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For the Seventh Judicial Circuit of Illinois
Sangamon County, Springfield, Illinois
Criminal Division

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,)
Plaintiff,) No. 2022-CF-000017
-vs-)
BENJAMIN H REED)
Defendant,) Complaint 01 of 05

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In the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Illinois, LT. A. CONARD, hereinafter called the complainant, on oath charges that on or about JANUARY 4, 2022, in Sangamon County, Illinois, BENJAMIN H REED, hereinafter called the defendant, committed the offense of FIRST DEGREE MURDER, in violation of Section 5/9-1(a)(1), Chapter 720, of the Illinois Compiled Statutes, in that said defendant, without lawful justification and with the intent to kill or do great bodily harm to Deidre Silas, stabbed and struck Deidre Silas about her body with one or more deadly weapons, thereby causing the death of Deidre Silas and when said defendant committed the offense of First Degree Murder, the First Degree Murder was accompanied by exceptionally brutal or heinous behavior indicative of wanton cruelty, and said defendant committed the murder with intent to prevent the murdered person from giving material assistance to the State in any investigation either against the defendant or another.

X LT. A. Conard

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this date, January 5, 2022.

Kathryn A. Lee
NOTARY PUBLIC

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X *Lt. A. Conard*

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this date, January 5, 2022.

Harry R. Lee

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X *LT. A. Conard*

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this date, January 5, 2022.

Kathryn A. Lee
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X *LT. A. Conard*

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this date, January 6, 2022.

Robert A. Lee
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
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CRIMINAL DIVISION**

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE)	
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<i>Plaintiff,</i>)	
)	
v.)	Case No. 2022-CF-17
)	
BENJAMIN H. REED,)	
<i>Defendant.</i>)	

**PETITION FOR DENIAL OF BAIL PURSUANT TO 725 ILCS
5/110-6.1**

NOW COME the People of the State of Illinois, by Daniel K. Wright, Sangamon County State’s Attorney who moves this Honorable Court, pursuant to 725 ILCS 5/110-6.1, to enter an order to deny the Defendant bail. In support of said motion, the People state as follows:

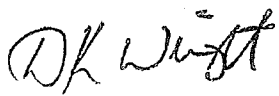
1. The Defendant is charged in this cause with the offenses of First Degree Murder, Aggravated Battery and Aggravated Unlawful Restraint. The People allege the offenses were accompanied by “exceptionally brutal or heinous behavior indicative of wanton cruelty.” 720 ILCS 5/5-5-3.2. As alleged, the Defendant faces a potential sentence of natural life.
2. The evidence will show that Deidre Silas, an employee of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, was conducting a home visit at Defendant’s residence in Thayer, Illinois. During the visit, Defendant attacked and killed Mrs. Silas. According to the Sangamon County Coroner’s preliminary findings, Mrs. Silas died as a result of multiple sharp force injuries and blunt force trauma.
3. After the murder, the Defendant fled the residence with an adult female and four

juveniles. The Defendant was later arrested in Decatur, Illinois and made numerous incriminating statements to law enforcement and medical personnel.

4. Pursuant to 725 ILCS 5/110-6.1, the Court may deny bail when a defendant is charged with a non-probationable felony offense and the defendant poses a real and present threat to the physical safety of any person or persons.
5. The proof is evident that the Defendant committed the offense of First Degree Murder and such conduct was accompanied by exceptionally brutal or heinous behavior indicative of wanton cruelty. Given the alleged conduct, the Defendant poses a real and present threat to the physical safety of any person or persons. Further, there is no combination of bond conditions that can reasonably assure the physical safety of the community.

WHEREFORE, the People of the State of Illinois respectfully request that this Honorable Court deny the Defendant bail and remand the Defendant to the custody of the Sheriff of Sangamon County pending trial, together with any other relief the Court deems proper.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

DANIEL K. WRIGHT
Sangamon County State's Attorney

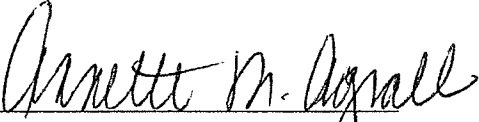
Daniel K. Wright
Sangamon County State's Attorney
200 South 9th St., Rm. 402
Springfield, IL 62701
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VERIFICATION

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements of fact set forth in this instrument are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

By: 
DANIEL K. WRIGHT
Sangamon County State's Attorney

Subscribed and sworn to
Before me this 6th day of JAN., 2022.



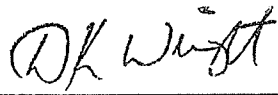


PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that service of the foregoing was made by enclosing a true copy thereof in an envelope plainly addressed to:

Sangamon County Public Defender's Office
200 S. 9th Street #301B
Springfield, IL 62701

and depositing the same in the U.S. Mail, First Class postage fully prepaid, on 1/6/22, 2022.

By: 
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