In Jail

Probable Cause Statement

Defendants Name: SCHEFFER, SARAH E.B. Complaint #: 2024-00000398

Race: White Sex: Female

Arrest Date/Time: 01/16/2024 15:03 At Large: _____

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Comes now Officer Andrew Rogers states the following under oath:

1. I have probable cause to believe the defendant committed the crimes of
   565.072-002Y20201399 DOMESTIC ASSAULT-1ST DEG 1ST OFFENSE

   in that on or about 07:45 hours on 01/16/2024 at ST. MARY'S BLVD

   County of Cole

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:
   The defendant committed the offense of domestic assault in the first degree by attempting to kill or knowingly caused or attempted to cause serious physical injury to a domestic victim.

   The victim has been suspicious of his wife, the defendant, putting poisonous and/or toxic substances in his food and beverages without his knowledge for the past six weeks.

   The victim described eight occurrences in which the defendant provided a beverage or food that had an odd taste and shortly after ingesting he experienced extreme fatigue, confusion, blurred vision, severe cotton mouth, and nausea.

   The victim stated on 12-31-2023 the defendant provided him a beverage he described as having a bitter taste. Shortly afterwards he experienced the above mentioned symptoms. The symptoms continued throughout the following day, 01-01-2024.

   On 01-01-2024 the defendant brought the victim a beverage. The victim stated the beverage had a bitter taste. The victim advised he confronted the defendant regarding her putting something into the beverage and the defendant stated she urinated in it. The defendant then admitted to putting an industrial strength adhesive in it. The victim stated the defendant later denied putting anything in the beverage.

   The victim installed a concealed surveillance camera that captured the kitchen area of their residence.

   The victim stated on 01-16-2024 at about 0650 hours he observed a bag labeled "lily of the valley" setting on a table in the defendants work area within the home. Setting on the table was

I swear, under penalty of perjury that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge.

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a green bowl containing what he described as a root from the bag labeled "lily of the valley". The victim photographed the bowl with the contents, which I viewed.

The victim displayed a video capturing the defendant adding items to a blender on 01-16-2024 at about 0745 hours. The defendant emptied the contents from what appeared to be the same bowl he had photographed earlier in the morning, into the blender. The defendant blended the contents, poured the contents into a yellow insulated tumbler, and placed the tumbler in the fridge. The victim stated the defendant prepared the smoothie for him.

I seized the yellow insulated tumbler and contents to be submitted to the MSHP Laboratory for testing.

The defendant admitted to adding a root of the "lily of the valley" into the blender while preparing a smoothie drink for the victim. The defendant admitted doing this with the intent to cause the victim harm. The defendant admitted to knowing that ingesting "lily of the valley" could result in death. The defendant admitted knowing the act was illegal.

The National Capital Poison Center advised all parts of the plant "lily of the valley" contain numerous cardiac glycosides, which slow down the heart and cause irregular heart rhythm. "Lily of the valley" is categorized as having major toxicity. Other signs of cardiac glycosides are nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain.

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3. I further believe that the defendant:
   a. Will not appear in court in response to a criminal summons because:
   The defendant advised she has a relationship with an individual who resides in Pakistan. The defendant has conducted google searches for flights to Pakistan.

   b. That the defendant poses a danger to a crime victim, the community or any other person because:
   The defendant admitted to concealing a substance categorized as having major toxicity in a drink and providing it to her husband with the intent to cause harm to him.

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