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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF DAVIS, STATE OF UTAH

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THE STATE OF UTAH  
Plaintiff,

Bail

vs.

INFORMATION

STEPHANIE CHRISTINA SLOOP  
DOB: 01/21/1983,  
Defendant.

Case No.  
OTN 35164870

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The undersigned prosecutor states on information and belief that the defendant, either directly or as a party, at County of Davis, State of Utah, committed the crimes of:

**COUNT 1**

CRIMINAL HOMICIDE, AGGRAVATED MURDER, (2627) 76-5-202 UCA, first degree felony, as follows: That between April 29, 2010 and May 8, 2010 at the place aforesaid the defendant intentionally or knowingly caused the death of another under any of the following circumstances:

- (a) the homicide was committed incident to an act, scheme, course of conduct, or criminal episode during which the actor committed or attempted to commit aggravated sexual abuse of a child or child abuse as defined in Subsection 76-5-109(2)(a);
- (b) the homicide was committed incident to one act, scheme, course of conduct, or criminal episode during which the actor committed the crime of abuse or desecration of a dead human body as defined in Subsection 76-9-704(2)(e);

- (c) the homicide was committed for the purpose of avoiding or preventing an arrest of the defendant or another by a peace officer acting under color of legal authority;
- (d) the homicide was committed by means of the administration of any lethal substance or of any substance administered in a lethal amount, dosage, or quantity;
- (e) the homicide was committed in an especially heinous, atrocious, cruel, or exceptionally depraved manner, any of which must be demonstrated by physical torture, serious physical abuse, or serious bodily injury of the victim before death;
- (f) the actor dismembers, mutilates, or disfigures the victim's body, whether before or after death, in a manner demonstrating the actor's depravity of mind; or
- (g) the victim was younger than 14 years of age.

**OR**

With reckless indifference to human life, did cause the death of another incident to an act, scheme, course of conduct, or criminal episode during which the actor is a major participant in the commission or attempted commission of child abuse as per Subsection 76-5-109(2)(a).

**NOTICE OF MANDATORY PENALTY OPTIONS REGARDING COUNT 1:**

**Aggravated Murder** carries the following possible mandatory penalties:

If Notice of Intent to Seek the Death Penalty is filed: (1) Death; (2) Life Without Parole; or (3) an Indeterminate Term of 25 Years to Life.

If Notice of Intent to Seek the Death Penalty is not filed: (1) Life Without Parole; or (2) an Indeterminate Term of 20 Years to Life.

**COUNT 2**

**CHILD ABUSE, (156) 76-5-109(2)(a) UCA, second degree felony, as follows:**

That between April 29, 2010 and May 8, 2010 at the place aforesaid the defendant did intentionally or knowingly inflict upon a child serious physical injury or, having the care or custody of such child, intentionally or knowingly caused or permitted another to inflict serious physical injury upon said child.

**COUNT 3**

**OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE, (1202) 76-8-306(1) UCA, second degree felony, as**

**follows: That between May 6, 2010 and May 11, 2010 at the place aforesaid the defendant did, with intent to hinder, delay, or prevent the investigation, apprehension, prosecution, conviction, or punishment of any person regarding conduct that constitutes a criminal offense:**

- (a) prevent, by deception, any person from performing any act that might aid in the discovery, apprehension, prosecution, conviction, or punishment of any person;**
- (b) alter, destroy, conceal, or remove any item or other thing; or**
- (c) provide false information regarding a suspect, a witness, the conduct constituting an offense, or any other material aspect of the investigation.**

**COUNT 4**

**ABUSE OR DESECRATION OF A HUMAN BODY, (603) 76-9-704 UCA,**

**third degree felony, as follows: That between May 6, 2010 and May 11, 2010 beginning in Davis and continuing into Weber County, the defendant did disturb, move, remove, conceal, or destroy a dead human body or any part of it; or damage any part or portion of a dead human body.**

This Information is based on evidence obtained from witness Brooke Plotnick.

**PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT:** The undersigned prosecutor is a Deputy Davis County Attorney and has received information from the investigating officer, Brooke Plotnick of the Layton Police Department, and the information herein is based upon such personal observations and investigation of said officer.

1 Between April 29, 2010 and May 8, 2010 in Davis County, the defendant, as a party, engaged in multiple acts inflicting serious injuries upon a four-year-old male victim. The severe abuse resulted in the child's death. The criminal acts included beatings, burning, drugging, isolating, malnourishing, leaving the child alone and unattended while suffering, and refusing to seek vital life-sustaining medical attention.

2. After causing the child's death, the defendant, as a party, desecrated and buried the child's body.

3. The defendant and a co-defendant then falsely reported to the police that the child had wandered away from their apartment.

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By   
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