

WARRANT TYPE: ARREST WARRANT  
AWPS#: 9000399  
COURT CASE NUMBER:

CASE TYPE: FELONY  
REFILE INDICATOR:  
DIVISION:

TO ALL AND SINGULAR SHERIFFS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, GREETINGS:  
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO IMMEDIATELY ARREST THE DEFENDANT AND BRING HIM OR  
HER BEFORE ME, A JUDGE IN THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, TO BE DEALT  
WITH ACCORDING TO LAW:

DEFENDANT'S NAME: KAUFMAN ADAM T  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

AKA(S):  
STR/APT/CITY/ST/ZIP: / / / FL/ 33180  
DOB: 01/06/1973 RACE: W SEX: M HEIGHT: 602 WEIGHT: 200 HAIR: BLK EYES:  
SOC SEC #: CIN #: SID #: FBI #:  
SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS: IDS #: 2285568  
DRIVERS LICENSE #: STATE: FL  
VEH TAG #: STATE: MAKE: MODEL: YEAR: COLOR:  
COMMENTS: POLICE CASE NUMBER: 07-005822

PROBATION:  
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BEFORE ME PERSONALLY CAME ANGULO, ANTHONY (AFFIANT) WHO, BEING DULY  
SWORN, STATES THAT THE DEFENDANT \*\* KAUFMAN, ADAM T \*\*, DID COMMIT THE  
ACTS STATED IN THE ATTACHED STATEMENT OF FACTS. BASED UPON THIS SWORN STATEMENT  
OF FACTS, I FIND PROBABLE CAUSE THAT \*\* KAUFMAN, ADAM T \*\* DID COMMIT  
THE CRIME(S) OF:  
# 1 782.04(2) MURDER 2ND DEGREE

IN DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONTRARY TO FLORIDA STATUTES AND AGAINST THE PEACE AND  
DIGNITY OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.  
POLICE CASE #: AGENCY: AVENTURA  
ASSISTANT STATE ATTORNEY: MANSFIELD, JOSEPH UNIT: 200

EXTRADITE INFORMATION  
EXTRADITION CODE: 1 - FELONY - FULL EXTRADITION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED IN MIS FIELD.  
EXTRADITION MAY BE CONFIRMED WITH THE METRO-DADE POLICE DEPARTMENT, DADE COUNTY  
\*\* IN ANY EVENT, DEFENDANT WILL BE ARRESTED IF FOUND IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA \*\*

SWORN TO BY AFFIANT ANGULO, ANTHONY COURT ID 085- 179  
SO ORDERED THIS 14 DAY OF April 2009.  
*Diane Ward* DIANE WARD  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

JUDGE IN THE 11TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR DADE COUNTY FLA BOND AMOUNT  
( ) FIRST APPEARANCE JUDGE MAY NOT MODIFY CONDITION OF RELEASE  
(RULE 3.131(D)(1) (D))

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( ) TO ANSWER UNTO THE STATE OF FLORIDA ON AN INFORMATION OR INDICTMENT  
FILED AGAINST HIM OR HER BY THE STATE ATTORNEY FOR THE CHARGE(S) OF:  
( ) UPON ORDER OF A JUDGE IN THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA FOR  
FAILURE TO APPEAR IN COURT TO ANSWER THE PENDING CHARGE(S) FOR THE  
CHARGE(S) OF:  
HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK OF THE COURT

BY \_\_\_\_\_ DEPUTY CLERK \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA            )  
  ) SS  
COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE)

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF ARREST WARRANT**  
**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at 6:10 AM, the Aventura Police Department received a 911 call from an Aventura Lakes residence located at [REDACTED], in Aventura, Florida. The caller, Adam Kaufman, advised that he found his wife, Eleonora Kaufman, on the floor of the bathroom located inside the master bedroom. As the 911 call began, he stated: "I don't know what's going on" and "my wife is on the bathroom floor dying." Fire Rescue personnel were immediately dispatched to the residence, and Adam Kauffman stayed on the phone with 911 until their arrival.

Aventura 911 contacted Miami-Dade Fire Rescue, who immediate dispatched help to the residence, which is located in a gated community at Aventura Lakes. Meanwhile the Aventura 911 dispatcher, M. Velasquez, instructed Adam Kaufman to administer CPR until Miami-Dade Fire-Rescue arrived. During the call, Adam Kaufman stated that he was home alone with his wife and two small children. He also told the 911 dispatcher "she's got marks on her neck."

Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Engine Eight and Rescue Eight personnel arrived at the residence at approximately 6:29 AM, and were met by Adam Kaufman at the top of the second floor staircase, adjacent to the second floor master bedroom. They noted that Adam Kaufman was fully dressed, including that he was wearing a watch. He directed them to the bathroom inside the master bedroom where they found Eleonora Kaufman (hereafter referred to as "the victim") completely naked and lying unresponsive on the bathroom floor. Fire Rescue immediately checked her vital signs (she was not breathing and she had no pulse) and began efforts to resuscitate her on the scene.

While they began to provide medical aid to his wife, Adam Kaufman stated to Fire Rescue personnel that he had been home all night with his wife and children. He recalled falling asleep the night before at around 11:30 PM, before his wife returned home. He advised that his wife had been out visiting a girlfriend at her home that evening. He recalled that when he woke up around 5:30 AM, his wife was not in the bed next to him. That fact did not concern him because he assumed she was tending to their children. He went back to sleep. Approximately 20 minutes later, at around 5:50 AM, he woke up again and realized that his wife was still not in their bed. He and got up to look for her and found her lying naked on the floor of their bathroom floor. He immediately called

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and found her lying naked on the floor of their bathroom floor. He immediately called 911 and while on the phone with them began to administer CPR to her. This appeared somewhat strange and noteworthy to Fire Rescue personnel because Adam Kaufman was not the least bit sweaty. Administering CPR for any length of time is very strenuous and the time difference between the 911 call and the arrival of Fire rescue was at least 19 minutes.

While other Fire-Rescue personnel tended to his wife, Adam Kaufman spoke to Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Lieutenant M. Castro. He explained that he found Eleonora kneeling in front of the toilet with her arms stretched out along the rim of the toilet bowl, and her head leaning in the toilet, as if she were vomiting. He then demonstrated his wife's position for Lieutenant Castro. At that time, Lt. Castro noted there was no vomit or other bodily fluids found in the toilet.

Fire Rescue was unable to resuscitate the victim at the residence, and she was shortly thereafter transported to the Aventura Hospital Emergency Room. In the Emergency Room, Doctor Stallard checked the victim's vital signs and noted that she was not breathing and did not have a pulse. The victim was officially pronounced dead at 7:15 PM. Upon further examination of the victim's body, Doctor Stallard noted significant bruising and other signs of trauma to the victim's neck. Dr. Stallard spoke with Adam Kaufman, who advised that he found his wife seated on the bathroom toilet and slumped forward, with her neck resting on a magazine rack located in front of the toilet. During the conversation with Dr. Stallard, Adam Kaufman made numerous inquiries as to the marks on his wife's neck.

Dr. Stallard notified the Aventura Police Department of his observations of injuries to the victim's body and requested that they respond to the hospital to view the victim's injuries and to interview her husband, Adam Kaufman.

Meanwhile, Aventura Police Officer Belinda Alvarez responded to the victim's residence at approximately 6:38 AM, to further investigate the circumstances surrounding the 911 call and the victim's injuries. Upon her arrival, she noted no signs of forced entry into the home or any evidence that the home had been ransacked. Officer Alvarez spoke with Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Captain Carman at the scene, who advised her that the victim had been transported to the hospital. Her condition at the time was that she was not breathing, did not have a pulse, and had signs of trauma to her neck.

While inside the victim's home, Officer Alvarez met two women who identified themselves as Elena Kaufman, Adam Kaufman's mother, and Raquel, his sister-in-law. The two women advised her that Adam Kaufman contacted them by phone at 6:15 AM and asked them to come over to his house to take care of the kids, so that he could go to the hospital with his wife. The two women took Adam and Eleonora's children, as well as the family dog, to the home of Adam Kaufman's twin brother Seth, which is located a few blocks away in the same housing development. Seth Kaufman's house is located at Aventura, Florida.

After talking to the two women, Officer Alvarez conducted a walk through of the victim's home and garage in order to both observe the scene and secure the home. There were two vehicles parked in the garage, a white Infinity SUV bearing Florida tag #X16NCY and a silver Mercedes Benz bearing Florida tag # W81-6GY. As she walked through the garage, Officer Alvarez approached both vehicles and noted that the hood of the silver Mercedes Benz was "extremely warm - almost hot" - to the touch. Additionally, from the position and angle of the two vehicles, it appeared that the Mercedes had entered the garage after the Infinity. Later investigation revealed that the Mercedes was the personal vehicle of Adam Kaufman and the Infinity SUV was driven by the victim.

Officer Alvarez then secured the front door of the Kaufman residence and remained outside until the arrival of Aventura Police detectives.

Upon being notified of the injuries to the victim and the events of the evening as related by Adam Kaufman, Aventura Police Officer Ruben Brizuela responded to the emergency room to assist in the investigation of Eleonora Kaufman's death. Upon arrival, he met with other officers on the scene at the hospital and proceeded to the examination room where the victim was located. Upon observing the victim, Officer Brizuela noted marks on the victim's neck, as well as petechia in both of the victim's eyes. In addition, he noted what appeared to be some type of foreign material underneath the victim's fingernails. To preserve this material for forensic analysis, Officer Brizuela placed the victim's hands in plastic bags for forensic preservation. Afterwards, he secured the examination room until crime scene and members of the detective bureau arrived to investigate further.

Meanwhile, Aventura Police Detectives A. Angulo and J. Cumbie responded to the Aventura Hospital Emergency Room at approximately 7:40 AM. They briefly observed the victim's body, and noted the visible injuries to her neck. The detectives subsequently contacted the Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner's Office to notify them of the investigation and request their assistance.

Detective Angulo then made contact with the victim's husband, Adam Kaufman, in the Aventura Hospital Emergency Room. Detective Angulo requested Adam Kaufman's permission to enter his residence for the purpose of obtaining information regarding his wife's death. At 8:30 AM, while at the hospital emergency room, Adam Kaufman signed a consent form to allow the police to conduct a search of his residence. While reviewing and signing the consent-to-search form for Detective Angulo, Adam Kaufman voluntarily stated that he had found his wife seated on the toilet in their bathroom. He further advised that his wife was slumped forward and that her neck was resting on a magazine rack located in front of the toilet. He then very pointedly stated that he believed that the marks on his wife's neck were caused by her neck resting on the magazine rack.

After being notified by the police, Miami-Dade Associate Medical Examiner Dr. Chester Gwinn responded to the Aventura Hospital Emergency Room at approximately 9:55 AM.

approximately 10:55 AM, accompanied by Aventura Police Crime Scene Technicians A. Howell and K. Bascle. Pursuant to the consent-to-search form signed by Adam Kaufman, the scene was photographed and examined, and numerous articles of property were impounded as part of the investigation.

During their search of the home, the Detectives noted there was no vomit or residue found in or around the toilet at the scene. In addition, the Detectives examined the magazine rack that Adam Kaufman said caused the markings on his wife's neck. After a close examination, the Detectives determined that the magazine rack could not have caused the injuries to Eleonora Kaufman's neck, due to its location and construction. In addition, no sputum or bodily fluids were found on the magazine rack, which was impounded for evidentiary purposes.

The bed in the master bedroom was examined and the Detectives that one side of the bed appeared to be unused: the pillows on that side of the bed were still plump and showed no signs that they had recently been slept on. By contrast, the other side of the bed, which had a child radio monitor, cell phone and female flip-flops next to it, appeared to be used: the pillows on that side of the bed were flat on the bed and showed obvious signs of recent use.

After leaving the residence at 3:30 PM, Detectives Angulo and Cumbie arrived at Seth Kaufman's home, located at [REDACTED] Aventura, Florida. Upon their arrival, Jerry Kaufman, Adam Kaufman's uncle, met Detectives Angulo and Cumbie at the front door. The Detectives requested to speak to Adam about the death of his wife. Jerry Kaufman responded that Adam was in the process of informing his daughter that her mother had passed and could not speak to them at that time. The Detectives offered to wait until he was finished, as it was very important that they speak to him about the circumstances surrounding his wife's death. But Jerry Kaufman advised that it would be some time before Adam would be able to speak to anyone in regards to Eleonora Kaufman's death, because head just taken some medication and, therefore, was not in a good state of mind to speak to the police. He then requested that they return later in the day.

After that exchange, Detectives Angulo and Cumbie left Seth Kaufman's residence and returned to the Aventura Police Department in hopes of speaking to Adam Kaufman later in the day. Soon after arriving back at the police station, at around 5:00 PM, Detective Angulo received an e-mail and fax sent from the Law Offices of Yale Galanter, P.A. The e-mail and fax advised that Yale Galanter is representing Adam Kaufman, and that he was invoking his Fifth Amendment right to remain silent and his Sixth Amendment right to have counsel present during questioning.

On November 8th, 2007, Miami-Dade Associate Medical Examiner Dr. C. Gwinn performed an autopsy on Eleonora Kaufman. Dr. Gwinn discovered numerous areas that showed signs of petechial hemorrhaging on Eleonora Kaufman's face, eyes, eyelids and inner lips. A dissection of Eleonora Kaufman's neck also revealed deep tissue trauma to the muscles on her neck, consistent with the location of the surface bruising of the neck. Other than the trauma noted, she was in good health and there was no other evidence of disease or illness that would have caused her death. The entire trauma that was observed

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to the neck suggested that the victim had died as a result of mechanical asphyxiation. While the hyal bone in the victim's neck was not broken, there was significant trauma to the surrounding tissue - enough to cause bleeding in the victim's throat. According to Dr. Gwinn, this bleeding is consistent with the pink sputum found in the victim's mouth. He also stated this bleeding was consistent with some type of mechanical asphyxiation being applied to the neck area of the victim.

In addition, as previously noted, the victim's hands had been bagged at the hospital to preserve any useful evidence under her nails. During the autopsy, the medical examiner took clippings of the victim's nails for further evaluation and study. All of the information and conclusions gained from the autopsy were relayed to the police for use in their continuing investigation. Pending additional medical testing and further investigation, Dr. Gwinn ruled the cause of death as undetermined, and the manner of death as unclassified at that time. The additional medical testing involved a complete organ conduction evaluation of the victim's heart and brain.

At a later point during the investigation, Dr. Bruce Hyma, the Chief Medical Examiner for Miami-Dade County, assumed lead duties on the case. Dr. Hyma considered additional circumstances surrounding Eleonora Kaufman's death. To that end, Dr. Hyma interviewed all of the responding fire rescue personnel associated with the case, their observations and their resuscitation efforts. This was necessary in order to eliminate the possibility that the victim's injuries were a result of the efforts undertaken at the scene to resuscitate her. Ultimately, Dr. Hyma eliminated any possibility that the injuries to the victim's neck could have been caused by resuscitation efforts undertaken by rescue personnel on the day the victim died.

Dr. Hyma also performed both drug toxicology and carbon monoxide tests on the victim in an effort to rule out other contributing factors or causes of death. The test results indicated that the victim had no drugs in her system, nor did she succumb to carbon monoxide poisoning. Both possibilities were ruled out as potential causes of death.

On Tuesday, April 7th, 2009, having fully reviewed all of the information available throughout the investigation, Dr. Hyma officially ruled the cause of death of Eleonora Kaufman to be mechanical asphyxiation and the manner of death to be a homicide.

Since the day his wife died, Adam Kaufman has invoked his right to remain silent and has not given a formal statement regarding the events surrounding the death of his wife, Eleonora Kaufman. In the continuing investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Eleonora Kaufman, the police have conducted extensive interviews with Miami-Dade Rescue Personnel, Aventura Police Officers, and friends of the victim and her husband.

To that end, the police have determined that Eleonora Kaufman met with her long time friend, \_\_\_\_\_ on November 6, 2007, the night before she died. \_\_\_\_\_ invited Eleonora over for drinks and to see her newly remodeled residence. Eleonora drove in her Infinity SUV to her friend's home which is also located in Aventura. She arrived at \_\_\_\_\_ home at approximately 9:15 PM. She was wearing a black workout suit that evening. While at \_\_\_\_\_ home that evening, they discussed the recent spray

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tan that Eleonora had done for an upcoming wedding. Eleonora asked [REDACTED] to make sure that her tan was even, and she removed her workout top and stood nude so that [REDACTED] could inspect the tan. [REDACTED] did so, and noted that Eleonora had no bruising, scratches, or any other unusual marks on her upper body or neck area at the time. During the visit, Eleonora had one glass of red wine. She left [REDACTED] home at approximately 11:00 PM, in what [REDACTED] knew to be Eleonora's car, the white Infinity SUV. That was the last time [REDACTED] saw or spoke to her Eleonora.


Later investigation revealed that an Infinity SUV, driven by the victim, was observed by Officer Alvarez parked in the garage at the victim's residence on November 7<sup>th</sup> shortly after 6:38 AM. The Infinity SUV was parked in front the other vehicle parked in the garage. That vehicle was a Mercedes (personal vehicle of Adam Kaufman) which was very warm "almost hot" to the touch when Officer Alvarez felt the hood that morning shortly after 6:38 AM.

According to Fire Rescue at 6:29 AM the victim was lying naked on the bathroom floor in the residence and she had no vital signs (not breathing and no pulse). After being transported to Aventura Hospital Emergency Room, she was officially pronounced dead at 7:15AM. Between 6:29 AM and 7:15 AM the victim never regained consciousness or showed any vital signs. Dr Hyma, the Chief Medical Examiner, places the time of death within an hour of the arrival of Fire Rescue at 6:29 AM.

Based on the foregoing, Your Affiant requests an arrest warrant for the arrest of ADAM KAUFMAN, W/M/35, DOB: 01/06/73, for Second Degree Murder, based upon probable cause herein shown.

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 Affiant / DETECTIVE ANTHONY ANGULO

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14 day of April, 2009.

  
 JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
 ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA  
 DIANE WARD  
 CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

