

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

GRAFTON, SS.

2nd Circuit-District Division-Littleton

Supporting Affidavit for Issuance of an Arrest Warrant and Search Warrants

I, Jeffrey D. Ladieu, being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I am a Detective Sergeant with the New Hampshire State Police, currently assigned to the Headquarters Investigative Services Bureau, Major Crime Unit. I have been employed by the Department of Safety, Division of State Police since April of 2000; prior to my assignment with the NH State Police I was employed by our United States Government. I was assigned within the United States Army Special Operations Command (USSOCOM), 3rd Ranger Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment on a direct action unit 1995 – 2000.
2. I have successfully completed my basic police training at the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training facility in Concord, NH; graduating from the 122nd full time academy. In furtherance to this basic training at the New Hampshire Police Academy, I have attended and successfully completed numerous college level classes, courses, and seminars, among other specialized training in the field of criminal investigations throughout my law enforcement career, to include; practical homicide investigation, social media, statement analysis, interview and interrogation, crime scene duties and responsibilities, and evidence preservation. Additionally, I am a certified forensic polygraph examiner, a psycho-physiological detection of deception technique, and an associate of the 24th Colonel Henry Williams Homicide Seminar – New York State Police. In my capacity as a New Hampshire State Trooper, I have investigated numerous criminal cases which have resulted in the successful apprehension and conviction of a number of suspects.
3. My duties and responsibilities as a Detective Sergeant within the New Hampshire State Police, Major Crime Unit include leading, conducting and or assisting with investigations of serious crimes committed against persons, to include but not limited to; homicide, police involved shootings, serious assaults, sexual assaults and public integrity related offenses.
4. I have information based upon various law enforcement reports as well as interviews with witnesses that the following incident occurred:
5. On Monday, January 28, 2013, at approximately 8:52 p.m., Grafton County Dispatch received a 911 hang-up call from a back office phone at the Hampton Inn located at 580 Meadow Street in Littleton, New Hampshire. Officer David

Wentworth, Officer Blaine Hall, and Officer Justin Barnum of the Littleton Police Department responded to the Hampton Inn.

6. While he was en route, Grafton County Dispatch relayed to Officer Wentworth that they were receiving additional calls reporting a disturbance at the Hampton Inn.
7. Officer Wentworth arrived at the Hampton Inn and began searching the area of the lobby and observed a food station where a number of items had been knocked to the floor. Officer Wentworth also observed a large amount of what appeared to be blood on the floor near the food station. Officer Wentworth then requested an ambulance respond to the Hampton Inn.
8. Officer Wentworth was then directed to the third floor of the hotel by a Hampton Inn employee who stated that both a male and female were involved in the apparent disturbance.
9. At that time, Officer Hall of the Littleton Police Department relayed to Officer Wentworth that he had detained a male subject outside of the hotel that was acting erratic.
10. Officer Hall and Officer Barnum had entered the parking lot close to the lobby. While there Officer Hall observed a tall man in blue jeans and a blue shirt in the parking lot farthest from the lobby entrance.
11. Officers Hall and Barnum exited their cruiser and observed this individual, later identified as Rodney Hill (DOB:10/16/1975), raising his arms and yelling something unintelligible. Hill then turned in the opposite direction and began running across the parking lot parallel to the hotel and ran head-first into a white panel van and crumpled to the ground. Hill continued yelling something unintelligible the entire time.
12. At that point Grafton County Dispatch advised Officer Hall that they were receiving reports of a male acting erratically.
13. Officer Hall then began moving toward Hill who had stood up and begun walking toward the hotel.
14. As Officer Hall approached Hill he removed his Taser, and commanded the defendant to stop, turn around, and put his hands up. Hill said to Officer Hall, "go ahead and tase me," and made statements about his cell phone.

