

IN THE **MCDOWELL MOUNTAIN JP (SCOTTSDL)** COURT
STATE OF ARIZONA, COUNTY OF MARICOPA

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****FINAL****

RELEASE QUESTIONNAIRE

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DEFENDANT'S NAME ANNA MAE BLESSING

DOB [REDACTED] BOOKING NO. T471374

ALIAS(ES) _____ CASE NO. PF2018132618001

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

Charges

1 Cts. 13-1105A1 MURDER 1ST DEG-PREMEDITATED F1
1 Cts. 13-1204A2 AGG ASLT-DEADLY WPN/DANG INST F3
1 Cts. 13-1304A4 KIDNAP-APPREHENSION OF INJURY F2

Pursuant to A.R.S. §41-1750 ten-print fingerprints were taken of the arrested person? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, PCN =

Pursuant to A.R.S. §13-610 one or more of the above charges requires the arresting agency to secure a DNA sample from the arrested person? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, does the defendant have a valid DNA sample on file with AZDPS? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If no, Arresting Agency has taken required sample? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Offense Location:
Offense Date: 2018-07-02
Arrest Location:
Date: 2018-07-02 Time: 17:51

B. PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

1. Please summarize and include the facts which establish probable cause for the arrest:
See Addendum (Page 4)

C. OTHER INFORMATION (Check if applicable)

1. ☐ Defendant is presently on probation, parole or any other form of release involving other charges or convictions:
Explain:

2. List any prior:
Arrests?

Convictions?

F.T.A.'s?

3. Is there any indication the defendant is:

☐ An Alcoholic? ☐ An Addict?
☐ Mentally disturbed? ☐ Physically Ill?

4. ☒ Defendant is currently employed

With whom RETIRED

How long: 0 years 0 months 0 days

5. Where does the defendant currently reside? See Addendum (Page 5)

With whom

How long: 0 years 6 months 0 days

6. What facts indicate the defendant will flee if released?

Explain: NO CURRENT RESIDENCE AS RESULT OF OFFENSE/SERIOUSNESS OF CRIME

7. What facts does the state have to oppose an unsecured release? Explain: NO CURRENT RESIDENCE AS RESULT OF OFFENSE/SERIOUSNESS OF CRIME

D. CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE OFFENSE (Check if applicable)

1. ☒ Firearm or other weapon was used
Type: SUSPECT DISCHARGED FIREARM KILLING VICTIM/ FIREARM POINTED AT VICTIM 2

☒ Someone was injured by the defendant

☒ Medical attention was necessary

Nature of injuries: VICTIM 1 PRONOUNCED DECEASED

2. ☒ Someone was threatened by the defendant
Nature and extent of threats: SUSPECT POINTED LOADED FIREARM AT VICTIM 2

3. Did the offense involve a child victim? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, was DCS notified? ☐ Yes ☒ No

4. If property offense, value of property taken or damaged:

☐ Property was recovered

5. Name(s) of co-defendant(s):

E. CRIMES OF VIOLENCE

1. Relationship of defendant to victim: DECEDENTS BIOLOGICAL MOTHER

☒ Victim(s) and defendant reside together

2. How was the situation brought to the attention of the police?

☐ Victim ☒ Third Party ☐ Officer observed

3. ☒ There are previous incidents involving these same parties

Explain: PRIOR POLICE RESPONSE INVOLVING VERBAL ALTER-CATION BETWEEN DECEDENT AND SUSPECT

4. Is defendant currently the subject of:

☐ An order of protection ☐ Any other court order

☐ Injunction against harassment

Explain:

F. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ISSUES (Check if applicable)

Defendant's actions

☒ Threats of homicide/suicide/bodily harm

☒ Control/ownership/jealousy issues ☐ Crime occurs in public

☒ Prior history of DV ☒ Kidnapping

☒ Frequency/intensity of DV increasing ☐ Depression

☒ Access to or use of weapons ☐ Stalking behavior

☐ Violence against children/animals

☐ Multiple violations of court orders

G. CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ARREST (Check if applicable)

1. Did the defendant attempt to:

☒ Avoid arrest ☐ Resist arrest ☐ Self Surrender

Explain: REFUSED COMMANDS TO EXIT RESIDENCE FORCING OFFICERS TO ENTER IN ORDER TO AFFECT ARREST
N/A

2. ☐ Defendant was armed when arrested

Type:

3. ☐ Evidence of the offense was found in the defendant's possession

Explain:

4. Was the defendant under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the time of the offense?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unk

H. DRUG OFFENSES

1. If the defendant is considered to be a drug dealer, please state the supporting facts:

2. What quantities and types of illegal drugs are directly involved in the offense?

☐ Drug field test completed

☐ Defendant admission of drug type

Approximate monetary value: \$

3. Was any money seized?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Amount: \$

I. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. Military Service:

Has the defendant served in the military services of the United States? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If yes, currently on active duty? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Branches Served In:

(AF - Air Force AR - Army CG - Coast Guard MC - Marine Corp
MM - Merchant Marines NG - National Guard NV - Navy
RS - Reserves)

2. Is the defendant homeless?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

3. Do you need the court to provide an interpreter to help communicate and to understand what is being said?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If so, what language:

If a fugitive arrest, a Form IVA must also be completed

I certify that the information presented is true to the best of my knowledge.

T. SEDLACEK/S1413
ARRESTING OFFICER/SERIAL NUMBER

AZ0070000/602-876-3622
ARREST AGENCY/DUTY PHONE NUMBER

2018-07-02
DATE

18019607/AZ0070000
DEPARTMENTAL REPORT NO.

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ADDENDUM**B1. Probable Cause Statement**

ON MONDAY, JULY 2ND, 2018, AT APPROXIMATELY 1006 HOURS, THE MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (MCSO) RECEIVED A 911 TELEPHONE CALL FROM A 57 YEAR OLD FEMALE/ VICTIM 2 WHO REPORTED A MALE SUBJECT/ VICTIM 1 HAD BEEN SHOT INSIDE A RESIDENCE LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS IN THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA, WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE MARICOPA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE. UPON ARRIVAL, RESPONDING MCSO DEPUTIES WERE CONTACTED AT THE RESIDENCE BY VICTIM 2, WHO WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE FROM INSIDE THE RESIDENCE. VICTIM 2 STATED 92 YEAR OLD FEMALE SUSPECT/ ANNA MAE BLESSING HAD SHOT HER (ANNA'S) BIOLOGICAL SON, 72 YEAR OLD VICTIM 1 INSIDE THE RESIDENCE, AND THAT BOTH THE SUSPECT AND VICTIM 1 WERE STILL LOCATED INSIDE. RESPONDING DEPUTIES MADE ENTRY INTO THE RESIDENCE, FINDING VICTIM 1 LYING ON THE FLOOR OF THE MASTER BEDROOM NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE MASTER BATHROOM, POSSESSING WHAT APPEARED TO BE ONE GUNSHOT WOUND TO HIS NECK AND A SECOND GUNSHOT WOUND TO HIS JAW. DEPUTIES BEGAN GIVING VERBAL COMMANDS FOR THE SUSPECT TO EXIT THE RESIDENCE AND WERE MET WITH NO RESPONSE. AS DEPUTIES CONTINUED CLEARING THE RESIDENCE, THEY LOCATED THE 92 YEAR OLD SUSPECT SEATED IN A RECLINER INSIDE HER ROOM, WHO CONTINUED TO DISOBEY COMMANDS. THE SUSPECT WAS ARRESTED IN THE RECLINER AND SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSPORTED TO THE MCSO DISTRICT 7 SUBSTATION LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS, TO BE INTERVIEWED BY DETECTIVES. AS THE SUSPECT WAS BEING ESCORTED FROM THE RESIDENCE, SHE MADE A SPONTANEOUS STATEMENT TO THE EFFECT OF "YOU TOOK MY LIFE, SO I'M TAKING YOURS". (IT WAS LATER DETERMINED DURING AN INTERVIEW WITH THE SUSPECT, SHE BELIEVED HER LIFE WAS BEING TAKEN AS A RESULT OF HER SON, VICTIM 1 AND HIS GIRLFRIEND, VICTIM 2 ATTEMPTING TO PLACE HER INTO AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY.) VICTIM 2 WAS ALSO TRANSPORTED TO THE MCSO DISTRICT 7 SUBSTATION TO BE INTERVIEWED. FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL ON-SCENE ASSESSED VICTIM 1 INSIDE THE RESIDENCE AT WHICH TIME THEY PRONOUNCED HIM DECEASED. DURING VICTIM 2'S INTERVIEW WITH DETECTIVES, SHE INDICATED HER BOYFRIEND, VICTIM 2 AND HIS MOTHER, THE SUSPECT HAD BEEN RESIDING AT HER HOME IN THE TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS FOR APPROXIMATELY 6 MONTHS. VICTIM 2 STATED AS HER BOYFRIEND, VICTIM 1 WAS ASLEEP ON THE BED LOCATED IN THE MASTER BEDROOM, THE SUSPECT ENTERED THE MASTER BEDROOM AND BEGAN TO ARGUE WITH HER SON. VICTIM 2 STATED THE SUSPECT VERBALLY STATED SHE WAS TIRED OF THE WAY SHE WAS BEING TREATED/TAKEN CARE OF BY HER SON. VICTIM 2 STATED SHE PROCEEDED TO A CORNER OF THE BEDROOM, AWAY FROM THEM, IN AN ATTEMPT TO PREVENT HERSELF FROM BECOMING INVOLVED IN THE ARGUMENT. AS VICTIM 2 WAS LOCATED NEAR A VANITY, IN THE MASTER BEDROOM, FACING AWAY FROM THE SUSPECT AND HER SON, SHE SUDDENLY HEARD A SINGLE GUNSHOT AND TURNED AROUND, OBSERVING VICTIM 1 LYING ON THE FLOOR OF THE BEDROOM, NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE BATHROOM. VICTIM 2 STATED SHE IMMEDIATELY FEARED FOR HER LIFE AND HID BEHIND THE BED LOCATED IN THE MASTER BEDROOM, AS THE SUSPECT POINTED A HANDGUN AT HER SEVERAL TIMES. VICTIM 2 STATED THE SUSPECT THEN APPROACHED THE BED, POINTING A HANDGUN DIRECTLY AT HER, WHEN SHE THEN WRESTLED THE GUN FROM THE SUSPECT AND THREW IT IN A CORNER OF THE BEDROOM. VICTIM 2 STATED AFTER THROWING THE GUN, THE SUSPECT REMOVED A SECOND GUN FROM HER ROBE AND POINTED THAT GUN AT HER. VICTIM 2 STATED SHE AGAIN WRESTLED THE SECOND GUN FROM THE SUSPECT AND THREW IT IN THE SAME DIRECTION AS THE FIRST. (IT SHOULD BE NOTED, DURING A SEARCH OF THE RESIDENCE, PURSUANT TO A SEARCH WARRANT, TWO HANDGUNS WERE LOCATED IN THE MASTER BEDROOM.) VICTIM 2 STATED SHE WAS ABLE TO FREE HERSELF, EXIT THE RESIDENCE AND RUN DOWNSTAIRS, AS RESPONDING DEPUTIES ARRIVED ON-SCENE. THE SUSPECT/ ANNA BLESSING WAS INTERVIEWED BY A DETECTIVE AT THE MCSO DISTRICT 7 SUBSTATION. THE SUSPECT WAS ADVISED OF HER MIRANDA RIGHTS VERBATIM FROM A STANDARDIZED FORM AND ASKED IF SHE UNDERSTOOD HER RIGHTS, TO WHICH SHE REPLIED YES. THE SUSPECT INDICATED SHE PURCHASED THE FIRST GUN, A REVOLVER IN THE LATE 1970'S AT A GUN STORE, AND WAS GIVEN THE SECOND GUN, A .25 CALIBER PISTOL, BY HER DECEASED HUSBAND IN THE MID 1970'S. THE SUSPECT STATED SHE REGISTERED THE FIRST GUN IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, HOWEVER DID NOT REGISTER THE SECOND. THE SUSPECT STATED THE LAST TIME SHE FIRED EITHER HANDGUN WAS IN THE 1970'S. THE SUSPECT STATED SHE CAME TO LIVE WITH HER SON, VICTIM1 AND HIS GIRLFRIEND, VICTIM 2, AT VICTIM 2'S RESIDENCE IN THE TOWN OF FOUNTAIN HILLS APPROXIMATELY 4 MONTHS AGO. THE SUSPECT STATED SHE STORED THE TWO HANDGUNS ON THE FLOOR, UNDER A SHELF IN HER BEDROOM. THE SUSPECT STATED

ADDENDUM (cont'd)

SHE HAD BEEN UP FOR THE LAST 3-4 DAYS THINKING ABOUT HER SON STATING HE WAS GOING TO PLACE HER INTO AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY, AS SHE HAD BECOME DIFFICULT TO LIVE WITH. THE SUSPECT STATED DURING THE MORNING HOURS OF JULY 02, 2018 SHE PICKED UP THE TWO HANDGUNS AND PLACED THEM IN THE POCKETS OF HER ROBE, WHICH SHE HAD NEVER DONE BEFORE IN HER LIFE, DEMONSTRATING PREMEDITATION. THE SUSPECT STATED SHE THEN PROCEEDED INTO THE MASTER BEDROOM TO CONFRONT HER SON ABOUT HIS PLAN TO PLACE HER INTO AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY. THE SUSPECT STATED BOTH HER SON AND HIS GIRLFRIEND WERE LOCATED INSIDE THE MASTER BEDROOM AT THE TIME SHE ENTERED. THE SUSPECT STATED AS SHE BEGAN HAVING AN ARGUMENT WITH HER SON, VICTIM 2 BEGAN WALKING TOWARDS HER AT WHICH TIME SHE FIRED A SINGLE SHOT, FROM THE REVOLVER, WHICH SHE BELIEVED MAY HAVE STRUCK HER SON, WHICH SHATTERED A MIRROR IN THE BATHROOM. THE SUSPECT STATED SHE THEN FIRED A SECOND SHOT FROM THE REVOLVER WHICH STRUCK HER SON, CAUSING HIM TO FALL TO THE GROUND. THE SUSPECT STATED SHE THEN BENT DOWN TO CHECK HIS PULSE AND FOUND HE DIDN'T HAVE ONE. THE SUSPECT STATED THAT IS WHEN SHE REALIZED SHE HAD KILLED HER SON. THE SUSPECT STATED SHE THEN BEGAN WRESTLING WITH VICTIM 2, WHO WAS ABLE TO REMOVE THE REVOLVER FROM HER HAND. THE SUSPECT STATED SHE THEN REMOVED THE SECOND GUN, THE .25 CALIBER PISTOL, FROM HER ROBE, POINTING IT DIRECTLY AT VICTIM 2. THE SUSPECT STATED VICTIM 2 WAS ALSO ABLE TO WRESTLE THE SECOND HANDGUN FROM HER, AT WHICH TIME SHE PROCEEDED TO HER BEDROOM AND SAT DOWN ON HER RECLINER. THE SUSPECT STATED SHE THEN INTENDED TO KILL HERSELF, HOWEVER SHE DIDN'T POSSESS ANY ADDITIONAL FIREARMS. THE SUSPECT WAS ASKED WHAT SHE THINKS SHOULD HAPPEN TO HER, WHICH SHE REPLIED SHE SHOULD BE "PUT TO SLEEP" AS A RESULT OF HER ACTIONS. THE SUSPECT WAS ADVISED SHE WAS UNDER ARREST FOR 1 COUNT OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER, 1 COUNT OF AGGRAVATED ASSAULT AND 1 COUNT OF KIDNAPPING. THE SUSPECT WAS THEN TRANSPORTED FROM THE MCSO DISTRICT 7 SUBSTATION TO THE MCSO 4TH AVENUE JAIL WHERE SHE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY BOOKED ON THE AFOREMENTIONED CHARGES WITHOUT INCIDENT. NOTHING FURTHER.

C5. Primary Residence

FOUNTAIN HILLS, AZ 85268



**SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA FOR
Maricopa County
Final Release Order and Order Regarding Counsel**

State of Arizona

1 Cnt MURDER 1ST DEG- F1
1 Cnt KIDNAP-APPREHEN F2

1 Cnt AGG ASLT-DEADLY F3

CaseNumber: **PF2018132618001**

vs.

Booking#: **T471374**

Anna Mae Blessing

It is hereby ordered that **Anna Mae Blessing shall be released** as indicated and must comply with ALL release conditions.

NEXT HEARINGS

Status Conference July 10, 2018 at 08:30 AM at South Court Tower, 175 W. Madison Street, 3rd Floor, Phoenix, AZ,
85003-2243 Courtroom: 3B **Docket: RCCT3**

Preliminary Hearing July 13, 2018 at 08:45 AM at South Court Tower, 175 W. Madison Street, 3rd Floor, Phoenix, AZ,
85003-2243 Courtroom: 3B **Docket: RCCT3**

WARNING: If the defendant appears at the next hearing without a lawyer, the hearing may still proceed as scheduled.

RELEASE TYPE

Bailable As a Matter of Right

The defendant has been found to be bailable as a matter of right. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the defendant must comply with all release conditions and shall be released from custody in this Cause Number as follows:

Cash Only Appearance Bond

The defendant will deposit with the Clerk of the above Court the total sum, in cash, of **\$500,000.00**, which includes all applicable surcharges.

RELEASE CONDITIONS

1. You are not to return to the scene of the alleged crime.
2. You are not to initiate contact with the alleged victim or victims.
3. You are not to have any physical contact with any alleged victim.
4. You are not to initiate contact with the alleged complainant or witness.
5. You are not to initiate contact with the arresting officers.
6. You are not to possess any weapons.
7. You are not to possess any drugs without a valid prescription.
8. You are not to drive a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license.
9. You must continue to provide the court with proof of your local address.
10. You must find an alternative residence and provide proof of that residence within hours to Pretrial Services Agency.
11. You must submit to DNA testing at the police department that arrested you within five (5) days of release from custody. You must bring proof of your DNA Testing to your next hearing. If you do not submit to testing your release will be revoked.
12. You must return to the police department that arrested you and have them 10-Print fingerprint you. If you are released from custody you must complete this before your next hearing. You must bring proof of your fingerprinting to your next hearing or your release may be revoked.
13. You may have no contact with the alleged victim(s) for any reason, even if an alleged victim contacts you first.

You may not reside at the same location as any alleged victim, even if you are an owner or renter of the residence.

One civil standby with law enforcement is permitted to retrieve essential belongings.



SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA FOR

Maricopa County

Final Release Order and Order Regarding Counsel

Case#: **PF2018132618001**

Booking#: **T471374**

You must appear at all court proceedings in this case or your release conditions can be revoked, a warrant will be issued and proceedings may go forward in your absence. You must maintain contact with your attorney. If convicted, you will be required to appear for Sentencing. If you fail to appear, you may lose your right to a direct appeal. In addition, failure to appear at a future court proceeding may result in a waiver of any claim that you were not informed of a plea offer made in your case by the State. **a.** You will appear to answer and submit to all further orders and processes of the court having jurisdiction of the case. **b.** You will refrain from committing any criminal offenses. **c.** You will diligently prosecute any appeal. **d.** You will not leave the state without permission of the court. If you violate any conditions of this release order, the court may order the bond and any security deposited in connection therewith forfeited to the State of Arizona. In addition, the court may issue a warrant for your arrest upon learning of your violation of any conditions of your release. After a hearing, if the court finds that you have not complied with the conditions of release, it may modify the conditions or revoke your release altogether.

If you are released on a felony charge, and the court finds the proof evident or the presumption great that you committed a felony during the period of release, the court must revoke your release. You may also be subject to an additional criminal charge, and upon conviction you could be punished by imprisonment in addition to the punishment which would otherwise be impossible for the crime committed during the period of release. Upon finding that you violated conditions of release, the court may also find you in contempt of court and sentence you to a term of imprisonment, a fine, or both.

ATTORNEY APPOINTMENT

The Court finds you to be indigent and orders an attorney to provide you representation.

You must contact the Office of the Maricopa County Public Defender at **620 W. Jackson Street, Suite 4015, Phoenix, AZ 85003. 602-506-7711**

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY DEFENDANT

I have received a copy of this form. I understand the standard conditions, all other conditions, and the consequences of violating this release order. I agree to comply fully with each of the conditions imposed on my release and to notify the court promptly in the event I change my place of residence.

Date 7/3/2018 2:00:00 PM

Address: [REDACTED]

City, State, Zip: FOUNTAIN HILLS, AZ, 85268

[REDACTED]

Signature: [REDACTED]

Tracy R Nadzieja
Judge / Commissioner

Anna Mae Blessing
Defendant