



INFORMATION

JD-CR-71 Rev. 8-08

STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
SUPERIOR COURT

ARREST WARRANT

G.A. NO. DATE STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
23 12/28/09

TO: Any Proper Officer of the State of Connecticut  
By AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, you are hereby commanded to arrest the body of the within-named accused. ("X" all that apply)

- A. Accused is ordered to be brought before a clerk or assistant clerk of the Superior Court.
- B. Accused is not entitled to bail.  
If A, B or both are checked above, you shall without undue delay bring the arrested person before the clerk or assistant clerk of the Superior Court for the geographical area where the offense is alleged to have been committed, or if the clerk's office is not open, to a community correctional center within said geographical area, or the nearest community correctional center if no such center exists in the geographical area, or to the Correctional Institution, as the case may be.
- C. Bail set at \$ 3,000,000.00
- D. Non-financial conditions of release:

EXTRADITION BOUNDARIES  
ESTABLISHED BY PROSECUTOR

E. Conditions of release not determined by court.

<b>BY THE COURT</b>	SIGNED (Judge of the Superior Court)	NAME OF JUDGE (Print or type)
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RETURN ON ARREST WARRANT

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Then and there, by virtue of the within and foregoing complaint and warrant, I arrested the body of the within-named accused and read the same in the hearing of said accused; and have said accused here in court for examination.

ATTEST (Officer's signature and Department)

DATE	OTHER COURT ACTION	JUDGE

ARREST WARRANT APPLICATION

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AGENCY NAME Branford	AGENCY NO.
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NAME AND RESIDENCE (Town) OF ACCUSED Chaves, Michael D Unknown	COURT TO BE HELD AT (Town) New Haven	G.A. NO. 23
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Race: White Sex: Male **APPLICATION FOR ARREST WARRANT** D.O.B: 07/26/1970

TO: A Judge of the Superior Court

The undersigned hereby applies for a warrant for the arrest of the above-named accused on the basis of the facts set forth in the:  AFFIDAVIT BELOW.  AFFIDAVIT(S) ATTACHED.

DATE AND SIGNATURE	DATE 12-28-09	SIGNED (Prosecuting Authority) <i>Eugene R. Calisdr, Jr.</i>	TYPE/PRINT NAME OF PROSECUTING AUTHORITY Eugene R. Calisdr, Jr.
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**AFFIDAVIT**

The undersigned affiant, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. The undersigned, Det. Ronald Washington, being duly sworn, does depose and state that he is a member of the Branford Police Department and has been a member of said department since July 1, 1984. At all times mentioned herein he was acting as a member of said department. The following facts and circumstances are stated from personal knowledge and observations as well as information received from other police officers acting in their official capacity and from official police reports and statements made by prudent and credible witnesses.
2. On 4/17/2009, at approximately 1044 hours, the body of a male subject was been discovered inside the trailer of a tractor-trailer parked at the TA Travel Center located at 3 East Industrial Road, Branford, Connecticut. This was reported by the owner/operator of the tractor-trailer, Cesar Cerrudo, who discovered the body in the trailer. The victim would later be identified as Dale Anderson, date of birth 10/30/1961.
3. The victim had several head wounds, with dried blood on his face and head. A large wound was visible on the left side of his head. A red blood-like material was splattered on the walls and floor of the trailer.
4. The Connecticut State Police Major Crime Squad was notified and responded to the TA Travel Center. They processed and gathered evidence at the scene.

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JURAT	SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME ON (Date) 12/28/09	SIGNED (Judge/Clerk, Comm./Sup. Ct., Notary Public) <i>St. M. Carroll</i>

**FINDING**

The foregoing Application for an arrest warrant, and affidavit(s) attached to said Application, having been submitted to and considered by the undersigned, the undersigned finds from said affidavit(s) that there is probable cause to believe that an offense has been committed and that the accused committed it and, therefore, that probable cause exists for the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of the above-named accused.

DATE AND SIGNATURE	SIGNED AT (City or Town) BRANFORD	ON (Date) 12/28/09	SIGNED (Judge/ Judge Trial Referee) <i>Bruce W. Thompson</i>	NAME OF JUDGE/JUDGE TRIAL REFEREE BRUCE W. THOMPSON
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5. The body of the victim, Dale Anderson, was transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner where Dr. Ira J. Kanfer performed an autopsy. The cause of death was listed as Cranocerebral Trauma, manner was homicide.