15. As Hill got close, both Officer Hall and Officer Barnum observed that Hill was barefoot and had blood on his feet.
16. After a few moments, Hill complied with Officer Hall's commands and was handcuffed by Officer Barnum. While he was being handcuffed Officer Barnum asked Hill what had happened and Hill stated "it was a test" and that he "was being tested." Hill stated that being barefoot and hitting his head against the van were tests that he had to pass.
17. Hill was then placed in a Littleton cruiser where he remained with Officer Barnum. While in the cruiser Hill was worked-up and acting manic and agitated. At one point Hill hit his head against the cruiser's divider. Officer Barnum asked Hill what had happened and Hill stated "I made a choice" but did not specify what he meant.
18. Hill then began to recount being in the Navy and also stated his social security number which included the numbers "666." Hill stated he was seeing a psychiatrist and that he was a welder. Hill stated that he was prescribed Seroquel, and that he takes 25 mg in the morning and 100 mg at night.
19. Hill also complained about blood in his mouth and stated he had a laceration on his tongue.
20. Hill continued to ramble and stated that the only person he ever hurt was the woman in the inn. He stated "she was innocent."
21. Hill also stated that his father was Lucifer and that he had many names and that he wanted his father kept away from him. Officer Barnum asked Hill what his father's name was and Hill later stated that his father's name is Ronald Earl Hill.
22. Hill also made a number of references to a smart phone and stated that it had distracted him from the knife. Hill gestured toward the hotel when discussing the smart phone indicating that it was still inside.
23. Officer Barnum asked Hill where the knife was and Hill stated that he did not know where the knife was but later stated that the knife was in the hotel, and then stated that it was not important where the knife was.
24. Hill stated that he would not fight and that he was sorry for what he had done. Hill stated that the only war he ever fought was the war he fought that night.
25. Officer Hall then entered the Hampton Inn and spoke with an individual who identified himself as a 911 caller, who stated he had witnessed an individual

attacking a woman, yelling at the desk clerk, and then running out of the hotel. This individual, Dan Mammola, later provided a written statement.

26. Officer Hall identified a knife on the ground in the lobby and put a marker on it. Officer Hall then ordered Hampton Inn staff to close the hotel and restrict hotel entrance.
27. While Officers Hall and Barnum were detaining Hill, Officer Wentworth proceeded to the hotel elevator and observed blood on the elevator carpet. Officer Wentworth took the elevator to the third floor and upon exiting the elevator noticed a large amount of blood covering the entire area of the tiled hallway floor. An elderly female, later identified as Dr. Catherine "Kitty" Houghton (DOB: 5/21/1942), standing in the middle of the tiled floor in the hallway next to a table with a phone on it. Houghton's clothes appeared to be blood-soaked and a large collection of blood was on the floor where she was standing. The phone on the table was also covered in blood.
28. Officer Wentworth asked Houghton if she was armed and she stated that she did not have any weapons and that she had just been assaulted downstairs. Houghton stated she did not know where she was bleeding from or what type of injury she had suffered. Houghton then stated she was feeling dizzy and she sat down on the floor next to the table with her back up against the wall.
29. Houghton's demeanor remained calm throughout her interaction with Officer Wentworth.
30. Houghton stated to Officer Wentworth that a male individual had attacked her but she did not know what he was wearing or what he looked like. Houghton was only able to tell Officer Wentworth that she had been attacked from behind.
31. At that point Houghton began to close her eyes and Officer Wentworth continued to talk with Houghton in an effort to keep her awake and conscious. Houghton stated to Officer Wentworth that she was visiting from California and was staying at the Hampton Inn in room number 324. She further stated that she was a trustee at the White Mountain School and was almost finished with her visit.
32. Officer Wentworth asked Houghton if she had been stabbed and she stated that she did not know if she had been stabbed, but she did state that she was starting to feel nauseous.
33. Officer Hall then retrieved a camera and began photographing the scene beginning at the front door and ending on the third floor.

34. Shortly thereafter, EMS arrived on scene and began to treat Houghton. As they removed the clothes on Houghton's upper body, Officer Wentworth observed a large laceration in the middle Houghton's throat. Officer Wentworth photographed Houghton's injury prior to a dressing being applied to the wound.
35. Houghton was then placed on a stretcher and taken from the scene. Houghton later succumbed to her injuries at Littleton Regional Hospital.
36. Officer Hall then returned to the front lobby and secured the scene and began a scene log at approximately 9:30 p.m.
37. Officer Barnum then transported Hill to the Littleton Police Department. During transport, Hill became increasingly agitated and began speaking loudly and rapidly but made no statements related to the incident at the inn.
38. Once Officer Barnum arrived at the Littleton Police Department Hill was placed in a holding cell.
39. New Hampshire State Police Detective Eric Piche interviewed Erica Green on January 29, 2013, who was the on-duty manager at the Hampton Inn on January 28, 2013. Green stated that Hill had checked into the hotel at approximately 3:00 p.m., on January 28, 2013. Hill had asked for a three-night stay and stated that he was from the Danville, Vermont area and was escaping a divorce.
40. At approximately 8:45 p.m., Green was working at the front desk and was the only person in the lobby and at that time Houghton came to the front desk holding a remote control and stated she was having problems with it. Green stated that she solved the remote control issue and Houghton then walked over to the food counter area in the center of the lobby.
41. Green then heard yelling and saw Hill running down a hallway toward Houghton. Green stated Hill was yelling something that she could not understand. Green then saw Hill tackle Houghton and saw Hill get on top of Houghton and strike her repeatedly with his hand. Green did not know whether or not he had anything in his hand at that point. Green heard Houghton screaming and Hill stating something to the effect of, why did you do this, or how could you have done this. Green told Hill to stop and stated that she was calling the police.
42. Hill then stopped, stood up and calmly walked over to the front desk toward Green. As he walked toward her, Green observed that he was holding a Leatherman-type knife in his right hand.

