

Adult Complaint and Warrant
In the Justice Of The Peace Court
In and for the
State of Delaware

State of Delaware vs. **JAMES T. SCHAEFFER-PATTON**

I, SGT LLOYD (00495) of TROOP 2 STATE POLICE , do hereby state under oath or affirmation, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief that the above-named accused violated the laws of the State of Delaware by committing criminal acts in **New Castle** county on or about the date, or dates, and at or about the location, or locations, as indicated in Exhibit A hereto attached and made a part hereof.

Wherefore, your affiant prays that the above-named accused may be forthwith approached and held to answer this complaint consisting of **2** charges, and to be further dealt with as the law directs.

X _____
/s/ SGT LLOYD (00495)
Affiant/Video Phone Warrant

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 28th day of February AD, 2020.

/s/ CHRISTOPHER A BRADLEY
Judge/Commissioner/Court Official

(To be completed by the Judge/Commissioner/Court Official)

- A. _____ The crime was committed by a child.
- B. _____ A misdemeanor was committed against a child.
- C. _____ A misdemeanor was committed by one family member against another family member.
- D. _____ Other: Explain: _____

Warrant

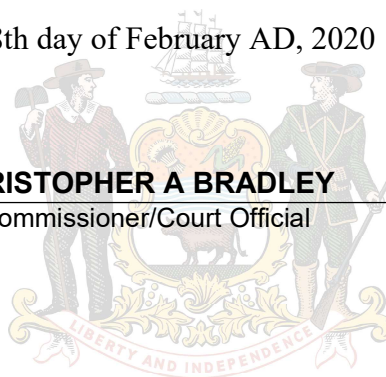
To any constable or other authorized person:

Whereas, the foregoing complaint consisting of **2** charges, having been made, as listed in Exhibit A which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, and having determined that said complaint has been properly sworn to and having found that there exists probable cause for the issuance of process, based upon the affidavit of probable cause which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit B, you are hereby commanded in the name of the State of Delaware, to take **JAMES T. SCHAEFFER-PATTON** accused, and bring same before

Justice Of The Peace Court 02, FORTHWITH, to answer said charges

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, this 28th day of February AD, 2020

/s/ CHRISTOPHER A BRADLEY
Judge/Commissioner/Court Official



Executed on by
Case Number: **20-02-017526** Warrant Number: **09-20-001970**

Exhibit A

Charge Sequence: **1** Police Complaint Number: **06-19-084107**

Arrest Number:

Charge: Abusing a Corpse In Violation of 11 Del.C. § 1332 0000 M A

Location: 135 Chestnut Crossing DR - Cooper Place Apartments - Newark, 19713

TO WIT: JAMES T SCHAEFFER-PATTON, on or about the 6th day of July, 2019, in the County of New Castle, State of Delaware, did except as authorized by law, treat a corpse in a way that a reasonable man knows would outrage ordinary family sensibilities.

Charge Sequence: **2** Police Complaint Number: **01-19-089426**

Arrest Number:

Charge: Abusing a Corpse In Violation of 11 Del.C. § 1332 0000 M A

Location: 27712 Valley Run DR - Towers of Valley Run - Wilmington, 19810

TO WIT: JAMES T SCHAEFFER-PATTON, on or about the 31st day of January, 2018, in the County of New Castle, State of Delaware, did except as authorized by law, treat a corpse in a way that a reasonable man knows would outrage ordinary family sensibilities.

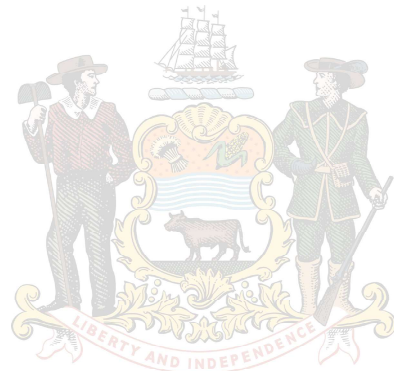


Exhibit B

SBI Number: **00468864**

Date of Birth/Age: **Mar 22, 1980 (39)**

Sex: **Male**

Race: **White**

Eye Color: **Brown**

Hair Color: **Brown**

Height: **5' 10"**

Weight: **165lbs**

Driver's License:

Social Security Number:

Address: **307 Broad ST**

APARTMENT 2

Kennett Square PA 19348

Employer: **DFS-FORENSIC INVESTIGATOR**

200 S Adams ST

Wilmington, DE 19801

Date of Times of Offense: **Between 01/31/2018 at 21:00 and 07/06/2019 at 04:30**

Location of Offense: **135 Chestnut Crossing DR - Cooper Place Apartments - Newark, 19713**

Also known as:

JAMES T. SCHAEFFER

Your Affiant is Lieutenant J. Andrew Lloyd #495 of the Delaware State Police. Your Affiant has been employed by the Delaware State Police since September 10, 2004. Your Affiant is currently assigned as a Patrol Lieutenant at the Delaware State Police Troop 9.

Your Affiant was assigned this investigation in August of 2019. At the time this investigation originated, your Affiant was a Sergeant in the Criminal investigations Unit-Troop 2. The suspect in this investigation is James T. Schaeffer-Patton WMN DOB 03/22/80 a.k.a James Patton of Pennsylvania. At the time of this investigation James Patton was employed by the State of Delaware as a Forensic Investigator with the Division of Forensic Sciences. His duties as a Forensic Investigator include body collection and transportation to the Division of Forensic Science for further analysis. He was supplied with a vehicle for transportation, which is equipped with a stretcher for use in moving decedents.

During August/September of 2019 I interviewed multiple New Castle County Police Officers. During these interviews I learned of two incidents involving James Patton of the Division of Forensic Sciences.

The first incident occurred on Wednesday 01/31/18 between approximately 2100 and 2200 hours at 27712 Valley Run Drive, Wilmington, Delaware. After multiple New Castle County Police Officer interviews, I learned Patton removed the body of a decedent by utilizing the ligature around the decedent s neck to pull the decedent out of a bedroom and down a hallway. Patton did not utilize a stretcher for transportation. I learned officers observed the decedent s neck being manipulated by the actions of Patton.

The second incident occurred on Saturday 07/06/19 between approximately 0230 hours and 0430 hours at 135 Chestnut Crossing Drive, Newark, Delaware. After multiple New Castle County Police Officer interviews, I learned Patton removed the body of a decedent by allowing the decedent s head and/or other body parts repeatedly strike the steps as Patton directed the removal of the decedent from the scene of the victim s death. Multiple New Castle County Police officers described the sound of the decedent s head striking the steps as loud repetitive thuds. Again, no stretcher was used for the removal of the decedent and multiple Officers indicated there was sufficient room to utilize a stretcher.

During August/September of 2019 I interviewed multiple Forensic Investigators employed by the Division of Forensic Sciences. All of the Forensic Investigators agreed they exercise control of a decedent s body at the scene of a death investigation. This control included the removal of the decedent s body from a scene. All of the Forensic Investigators agreed the aforementioned facts were outside the normal procedures on handling the bodies of decedents.

During August/September of 2019 I interviewed Doctor Gary Collins of the Division of Forensic Sciences.

Doctor Collins is the Chief Medical Examiner of the State of Delaware. Doctor Collins agreed the aforementioned facts were outside the normal procedures on handling the bodies of decedents. Doctor Collins characterized the handling the body as abusive.

During August/September of 2019 I interviewed Doctor Jennie Vershovksy of the Division of Forensic Sciences. Doctor Vershovksy agreed the aforementioned facts were outside the normal procedures on handling the bodies of decedents. Doctor Vershovksy characterized the handling the body as abusive.

Patton treated both decedents in a way that would outrage ordinary family sensibilities. He failed to follow ordinary practices, and operated outside normal procedures in removing the decedents.

Affiant: SGT LLOYD (00495) of TROOP 2 STATE POLICE

Victims:	Date of Birth	Relationship of Victim to Defendant
SOCIETY/PUBLIC		Victimless Crime
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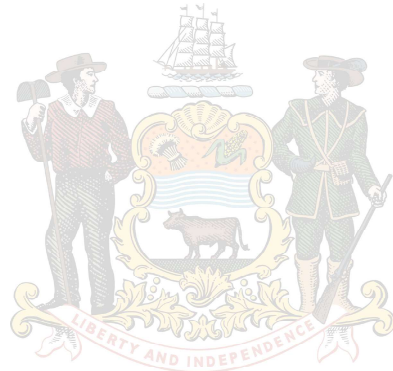
/s/ SGT LLOYD (00495)

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/s/ CHRISTOPHER A BRADLEY

Judge/Commissioner/Court Official



Approval and Arrest Information

Approved by: **CHRISTOPHER A BRADLEY**

Approved on: **02/28/2020 at 10:15 AM**

Approval Entered by: **CJPCBRA: CHRISTOPHER A BRADLEY**

Active Arrest Number:

Date of Arrest:

Arresting Agency: **TROOP 2 STATE POLICE**

Arresting Officer:

