

## THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

9<sup>th</sup> CIRCUIT COURT  
DISTRICT DIVISION - MANCHESTER

JULY TERM, 2019

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF ARREST**

I, Detective Kevin O'Meara, being duly sworn, depose and say:

That I am a Police Officer with the Manchester, New Hampshire Police Department and have been a Police Officer for Fifteen years. My current assignment is as a Detective with the Manchester Police Department Domestic and Sexual Violence Unit. My duties and responsibilities as a detective include the investigation of all types of crimes that occur in the City of Manchester to include investigations of crimes such as sex crimes, assaults, homicides and other domestic related offences. I have been in this assignment since May of 2017.

I graduated from the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training full time academy in 2005 as a full time employee with the Town of Ossipee, New Hampshire. Since graduating from the full time academy, I have received advanced training and work related experience in fields such as, Sexual Assaults, Domestic Violence, Homicide Investigations, Drug Investigations, warrants and complaints, Interview and Interrogations and more. I have also participated in sexual assault investigations, domestic violence investigations, homicide investigations and drug related investigations as a patrol officer prior to becoming a detective.

The information set forth below is based upon my personal involvement in the investigation into the death of Jennifer Burpee (DOB: 8/30/73), in Manchester, New Hampshire, as well as discussions with other members of law enforcement in that investigation.

- 1) On July 23, 2019, at approximately 9:47 p.m., officers from the Manchester Police Department responded to 55 Amory Street Apt. #708 in Manchester, New Hampshire, for a 9-1-1 call from Jennifer Burpee, who was reporting that her boyfriend, Damien T. Seace (DOB: 4/30/1984), was at her apartment, he had taken her cat, and he was going to kill her. 55 Amory Street is an eleven-story, light colored apartment building of the Manchester Housing Authority at the intersection of Amory Street and Coolidge Avenue in Manchester.
- 2) During the 9-1-1 call, Burpee reported that Seace had grabbed her, but she was able to isolate herself in the apartment and call 9-1-1 while he was in the hallway outside the door. She reported that Seace was intoxicated and she stressed that he was "violent." While she was on the phone with 9-1-1, she began screaming that he was breaking down her door. After that the recording captures her continuing to scream. She screamed: "DON'T KILL ME, NO!" She repeatedly yelled: "OWW," "HE'S KILLING ME!," "DAMIEN STOP!," "ANYBODY HELP!," "HE'S KILLING ME!" At one point, it sounded as though someone was being assaulted. Eventually, Burpee stopped screaming and made no more statements.
- 3) As officers arrived at the building, a bystander informed officers that the noise was coming from apartment #708. Officers knocked on the door and there was no answer. The officers opened the


unsecured door and observed blood all over the ground. They observed a female, later identified as Burpee, lying face down on the floor. There was a large pool of blood around Burpee's face. There was significant trauma to Burpee's head. Burpee was unresponsive, not breathing, and did not have a pulse.

- 4) While sweeping the apartment for any threats, Officer Alexander Martens walked from the Burpee to the kitchen and saw a broken wooden piece of furniture. He noticed broken shards around Burpee's position on the floor. Another officer later observed what appeared to be a leg broken off the furniture on the living room floor. Officer Martens also observed bloody fingerprints on the bathroom doorknob. Believing that someone was in the bathroom, he ordered the person to come out with their hands up. A male voice responded that he would not because he was scared. Officer Martens gave multiple commands for the person to exit the bathroom with his hands up. While continuing to yell commands, officers pulled Burpee into the hallway. At some point thereafter, Officer Martens heard water running in the bathroom.
- 5) Eventually, Seace exited the bathroom holding a cat. Officer Martens observed that Seace was covered in blood and his pants were ripped in the crotch. Officers gave him numerous commands to drop the cat and put his hands up. He refused to comply and yelled something to the effect of, "FUCKING SHOOT ME!" and began closing the distance between himself and the officers. After several moments, an Officer was forced to deploy a taser device. When the taser struck Seace, he dropped to the ground into the pool of blood near where Burpee was found. Seace was then taken into custody. While escorting him from the apartment, out of the building, Seace brushed up against doorways and/or walls in the common areas of the building, leaving blood transfer in several areas. Additionally, while escorting him out of the building, Seace began to whistle and told officers that he was drunk.
- 6) During a canvass of the neighboring apartments, Officer Edwin Sepulveda spoke with Burpee's neighbors in apartment #707. They reported that they heard a women screaming for help and heard lots of loud noises, as if someone was being slammed against a wall. One of the neighbors reported that after the commotion stopped, Seace knocked on their apartment door. She said they refused to open the door, so eventually Seace left and returned to apartment #708.
- 7) On July 24, 2019, at approximately 4:21 a.m., Detective Stephen Flynn and I interviewed Seace. At the outset, Seace confirmed that he was familiar with his Miranda rights and has had them read to him before. I reviewed the Miranda form with him. He said that he understood each of his rights. Seace indicated that he understood each of those rights, agreed to waive each right, and would talk with us.
- 8) Seace explained that he and Burpee had been together romantically for three years. When he was asked why he thought he was at the police station, he said for the incident that happened. He also said he was not sure whether Burpee was alive or not afterwards. He said prior to the incident, he had taken "3 boxes" of Coricidin cough medicine. He stated that he and Burpee then got into a verbal altercation and he became enraged. He admitted that he took an end table type piece of furniture and hit her. When asked where he hit her, Seace said in the head. He stated that he went, "caveman" and "berserker," and that he saw "red." At one point, Seace said something to the effect of, "I'm not going to shed any tears for that person because I don't have any for that human anymore."