6. In an interview and subsequent audio-taped statement given to the Affiant, Cerrudo stated he first met the victim, Anderson, on 4/15/2009 at approximately 5:00 p.m. when the victim asked if he could sleep overnight in the trailer. Cerrudo stated that it appeared as if Anderson had been drinking, but allowed him to sleep overnight in the trailer. Cerrudo further stated that he did have a person, known to him by the first name "Mike" working for him. Cerrudo stated that he could not remember Mike's last name. Cerrudo stated that he first met "Mike" in Tennessee on 4/01/2009 when he hired him as a helper. They made stops in Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania before coming to Connecticut and eventually parking at the TA Travel Center in Branford while waiting for work. Cerrudo stated that he always sleeps in his tractor and, from the time he was hired, Mike slept in the trailer. The TA Travel Center has a video surveillance tape system. The time stamp on the system shows 52 minutes faster than the actual time. On 4/15/2009 at 6:23 p.m. camera number 24 showed Mike and the victim (Anderson) exited the building together. At 8:41 p.m. the video surveillance camera showed Mike had entered the building alone. Cerrudo, who was in the Travel Center, says that is when Mike had come to him asking for the key to open the trailer. Cerrudo said, he, Mike and another driver, identified by Cerrudo as Carlo, walked out of the TA Travel Center to go unlock the trailer. Surveillance camera number 24 showed this at 9:02 p.m. Cerrudo thought it unusual that the trailer would be locked because as long as Mike had been riding with him it was never locked. While Cerrudo and Carlo were on the drivers side of the truck, Mike took the key and walked out of sight to the other side (passenger side) of the trailer. He then returned the key to Cerrudo who then, with Carlo, walked back into the building. Camera number 24 shows this at 9:07 p.m. That is the last time Cerrudo speaks to or sees Mike. Cerrudo would add that he usually hears Mike moving around in the trailer, however, did not hear anything all night from the trailer.

7. On the morning of 04/16/09, at approximately 7:00 AM, Cerrudo was sleeping in his tractor part of the truck when he was awakened by the other driver, Carlos. They had walked around to the passenger side of the trailer. Cerrudo saw what he thought was blood or vomit on the ground underneath the door of the trailer where Mike enters and exits the trailer. He did not see Mike or the victim all that day. At approximately 6:00 PM, Cerrudo was again standing at the doors of the trailer when he noticed the doors had been locked. He unlocked

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REVIEWED (Prosecutorial Official) <i>M. Cabot</i>	DATE 12-28-09	REVIEWED (Judge/Judge Trial Referee) <i>Michael C. Thompson</i>
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the door so that if Mike returned, he would not be disturbed to unlock the door.

8. On the morning of 04/17/09, Cerrudo was concerned and decided to look inside the trailer. He opened the locked doors to the trailer on the driver's side of the trailer, that is when he found the victim.

9. On 4/18/2009, Detective Ryan Tobin located Joseph Estrada who drives for Wheaton Van Lines who the victim had traveled from California with. Mr. Estrada indicated that the victim had been drinking on 4/15/2009 while at the TA Travel Center in Branford. He said they had an argument and Anderson became angry and told Estrada to pay him what he was owed and he, Anderson, would go on his own way. Estrada said that he paid Anderson \$215.00 in cash, which he was owed, and they parted ways. That when the body of the victim, Dale Anderson, was found, his personal items were inventoried, as was his person, and no cash was found.

10. On 4/22/2009, Detective DeGoursey spoke to Cesar Cerrudo by telephone after he had returned home to Oklahoma on 4/21/2009. Detective DeGoursey asked Mr. Cerrudo if he remembered any additional information that the lumper, Mike, may have told him during the two week period that they were together. Mr. Cerrudo stated that Mike said that he had worked as a lumper (lumper: a person who does manual labor for the truck drivers) in the Lake Tahoe area for several years. Mike said that he had been in prison and been arrested for possession in California. Mike said that he had a child that died either at birth or shortly thereafter. Mike said he blamed his wife/girlfriend or, possibly, that she blamed him for the baby's death.

11. Investigation revealed that trucking companies specializing in furniture moving and storage that serviced the Lake Tahoe area were primarily located in Reno, Nevada. On 4/24/2009, Detective DeGoursey made phone contact with Robert Walker, a dispatcher for Puliz Moving and Storage of Reno, Nevada. Mr. Walker advised Detective DeGoursey that he was aware of the Branford TA Travel homicide and that he had seen the information flyer with the truck stop surveillance photos of Mike. Mr. Walker said that he was shown the flyer by Dana Palomares who he used to work with at Puliz. They both said that Mike was friends with another former lumper named Rick Nelson and that Rick had relocated to Carson City, Nevada and supposedly had a wife that worked at the Carson City Hospital.

12. On 4/29/2009, Detective DeGoursey contacted Detective Fogarty of the Reno Police Department in

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REVIEWED (Prosecutorial Official) <i>W. M. Cabot</i>	DATE 12-28-09	REVIEWED (Judge / Judge Trial Referee) <i>Wesley C. Thompson</i>
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Nevada. Detective Fogarty was apprised of the above facts. On 4/29/2009, Detective Fogarty met Robert Walker at Puliz Moving and Storage in Reno, Nevada. Mr. Walker confirmed to Detective Fogarty that he was 99% sure that photos of Mike in the information flyer were of a former employee named Mike. On 4/29/2009, Detective Fogarty met with Dana Palomares at Colonial Van and Storage in Sparks, Nevada. Ms. Palomares confirmed to Detective Fogarty that she was 99% sure that photos of Mike in the information flyer were of a former employee named Mike.

13. On 4/30/2009, Detective Fogarty then contacted and met Rick Nelson of Dayton, Nevada, a suburb of Carson City, Nevada, at Rick Nelson's home. Rick Nelson confirmed to Detective Fogarty that he worked with a "Mike" at Puliz Moving and Storage from approximately 2000 through 2005. Rick Nelson was shown the photos in the information flyer of Mike and Rick Nelson said that he was 100% positive that photos of Mike in the information flyer was Mike Chaves who he used to work with. Rick Nelson told Detective Fogarty that Mike Chaves had a child that died about four years ago, but he did not know the details.

14. On 5/01/2009, Detective Fogarty located a Michael Chaves, date of birth 7/26/1970, with a 9/21/2001 arrest in Reno, Nevada for Battery/Domestic Violence misdemeanor which Chaves pled guilty to.

15. On 5/01/2009, a Triple III national criminal records check was done on Michael Chaves, 7/26/1970. Chaves showed an extensive criminal arrest record with arrests in California, Nevada, Texas, and Washington. Branford Police obtained a booking photograph of Michael Chaves from the Dallas Police Department from a 12/04/2008 arrest for Felony Possession of a Controlled Substance, which Chaves pled guilty to.

16. On 5/04/2009, Affiant Washington and Detective DeGoursey met with Thomas Kinney at his residence in Guilford, Connecticut. Thomas Kinney was observed on surveillance video at the TA Travel Center having a conversation and selling a cigarette to "Mike" in the video game room of the TA Travel Center on 4/15/2009. This was viewed by police on 4/17/2009 and Kinney was interviewed at that time and confirmed talking to Mike and selling him a cigarette. Thomas Kinney viewed the Dallas Police booking photo of Michael Chaves and Kinney positively identified the person in the photo as the "Mike" he sold the cigarette to on 4/15/2009. Kinney also said that he had seen and had conversations with "Mike" for two or three days prior to 4/15/2009 at the TA Travel Center.

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17. On 5/04/2009, Affiant Washington and Detective DeGoursey met with Shannon Prindle at her place of work, the Branford TA Travel Center. Shannon Prindle was the Acting Store Manager on 4/17/2009. She assisted police in operating and viewing surveillance video from the TA Travel Center. Shannon Prindle also said that she had seen "Mike" for several days in the TA Travel Center up until 4/15/2009. She specifically remembered selling "Mike" a bottle of soda at some point during that three to four day period. Shannon Prindle viewed the Dallas Police booking photo of Michael Chaves and positively identified the person in the photo as the "Mike" she sold the soda to and had seen for a three or four day period.

18. On 5/04/2009, Detective DeGoursey made contact with Mechelle Kelly. Ms. Kelly is a truck driver who contacted the Branford Police Department on 4/23/2009 after seeing an information flyer in a truck stop. Ms. Kelly stated that she was in the Branford TA Travel Center on 4/09/2009. She parked her tractor trailer approximately four parking spaces from Cesar Cerrudo's Allied Van Lines tractor trailer. She spoke to Mr. Cerrudo and his helper, "Mike", for approximately three hours. She said to "Mike", something to the effect, "You look familiar, didn't we work together in the past?" "Mike" replied that Ms. Kelly looked familiar. She said something to the effect, "Yeah, you used to work for Dale Elsworth, my ex-boyfriend, and me in California". "Mike" replied that he knew Dale and remembered working with Dale and Mechelle in the past. Mechelle Kelly was in Spokane, Washington on 5/04/2009. Detective DeGoursey e-mailed her the Dallas Police booking photo of Michael Chaves and Mechelle Kelly positively identified the person in the photo as the "Mike" that she saw and had a conversation with at the Branford TA Travel Center.

19. It has been determined that Michael Chaves is wanted in Dallas, Texas for Violation of Probation. In speaking with probation officials from Dallas, Texas, a warrant was issued on 5/12/2009 with full extradition.

20. That on 7/11/2009, the Dale Anderson homicide was featured on the America's Most Wanted television program. The Dallas Probation Warrant was announced on the program, as well as the Branford Police Department's desire to speak with Chaves as he was the last known person to have been in Anderson's company.

21. That on 7/12/2009, at 11:59 a.m., David Boswell was talking to his ex-wife on his cell phone. Boswell's ex-

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wife told him about the America's Most Wanted program and Boswell told her that Chaves was in his truck. Boswell's ex-wife then contacted America's Most Wanted who, in turn, contacted the Branford Police Department with that information. In a subsequent telephone call to Branford Police Lieutenant Raymond Dunbar, David Boswell stated that he had picked Chaves up in El Paso, Texas and was going to take him to San Antonio. Boswell explained that while he was driving the tractor he allowed Chaves to sleep in the sleeper compartment behind him. He further stated that Chaves had tattoos on his arms and described the tattoos as a Tasmanian Devil on his left arm and Tribal Band on his right arm. These tattoos and their locations on Chaves were only known to members of law enforcement. Mr. Boswell explained that suddenly Chaves asked him to pull over because he wasn't feeling well. Boswell did so at mile marker 361 in Ozona, Texas and Chaves climbed from the tractor, began running away and Boswell never saw him again.

22. The Connecticut State Police Forensic Laboratory notified the Branford Police Department on 11/24/2009 of certain DNA findings on articles submitted. A Pall Mall cigarette filter found outside the passenger's side door of the trailer contained blood spatter which was determined to be the DNA of the victim, Dale Anderson. Also, there was an unknown male DNA present. There was DNA of the victim and, again, unknown DNA matching the cigarette on a pillow where Chaves had slept. There was the same unknown DNA in the right hand front pocket of the victim's jeans which, again, matched the cigarette and pillow. Michael Chaves had never submitted to DNA; therefore, it wasn't on file.

23. That on 12/28/2009, the Branford Police Department received a call from Sergeant Mitchell Kulwin of the Phoenix Arizona Police Department, who stated that Michael Chaves had been arrested in Phoenix and charged with Residential Trespass. Detective Lieutenant William Carroll of the Branford Police Department received the information that follows from Detective Kimball of the Phoenix Arizona Police Department. That during a formal, videotaped interview by Detective Brian Korus of the Phonex Arizona Police Department, Homicide Unit, Michael Chaves admitted to killing someone in Connecticut. Chaves said that he was at a truck stop in Connecticut helping to unload furniture for an Ecuadorian truck driver. That while at the truck stop, the truck driver hired a transient male named Dale. Chaves said that Dale had been drinking and was urinating in the part of the trailer where Chaves had been sleeping. Chaves got angry and during an argument said that Dale picked up a baseball bat and threatened Chaves. Chaves admitted to taking the bat from Dale and striking him four (4) or five (5) times with the baseball bat. After realizing Dale was dead, Michael Chaves said he "freaked

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out" and left the truck stop, putting the bat on the back of an unknown trailer before leaving on yet another truck. This Detective later talked with Detective Korus by telephone and the same information mentioned in this paragraph was corroborated.

24. Wherefore, the undersigned, Detective Ronald Washington, believes there is probable cause that one Michael Chaves, date of birth 7/26/1970, did commit the crime of Murder in violation of CGS 53a-54a and respectfully requests the issuance of this warrant.

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