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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE

STATE OF ALASKA,	
Plaintiff,	
VS.	
EDDIE ALLEN THOMAS JR DOB: APSIN ID: DMV NO.: ATN:	
Defendant.	

No. 3AN-21-03259CR (Eddie Allen Thomas Jr)

INFORMATION

I certify this document and its attachments do not contain the (1) name of a victim of a sexual offense listed in AS 12.61.140 or (2) residence or business address or telephone number of a victim of or witness to any offense unless it is an address identifying the place of a crime or an address or telephone number in a transcript of a court proceeding and disclosure of the information was ordered by the court. The following counts charge a crime involving DOMESTIC VIOLENCE as defined in AS 18.66.990: NONE

> Count I - AS 11.56.610(a)(1) **Tampering With Physical Evidence** Eddie Allen Thomas Jr - 001

Count II - AS 11.61.130(a)(1) Misconduct Involving A Corpse Eddie Allen Thomas Jr - 002

Count III - AS 11.56.750(a)(1)(A) **Unlawful Contact In The First Degree** Eddie Allen Thomas Jr - 004

Count IV - AS 11.56.757(a) Violation Of Conditions Of Release Eddie Allen Thomas Jr - 003

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Count V - AS 11.56.757(a) **Violation Of Conditions Of Release**

Eddie Allen Thomas Jr - 005

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY CHARGES:

COUNT I

That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about April 27, 2021, at or near Chugiak, EDDIE ALLEN THOMAS JR destroyed, mutilated, altered, suppressed, concealed, or removed physical evidence with intent to impair its verity or availability in an official proceeding or a criminal investigation.

All of which is a class C Felony offense being contrary to and in violation of AS 11.56.610(a)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

COUNT II

That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about April 27, 2021, at or near Chugiak, EDDIE ALLEN THOMAS JR except as authorized by law or in an emergency, intentionally disinterred, removed, concealed, or mutilated a corpse.

All of which is a class A Misdemeanor offense being contrary to and in violation of AS 11.61.130(a)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

COUNT III

That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about April 27, 2021, at or near Chugiak, EDDIE ALLEN THOMAS JR having been ordered not to contact a victim or witness of the offense as part of a condition of release under AS 12.30 in 3AN-20-07738CR, either directly or indirectly, knowingly contacted or attempted to contact the victim or witness in violation of the order; Jerilyn Nicholson.

All of which is a class A Misdemeanor offense being contrary to and in violation of AS 11.56.750(a)(1)(A) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

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COUNT IV

That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about April 27, 2021, at or near Chugiak, EDDIE ALLEN THOMAS JR, having been charged with, or convicted of a crime, violated a condition of release imposed by a judicial officer under AS 12.30, other than the requirement to appear as ordered by a judicial officer; released on bail in 3AN-20-07738CR.

All of which is a class B Misdemeanor offense contrary to and in violation of AS 11.56.757(a) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

COUNT V

That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about April 27, 2021, at or near Chugiak, EDDIE ALLEN THOMAS JR, having been charged with, or convicted of a crime, violated a condition of release imposed by a judicial officer under AS 12.30, other than the requirement to appear as ordered by a judicial officer; released on bail in 3AN-21-00721CR.

All of which is a class B Misdemeanor offense contrary to and in violation of AS 11.56.757(a) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

The undersigned swears under oath this Information is based upon a review of police report 21-13549, 21-12828, and 21-13650 submitted to date and court documents in 3AN-20-07738CR and 3AN-21-00721CR.

On 6 October 2020 Anchorage Police responded to EDDIE THOMAS, Jr.'s apartment in Eagle River reference a 911 call from Jerilyn Nicholson. Police noted both were intoxicated. Ultimately police arrested EDDIE THOMAS, Jr. for Disobeying a Lawful Order, Interfering with a Report of a Domestic Violence Report, and Resisting Arrest. On 7 October 2020 EDDIE THOMAS, Jr. was arraigned on the charges and ordered not to have any contact with Jerilyn Nicholson. See Municipality of Anchorage v. Eddie Thomas, Jr., 3AN-20-07738CR.

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On 23 January 2021 Anchorage Police arrested EDDIE THOMAS, Jr. for Operating Under the Influence, Resisting Arrest, and Violating Conditions of Release. EDDIE THOMAS, Jr. provided a breath sample of .091. EDDIE THOMAS, Jr. was arraigned 12 March 2021 and ordered to obey all laws. See Municipality of Anchorage v. Eddie Thomas, Jr., 3AN-21-00721CR.

On 30 April 2021 at 15:19 William Nicholson reported to Anchorage Police Department that his adult daughter, Jerilyn Nicholson, was missing as the family had been unable to contact her since 26 April 2021. The family advised that Jerilyn Nicholson had been picked up at the hospital, brought to the family home in Eagle River, and then brought to her ex-boyfriend EDDIE THOMAS, Jr.'s residence at 16510 Centerfield Drive in Eagle River.

