

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
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 COUNTY OF WARD)

I, Erin Bonney, attest that the information contained in this affidavit is true and correct and that I am a trained and licensed Peace Officer employed with the Minot Police Department:

This affidavit is made in such capacity and in support of the request for an arrest warrant for Ina Thea Kenoyer , for the crime(s) of Murder (AA Felony)

The facts are as follows:

On 09/04/2023 at approximately 1210 hours Minot Central Dispatch received a 911 Emergency call requesting an ambulance at a NW MINOT ADDRESS for a report of an unconscious male. First Responders from Minot Police Department, Minot Fire Department, and Trinity First Response Ambulance arrived on scene and ultimately transported JOHN DOE to Trinity ER. JOHN DOE'S medical condition was so severe he was flown to CHI St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck, ND later that day. JOHN DOE never regained consciousness and passed away on 09/05/2023.

After hearing of his passing, JOHN DOE'S friends and family made reports to the police department of their concerns that Ina Thea Kenoyer poisoned JOHN DOE with antifreeze. Ina Thea Kenoyer and JOHN DOE had been in a dating relationship for approximately 10 years, however she referred to herself as JOHN DOE'S wife. They explained Ina Thea Kenoyer had made comments in the past about poisoning JOHN DOE with antifreeze and that she made comments after his death that he was poisoned with antifreeze even though no lab work tests for antifreeze had been completed, and no medical professionals had conveyed any information about JOHN DOE's condition to Ina Thea Kenoyer, including the fact that he died.

Several friends of JOHN DOE reported JOHN DOE believed he was to become the recipient of a large inheritance and was planning on meeting a lawyer at the airport on 09/03/2023 to complete that transaction. Ina Thea Kenoyer was also aware of the inheritance and believed JOHN DOE was going to receive over \$30 million dollars.

Interviews with JOHN DOE'S friends were conducted and revealed JOHN DOE had planned on breaking up with Ina Thea Kenoyer after he received his inheritance. Theresa Akin, a friend of JOHN DOE and Ina Thea Kenoyer witnessed Ina Thea Kenoyer throwing JOHN DOE'S property outside on the afternoon of 09/03/2023. Akin stated Ina Thea Kenoyer was mad because JOHN DOE was going to get his inheritance and leave her.

During the evening of 09/03/2023 many friends were with JOHN DOE at the airport and witnessed JOHN DOE'S health decline rapidly. They stated JOHN DOE complained that he felt like he was drunk, but hadn't consumed an alcohol, he complained of stomach pain, and was unsteady on his feet and nearly falling over when trying to walk. Witnesses stated they wanted to obtain medical treatment for JOHN DOE but Ina Thea Kenoyer was adamant that JOHN DOE was suffering from heat stroke and just needed to go home and rest after the airport.

JOHN DOE was so ill within an hour, he was vomiting, could not walk on his own, and seemed to be in and out of consciousness. Wesley Torgerson, a close friend of JOHN DOE stated he was very concerned about JOHN DOE'S condition but allowed Ina Thea Kenoyer to take care of JOHN DOE because she claimed to have medical training and knew what to do for heat stroke. The morning of 09/04/2023 at approximately 1000 hours, Torgerson went to check on JOHN DOE and Ina Thea Kenoyer would only speak to Torgerson through a closed door and stated JOHN DOE was at the walk-in clinic. Torgerson went to every walk-in clinic in Minot as well as the ER and learned JOHN DOE had not been to any of those locations.

The coroner was made aware of the concerns of antifreeze poisoning and conducted testing on JOHN DOE'S blood for ethylene glycol (a key ingredient in antifreeze). The results showed toxic levels of ethylene glycol in JOHN DOE'S system. An autopsy was requested and performed and the cause of death was determined to be ethylene glycol poisoning.

A search warrant was conducted at the NW MINOT residence of Ina Thea Kenoyer and JOHN DOE. An old Windex bottle without a cap, containing a bright green liquid, suspected to be antifreeze, was found in the living room of the apartment. A glass Coors light bottle and a plastic mug both containing suspected antifreeze, were located in the garage.

Ina Thea Kenoyer reported JOHN DOE had been consuming alcohol all day on 09/03/2023 and claimed he "had a heat stroke" the previous day. Billy Burkhead, a friend of JOHN DOE stated he was with JOHN DOE almost the entire day of 09/02/2023 and JOHN DOE was fine and displayed no signs of being ill or having heat stroke. Other witnesses that saw JOHN DOE throughout the day of 09/03/2023 stated he was fine until the evening when he fell ill. Bloodwork done on JOHN DOE upon initial admission to the ER, as well as toxicology done for purposes of autopsy, found JOHN DOE had no alcohol in his system.

Detectives spoke with Ina Thea Kenoyer and she stated she was aware of JOHN DOE'S inheritance and was planning on splitting the money with JOHN DOE'S son now that JOHN DOE was deceased, as she believed herself to be entitled to a portion because she held herself out to be JOHN DOE'S common law wife. Ina Thea Kenoyer was incensed when apprised by detectives that North Dakota does not recognize common law marriage and she would in fact not be entitled to a portion of any inheritance. Ina Thea Kenoyer provided multiple scenarios about how JOHN DOE could have ingested antifreeze to include smoking a cigarette that may have fallen into antifreeze in the garage. She also claimed she Googled the symptoms of heat stroke and found they "mimic poisoning". Your deponent also Googled the symptoms of heat stroke and found absolutely no reference to "mimicking poison."

Ina Thea Kenoyer admitted she had been making JOHN DOE sweet tea throughout the day on 09/03/2023. Ethylene glycol is the ingredient that make antifreeze sweet to the taste and is easily disguised in sweet drinks. When JOHN DOE fell ill, Ina Thea Kenoyer reported wanting to have JOHN DOE be seen by medical personnel, but she stated Torgerson told her not to call 911, contrary to Torgerson's statement and statements of other witnesses. Ina Thea Kenoyer did not obtain any medical treatment for JOHN DOE until the next afternoon even though she had over 12 hours alone with JOHN DOE and watched his health decline to where he was unresponsive and died less than 24 hours later.

Based on the foregoing I request an arrest warrant for Ina Thea Kenoyer for the charge of Murder - AA Felony.

- ☐ Victim is Society
- Victim was provided the Marsy's Card: ☐ Yes ☒ No
- Victim already given Marsy's Card: ☐ Yes ☒ No
- Victim invoked their rights under Marsy's Law: ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Car In-Car video available
- Body Camera Video available

PHOTOS TAKEN: Yes ☒ No ☐

I swear that this statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Officers Signature

Eric Bunney 443/8705

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Minot Police Department

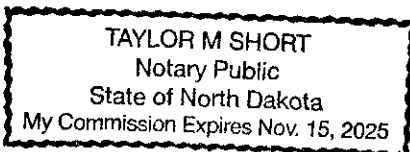
Subscribed and sworn to me before this

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Day of

October

, 2023



Notary Public

Ward County, North Dakota

My Commission Expires: _____

I have reviewed this affidavit and find there to be probable cause to hold the subject in jail pending an appearance in court.

Bond is set at

must appear

for the charge of

murder

Judge

Stacy J Louie

Court:

district

Date:

10/30/23