

COMPLAINT - WARRANT

COMPLAINT NUMBER				THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY VS. AUSTIN MELI ADDRESS: 1203 MOHEGAN ROAD WALL NJ 07719-0000	
1352	W	2020	000069		
COURT CODE	PREFIX	YEAR	SEQUENCE NO.		
WALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CT 2700 ALLAIRE RD WALL NJ 07719-0000 732-449-4666 COUNTY OF: MONMOUTH					
# of CHARGES 2	CO-DEFTS	POLICE CASE #: 201900707		DEFENDANT INFORMATION SEX: M EYE COLOR: HAZEL DOB: 08/09/1996 DRIVER'S LIC. # 1 DL STATE: SOCIAL SECURITY #: XXX-XX-3 SBI #: TELEPHONE #: (C) LIVESCAN PCN #:	
COMPLAINANT PTL C LISEWSKI NAME: PO BOX 1168 ATTN WARRANTS WALL NJ 07719					

By certification or on oath, the complainant says that to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief the named defendant on or about 03/09/2019 in **WALL TWP**, **MONMOUTH County, NJ** did: **WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, ON OR ABOUT 3/9/2019, IN WALL TWP., MONMOUTH COUNTY, NJ DID: COMMIT THE CRIME OF MURDER BY PURPOSELY OR KNOWINGLY CAUSING THE DEATH AND/OR CAUSING SERIOUS BODILY INJURY RESULTING IN THE DEATH OF G.B. IN VIOLATION OF N.J.S.A 2C:11-3A, A CRIME OF THE FIRST DEGREE.**

ON OR ABOUT 3/9/2019, IN WALL TWP., MONMOUTH COUNTY, NJ DID:

WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, DID COMMIT THE CRIME OF ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD BY CAUSING G.B., A 6 WEEK OLD INFANT, HARM THAT WOULD MAKE G.B. AND ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILD, WHILE HAVING A LEGAL DUTY TO CARE FOR G.B. IN VIOLATION OF N.J.S.A 2C:24-4A(2), A CRIME OF THE SECOND DEGREE.

In violation of:

Original Charge	1) 2C:11-3A(1)	2) 2C:24-4A(2)	3)
Amended Charge			

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signed: **PTL C LISEWSKI**

Date: **01/23/2020**

You will be notified of your **Central First Appearance/CJP** date to be held at the **Superior Court** in the county of **MONMOUTH** at the following address: **MONMOUTH COUNTY COURTS**
71 MONUMENT PARK PO BOX 1271 FREEHOLD NJ 07728-0000
Date of Arrest: **Appearance Date: Time: Phone: 732-358-8700**

PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION AND ISSUANCE OF WARRANT

☐ Probable cause IS NOT found for the issuance of this complaint.

Signature of Court Administrator or Deputy Court Administrator _____ Date _____ Signature of Judge _____ Date _____

☒ Probable cause IS found for the issuance of this complaint. **AMANDA PRINZO JUDICIAL OFFICER** 01/23/2020

Signature and Title of Judicial Officer Issuing Warrant _____ Date _____

TO ANY PEACE OFFICER OR OTHER AUTHORIZED PERSON: PURSUANT TO THIS WARRANT YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO ARREST THE NAMED DEFENDANT AND BRING THAT PERSON FORTHWITH BEFORE THE COURT TO ANSWER THE COMPLAINT.

Bail Amount Set: _____ by: _____

(if different from judicial officer that issued warrant)

☐ Domestic Violence - Confidential ☒ Related Traffic Tickets or Other Complaints ☒ Serious Personal Injury/ Death Involved

Special conditions of release:
☐ No phone, mail or other personal contact w/victim
☐ No possession firearms/weapons
☐ Other (specify): _____

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COMPLAINANT PTL C LISEWSKI NAME: PO BOX 1168 ATTN WARRANTS WALL NJ 07719					

Purpose: This Affidavit/Certification is to more fully describe the facts of the alleged offense so that a judge or authorized judicial officer may determine probable cause.

