

AO 91 (Rev. 08/09) Criminal Complaint

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the District of South Carolina

United States of America

v.

Daniel Glen Printz

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Case No. 6:22 mj 07

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of August 27, 2021 in the county of Greenville in the District of South Carolina, the defendant(s) violated:

Code Section 18 U.S.C. 1201

Offense Description

The defendant traveled in interstate commerce and unlawfully seized, confined, inveigled, decoyed, kidnapped, abducted, or carried away Edna Suttles, resulting in her death.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

See Attached Affidavit

Continued on the attached sheet.

Appeared & sworn by telephone

Justin K. Newsome

Complainant's signature

Justin K. Newsome, Special Agent, FBI

Printed name and title

by telephone

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 03/14/2022

Judge's signature

City and state: Greenville, South Carolina

Kevin F. McDonald, United States Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF A CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

In support of the attached criminal complaint, I, Special Agent Justin K. Newsome, being duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

INTRODUCTION AND AGENT BACKGROUND

1. I submit this affidavit in support of a criminal complaint for an arrest warrant for Daniel Glen Printz (Printz) for violating 18 U.S.C. § 1201. This affidavit is intended to establish probable cause and does not set forth all of my knowledge about this matter. I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), United States Department of Justice, and I have served in this capacity since November 2003. As part of my law enforcement duties, I am statutorily charged with investigating criminal violations of the United States Code, including kidnapping and other violent crimes. As a Federal Agent, I am authorized to investigate violations of laws of the United States and to execute warrants issued under the authority of the United States. I have investigated numerous federal violations to include murder, sexual assault, bank robbery, kidnapping, the sale and distribution of controlled substances, firearms offenses, possession and distribution of child pornography, bank, wire, and mail fraud, and fraud against the government. During these investigations, I have obtained numerous search warrants, arrest warrants, and have been the affiant for multiple Title III wire and electronic communication intercept affidavits.
2. I have good reason to believe and do believe that all the information provided to me by other law enforcements officers pertaining to this investigation is credible and true.
3. I, as further detailed immediately below, allege that Printz traveled in interstate commerce and unlawfully seized, confined, inveigled, decoyed, kidnapped, abducted, or carried away Edna Suttles (Suttles) on or about August 27, 2021, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1201. I respectfully

submit that the following establishes probable cause in support of the criminal complaint and requested arrest warrant.

OVERVIEW OF INVESTIGATION

4. Suttles, an 80-year-old resident of Travelers Rest, South Carolina (SC), was reported missing on August 28, 2021. While trying to locate Suttles, law enforcement learned that Printz, a North Carolina resident, met with Suttles in Travelers Rest on the morning of August 27, 2021, and drove away from Travelers Rest with her that afternoon. Printz has a prior conviction for kidnapping in Michigan and is currently a person of interest in other missing person investigations involving elderly females.

PROBABLE CAUSE

5. On or about August 28, 2021, local law enforcement was notified that Suttles did not show up for work. Deputies with the Greenville County Sheriff's Office (GCSO) responded and unsuccessfully attempted to locate Suttles by interviewing family and friends. Suttles lived in Travelers Rest, SC. Suttles has not been seen since August 27, 2021, and family and friends confirm that they have not heard from her.
6. On Friday, September 3, 2021, law enforcement located Suttles's 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee parked at the Best Western hotel in Travelers Rest. Law enforcement reviewed surveillance footage from August 27, 2021, captured at the Best Western hotel, a nearby Food Lion grocery store, and an antique store adjacent to Suttles's house. Law enforcement observed the following details through a review of the surveillance footage (all times are approximate):

9:22 AM – A Chevrolet Cruze pulled into the Food Lion parking lot located at 148 Walnut Lane, Travelers Rest, SC.

9:30 AM – Suttles drove away from her residence in her Jeep Grand Cherokee.

9:38 AM – An individual, later identified as Printz, purchased a four-pack of yogurt at the Food Lion and scanned his frequent shopper card during checkout.

9:39 AM – Printz walked out of the Food Lion and waved at Suttles. The two appeared to greet one another. A short time later, Printz left with Suttles in her vehicle.