43. Hill then began talking to Green about an apocalypse, that he was the salvation, and stated something about smart phones. As Hill was talking about the apocalypse and smart phone he drew the knife across his neck as if he were going to cut his own throat. Green stated that the knife scratched Hill's throat.
44. Green then saw Hill throw the knife and at that point she told Hill to leave. Hill then left the hotel through the front doors, slamming into the sliding door, and knocking it out of position. Green then dialed 911.
45. At approximately 1:07 a.m. on January 29, 2013, Hill was interviewed by Detective Sheldon Belanger and Detective Nathan Zipf of the New Hampshire State Police.
46. The interview was audio and video recorded. At the outset of the interview Hill was advised of his Miranda rights by Detective Belanger and he executed a written waiver agreeing to speak with the detectives.
47. Hill stated that he had been staying in room 107 at the Hampton Inn.
48. Hill stated that he had taken his prescription medications that evening when he had arrived at the hotel.
49. While in room 107 at the Hampton Inn, Hill described that he had become emotionally upset while reading an email from his boss. Hill was then attempting to reply and send an email or message from his smart phone to his boss, but the email would not go through. Hill believed his father was somehow preventing the email from transmitting. Hill then attempted to make a phone call that also would not go through.
50. Hill explained that at the time when he was unable to send the email or message he underwent a "biblical experience" wherein he thought he was Jesus due to the sacrifices he had made, and that his father was the devil and was out to ruin his family. He believed that his father, as the devil, would appear in a different form that he would not recognize.
51. Hill then thought that his father was at the door and locked the door. Hill then stated that he saw a shadow outside the hotel room window. He described that he ran to put pants and a shirt on, grabbed his knife, and ran out of room 107. He described to the detectives that as he was exiting the room he was thinking that he had to take the devil (or his father) out so that he could not hurt his family anymore.

52. Hill stated that he then saw a person with grey hair near the coffee stand and that he stabbed her because he thought she was the devil (or his father) who was there to hurt him. Hill stated that he remembered stabbing the female individual twice, once in the neck and once in the side with the Leatherman knife. Hill stated that he was holding the knife in his right hand when he stabbed her.
53. Hill stated that he remembered dropping the knife and going out into the snow-covered parking lot barefoot at which time the police arrived and he was detained. At one point during the interview Hill also stated that he recalled having contact with the hotel's front desk clerk before going out into the parking lot.
54. Based upon the foregoing information, and upon my personal knowledge, there is probable cause to believe that evidence of the crime of homicide may be found on the body or the clothing of Rodney Hill, including but not limited to: DNA sample via buccal swabs, blood swabbings, head hair samples, fingernail clippings, major case fingerprints, full body photographs, and clothing.
55. Based upon the foregoing information (and upon my personal knowledge) there is probable cause to believe that evidence of the crime of homicide may be found in room 107, the room rented by Rodney Hill at the Hampton Inn located at 580 Meadow Street, Littleton, New Hampshire, including but not limited to: prescription medications, personal belongings to include any clothing, cell phones, computers, electronic devices or personal documents.
56. Based upon the foregoing information (and upon my personal knowledge) there is probable cause to believe that evidence of the crime of homicide, including but not limited to: incoming/outgoing call logs, incoming/outgoing text messages, incoming/outgoing email messages, pictures message logs, and contact lists for Rodney Hill's cellular telephone, number (802) 535-5126.
57. Based upon the foregoing information (and upon my personal knowledge) there is probable cause to believe the defendant, Rodney Hill, did commit the crime of second-degree murder, in that he did knowingly cause the death of Dr. Catherine Houghton, whose date of birth is May 21, 1942, by stabbing her in the neck and torso.
58. Based upon the foregoing information (and upon my personal knowledge) there is probable cause to believe the defendant, Rodney Hill, did commit the crime of second-degree murder, in that he did recklessly cause the death of Dr. Catherine Houghton, whose date of birth is May 21, 1942, under circumstances manifesting an extreme indifference to the value of human life, by stabbing her in the neck and torso.

59. Wherefore, I request the court issue an arrest warrant and order a duly authorized officer to take the defendant and bring him before the court having jurisdiction.



Detective Sergeant Jeffrey D. Ladieu

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The above-named, Jeffrey D. Ladieu, personally appeared/telephonically appeared before me, and took oath that the factual allegations contained in the above affidavit are true to the best of his knowledge and beliefs. Before me,



Justice/ Justice of the Peace

Date: 1-29-2013