1. Description of relevant facts and circumstances which support probable cause that (1) the offense(s) was committed and (2) the defendant is the one who committed it:
March 9, 2019, I, Detective Chris Lisewski, Wall Twp. Police Department, responded to 1203 Mohegan Road, Wall Twp., for a report of an unresponsive 6 week old infant girl, G.B. The investigation showed that when G.B. was found to be unresponsive she was in the immediate care of her father, Austin Meli. G.B. was subsequently pronounced deceased at Ocean Medical Center in Brick, NJ. Initial autopsy concluded G.B. suffered from pulmonary edema and listed cause and manner of death as undetermined. The investigation in to G.B.'s death remained open and ongoing. On Sunday, November 10, 2019, A.B., G.B.'s mother, responded to the Wall Township Police Department and reported that during conversations with Austin Meli, he made admissions to A.B. that were pertinent to the investigation of G.B.'s death. A recording of those conversations was obtained and reviewed. During those conversations, Meli admitted to A.B. that on March 9, 2019 he suffocated G.B. twice, and G.B. did not wake up after the second time. This new information was subsequently submitted to the Office of the Medical Examiner who issued an amendment to the autopsy report, now concluding the cause of death to be smothering and the manner of death to be homicide.

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2. I am aware of the facts above because: (Included, but not limited to: your observations, statements of eyewitnesses, defendant's admission, etc.)

observations, statements of witness, and defendants admissions

3. If victim was injured, provide the extent of the injury:

death

Certification:

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Signed: PTL C LISEWSKI LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Date: 01/23/2020

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**WALL TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
MONMOUTH COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
ARREST REPORT**

Complaint Number 201900707		Mun. Code 1352		Phone Number 732-449-4500		UCR		Prosecutor's Case Number		Department Case Number 201900707	
Name (Last, First, Middle) MELI, AUSTIN								Phone		Alias - Nickname	
Current Address 1203 MOHEGAN RD, WALL TOWNSHIP, NJ 08736										Place of Birth	
DOB 08/09/1996	Age 22	Race W	Sex M	Hgt 5'1	Wgt 165	Hair Brown	Eye Hazel	Complexion Fair			
Scars, Marks, Tattoos TATT LEFT FINGER / CROSS; TATT RIGH SHOULDER / DEATH BEFORE										IOLN and State	
Employer's Name (School Name) MCDONALDS SOUTH								Occupation (Grade) Clerk		Social Security #	
Address ROUTE 35, WALL										Phone	

DETAILS OF ARREST

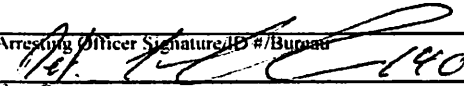
Date / Time Reported 03/11/2019 19:10 Mon		Place of Arrest 2700 ALLAIRE RD, WALL TOWNSHIP						Municipal Code 1352	
Charge #1 Endangering The Welfare Of		Type Fel	Counts 1	IBR Code 170	Warrant / Summons #	Statute # 2C:24-4A		Warr. Date	
Charge #2		Type	Counts	IBR Code	Warrant / Summons #	Statute #		Warr. Date	
Charge #3		Type	Counts	IBR Code	Warrant / Summons #	Statute #		Warr. Date	
If Armed, Type of Weapon NOT APPLICABLE		Type of Arrest ON-VIEW							
VYR	Make	Model		Style		Color	Lic/Lis	Vin	
Vehicle:									

BAIL INFORMATION

Date/Time Confined		Court of		City		Committing Magistrate	
Amt. Bond		Type Bond		Trial Date		Place Confined	
Date/Time Released		Released By: Name/ID Number/Bureau					

NARRATIVE

The accused was arrested endangering the welfare of a child (2nd degree) subsequent to the investigation. See Invest for further.

Arresting Officer Signature 		ID #/Bureau 140		LISEWSKI, C. (DET, DETB) (140)	
Case Status Ar				Arrestee Signature	

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2700 ALLAIRE RD					
WALL NJ 07719-0000					
732-449-4666	COUNTY OF:	MONMOUTH			
# of CHARGES	CO-DEFTS	POLICE CASE #:	DEFENDANT INFORMATION SEX: M EYE COLOR: HAZEL DOB: 08/09/1996 DRIVER'S LIC. #: SOCIAL SECURITY #: XXX-XX-X DL STATE: TELEPHONE #: LIVESCAN PCN #: 135203007896		
1		2019-00707			
COMPLAINANT PTL C LISEWSKI					
NAME: PO BOX 1168					
ATTN WARRANTS					
WALL NJ 07719					

By certification or on oath, the complainant says that to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief the named defendant on or about 03/04/2019 in **WALL TWP**, **MONMOUTH County, NJ** did: WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, HAVING A LEGAL DUTY FOR THE CARE OF AB, CAUSE AB HARM THEREBY MAKING AB AN ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILD AS DEFINED IN CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 9 OF THE NEW JERSEY STATUTES, SPECIFICALLY BY STRIKING AB IN THE FOREHEAD AREA WHILE AB WAS STANDING IN HIS PACK AND PLAY.

IN VIOLATION OF N.J.S. 2C:24-4A (A SECOND DEGREE CRIME).

in violation of:

Original Charge	1) 2C:24-4A(2)	2)	3)
Amended Charge			

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signed: PTL C LISEWSKI Date: 03/11/2019

You will be notified of your **Central First Appearance/CJP** date to be held at the **Superior Court** in the county of **MONMOUTH** at the following address: **MONMOUTH COUNTY COURTS**
71 MONUMENT PARK PO BOX 1271 FREEHOLD NJ 07728-0000
Date of Arrest: **03/11/2019** Appearance Date: Time: Phone: **732-677-4500**

PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION AND ISSUANCE OF WARRANT

☐ Probable cause IS NOT found for the issuance of this complaint.

Signature of Court Administrator or Deputy Court Administrator Date Signature of Judge Date

☒ Probable cause IS found for the issuance of this complaint. LINDSAY MEEHAN JUDICIAL OFFICER 03/11/2019
Signature and Title of Judicial Officer Issuing Warrant Date

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Bail Amount Set: by: (if different from judicial officer that issued warrant)

☐ Domestic Violence - Confidential ☐ Related Traffic Tickets or Other Complaints ☐ Serious Personal Injury/ Death Involved

Special conditions of release:

- ☐ No phone, mail or other personal contact w/victim
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# of CHARGES 1	CO-DEFTS	POLICE CASE #: 2019-00707		DEFENDANT INFORMATION SEX: M EYE COLOR: HAZEL DOB: 08/09/1996 DRIVER'S LIC. #. DL STATE: SOCIAL SECURITY #: xxx-xx-x SBI #: 398095G TELEPHONE #: (C) LIVESCAN PCN #: 135203007896	
COMPLAINANT PTL C LISEWSKI					
NAME: PO BOX 1168 ATTN WARRANTS WALL NJ 07719					

Purpose: This Affidavit/Certification is to more fully describe the facts of the alleged offense so that a judge or authorized judicial officer may determine probable cause.

1. Description of relevant facts and circumstances which support probable cause that (1) the offense(s) was committed and (2) the defendant is the one who committed it:

On March 4, 2019 video footage retrieved from the bedroom at 1203 Mohegan Rd Wall Twp. NJ showed the accused strike his son AB in the head with his right hand as AB was contained in his pack and play and crying.

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2. I am aware of the facts above because: (Included, but not limited to: your observations, statements of eyewitnesses, defendant's admission, etc.)

Video footage obtained from the scene.

3. If victim was injured, provide the extent of the injury:

Bruising and cuts to the forehead.

Certification:

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signed: PTL C LISEWSKI LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Date: 03/11/2019

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WALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CT				ADDRESS:	
2700 ALLAIRE RD				1203 MOHEGAN ROAD	
WALL NJ 07719-0000				WALL NJ 07719-0000	
732-449-4666 COUNTY OF: MONMOUTH					
# of CHARGES 4	CO-DEFTS	POLICE CASE #: 2019-00707		DEFENDANT INFORMATION	
COMPLAINANT PTL C LISEWSKI				SEX: M EYE COLOR: HAZEL DOB: 08/09/1996	
NAME: PO BOX 1168				DRIVER'S LIC. #:	
ATTN WARRANTS				SOCIAL SECURITY #: xxx-xx-x SBI #:	
WALL NJ 07719				TELEPHONE #:	
				LIVESCAN PCN #:	

By certification or on oath, the complainant says that to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief the named defendant on or about 03/07/2019 in **WALL TWP**, **MONMOUTH County, NJ** did: WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, COMMIT AGGRAVATED ASSAULT BY PURPOSELY OR KNOWINGLY CAUSE SERIOUS BODILY INJURY TO AB (16 MONTH OLD CHILD), SPECIFICALLY BY , ON MARCH 7, 2019, STRIKING AB, GRABBING AB BY THE NECK AND VIOLENTLY SHAKING HIM, SLAMMING AB ONTO THE BED AND PRESSING DOWN ON HIS NECK.

IN VIOLATION OF N.J.S. 2C:12-1B(1) (A SECOND DEGREE CRIME).

WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, COMMIT AGGRAVATED ASSAULT BY PURPOSELY OR KNOWINGLY CAUSE SERIOUS BODILY INJURY TO AB (16 MONTH OLD CHILD), SPECIFICALLY BY, ON MARCH 8, 2019, PICKING AB UP BY THE ANKLES AND VIOLENTLY SWINGING HIM AROUND, PLACING HIS HANDS OVER AB'S MOUTH AND NOSE, CHOKING AB AND THROWING HIM ONTO THE BED THEN BLOWING SMOKE FROM A VAPE PEN INTO AB'S FACE.

IN VIOLATION OF N.J.S. 2C:12-1B(1) (A SECOND DEGREE CRIME).

in violation of:

Original Charge	1) 2C:12-1B(1)	2) 2C:12-1B(1)	3) 2C:24-4A(2)
Amended Charge			

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signed: PTL C LISEWSKI Date: 03/18/2019

You will be notified of your **Central First Appearance/CJP** date to be held at the **Superior Court** in the county of **MONMOUTH** at the following address: **MONMOUTH COUNTY COURTS**
71 MONUMENT PARK PO BOX 1271 FREEHOLD NJ 07728-0000
Date of Arrest: **Appearance Date:** **Time:** **Phone: 732-677-4500**

PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION AND ISSUANCE OF WARRANT

☐ Probable cause IS NOT found for the issuance of this complaint.

Signature of Court Administrator or Deputy Court Administrator _____ Date _____ Signature of Judge _____ Date _____

☒ Probable cause IS found for the issuance of this complaint. SANDRA AKES JUDICIAL OFFICER 03/18/2019
Signature and Title of Judicial Officer Issuing Warrant Date

TO ANY PEACE OFFICER OR OTHER AUTHORIZED PERSON: PURSUANT TO THIS WARRANT YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO ARREST THE NAMED DEFENDANT AND BRING THAT PERSON FORTHWITH BEFORE THE COURT TO ANSWER THE COMPLAINT.

Bail Amount Set: _____ by: _____
(if different from judicial officer that issued warrant)

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WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, HAVING A LEGAL DUTY FOR THE CARE OF AB (16 MONTH OLD CHILD), CAUSE AB HARM THEREBY MAKING AB AN ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILD AS DEFINED IN CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 9 OF THE NEW JERSEY STATUTES, SPECIFICALLY BY ON MARCH 7, 2019, STRIKING AB, GRABBING AB BY THE NECK AND VIOLENTLY SHAKING HIM, SLAMMING AB ONTO THE BED AND PRESSING DOWN ON HIS NECK.

IN VIOLATION OF N.J.S. 2C:24-4A(2) (A SECOND DEGREE CRIME).

WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, HAVING A LEGAL DUTY FOR THE CARE OF AB (16 MONTH OLD CHILD), CAUSE AB HARM THEREBY MAKING AB AN ABUSED OR NEGLECTED CHILD AS DEFINED IN CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 9 OF THE NEW JERSEY STATUTES, SPECIFICALLY BY ON MARCH 8, 2019, PICKING AB UP BY THE ANKLES AND VIOLENTLY SWINGING HIM AROUND, PLACING HIS HANDS OVER AB'S MOUTH AND NOSE, CHOKING AB AND THROWING HIM ONTO THE BED THEN BLOWING SMOKE FROM A VAPE PEN INTO AB'S FACE.

IN VIOLATION OF N.J.S. 2C:24-4A(2) (A SECOND DEGREE CRIME).

Original Charge

4) 2C:24-4A(2)

Amended Charge

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COMPLAINANT PTL C LISEWSKI NAME: PO BOX 1168 ATTN WARRANTS WALL NJ 07719					

Purpose: This Affidavit/Certification is to more fully describe the facts of the alleged offense so that a judge or authorized judicial officer may determine probable cause.

1. Description of relevant facts and circumstances which support probable cause that (1) the offense(s) was committed and (2) the defendant is the one who committed it:

I, Detective Christopher Lisewski, Wall Township Police Department, I have participated in this investigation and am aware of the facts contained herein, based upon my own investigation, as well as information provided to me by other law enforcement officers. Because this Attachment is submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause, I have not included herein the details of every aspect of the investigation. Statements attributable to individuals contained in this Attachment are related in substance and in part, except where otherwise indicated. On March 9, 2019, while conducting an investigation into the death of 6 week old G.B., detectives learned that in the bedroom shared by Austin Meli and Ashlee Bezick, there were two self-installed surveillance cameras, which were placed there by Meli, who granted consent to search and view the footage. Meli also provided his email address and password. While attempting to preserve the video footage, Detective Scott Valenti, MCPO, observed a video from March 4, 2019 from the defendant's bedroom at 1203 Mohegan Rd, Wall Twp., NJ, which showed the defendant strike his 16 month old son A.B. in the head with his right hand as A.B. was contained in his pack and play and crying. The strike was forceful enough to knock A.B. down and cause him to cry. On March 11, 2019 W-2019-0214-1352 was signed charging Meli with one count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, 2nd degree, for striking A.B. as seen in the footage from March 4, 2019.

A communication data warrant was signed on March 14, 2019 for the remaining video footage.

Subsequently, the remaining video footage was reviewed. During the video footage from March 7, 2019, Meli can be seen striking A.B. when he is in the playpen. Then Meli picks up A.B. by the neck and violently shakes him. Meli then slams A.B. on to the bed where he presses down on A.B.'s neck. A.B. does not make any more sound as this is occurring. Meli then throws A.B. back into the playpen and A.B. begins to cry again when he lands.

Video footage from March 8, 2019, shows Meli enter the bedroom and pick A.B. up by the ankles and violently swing him around. A.B. is screaming. Meli subsequently pins A.B. down on the bed, with his hands over A.B.'s mouth and nose preventing A.B. from breathing. A.B.'s screams stop. Meli then picks A.B. up by the neck choking him and swinging him around violently. A.B. gasps for breaths. Meli then throws A.B. back on bed and blow smoke from a vape pen/dev

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2. I am aware of the facts above because: (Included, but not limited to: your observations, statements of eyewitnesses, defendant's admission, etc.)

I AM THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER AND REVIEWED SURVEILLANCE VIDEO PERTAINING TO THIS CASE.

3. If victim was injured, provide the extent of the injury:

Certification:

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Signed: PTL C LISEWSKI LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Date: 03/18/2019

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION (CRIMINAL)
MONMOUTH COUNTY

THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

Plaintiff, :

v. :

Indictment No. 19-06-00852
Case No. 19-01031

AUSTIN MELI, :

Defendant. :

FIRST COUNT

ATTEMPTED MURDER

FIRST DEGREE CRIME

The Grand Jurors of the State of New Jersey, for the County of Monmouth, upon their oaths present that AUSTIN MELI, on or about March 7, 2019, in or about the Township of Wall, County of Monmouth, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did attempt to commit the crime of Murder, by purposely attempting to cause the death of A.B., contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-1 and N.J.S.A. 2C:11-3, and against the peace of this State, the Government, and dignity of the same.

SECOND COUNT

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

SECOND DEGREE CRIME

The Grand Jurors of the State of New Jersey, for the County of Monmouth, upon their oaths present that AUSTIN MELI, on or about March 7, 2019, in or about the Township of Wall, County of Monmouth, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did commit the crime of Aggravated Assault, by attempting to

cause, or purposely or knowingly causing, serious bodily injury to A.B., or by causing such injury recklessly under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1b(1), and against the peace of this State, the Government, and dignity of the same.

THIRD COUNT

ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD

SECOND DEGREE CRIME

The Grand Jurors of the State of New Jersey, for the County of Monmouth, upon their oaths present that AUSTIN MELI, on or about March 7, 2019, in or about the Township of Wall, County of Monmouth, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did commit the crime of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, by causing a child, to wit: A.B., 15 months of age, harm which would make the child an abused or neglected child as defined in N.J.S.A. 9:6-1, N.J.S.A. 9:6-3 and N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.21, while having a legal duty or having assumed responsibility for the care of the child, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4a(2) and against the peace of this State, the Government, and dignity of the same.

FOURTH COUNT

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

SECOND DEGREE CRIME

The Grand Jurors of the State of New Jersey, for the County of Monmouth, upon their oaths present that AUSTIN MELI,

on or about March 4, 2019, in or about the Township of Wall, County of Monmouth, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did commit the crime of Aggravated Assault, by attempting to cause, or purposely or knowingly causing, serious bodily injury to A.B., or by causing such injury recklessly under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1b(1), and against the peace of this State, the Government, and dignity of the same.

FIFTH COUNT

ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD

SECOND DEGREE CRIME

The Grand Jurors of the State of New Jersey, for the County of Monmouth, upon their oaths present that AUSTIN MELI, on or about March 4, 2019, in or about the Township of Wall, County of Monmouth, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did commit the crime of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, by causing a child, to wit: A.B., 15 months of age, harm which would make the child an abused or neglected child as defined in N.J.S.A. 9:6-1, N.J.S.A. 9:6-3 and N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.21, while having a legal duty or having assumed responsibility for the care of the child, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4a(2) and against the peace of this State, the Government, and dignity of the same.

SIXTH COUNT

ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD

SECOND DEGREE CRIME

The Grand Jurors of the State of New Jersey, for the County of Monmouth, upon their oaths present that AUSTIN MELI, on or about June 22, 2018, in or about the Township of Wall, County of Monmouth, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did commit the crime of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, by causing a child, to wit: A.B., 7 months of age, harm which would make the child an abused or neglected child as defined in N.J.S.A. 9:6-1, N.J.S.A. 9:6-3 and N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.21, while having a legal duty or having assumed responsibility for the care of the child, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4a(2) and against the peace of this State, the Government, and dignity of the same.

SEVENTH COUNT

TAMPERING WITH A WITNESS OR INFORMANT

THIRD DEGREE CRIME

The Grand Jurors of the State of New Jersey, for the County of Monmouth, upon their oaths present that AUSTIN MELI, on or about or between March 9, 2019 through March 11, 2019, in or about the Township of Wall, County of Monmouth, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did commit the crime of Tampering with a Witness, by, believing that an official proceeding or investigation was pending or about to be instituted, knowingly attempting to induce or otherwise causing a witness, to wit: A.B., to withhold any testimony, information,

document or thing, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:28-5a, and against the peace of this State, the Government, and dignity of the same.

EIGHTH COUNT

TAMPERING WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

FOURTH DEGREE CRIME

The Grand Jurors of the State of New Jersey, for the County of Monmouth, upon their oaths present that AUSTIN MELI, on or about diverse dates between March 9, 2019 through March 11, 2019, in or about the Township of Wall, County of Monmouth, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did commit the crime of Tampering with Physical Evidence, by, altering, destroying, concealing or removing any article, object, record, document or other thing of physical substance, to wit: video surveillance data and/or recording, with purpose to impair its verity or availability in such proceeding or investigation, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:28-6(1), and against the peace of this State, the Government, and dignity of the same.

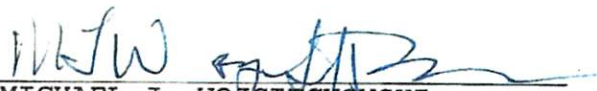
NINTH COUNT

TAMPERING WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

FOURTH DEGREE CRIME

The Grand Jurors of the State of New Jersey, for the County of Monmouth, upon their oaths present that AUSTIN MELI, on or about diverse dates between March 9, 2019 through March 11, 2019, in or about the Township of Wall, County of Monmouth, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did commit the crime of Tampering with Physical Evidence, by, altering, destroying,

concealing or removing any article, object, record, document or other thing of physical substance, to wit: information and/or data contained on and/or stored on his cellular telephone, with purpose to impair its verity or availability in such proceeding or investigation, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:28-6(1), and against the peace of this State, the Government, and dignity of the same.


MICHAEL J. WOSCIECHOWSKI
DEPUTY FIRST ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR

Endorsed:

Foreperson



Judgment of Conviction & Order for Commitment

Superior Court of New Jersey, MONMOUTH County

State of New Jersey

v.

Last Name

MELI

First Name

AUSTIN

Middle Name

Also Known As

Date of Birth

08/09/1996

SBI Number

398095G

Date(s) of Offense

03/04/2019

Date of Arrest

PROMIS Number

19 001031-001

Date Ind / Acc / Complt Filed

06/07/2019

Original Plea

☒ Not Guilty☐ Guilty

Date of Original Plea

06/24/2019

Adjudication By

☒ Guilty Plea☐ Jury Trial Verdict☐ Non-Jury Trial Verdict☐ Dismissed / Acquitted

Date: 10/29/2019

Original Charges

Ind / Acc / Complt	Count	Description	Statute	Degree
19-06-00852-I	1	CRIMINAL ATTEMPT - PURPOSELY ENGAGES IN CONDUCT	2C:5-1A(1)	1
		MURDER - PURPOSELY	2C:11-3A(1)	
19-06-00852-I	2	AGG ASSAULT-ATTEMPT/CAUSE SBI PURP/KNOW/RECKLESS	2C:12-1B(1)	2
19-06-00852-I	3	ENDANGERING-ABUSE/NEGLECT OF A CHILD BY CARETAKER	2C:24-4A(2)	2
19-06-00852-I	4	AGG ASSAULT-ATTEMPT/CAUSE SBI PURP/KNOW/RECKLESS	2C:12-1B(1)	2
19-06-00852-I	5	ENDANGERING-ABUSE/NEGLECT OF A CHILD BY CARETAKER	2C:24-4A(2)	2
19-06-00852-I	6	ENDANGERING-ABUSE/NEGLECT OF A CHILD BY CARETAKER	2C:24-4A(2)	2
(Cont...)				

Final Charges

Ind / Acc / Complt	Count	Description	Statute	Degree
19-06-00852-I	2	AGG ASSAULT-ATTEMPT/CAUSE SBI PURP/KNOW/RECKLESS	2C:12-1B(1)	2
19-06-00852-I	5	ENDANGERING-ABUSE/NEGLECT OF A CHILD BY CARETAKER	2C:24-4A(2)	2
19-06-00852-I	6	ENDANGERING-ABUSE/NEGLECT OF A CHILD BY CARETAKER	2C:24-4A(2)	2
19-06-00852-I	8	TAMPERING WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE-ALTER/DESTROY OBJECT	2C:28-6(1)	4

Sentencing Statement

It is, therefore, on 03/13/2020 **ORDERED** and **ADJUDGED** that the defendant is sentenced as follows:

COUNT 2: THE DEFENDANT IS TO BE COMMITTED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR A TERM OF 10 YEARS, CONCURRENT TO COUNTS 5, 6 AND 8. PURSUANT TO NERA, DEFENDANT MUST SERVE 85% OF THE MAXIMUM TERM BEFORE BEING ELIGIBLE FOR PAROLE AND THREE (3) YEARS OF PAROLE SUPERVISION.

COUNT 5: THE DEFENDANT IS TO BE COMMITTED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR A TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS WITH NO MINIMUM PERIOD OF PAROLE INELIGIBILITY, CONCURRENT TO COUNTS 2, 6 AND 8.

COUNT 6: THE DEFENDANT IS TO BE COMMITTED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR A TERM OF FIVE (5) YEARS WITH NO MINIMUM PERIOD OF PAROLE INELIGIBILITY, CONCURRENT TO COUNTS 2, 5 AND 8.

COUNT 8: THE DEFENDANT IS TO BE COMMITTED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FOR A TERM OF 12 MONTHS WITH NO MINIMUM PERIOD OF PAROLE INELIGIBILITY, CONCURRENT TO COUNTS 2, 5, AND 6.

DEFENDANT IS TO HAVE NO CONTACT WITH VICTIM A.B. AND VICTIM'S MOTHER, A.B. AND VICTIM'S GRANDMOTHER, B.B.

ALL FINES ARE TO BE COLLECTED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

COUNTS 1, 3, 4, 7 AND 9 ARE DISMISSED.



It is further **ORDERED** that the sheriff deliver the defendant to the appropriate correctional authority.

Total Custodial Term

010 Years 00 Months 000 Days

Institution Name

CARE COMMISS/CORR

Total Probation Term

00 Years 00 Months

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DEDR (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-15 and 2C:35-5.11)		Additional Conditions															
A mandatory Drug Enforcement and Demand Reduction (DEDR) penalty is imposed for each count. (Write in number of counts for each degree.) ☐ DEDR penalty reduction granted (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-15a(2)) <table style="width:100%; margin-top: 5px;"> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Standard</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Doubled</th> </tr> <tr> <td>1st Degree _____ @ \$ _____</td> <td>_____ @ \$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd Degree _____ @ \$ _____</td> <td>_____ @ \$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd Degree _____ @ \$ _____</td> <td>_____ @ \$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4th Degree _____ @ \$ _____</td> <td>_____ @ \$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DP or _____ @ \$ _____</td> <td>_____ @ \$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Petty DP _____ @ \$ _____</td> <td>_____ @ \$ _____</td> </tr> </table> Total DEDR Penalty \$ _____ ☐ The court further ORDERS that collection of the DEDR penalty be suspended upon defendant's entry into a residential drug program for the term of the program. (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-15e)		Standard	Doubled	1st Degree _____ @ \$ _____	_____ @ \$ _____	2nd Degree _____ @ \$ _____	_____ @ \$ _____	3rd Degree _____ @ \$ _____	_____ @ \$ _____	4th Degree _____ @ \$ _____	_____ @ \$ _____	DP or _____ @ \$ _____	_____ @ \$ _____	Petty DP _____ @ \$ _____	_____ @ \$ _____	☒ The defendant is hereby ordered to provide a DNA sample and ordered to pay the costs for testing of the sample provided (N.J.S.A. 53:1-20.20 and N.J.S.A. 53:1-20.29). ☐ The defendant is hereby sentenced to community supervision for life (CSL) if offense occurred before 1/14/04 (N.J.S.A. 2C:43-6.4). ☐ The defendant is hereby sentenced to parole supervision for life (PSL) if offense occurred on or after 1/14/04 (N.J.S.A. 2C:43-6.4). ☒ The defendant is hereby ordered to serve a <u>3</u> year term of parole supervision, pursuant to the No Early Release Act (NERA), which term shall begin as soon as the defendant completes the sentence of incarceration (N.J.S.A. 2C:43-7.2). ☐ The court imposes a Drug Offender Restraining Order (DORO) (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5.7h). DORO expires _____ ☐ The court continues/imposes a Sex Offender Restraining Order (SORO) if the offense occurred on or after 8/7/07 (Nicole's Law N.J.S.A. 2C:14-12 or N.J.S.A. 2C:44-8). ☐ The court imposes a Stalking Restraining Order (N.J.S.A. 2C:12-10.1). ☐ The defendant is prohibited from purchasing, owning, possessing, or controlling a firearm and from receiving or retaining a firearms purchaser identification card or permit to purchase a handgun (N.J.S.A. 2C:25-27c(1)).	
Standard	Doubled																
1st Degree _____ @ \$ _____	_____ @ \$ _____																
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Petty DP _____ @ \$ _____	_____ @ \$ _____																
Forensic Laboratory Fee (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-20) _____ Offenses @ \$ _____		Total Lab Fee \$ _____															
VCCO Assessment (N.J.S.A. 2C:43-3.1)																	
Counts	Number	Amount															
2	1 @	\$ 100.00															
5, 6, 8	3 @	\$ 50.00															
	@	\$ _____															
	@	\$ _____															
Total VCCO Assessment \$ 250.00																	
Vehicle Theft / Unlawful Taking Penalty (N.J.S.A. 2C:20-2.1)																	
Offense		Mandatory Penalty \$ _____															
Offense Based Penalties																	
Penalty		Amount \$ _____															
Other Fees and Penalties																	
Law Enforcement Officers Training and Equipment Fund Penalty (N.J.S.A. 2C:43-3.3) ☒ \$ 30.00		Safe Neighborhoods Services Fund Assessment (N.J.S.A. 2C:43-3.2) ☒ 4 Offenses @ \$ 5.00 Total: \$ 300.00															
Probation Supervision Fee (N.J.S.A. 2C:45-1d) ☐ \$ _____		Statewide Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program Penalty (N.J.S.A. 2C:43-3.6) ☐ _____ Offenses @ \$ _____ Total \$ _____															
Transaction Fee (N.J.S.A. 2C:46-1.1) ☐																	
Domestic Violence Offender Surcharge (N.J.S.A. 2C:25-29.4) ☐ \$ _____		Certain Sexual Offenders Surcharge (N.J.S.A. 2C:43-3.7) ☐ \$ _____															
Fine \$ _____		Sex Crime Victim Treatment Fund Penalty (N.J.S.A. 2C:14-10) ☐ \$ _____															
Restitution Joint & Several \$ _____		Total Financial Obligation \$ 580.00															
Details																	
License Suspension																	
☐ CDS / Paraphernalia (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-16) ☐ Waived ☐ Auto Theft / Unlawful Taking (N.J.S.A. 2C:20-2.1) ☐ Eluding (N.J.S.A. 2C:29-2) ☐ Other																	
Number of Months		☐ Non-resident driving privileges revoked															
Start Date		End Date															
Details																	
Driver's License Number		Jurisdiction															
If the court is unable to collect the license, complete the following: Defendant's Address																	
City		State	Zip														
Date of Birth		Sex ☐ M ☐ F	Eye Color														

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ORIGINAL CHARGES (Cont.)

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19-06-00852-I	8	TAMPERING WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE-ALTER/DESTROY OBJECT	2C:28-6(1)	4
19-06-00852-I	9	TAMPERING WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE-ALTER/DESTROY OBJECT	2C:28-6(1)	4