1:43 PM – Suttles’s vehicle was captured driving away from her residence in the direction of the Food Lion.

2:02 PM – Suttles’s vehicle pulled into the Food Lion parking lot and parked in the far part of the lot. Printz exited Suttles’s driver’s door and walked to his vehicle (the Chevrolet Cruze), which was parked across the parking lot. Printz drove his vehicle near Suttles’s parked vehicle and parked directly adjacent to her car. Printz then moved Suttles into his vehicle from her vehicle.¹

2:07 PM – Printz left Suttles in his vehicle and drove her Jeep Grand Cherokee to the nearby Best Western parking lot. Video surveillance captured Printz wiping down both the interior and exterior of Suttles’s vehicle before walking away from the parking lot.

2:14 PM – Printz walked back to his vehicle and drove off with an apparent motionless Suttles.

7. Printz was identified by law enforcement through his frequent shopper card which he scanned during checkout at the Food Lion prior to meeting Suttles on August 27, 2021. Law enforcement then confirmed through photographs that Printz matched the individual captured on the high-quality surveillance footage inside and outside the Food Lion.
8. On August 30, 2021, GCSO executed a search warrant at Suttles’s residence for evidence related to her disappearance. During the execution of the search warrant, law enforcement

¹ Due to Printz parking in the far end of the parking lot and partial obstruction of the vehicle, it is difficult to discern how much help Suttles required to be transferred between the vehicles.

located three unopened yogurt containers consistent in appearance and size with the four-pack of yogurt Printz purchased from the Food Lion on August 27, 2021. Law enforcement did not locate the fourth yogurt container from the four-pack.

9. On September 9, 2021, GCSO obtained an arrest warrant for Printz charging him with grand larceny for the theft of Suttles's vehicle. That same day, Printz was arrested at his house in Bostic, North Carolina, by the Rutherford (North Carolina) County Sheriff's Office (RCSO). At the time of his arrest, a state search warrant was also executed at Printz's residence. Law enforcement located multiple firearms and electronic devices during this search. As a result of the located firearms and Printz's prior felony conviction, Printz was charged with several state firearms violations.
10. During a review of the evidence gathered during the September 9, 2021 search warrant at Printz's residence, investigators found legal documents and bank debit cards related to Nancy Rego. Rego has been missing since late 2017. Rego previously resided in the Charlotte, North Carolina area. RCSO investigators contacted Rego's family members who advised that Rego was dating Printz prior to her disappearance. Since her disappearance, Rego's family has communicated through email with an individual who purported to be Rego. This individual always declined to meet with or speak to the family, however.
11. On or about September 13, 2021, the FBI in Greenville, SC, was briefed on the Suttles case and opened a federal kidnapping investigation. The FBI began actively assisting GCSO with the investigation into Suttles's disappearance.
12. Since Printz was arrested on September 9, 2021, he has been interviewed three times. During all three interviews, Printz acknowledged awareness of his *Miranda* warnings and subsequently provided a statement to law enforcement. During the first two interviews, Printz

admitted to traveling from North Carolina to visit with Suttles in Travelers Rest on August 27, 2021. Printz was adamant, however, that he dropped Suttles off at her residence after leaving the Food Lion parking lot. Printz said that he was a handyman by trade and traveled to see Suttles in relation to his handyman work. Printz said that he considered Suttles his friend and visited her residence several times in August. Printz further advised that Suttles had hired a private investigator to assist with her daughter's pending divorce. Printz could not provide the name of the private investigator but said that Suttles had become afraid of him. Printz told law enforcement that he wiped down Suttles's vehicle only because he was nervous about being involved with the situation involving the private investigator.

