

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATHENS DIVISION

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MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

VS.

NO. **3:09-MJ-04-30(CWH)**

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

GEORGE MARTIN ZINKHAN, III
Defendant(s)

I, the undersigned complainant, being duly sworn, state that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about April 25, 2009 in Athens-Clarke County, in the MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA, the above-named defendant(s) did

Move or travel in interstate and/or foreign commerce with intent either to avoid prosecution or custody or confinement after having three Murder Warrants issued for his arrest in Athens-Clarke County, crimes which are felonies under the laws of this state, namely Georgia .

in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Section 1073.

I further state that I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that this complaint is based on the following facts:

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part hereof: Yes No

Gregory M. Clendon
Signature of Complainant

Sworn to and Subscribed Before me in Macon, Georgia,

This 26th day of April, 2009.

Claude W. Hicks, Jr.
CLAUDE W. HICKS, JR.
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE



Gregory McClendon, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and have been a Special Agent for the past eighteen (18) years. I am presently assigned to the FBI Office in Macon, Georgia, and , in the course of my duties as a Special Agent, I investigate violations of federal laws. I learned the information set forth below by information provided to me by Special Agent James Cearley for the FBI who is the case agent, assisting local law enforcement, located in Athens, Georgia.

S/A Cearley has knowledge that three murder warrants have been secured by the Athens-Clarke County Police Department for the arrest of George Martin Zinkhan, III.

On April 25, 2009 around 12:25 pm the Athens-Clarke County Police Department received phone calls of a shooting fired near the Taylor Grady House. Senior Police Officer (hereinafter "SPO") Von Anderson was the first Athens-Clarke County Police officer to arrive on scene. SPO Anderson was directed to the Town and Gown Theater. Upon SPO Anderson's arrival he found three victims suffering from gunshot wounds in the parking lot of the Athens Community Theater. Those three victims were apparently dead.

SPO Anderson also found spent shell casings on the ground near the bodies of the victims.

Numerous witnesses observed an individual that they know to be George Zinkhan shoot his wife (Marie Bruce), Thomas Tanner and Ben Teague. Zinkhan was wearing khaki shorts and a light colored shirt.

Zinkhan then left Athens Community Theater in a red Jeep Liberty with his two children, ages 8 and 10. Zinkhan drove the children to a neighbor's home, Bob Covington, located at 362 Chesterfield Rd., Athens, GA. Zinkhan asked Bob Covington to watch the children for an hour. Zinkhan explained that there had been an emergency and left.

Athens-Clarke County Coroner Sonny Wilson pronounced Marie Bruce, Thomas Tanner, and Ben Teague dead at 1:30 PM.

Using the website www.uga.edu, Sgt. Nichols was able to find George Zinkhan listed in the University of Georgia Directory. The UGA directory listed George Zinkhan as an employee of UGA. University of Georgia Police were able to confirm Zinkhan as an employee.

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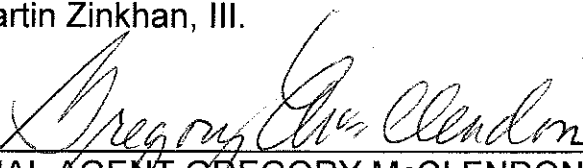
GBI Agent Rebecca Shaw responded to conduct interviews. She spoke with Kris Vinson who stated that she was friends with Marie Bruce. She stated that Marie told her George Zinkhan had scheduled a trip to Amsterdam. Her husband, Toby Vinson, told SA Shaw that Zinkhan travels to Amsterdam several times per year and that he is close to his brother in North Carolina. He also stated that Zinkhan recently visited his mother in Baltimore, MD. SA Shaw also spoke with Harriet Anderson who stated that Zinkhan has connections to the Netherlands and that he is close to his other children in Texas. Zinkhan has made no contact with these children. He also has extended family in Maryland and Utah.

Delta Airlines has confirmed that George Zinkhan has a ticket for a flight to Amsterdam scheduled on 05-02-09. He may change the date and attempt to leave early.


Sgt. Jerry Saulters spoke with Chris Campbell who works with George Zinkhan. Campbell stated that he Zinkhan recently got a Verizon cell phone. He stated that Zinkhan said he planned on being out of the country and needed a cell phone that would work in the Netherlands. He knew that Zinkhan is also an adjunct professor at the University of Amsterdam.

No one can account for Zinkhan's whereabouts. Zinkhan's residence and office were searched pursuant to a search warrant and he was not located. His passport wallet was discovered without the passport. There has been no activity on his known cell phones. He has not had contact with any known family, associates or students.

Wherefore, the affiant respectfully requests that a warrant under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1073, be issued to me, or any other duly authorized Federal Officer, to seize and arrest George Martin Zinkhan, III.


SPECIAL AGENT GREGORY McCLENDON
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 26th day of April, 2009


CLAUDE W. HICKS JR.
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE