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August 30, 2024

Citizen10293

Via OPRA Machine: opra+request-65041-ac1393b2@requests.opramachine.com

Re: Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Request
OCPO Case# 24002093 – Maxwell Johnston

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find the Complaint Warrant, Affidavit of Probable Cause, Appendix A and Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident report pursuant to your request made under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA). Personal identifying information has been redacted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq. Criminal history record information has been redacted pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:59-1.2.

As of this date, please be advised that there are no responsive documents pursuant to your requests for Global Subject Activity reports, Arrest reports, Indictments, detention-hearing reports and Criminal Information forms.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 732-929-2027, x3135.

Yours very truly,
Dina R. Khajezadeh
Dina R. Khajezadeh
Assistant Prosecutor

DRK/ec

Enclosures

COMPLAINT - WARRANT

COMPLAINT NUMBER			
1518	W	2024	000209
COURT CODE	PREFIX	YEAR	SEQUENCE NO.
MANCHESTER TWP MUNICIPAL COURT 1 COLONIAL DRIVE MANCHESTER NJ 08759-0000 732-657-8121 COUNTY OF: OCEAN			
# of CHARGES 4	CO-DEFTS	POLICE CASE #: M24-15862	
COMPLAINANT RICHARD CONKLIN NAME: ONE COLONIAL DRIVE ATTN WARRANTS MANCHESTER NJ 08759		DEFENDANT INFORMATION SEX: M EYE COLOR: BROWN DOB: 11/15/1988 DRIVER'S LIC. #. [REDACTED] DL STATE: NJ SOCIAL SECURITY #: [REDACTED] SBI #: [REDACTED] TELEPHONE #: [REDACTED] (C) LIVESCAN PCN #: [REDACTED]	
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 06/27/2024 in MANCHESTER TWP, OCEAN County, NJ did: WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, DID COMMIT MURDER BY PURPOSELY CAUSING DEATH OR SERIOUS BODILY INJURY RESULTING IN DEATH THE VICTIM, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]. WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, DID POSSESS A FIREARM WITH THE PURPOSE TO USE IT UNLAWFULLY AGAINST THE VICTIM, [REDACTED]. WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, DID UNLAWFULLY POSSESS A FIREARM WITHOUT BEING LICENSED TO DO SO. WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, THE DEFENDANT POSSESSED A FIREARM AFTER HAVING BEEN CONVICTED IN THIS STATE OF A CRIME AS A CERTIAN PERSON NOT TO HAVE A WEAPON. in violation of:			
Original Charge	1) 2C:11-3A(1)	2) 2C:39-4A(1)	3) 2C:39-5B(1)
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: RICHARD CONKLIN Date: 06/28/2024			
You will be notified of your Central First Appearance/CJP date to be held at the Superior Court in the county of OCEAN at the following address: OCEAN SUPERIOR COURT 120 HOOPER AVE Date of Arrest: Appearance Date: Time: TOMS RIVER NJ 08753-0000 Phone: 732-504-0700			
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		Signature of Judge	
Date		Date	
☒ Probable cause IS found for the issuance of this complaint. JULIA BURTON JUDICIAL OFFICER 06/28/2024 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):		ORIGINAL	
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Amended Charge

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FTA Bail Information

Date Bail Set:

Amount Bail Set: \$ _____

by: _____

☐ Bail Recog. AttachedReleased
on Bail
(✓)

R.O.R.

Committed
DefaultCommitted
w/o Bail

Place Committed:

Date Referred to

County Prosecutor: _____

Date of First
Appearance:☐ Advised of Rights by _____

Defendant Desires Counsel:

☐ Yes ☐ No**Prosecuting Attorney Information****Defense Counsel Information****Name:****Name:**

State

County

Municipal

Other

None

Retained

Public Def

Assigned

Waived

Other

Original Charge

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Amended Charge

Waiver Indt/Jury

Plea/Date of Plea

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Adjudication (* see code)

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Jail Term

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Probation Term

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Cond. Discharge Term

Community Service

D/L Suspension Term

Fines/Costs

Fines:

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Restitution

Beneficiary: _____

Miscellaneous Information, Adjournments, Companion Complaints, Co-Defendants, Case Notes:**Related Traffic Tickets and Complaints:***** Finding Codes**

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- 2 – Not Guilty
- 3 – Dismissed – Other
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- 5 – Dismissed-Rule
- 6 – Dismissed Lack of Prosecution
- 7 – Dismissed – Pros Motion/Vic Req
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COMPLAINT - WARRANT (Court Action)

JUDGE'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

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MANCHESTER TWP MUNICIPAL COURT
1 COLONIAL DRIVE
MANCHESTER NJ 08759-0000
732-657-8121 COUNTY OF: OCEAN

of CHARGES 4 CO-DEFTS POLICE CASE #: M24-15862

COMPLAINANT
NAME: RICHARD CONKLIN

*THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**VS.***MAXWELL A JOHNSTON**

ADDRESS: 9 FAWN HOLLOW LANE

MANCHESTER**NJ 08759-7312****DEFENDANT INFORMATION**

SEX: M EYE COLOR: BROWN DOB: 11/15/1988

DRIVER'S LIC. #. [REDACTED] DL STATE: NJ

SOCIAL SECURITY #: [REDACTED] SBI #: [REDACTED]

TELEPHONE #: [REDACTED] (c)

LIVESCAN PCN #.

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WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, THE DEFENDANT POSSESSED A FIREARM AFTER HAVING BEEN CONVICTED IN THIS STATE OF A CRIME AS A CERTIAN PERSON NOT TO HAVE A WEAPON.

in violation of:

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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: **RICHARD CONKLIN** Date: **06/28/2024**

You will be notified of your **Central First Appearance/CJP** date to be held at the **Superior Court** in the county of **OCEAN** at the following address: **OCEAN SUPERIOR COURT**

120 HOOPER AVE**TOMS RIVER****NJ 08753-0000**

Date of Arrest: Appearance Date: Time: Phone: **732-504-0700**

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. **JULIA BURTON JUDICIAL OFFICER** **06/28/2024**
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):

COMPLAINT - WARRANT (DEFENDANT'S COPY)

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Original Charge

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Amended Charge

COMMITMENT

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MANCHESTER TWP MUNICIPAL COURT
1 COLONIAL DRIVE
MANCHESTER NJ 08759-0000
732-657-8121 COUNTY OF: OCEAN

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CO-DEFTS

POLICE CASE #:
M24-15862

COMPLAINANT RICHARD CONKLIN
NAME: ONE COLONIAL DRIVE
ATTN WARRANTS
MANCHESTER NJ 08759

*THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**VS.***MAXWELL A JOHNSTON**

ADDRESS :
9 FAWNHOLLOW LANE

MANCHESTER**NJ 08759-7312**

DEFENDANT INFORMATION

SEX: **M** EYE COLOR: **BROWN** DOB: **11/15/1988**DRIVER'S LIC. #: [REDACTED] DL STATE: **NJ**

SOCIAL SECURITY #: [REDACTED] SBI #:

TELEPHONE #: [REDACTED] (c)

LIVESCAN PCN #:

To any Law Enforcement Official of New Jersey, You are commanded to transport this defendant to the Warden of this county who is required to keep the defendant in custody until a release or detention decision is made.

Offense

Aux Offense

Drug Code

Degree

Offense Description

1.

2.

3.

4.

Commitment Reason:

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Date of Arrest:

Phone: **732-504-0700**

Signature and Title of Judicial Officer Issuing Warrant

Date

COMMITMENT

Affidavit of Probable Cause

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POLICE CASE #:
M24-15862

COMPLAINANT RICHARD CONKLIN
NAME: ONE COLONIAL DRIVE
ATTN WARRANTS
MANCHESTER NJ 08759

*THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**VS.***MAXWELL A JOHNSTON**

ADDRESS :

9 FAWN HOLLOW LANE**MANCHESTER****NJ 08759-7312**

DEFENDANT INFORMATION

SEX: **M** EYE COLOR: **BROWN** DOB: **11/15/1988**DRIVER'S LIC. #: [REDACTED] DL STATE: **NJ**

SOCIAL SECURITY #: [REDACTED] SBI #:

TELEPHONE #: [REDACTED] (C)

LIVESCAN PCN #:

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:
SEE ATTACHED APPENDIX

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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.)

SEE ATTACHED APPENDIX

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

THE VICTIM WAS PRONOUNCED DECEASED

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: RICHARD CONKLIN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Date: 06/27/2024

Affidavit of Probable Cause

Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Report

COMPLAINT NUMBER

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MANCHESTER TWP MUNICIPAL COURT**1 COLONIAL DRIVE****MANCHESTER****NJ 08759-0000****732-657-8121 COUNTY OF: OCEAN**

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ADDRESS:

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DEFENDANT INFORMATION

SEX: **M** EYE COLOR: **BROWN**DOB: **11/15/1988**

DRIVER'S LIC. #:

DL STATE: **NJ**

SOCIAL SECURITY #:

SBI #:

TELEPHONE #:

LIVESCAN PCN #:

Purpose: The Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Report (PLEIR) is intended to document basic information known to the officer at the time of its preparation. It is recognized that additional relevant information will emerge as an investigation continues. The PLEIR shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, any regular police arrest, incident, or investigation reports. Note that the PLEIR is specific to each defendant charged in an investigation.

-The offense Involved domestic violence.

•DVCR was checked.

-A weapon was used against this victim, or was threatened to be used.

-The defendant has access to firearms.

-The charge was based on the observations/statements made by an eyewitness(es).

•The witness statement(s) were recorded via:

*Stationhouse interview room camera

-The defendant was known to the victim as:

•Intimate Partner

-The victim was injured and:

•Victim transported to medical facility

-A weapon was involved in the incident:

•Handgun

-The defendant fled, attempted flight, or resisted arrest.

*Other Explain LEFT SCENE

-The police received relevant information via radio from a 911 dispatcher (or similar).

-The case involves a search warrant(s).

-The investigation involved the seizure of one or more cellphones, computers or similar electronic devices.

List the type of device(s) and total number of each recovered: ONE CELL PHONE

-Additional information relevant to the offense(s) charged: VICTIM IS DECEASED FROM THIS INCIDENT.

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: **RICHARD CONKLIN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Date: **06/27/2024**

Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Report

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AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF AN ARREST WARRANT

MTPD Case Number: M24-15862

STATE V. MAXWELL A. JOHNSTON

SBI: 743510D / DOB: 11-15-1988

MURDER 2C:11-3A(1)

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON 2C:39-4

POSSESSION OF A WEAPON FOR AN UNLAWFUL PURPOSE 2C:39-5

CERTAIN PERSONS NOT TO HAVE WEAPONS OR AMMUNITION 2C:39-7

The following will detail the factual basis for criminal charges regarding the joint investigative actions of the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office, the Manchester Police Department, the Ocean County Sheriff's Office, and the Office of the Ocean County Medical Examiner in the death of [REDACTED]. Any mention of investigative findings and statements taken should be considered abridged summaries, shortened for the necessity of brevity.

On Thursday, June 27, 2024, at approximately 1655 hours, Manchester Police responded to the area of Ridgeway Road and Hope Capel Road near Ridgeway Liquors subsequent to a 9-1-1 call from [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] reported sustaining a gunshot wound to the left flank. [REDACTED] advised that she was shot in the left side. [REDACTED] identified the shooter as her ex-boyfriend Maxwell Johnston and indicated that he may have left the area in a truck. Manchester Police subsequently responded to the area.

Upon police arrival, officers made contact with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] indicated to officers that she was shot by her boyfriend, Maxwell Johnston, while walking on the side of the road. [REDACTED] told officers that Johnston left the area in a vehicle. Medical personnel also responded to the scene. [REDACTED] was subsequently flown to Jersey Shore University Medical Center to be treated for her injuries. [REDACTED] was ultimately pronounced dead at 1955 hours by Dr. Botta of Jersey Shore University Medical Center.

Subsequent to [REDACTED] being air lifted, Manchester Police recovered the victim's phone from the ambulance where she was treated prior to departure. More specifically, police recovered a black in color Apple iPhone with a clear backed case with black trim covering the sides.

Investigating detectives learned of a possible address for [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. Detectives responded to the area and spoke with a resident of the complex, identified as Renee McComb. McComb reported seeing [REDACTED] as recently as yesterday.

At approximately 2018 hours, the Manchester Police Department received a phone call from a concerned citizen that was in the area at the time of the shooting. The caller was identified as A.D. A.D. stated that she was traveling in the vicinity of County Route 547 and County Route 571 when she observed a female kneeling on the side of the road. The female was located on County Route 547 just north of the intersection. A.D. stated she believed the female was arguing with the operator of a gray Honda Pilot bearing New Jersey registration [REDACTED]. A.D. stated that she was traveling south on County Route 547 and stopped at the intersection after having passed the female on the side of the road when she observed the gray Honda Pilot approach the intersection and make a right turn, traveling west on County Route 571. A.D. stated the gray Honda Pilot had a rear tinted window. A.D. subsequently responded to the Manchester Police Department to provide a taped statement.

A DMV look-up of Johnston yielded a 2011 gray in color Honda Pilot bearing New Jersey registration number [REDACTED]. A look-up of said New Jersey registration was conducted utilizing an online law enforcement database. Said search yielded an ALPR hit in the area of Stelton Road and Ethel Road in Edison at approximately 1920 hours.

A search of a police database yielded that in August of 2023, Johnston provided telephone facility [REDACTED] as belonging to him during police contact. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A look-up of the telephone facility yielded a service provider of Metro PCS.

On June 27, 2024, Detective Mitchell and the undersigned made death notification to the mother of the deceased, [REDACTED]. Subsequent the notification, Mrs. [REDACTED] advised that she received text messages from her daughter, [REDACTED], a short time before the time of the shooting. In the messages, [REDACTED] referenced "Maxwell Johnston" and asked her mother to call the police. [REDACTED] subsequently spoke with her daughter on the phone. [REDACTED] told [REDACTED] that she was walking down the street. [REDACTED] could hear a male yelling in the background. Furthermore, [REDACTED] knows that [REDACTED] was supposed to be with an individual she knows as "Cesar". [REDACTED] further related that "Cesar" also goes by Maxwell August Johnston. [REDACTED] knows him to carry a firearm. [REDACTED] has expressed to [REDACTED] in the past that she is in fear of Johnston.

Additionally, [REDACTED] indicated that she has spoken with Johnston as recently as today. Johnston was utilizing telephone facility [REDACTED]. A search of said telephone number was conducted utilizing an online law enforcement database. Said search yielded a service provider of Verizon Wireless.

On June 27, 2024, the above facts were presented to Supervising Assistant Prosecutor Kristin Pressman. Supervising Assistant Prosecutor Pressman subsequently authorized the charges of Murder in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:11-3a(1) and (2), Unlawful Possession of a Weapon in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-4, Possession of a Weapon For An Unlawful Purpose in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5, and Certain Persons Not to Have Weapons or Ammunition in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-7 against Maxwell Johnston.

Dated: June 27, 2024

S/ Detective Richard Conklin #

Detective Richard Conklin #372
Manchester Police Department