- 9) Regarding the Coricidin, Seace said that he had taken the pills frequently in the past. He explained that he tries not to take more than three boxes, because if he takes four or five, he “blacks out” and has seizures. Later in the interview, Seace explained that between 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on July 23, 2019, he was looking around Manchester for Burpee because he knew she was intoxicated and she wanders when is intoxicated. He advised that he was unable to find her. *Seace* said that he drank two bottles of red wine around 6:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. Seace indicated that he was sober now, but “might” be feeling a bit hung over during the interview. After drinking the wine, he said that he went back to Burpee’s apartment. At the apartment, they got into the argument. Seace stated that Burpee was mad because he had been gone. Seace said that he was mad that she had left earlier that day, leaving him home alone while he was asleep with a homeless person she let sleep in the apartment the night before. He said he felt disrespected. At one point during the interview, Seace said that both he and Burpee drank, and acted as if they had bipolar disorder.
- 10) Seace explained that at some point he was outside the apartment in the hallway with the cat, and that Burpee let him back in. He said that the two of them argued, and he then grabbed a small wooden end table type piece of furniture and hit Burpee in the head. He said that a leg from the piece of furniture broke off, so he used the leg to continue “to bludgeon” her in the head with it. He estimated that he bludgeoned her 20 times in the head. He recalled Burpee saying, “Please stop!” He remembered thinking in his head at one point, “You’re done.”
- 11) When he was asked whether he thought that Burpee got what she deserves, he said, “Yeah.” When asked if he was in the mindset that he wanted to kill her, he said, “I was.”
- 12) Based upon the foregoing information (and upon my personal knowledge), there is probable cause to believe that on or about Tuesday, July 23, 2019, Damien Seace (DOB 04/30/1984) did commit the crime of second degree murder, contrary to RSA 630:1-b, I(a), in that Damien Seace did knowingly cause the death of another, Jennifer Burpee (DOB 08/30/1973), by inflicting blunt force trauma to Jennifer Burpee’s body with a piece of furniture, killing her.

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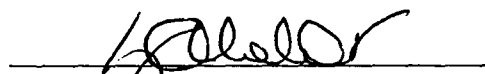
13) Based upon the foregoing information (and upon my personal knowledge), there is also probable cause to believe that on or about Tuesday, July 23, 2019, Damien Seace (DOB 04/30/1984) did commit the crime of second degree murder, contrary to RSA 630:1-b, I(b), in that Damien Seace did recklessly under circumstances manifesting an extreme indifference to the value of human life cause the death of another, Jennifer Burpee (DOB 08/30/1973), by inflicting blunt force trauma to Jennifer Burpee's body with a piece of furniture, killing her.

  
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Detective Kevin O'Meara  
Manchester Police Department

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HILLSBOROUGH, SS

Personally/~~Telephonically~~/~~Electronically~~ appeared the above-named, Det. Kevin O'Meara, and took oath that the factual allegations contained in the above affidavit are true to the best of his knowledge and beliefs.

Before me,

  
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Justice/ Justice of the Peace  
916 Circuit Court - Manchester  
KIMBERLY A. CHABOT

Date: 7/24/2019

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## JUDICIAL BRANCH

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

9TH CIRCUIT – DISTRICT COURT - MANCHESTER

### ARREST WARRANT

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WE COMMAND YOU to take the Defendant, if found to be in your precinct, and bring him before the Hillsborough County Superior Court – Northern District.

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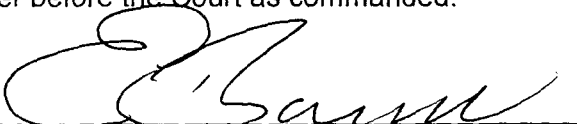
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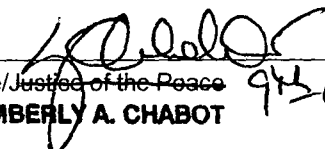
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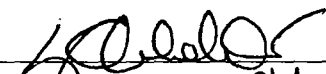
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