apartment and based her information on conversations and text messages.

Another roommate, [REDACTED], reported hearing loud screaming and yelling coming from [REDACTED]'s room on August 5. The noise lasted several minutes, followed by a short period of silence, another brief outburst, and then complete silence. [REDACTED] heard a female voice but could not determine whether anyone else was present. She later sent [REDACTED] a text message asking if she was okay and received a reply stating that everything was fine and that it had only been an argument. [REDACTED] did not see [REDACTED] after hearing the disturbance and did not witness any physical assault.

Property employee [REDACTED] explained that she entered [REDACTED]'s room after [REDACTED]'s mother requested a welfare check because [REDACTED] had stopped responding to text messages. [REDACTED] found [REDACTED] deceased, and fire personnel later examined the injuries to her neck. Investigators identified the suspect as Varun Batchigari (1/11/2006) through witness information and documents found inside [REDACTED]'s room. The documents referenced a previous University of

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Arizona police case in which Varun had reportedly been arrested for assault. Investigators also obtained possible contact information and an address associated with Varun.

█████ described her friendship with █████ and explained that they decided to become roommates after █████ experienced problems in her relationship with Varun in late 2025. █████ said █████ had mostly moved out of her previous apartment and had been staying with Varun. She described a Halloween party where █████ became heavily intoxicated and Varun repeatedly touched █████ in a sexual way without her consent, making her feel uncomfortable enough to leave. The next day, █████ told █████ that Varun had sexually assaulted and strangled her after the party. █████ said █████ did not report the assault to law enforcement. █████ also shared information that █████ had told her about Varun, including an alleged fight that led to his expulsion from school, problems with his visa, and █████ paying his rent after he lost his job. █████ made clear that these details came from █████ and that she did not witness those events herself. █████ also described recent conversations about █████'s plan to have Varun leave the apartment by August 5, 2026, and said they planned to call police if he refused. On the night of August 5, █████ texted █████ that she was driving to Yuma and would return after a few days. █████ thought this was unusual because █████ was not very close to her mother. █████ said she became worried when █████ stopped responding to messages, her location sharing ended, and she did not return home. █████ explained that she had previously warned █████ that she feared Varun might seriously hurt her based on what █████ had told her about his behavior. She also said she avoided returning to the apartment because she was afraid Varun might hurt her.

█████ had sent text messages to █████ stating that Varun was going to move out on 8/5/2026 no later than 1500. █████ stated that if Varun was still there when she got off work at 1700 she was going to make him leave. █████ stated that she would come over if Varun still there and she would call police.

On 8/5/2026 at 1702 █████ called her mother and advised her that she was gassing up her vehicle, would stop by her apartment and get her cat and then would be on her way to Yuma where her mother lived. She also indicated to her mother that Varun has hacked into her phone and was monitoring her location.

On 8/5/2026 at approximately 1800 █████ began hearing yelling coming from where she believed was █████'s room. █████ was the only other room currently living in the apartment. No other roommates had moved in yet. █████ could not determine what was being said and could not tell if there was more than one person yelling. The only word she could make out was 'Go.' She believed the person yelling was █████. The yelling continued for approximately 5 minutes. At 1806 █████ called █████, who was staying in another apartment. █████ called █████ to come to the apartment and while on the phone with her the yelling began again. █████ responded to the apartment in approximately 2 minutes. By the time she responded the yelling had stopped. There was no report of sounds other than yelling. At 1812 █████ texted █████ asking if she was okay. A follow up text message was sent to █████ at

1813. At 1818 [REDACTED] received a text message from [REDACTED]'s phone stating that she was okay and stating it was just an argument. [REDACTED] responded that she was just worried and [REDACTED]'s device "hearted" the message.

On 8/5/2026 at 1922 [REDACTED]'s device sends a text message to her mother stating that she has decided not to come to Yuma. [REDACTED]'s mother notes that the text messages were not consistent with messages [REDACTED] sent to her in the past. [REDACTED]'s mother stated she thought something was off with the messages.

On 8/5/2026 at 2040 [REDACTED] sent [REDACTED] a message asking if [REDACTED] had "done it yet," referencing having Varun leave. At 2121 [REDACTED] received a message from [REDACTED]'s device stating that she was driving to Yuma and was going to stay a few extra days.

On 8/5/2026 between 2330-0000 [REDACTED]'s mother checked the location of [REDACTED]'s cell phone and it showed at her apartment.

On 8/6/2026 at 0741 [REDACTED]'s mother checked the location of [REDACTED]'s cell phone and the location was no longer being shared.

On 8/6/2026 [REDACTED]'s mother found a pending charge on [REDACTED]'s bank card for approximately \$25 for Lyft, which her mother stated [REDACTED] never used. [REDACTED]'s card, car keys and cell phone could not be found in her apartment or in her vehicle which was still at the incident location. It should be noted that a set of car keys, believed to be a spare set, were in her closet.

On 8/6/2026 at 0946 [REDACTED]'s phone pinged at Tucson International Airport.

On 8/6/2026 at 1052 Varun boarded a flight from Tucson to Houston, where he then boarded a flight from Houston to Germany, where he would have 3-hour layover before continuing to his home country of India.

On 8/6/2026 at 1609 [REDACTED] was found deceased with injuries consistent with strangulation to include petechia to eyes, eye lids, face, redness and scratches in various locations around the neck. Bruising to meaty part of thumb prominence on both hands which is consistent with defensive wounds. A blanket was placed over the body covering the head. [REDACTED] was still in her jeans and shirt. There were signs of a struggle to include broken glass and a knocked over plant. Investigators located a key ring with several charms/pendants/fobs in her right hand, but there were no keys on the key chain. There were no signs of forced entry.

Victim and suspect were not seen by anyone on 8/5/2026 at the complex.