

INTERIM COMPLAINT

STATE OF ARIZONA

Date 7/19/2025

Court Justice

Pima County, State of Arizona

vs.

Roger Schmidt

No. 1

Defendant's Name (Please Print)

Precinct No. 1

Arresting Agency Tucson Police Dept

Agency Case No. [REDACTED]

Arresting Officer Det. David Miller 41534

BOND RECOMMENDATION

High Bond Low Bond

No Recommendation ☒

Hold Without Bond

INTERIM COMPLAINT:

To be used only where necessary to comply with the provisions of Rule 4.1, *Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure*.

PLEASE PRINT CHARGING INFORMATION

The undersigned, having appeared personally and having been duly sworn does, upon information and belief, accuse Roger Schmidt of the crime(s) of Failure to appear (FTA), fugitive from justice (out-of-state/felony)

committed on the 19th day of July, 20 25, in Pima County, in violation of A.R.S. Section 13-3842

Statute(s)

7-20-25

Date

4370
Complaining Witness

[Signature]
Name and Agency (Please Print)

Statement of Probable Cause:

Tucson Police Detectives were contacted by the Shasta County Sheriff's Office in California about a Tucson resident Roger Schmidt. Shasta County Investigators advised that Schmidt was a suspect in a sexual assault and homicide that occurred in Shasta County in 1984. Probable cause was established and investigators from Shasta County obtained an arrest warrant related to the 1984 homicide/sexual assault case. Schmidt was contacted at his residence, [REDACTED] in Tucson, AZ by Tucson PD Detective David Miller, and Schmidt was taken into custody based on the arrest warrant.

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Date

Det. David Miller 41534

Reporting Officer / Badge No.

This court has found reasonable cause to believe that such offense was committed and that the defendant committed it.

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Date

[Signature]
Justice of the Peace / Magistrate

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Warrant Number: [REDACTED]



STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SHASTA
ARREST WARRANT AND AFFIDAVIT

AFFIDAVIT

Det. Sergeant R. Richardson swears under penalty of perjury that the facts expressed by him/her in this Arrest Warrant and Affidavit and in the attached and incorporated herein Statement of Probable Cause are true and correct and that based thereon upon his/her experience and expertise that he/she has probable cause to arrest the person described below pursuant to Penal Code § 817, as set forth below. Wherefore, affiant requests that this Arrest Warrant be issued.

Signed by:
Robert Richardson
(Shasta County Sheriff's Office)

7/18/2025 | 5:03 PM PDT
Date / Time(s)

ARREST WARRANT

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA TO ANY SHERIFF, POLICE OFFICER, OR PEACE OFFICER IN THE COUNTY OF SHASTA: proof by affidavit having been made before me by

Det. Sergeant R. Richardson that there is probable cause to arrest the person described herein, I find there is probable cause to believe that the Arrestee committed the crime(s) listed below:

Crime(s): 187 PC - 1st degree Murder w/ 3 special circumstances pursuant to California penal code section 190.2(a)(17), Lying in wait, rape, kidnapping

YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED TO ARREST Roger Neil Schmidt Sr. and to bring the defendant before any magistrate in Shasta County pursuant to Penal Code § 821, 825, 826, and 848.

Arrestee Information

Name: Roger Neil Schmidt Sr.
AKAs: N/A
Address: [REDACTED]
Sex: Male
Race: White
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]
Height: 5'08
Weight: ~300 pounds
Hair color: Bro

SERVED	
DATE: 7/19/25	TIME: 1400
OFFICER: Miller	PR 4584
AGENCY: TPD	
LOCATION OF ARREST: [REDACTED]	

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Eye color: Bro
Scars, marks,
or tattoos: Two hearts with the word "Veni Roger" on right shoulder
Drivers license
number: [REDACTED]
Other
information: [REDACTED]

Bail:

- ☒ No Bail or
☐ Defendant is admitted to bail in the amount of Hold without ability to post bail. Preventative Detention

It is further ordered that upon adjudication of the case(s) against all defendant(s) in this action, including the resolution of any and all appeals, and the written concurrence of the Shasta County District Attorney's Office, any seized property be disposed of in accordance with the procedures set forth in California Penal Code § 1407-1422, without the necessity of a further Court Order issued pursuant to California Penal Code § 1536.

Night Service Authorization for Misdemeanor arrest:

- ☒ Good cause for night service having been established in the supporting statement of probable cause, this misdemeanor warrant may be executed at any hour of the day or night.

This Arrest Warrant and Affidavit were sworn to as true and subscribed before me. Wherefore, I find probable cause for the issuance of this Arrest Warrant and do issue it.

Deputy Signed by:

Daniel P. Flynn
(Signature of Magistrate)

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Date / Time

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(Print Name of Magistrate)

Judge of the Superior Court of the State of California, County of Shasta

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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SHASTA
(Statement of Probable Cause)**

I. NAME, POSITION, AND DEPARTMENT OF AFFIANT

Detective Sergeant Robert Richardson, Shasta County Sheriff's Office

II. NARRATIVE OF PROBABLE CASE

On 12/14/1984, at 2325 hours, the California Highway Patrol contacted the Shasta County Sheriff's Office. They advised they were with a shooting victim at the intersection of Main Street and Marquette Street in the City of Burney, County of Shasta, CA. When deputies with the Shasta County Sheriff's Office arrived, they found a vehicle parked in the roadway with a male gunshot victim, later identified as Terrance (Terry) Arndt (DOB [REDACTED], Age 18), inside of the vehicle. Also, a female victim, later identified as Confidential Victim-1, (CV-1, DOB [REDACTED] Female, Age 18) was sitting in the CHP patrol vehicle. Terry had several gunshot wounds, including one to his head. Terry was profusely bleeding and attempting to breath. He was transported to Mercy Medical Center in Redding where he succumbed to his wounds.

Earlier that night, the two friends were in Terry's vehicle together. Terry was in the driver's seat, and CV-1 was in the passenger seat of his car. The two had driven together on Mountain View Road, past Burney High School, parked and began a conversation.

Approximately 10 minutes after they parked, a car drove past the driver's side of Terry's vehicle. CV-1 described the vehicle. Terry moved the vehicle to another dirt road a short distance away. Again, the same car pulled behind Terry's vehicle with only its parking lights on. The car's headlights turned on and the car passed them again.

CV-1 nor Terry knew who the driver was. After approximately 10-15 minutes the same vehicle approached them again, and as it drove past, the driver flicked a cigarette at Terry's vehicle. Again, the vehicle past them, with only its parking lights on. Approximately 15 minutes later, the driver's side window exploded. Terry yelled, "Get Down!" He pulled CV-1's head into his lap and bent over her to protect her. When Terry raised his head up again, CV-1 heard a gunshot and saw Terry jerk as if he was just shot. Blood emerged on Terry's shirt, he started gurgling and his hands started twitching.

Suddenly, a male appeared at the passenger side of the vehicle and was yelling for CV-1 to get out of the car. The male was armed with a firearm. The male ordered CV-1 to walk up a hill, away from the vehicle. The suspect ordered CV-1 to remove her clothing, while pointing the firearm at her. The suspect sexually assaulted CV-1 multiple times. When he was done, he told CV-1 to pick up her clothes and return to the vehicle.

CV-1 returned to the vehicle where she laid on the seat, where she expected to be killed. At this point the suspect left the scene, with CV-1 still laying on the seat. Terry was still in the seated position in the driver's seat. CV-1 had to drive the vehicle to the roadway to hail for help. Terry remained in the car while she drove.

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At the time of this crime, an extensive investigation was conducted by the Shasta County Sheriff's Office. Over 40 years, thousands of hours were spent trying to solve these crimes.

In the late 1990's, Thomas Brewster was arrested and charged in this case. It ended in a mistrial when seminal DNA evidence was located on CV-1's clothes. The DNA located did not match Brewster, and it was concluded he was not responsible for the crimes he had been charged with.

In 2025, I revisited this case. I utilized scientific advances and developed a new possible suspect, Roger Neil Schmidt Sr. (DOB [REDACTED] Age 23 at the time of crime). Schmidt lived in Burney at the time of the crime. In 1983, Schmidt was convicted in Shasta County of crimes and had been booked into the Shasta County jail. Schmidt was not contacted in 1984 regarding this case.

On July 18, 2025, I traveled to Tucson, Arizona and coordinated with the Tucson Police Department. Detectives and I had located Schmidt at his daughter's apartment at [REDACTED]. Schmidt was living at the residence with his daughter, her spouse and their children. A physical characteristics court order (ARS 13-3905) was issued by The Honorable Judge Scott McDonald with Pima County Superior Court, ordering Schmidt to provide his DNA for comparison. As a result, the court order was executed, and a sample of Schmidt's DNA was collected directly from him at his residence.

Schmidt's DNA was submitted to Tucson Police Department's forensic lab, who extracted the DNA and compared it to the profile that was collected from the clothing of CV-1 on the night she was assaulted. Later on the night of the 18th, the lab confirmed Schmidt's DNA profile match the suspects profile.

III. ATTACHMENTS

N/A

IV. NIGHT SERVICE

This warrant is a violent felony, and eligible for night service.

V. OTHER INFORMATION

I am requesting no bail. The charges Schmidt is accused of is extremely violent in nature, causing a concern to public safety and a high likelihood of a flight risk. He has ties to Virginia and Tucson, AZ which is approximately 60 miles from the US-Mexico Border. Combined with the fact he has evaded law enforcement for over 40 years.

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VI. CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT

N/A

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