13. On September 23, 2021, RCSO investigators executed a second search warrant at Printz's residence. During the search, law enforcement located a unique firearm which belonged to Suttles and had been discovered missing from her residence shortly after her disappearance. RCSO also located additional electronic devices during the search, and a portion of those devices were hidden in a structure separate from the main residence.
14. During the September 9 and September 23 searches, law enforcement also seized multiple prescription pill bottles which were prescribed to Rego. Among the various pill bottles found in Rego's name, there were prescriptions for Tramadol, Cyclobenzaprine, and Lorazepam.²
15. On October 9, 2021, a third-party civilian observed a bee box (for bee raising) located on a remote portion of Printz's property. The bee box was approximately 75 yards from the residence and in a section of land mostly surrounded by trees. The third-party opened the bee box and located a woman's purse and other items of evidentiary value. RCSO was immediately notified and obtained a state search warrant for the property based on the finding. Inside the

² An actual laboratory analysis to confirm the anticipated chemical makeup of the pills has been requested but is still pending.

bee box, law enforcement located Suttles's purse and her Jeep Grand Cherokee keys, rope, zip-ties, medication, a torn Walmart plastic bag with a knot tied in it, a pair of green rubber gloves, and other personal items belonging to Suttles. Law enforcement also located within the bee box an empty yogurt container of the exact same brand and type as Printz purchased from the Travelers Rest Food Lion on August 27, 2021. Law enforcement believes the empty yogurt container to be the missing container from the four-pack of yogurt Printz purchased minutes before meeting Suttles.

16. Near the bee box, officers also located a vehicle panel believed to be from Printz's Jeep Renegade. Printz took his Jeep Renegade to a repair shop on September 3, 2021, and requested a quote to replace a panel in the rear storage area of the SUV. Along with the vehicle panel, investigators also found a black trash bag containing a tarp, women's shoes, and a metal bracelet.
17. The following day, on October 10, 2021, a human remains detection canine (K-9) trained to alert to the odor of human decomposition, commonly called a cadaver dog, was brought to Printz's property to assist with locating possible human remains. Although human remains were not located during the search, the K-9 produced a strong alert to the scent of human decomposition at the location where the vehicle panel, trash bag, and tarp were recovered. The same day, agents located jewelry belonging to Suttles inside Printz's residence.
18. On October 13, 2021, a GCSO Investigator and I interviewed Printz at the Rutherford County Detention Center, and Printz acknowledged awareness of his *Miranda* warnings. During the interview, we informed Printz that additional evidence related to Suttles's disappearance had been located on his property. Printz told us that he would like to fully disclose his "sins" and he knew he would likely spend the rest of his life in prison. Printz told us he would like to "come

clean” through a defense attorney at a later date and could relay details concerning the deaths of five different individuals. When asked about Suttles specifically, Printz said he could take law enforcement to “within three feet” of her body.

19. On October 17, 2021, a cadaver dog alerted to the presence of human decomposition at Printz’s Jeep Renegade. The K-9 was conducting an open-air sniff of six different vehicles located at a GCSO impound lot. The vehicles included Printz’s Jeep Renegade and the Chevrolet Cruze, which Printz drove to meet Suttles on August 27, 2021. The K-9 alerted to Printz’s Jeep Renegade, but not the Cruze.
20. During the investigation, law enforcement interviewed Printz’s wife, Kathy Kilpatrick (Kilpatrick). Kilpatrick advised that her car was the Chevrolet Cruze, which she typically always drove. Kilpatrick recalled one Friday, prior to Printz’s arrest, when Printz took her vehicle for the day for “work.” Printz was gone most of the day and returned home around 3:00–4:00 PM. Kilpatrick did not know that Printz traveled to South Carolina in her car.
21. Kilpatrick also provided multiple telephone numbers she used to contact Printz. Two of the phone numbers Kilpatrick provided for Printz were 616-864-6730 and 936-215-4373. The cellular carrier for the 6730 Cellphone was AT&T. Through legal process, law enforcement obtained cell tower location records for the account associated with the 6730 Cellphone. The AT&T records showed that the 6730 Cellphone connected with a cell tower close to Printz’s home in Bostic, North Carolina, at approximately 7:26 AM on August 27, 2021. The 6730 Cellphone later connected with a cell tower close to the Food Lion in Travelers Rest, South Carolina, at approximately 9:27 AM the same morning. The 9:27 AM connection of the 6730 Cellphone to the Food Lion cell tower is contemporaneous with the Food Lion surveillance footage capturing Printz purchasing yogurt and then meeting Suttles in the parking lot.