Police spoke with EDDIE THOMAS, Jr. who advised that Jerilyn Nicholson had left soon after arriving on 24 April 2021. EDDIE THOMAS, Jr. stated Jerilyn Nicholson wanted alcohol to drink and he refused because he knew she was scheduled to enter a treatment facility.

On 1 May 2021 at 3:47pm Ginger Miles reported a discovery of a deceased female at the bottom of an embankment near mile marker 5 of Eklutna Lake Road.

Anchorage Police responded to the scene. The female was later identified as Jerilyn Nicholson by fingerprints. Crime scene personnel did not observe any obvious signs of cause of death.

EDDIE THOMAS, Jr. was brought to the Anchorage Police Department for an interview. During the interview EDDIE THOMAS, Jr. said Jerilyn Nicholson wanted to take an Epsom salt bath at his apartment and drink alcohol which he refused to provide. EDDIE THOMAS, Jr. also said that Jerilyn Nicholson left within one hour of arriving as she was upset with not getting any alcohol from him. EDDIE THOMAS, Jr. described her as wearing sweatpants, a cut-up shirt, no jacket, and carrying a black purse. EDDIE THOMAS, Jr. told police he had last had consensual sex with Jerilyn Nicholson on 20 April 2021. EDDIE THOMAS, Jr. stated Jerilyn Nicholson did not take a bath at his apartment.

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Detectives obtained a photograph Jerilyn Nicholson posted on Instagram at 8:00pm on 24 April 2021. The photo, which appears to be a selfie, is of Jerilyn Nicholson in a bathtub. Detectives showed EDDIE THOMAS, Jr. the Instagram post and asked if the photo was taken in his bathroom. EDDIE THOMAS, Jr. denied that the photo was taken in his bathroom.

Police drove EDDIE THOMAS, Jr. back to his apartment and, with his consent, walked through the Centerfield Drive apartment. Detectives noted his bathtub appeared to be the same bathtub depicted in the Instagram post.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation assisted Anchorage Police in the matter. Police obtained search warrants for Jerilyn Nicholson's phone records and the FBI determined the cellular device attached to Jerilyn Nicholson's phone number travels from the family home in Eagle River to the area of Centerfield Drive. The cellular device does not leave the general area of Centerfield Drive until 29 April 2021 at 8:21pm.

Police obtained surveillance video from the Brown Jug liquor store at 11221 Old Glenn Highway. This store is less than one-quarter of a mile from EDDIE THOMAS, Jr.'s apartment. Jerilyn Nicholson is on surveillance video at 9:41pm on 24 April 2021 purchasing alcohol. Jerilyn Nicholson has a blue plaid flannel shirt tied around her waist. Detectives observed a matching shirt hanging in EDDIE THOMAS, Jr.'s apartment during their walkthrough.

Police obtained surveillance video from EDDIE THOMAS, Jr.'s apartment complex. The camera is pointed in the direction of EDDIE THOMAS, Jr.'s apartment building exterior door. Visible in camera is EDDIE THOMAS, Jr.'s Subaru Impreza parked directly outside his apartment. In footage captured 27 April 2021 at approximately 11:29am EDDIE THOMAS, Jr. comes from his apartment, opens the front passenger door of the Subaru, reenters his apartment, and a few minutes later returns outside carrying a lifeless human body. EDDIE THOMAS, Jr. places the body into the Subaru's front passenger seat and closes the door. EDDIE THOMAS, Jr. gets into driver's seat and drives off. The body appears to be Jerilyn Nicholson due to hair color, hair length,

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physical size, and clothing which matches what she was wearing when found deceased at Eklutna.

On 3 and 4 May 2021 the State of Alaska Medical Examiner conducted the autopsy of Jerilyn Nicholson. No cause of death has been determined at this time.

While EDDIE THOMAS, Jr. is alleged to have committed these offenses involving a victim with whom he had a dating relationship none of these offenses are considered by law to be "crimes involving domestic violence". AS 18.66.990(3).

BAIL INFORMATION

Per the Alaska Public Safety Information Network, the defendant has the following convictions in Alaska:

l	DAN	10/31/08	FAIL TO	CARRY PROOF	OF VEHICLE	INS 3AN-0	08-11044 Y	N	111417084
l	DAN	03/04/05	OPERATE	VEHICLE W/O	INSURANCE	3AN-0	05-1453 N	N	109320138
l	DAN	10/31/03	DRIVING	WHILE INTOX	ICATED	3AN-0	03-10608 Y	N	108384354

Dated at Anchorage, Alaska this 5 May 2021.

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