

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
STATE OF IDAHO, COUNTY OF BONNEVILLE  
MAGISTRATE COURT

BONNEVILLE COUNTY, IDAHO  
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STATE OF IDAHO, )  
Plaintiff, )  
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vs. )  
BRIAN L. DRIPPS )  
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DETECTIVE SAGE ALBRIGHT  
IN SUPPORT OF ARREST WARRANT

Detective Sage Albright, Idaho Falls Police Department, states and affirms as follows:

1. On June 13, 1996 Angie Raye Dodge (DOB 12/21/1977) was murdered between 0045hrs and 1115hrs at 444 "I" Street in Idaho Falls, Idaho.
2. On June 14, 1996 an autopsy was performed on Dodge. During the autopsy, semen was recovered from Dodge's legs. A sexual assault kit was used for evidence retrieval. Dodge's cause of death was determined to be the result of a laceration to her throat, severing her right carotid artery and jugular vein.
3. On June 21, 1996 the Idaho State Forensic Laboratory determined that there was semen present in the rape kit.
4. On July 15, 1996 the Idaho State Forensic Laboratory advised that semen had been recovered from the exterior and interior of a pair of sweatpants that Dodge had been wearing at the time that her body was discovered.
5. On August 8, 1996 the Idaho State Forensic Laboratory advised that the semen samples taken from Dodge's legs and the semen samples taken from Dodge's sweatpants came from the same donor.
6. On October 3, 1997 the Idaho State Forensic Laboratory advised that a pink blanket that had been collected from the crime scene had been analyzed. Semen mixed with blood was found on the blanket. The semen was found to be consistent with the other samples taken from Dodge's legs and sweatpants. The blood from the mixture was Dodge's.
7. In December 1996 and January 1997, Christopher Conley Tapp confessed to being involved in the rape and murder of Angie Dodge. Tapp's DNA did not match the DNA found at the scene. Although Tapp gave law enforcement names of the person who

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- deposited the DNA at the scene, none of them were Brian Dripps and none of the information Tapp gave led to any viable suspect.
8. A DNA profile for a suspect was created using DNA evidence from the crime scene. In 2001 said DNA profile was entered into the Combined DNA Index System or "CODIS", the Federal Bureau of Investigations DNA database.
  9. On February 24, 2017 Parabon Nanolabs developed a composite profile of likely physical characteristics of the suspect DNA donor determining that the suspect likely had fair skin (91.6% confidence), Brown/Hazel eyes (93.8% confidence), Brown/Blond hair (92.1% confidence), and some freckles (66.7% confidence).
  10. On January 7, 2019 Parabon Nanolabs generated a "Genetic Genealogy Report" by using the DNA profile that had been generated from evidence at the crime scene and comparing that sample with individuals participating in multiple DNA databases.
  11. Parabon developed the hypothesis that the unknown DNA donor was a male descendant of Clarence Wayne Ussery (1896-1949) and his wife Cleo Ardis Landrum (1899-1979).
  12. Through further research and review Parabon determined that the DNA donor was likely one of six known descendents of Clarence W. Ussery and Cleo A. Landrum; Lawrence J. "Larry" Ussery, Michael J. Ussery, Michael L. Ussery, Robert W. Ussery, Michael W. Ussery, or Wendell R. Ussery.
  13. Parabon advised that a DNA sample collected from any of the aforementioned six individuals would lead the investigation closer to, or precisely to, the unknown DNA donor's identification.
  14. On February 8, 2019 a surreptitious DNA sample was collected from Wendell R. Ussery.
  15. Wendell R. Ussery's DNA sample was determined to not be a match to the DNA recovered from the crime scene.
  16. Parabon determined that Wendell R. Ussery did share DNA with the unknown suspect. Parabon and that the suspect is likely a first cousin once-removed to second cousin once-removed.
  17. On May 6, 2019 Parabon produced a report identifying Brian L. Dripps Sr. (DOB 6/15/1965) as the likely DNA donor, in the form of semen and hair, at the Dodge crime scene.
  18. Brian L. Dripps Sr. is a previously unknown descendent of Clarence and Cleo Ussery.
  19. Brian L. Dripps Sr. is a biological son of Phillip L. Ussery and Linda Darnell.
  20. Brian L. Dripps Sr. is fair skinned, with brown eyes, and brown hair.

21. During an independent review of the Dodge investigation, I found that Brian L. Dripps Sr. had been living at 459 "I" Street in Idaho Falls, Idaho from April 3, 1996 to August 2, 1996. 459 "I" Street is directly across the street from 444 "I" Street.
22. On June 18, 1996 Brian L. Dripps Sr. was contacted by Officer Buc Rogers at 459 "I" Street. Brian L. Dripps Sr. told Officer Rogers that he went out drinking on June 12, 1996 and came home at approximately 2330hrs, went back out, and came home at approximately 0300hrs on June 13, 1996. Brian L. Dripps Sr. told Officer Rogers that he was extremely drunk and couldn't remember any vehicles or people in the area.
23. No further investigation was conducted concerning Brian L. Dripps Sr. at the time.
24. On August 2, 1996 Brian L. Dripps Sr. disconnected his utilities at 459 "I" Street, leaving a forwarding address in El Dorado, California.
25. On May 10, 2019 a surreptitious DNA sample was collected from Brian L. Dripps Sr. from a cigarette butt he discarded.
26. On May 10, 2019 the DNA sample collected from Brian L. Dripps Sr. was submitted to the Idaho State Police Forensic Laboratory for analysis and comparison to the unidentified samples collected from the Angie Dodge crime scene.
27. On May 11, 2019 the Idaho State Police Forensic Laboratory advised that the sample collected from Brian L. Dripps Sr. is a match to the DNA profiles previously taken from the Angie Dodge crime scene.
28. On May 15, 2019, your affiant contacted Brian L. Dripps in Caldwell, Idaho. Your affiant and Sgt. John Marley asked Dripps to speak with us at the Caldwell Police Department headquarters in Caldwell. Dripps agreed to speak with us at the station.
29. Once at the station, Dripps was provided a Miranda rights form, which he signed, and agreed to speak with myself and Sgt. Marley.
30. Dripps continually denied being in Angie Dodge's apartment at any point or having any with her whatsoever.
31. During the interview, Dripps was confronted with DNA test results obtained by Idaho Falls Police Department. He initially continued to deny having entered Angie Dodge's apartment. He then admitted to killing Angie Dodge. He said that he intended only to rape her and did not mean to kill her. He confirmed that he entered Dodge's apartment by himself with a knife with the intent to rape her, that he did in fact rape her, that he had held a knife to her throat during the commission of the rape, and had cut her throat. He said that

he washed his gloves in the bathroom, because they were covered in blood. He said however that he believed that Angie Dodge was still alive when he left her apartment. He said that he then returned to his apartment across the street.

32. Therefore, your affiant prays that a warrant be issued for the arrest of Brian L. Dripps for the offenses of Murder, I.C. 18-4001, I.C. 18-4003(d), and Rape, I.C. 18-6101.

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**"I, Sage Albright," declare under penalty of perjury pursuant to the law of the State of Idaho that the information contained in this document and attached reports and documents that may be included herein is true and correct to the best of my information and belief."**

**Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2019 Signed: Sage Albright**

**UPON considering the above statement of probable cause, the Court hereby finds probable cause to exist for the above offense.**

Dated this 15 day of May, 20 19.

  
Magistrate