22. The 6730 Cellphone later connected to a cell tower close to Suttles's home at approximately 1:44 PM. Surveillance footage captured Suttles's vehicle leaving her residence at approximately 1:43 PM. Suttles's home was located approximately seven miles north of the Travelers Rest Food Lion. The 6730 Cellphone connected again with the Food Lion cell tower at approximately 2:16 PM. Surveillance footage captured Printz driving away from the Food Lion, with Suttles in his vehicle, at approximately 2:14 PM. The device then did not connect with another cell tower for the rest of the day. Through training and experience, I believe the device was likely powered off or had the battery removed after this time.
23. The 4373 Cellphone was seized from Printz's person when he was arrested on September 9, 2021. The cellular carrier for the 4373 Cellphone was Verizon Wireless. Through legal process, law enforcement obtained the cell tower and call detail records for the 4373 Cellphone. On August 27, 2021, the 4373 Cellphone only connected to a cell tower located near Printz's residence. There were no outgoing calls or messages on the 4373 Cellphone until approximately 3:56 PM. At approximately 3:56 PM, the 4373 Cellphone called Printz's friend's number who had previously tried to contact Printz earlier in the day without success. Due to training and experience, I believe Printz left the 4373 Cellphone at home in Bostic, North Carolina, on August 27, 2021, while he traveled to Travelers Rest.
24. As mentioned, during the investigation, law enforcement seized numerous electronic devices. When Printz was arrested on September 9, 2021, law enforcement seized a LG cellphone from the interior of a Dodge Journey vehicle. Law enforcement identified the Journey as a loaner vehicle the dealership provided Printz while his Jeep Renegade was in the shop for repair. Kilpatrick told agents that Printz was the primary driver of the Journey until his arrest. Upon further investigation, law enforcement discovered that the International Mobile Equipment

Identity (IMEI) number for the LG phone matched the IMEI number AT&T provided for the 6730 Cellphone. Thus, I believe we have identified the phone Printz took with him on August 27, 2021, when he traveled from his residence in Bostic, North Carolina, to Travelers Rest.

25. Law enforcement also obtained records showing that the Chevrolet Cruze had an ongoing service contract with AT&T for cellular service for the vehicle's infotainment system. Pursuant to a court order, AT&T provided cell-site location records for the cellular account associated with the Chevrolet Cruze. The records show that on August 27, 2021, the Chevrolet Cruze infotainment center connected to a cell tower in the Bostic, North Carolina area at approximately 7:18 AM. Later that morning, the Cruze infotainment center connected to cell towers along a common route between Bostic, North Carolina, and Travelers Rest, South Carolina. The Cruze pinged off of a cell tower in Travelers Rest around 9:50 AM. The Cruze last pinged off of a cell tower in Travelers Rest around 1:50 PM. The Cruze then pinged near Printz's North Carolina residence around 2:54 PM. After reviewing travel routes and trip lengths from the Travelers Rest Food Lion to Printz's residence, it appears that, after loading Suttles into the Cruze, Printz traveled US Highway 25 North to Interstate 26 East before taking US Highway 74 East back to his house, without making any extended stops along the way.
26. As the investigation has continued, additional evidence has been gathered. The yogurt cup recovered from the bee box on Printz's property was sent to the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) forensic services laboratory for testing. SLED chemists located Cyclobenzaprine, Tramadol, Tramadol metabolite,³ and Lorazepam in the yogurt cup's remnants. As mentioned above, law enforcement recovered prescription pill bottles for Cyclobenzaprine, Tramadol, and Lorazepam prescribed to missing person Nancy Rego from

³ Tramadol metabolite is produced during the process of metabolizing or breaking down Tramadol.

Printz's residence. It is my understanding from open-source research that Cyclobenzaprine is a muscle relaxant which can be legally obtained by prescription only, Tramadol is a controlled narcotic prescribed for pain, and Lorazepam is a controlled substance prescribed as a sedative. SLED was unable to provide a quantity or concentration of the drugs within the substance sample tested. However, I discussed SLED's findings with an FBI forensic toxicologist who opined that a mixture of these three substances would have an incapacitating effect on an individual even in very small concentrations. Furthermore, the effect of these three drugs on an elderly person could be even more pronounced due to an elderly person's reduced ability to process drugs of this nature. Suttles was 80 years old at the time of her disappearance.

27. The GCSO lab has also conducted forensic testing on additional items seized during the investigation. During an examination of the interior of the plastic Walmart bag recovered from Printz's bee box, the lab identified female DNA inside of the plastic bag. The DNA collected from inside the plastic bag was determined to belong to Suttles.⁴ A pair of green rubber gloves recovered from inside the bee box were also examined for DNA. Both Printz and Suttles's DNA were located on the interior and exterior of both green rubber gloves. A group of three cable zip-ties tightened together, which were found inside of the bee box, were also analyzed for DNA. Suttles's DNA was located on the zip-ties.

28. Based upon my training and experience, I believe that Suttles's DNA being located inside of the plastic bag indicates that the bag was used to suffocate her. Furthermore, Suttles's DNA located on the zip-ties indicates that they were used to restrict her movement. I am aware that

⁴ The lab report provided DNA matches in terms of the likelihood that the DNA sample could come from a random, unrelated person versus the individual with whom it was being compared (e.g., Suttles and Printz). The lowest probability provided for any of the items referenced in this affidavit is 7,000,000,000 times more likely to belong to the person with whom it was being compared than to an unrelated person. Thus, for purposes of this affidavit, the reported likelihoods determined by the GCSO lab will be summarized as positive DNA matches.

zip-ties and similar products are frequently used as restraints. Lastly, the DNA of both Suttles and Printz being located on a pair of rubber gloves indicates that Printz wore the gloves while he was in contact with Suttles either before or, more likely, after she was deceased. Further, the fact that all of these items were hidden inside a bee box on a remote portion of Printz's property suggests that Printz was trying to hide these items from discovery.

29. I am also aware that Suttles has a bank account with Bank of America (BOA) where she has received monthly Social Security payments. Records have been subpoenaed from BOA but have not yet been received by law enforcement. However, a fraud investigator employed with BOA advised that as of February 9, 2022, Suttles's account has not been debited for a single purchase since August 25, 2021.
30. A similar financial investigation has been conducted into Rego's finances. Agents located a bank account with First Horizon Bank for Rego in which Printz was listed as having power of attorney. Rego went missing in November 2017, and Printz is a suspect in her investigation. First Horizon Bank records show that Rego's account has continued to receive Social Security deposits since her disappearance. First Horizon records further show that her account has had nearly daily debit activity since her disappearance and almost every transaction took place in Bostic and Forest City, North Carolina, where Printz lived. Moreover, the transactions are all very similar to the types of charges and debits observed from Printz's own bank account. Further, these almost daily transactions abruptly ended the day Printz was arrested, September 9, 2021. From Printz's arrest on September 9, only two transactions occurred through November 2, 2021, which is the last day law enforcement has records—and both of these transactions appear to be for automatic, recurring debits to her checking account, as there are identical transactions in preceding months for the same amount and debited on a very similar

day of the month. Based on my training and experience, I believe prior to his arrest, Printz continued to collect and spend Rego's Social Security money for years after her death.

AUTHORIZATION REQUEST

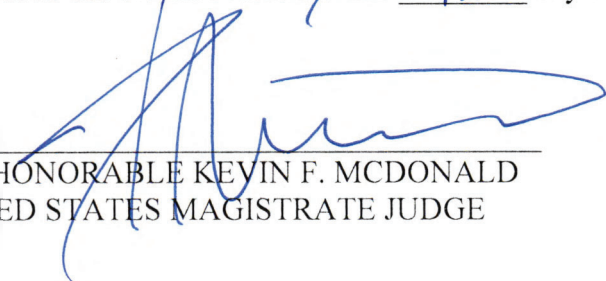
Pursuant to the facts and circumstances recited above, I respectfully submit there is probable cause to believe that Daniel Glen Printz kidnapped and murdered Edna Suttles. Based on this affidavit, I present a criminal complaint for the Court's consideration charging Printz with a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1201 and request that the Court issue a warrant for his arrest.

I swear and affirm that the facts contained in this affidavit are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Appeared & sworn by telephone

Justin K. Newsome
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Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subscribed and sworn before me this 14 day of March, 2022.

by telephone


THE HONORABLE KEVIN F. MCDONALD
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE