

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Santa Clara Police Department Case Number: 2401160038

Suspect Liren Chen (DOB: 5/10/96; PFN: EHK487)

Victim: ██████████ (DOB: ██████████)

Detective Sergeant Frank Hagg

I, Detective Sergeant Frank Hagg, a duly authorized peace officer employed by the Santa Clara Police Department (SCPD), offer the following Statement of Facts based on my investigation which includes visiting the crime scene, interviewing witnesses and associated parties, reviewing official reports, and reviewing evidence.

On 1/16/24 at approximately 2055 hours, SCPD officers responded to a welfare check at ██████████ Valley Way in Santa Clara. When officers arrived, they contacted the reporting party (R/P), who stated that his friend, Suspect Liren Chen (DOB: 5/10/96, PFN: EHK487), lived at the residence with his wife, ██████████. No one else lived there or was currently staying there. The R/P had eaten dinner with Chen and ██████████ the previous evening at their home and he was concerned about a noticeable change in Chen's demeanor. Chen was quiet and staring blankly for much of the evening. On the morning of 1/16/24, the R/P and his wife tried to call Chen and ██████████ but could not get through to them.

When the R/P arrived at Chen's home, no one would answer the door. He went to the rear of the home and saw Chen through a window, but he could not get Chen to respond to him. Chen was motionless on his knees, had his hands in the air, and was staring blankly. The R/P called 911 and officers soon tried to hail Chen from the residence. They observed Chen through the window with what appeared to be blood on his jacket and socks.

The officers made entry into the residence and took the Suspect into custody. In the bedroom directly behind where Chen had been standing, officers located ██████████ deceased on the floor. She had severe blunt force injuries to her head and there was significant blood spatter on the floor, wall, and the back of the bedroom door where she was found. Ofc. Wright pronounced her as deceased.

Chen's right hand was extremely swollen and purple. He had blood on his clothing, his legs, arms, and hands. He also had superficial scratches on his left forearm. However, he did not appear to have any lacerations on his body that would have produced this blood. A pair of sandals in the hallway (appearing to be Chen's size) contained significant blood spatter. Officers did not locate an obvious weapon that was used to create the blunt force injuries to ██████████. Based on my training and experience, I believe Chen was wearing the sandals as he stood or crouched next to ██████████ and struck her repeatedly in the head with his hand.

SCFD personnel responded and asked Chen how he hurt his hand. Chen replied, "I punched my wife." They asked him when this happened and he replied, "Yesterday."

Based on my training and experience and the facts articulated above, I believe Suspect Chen murdered his wife, Victim ██████████ by striking her in the head repeatedly.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above synopsis of the investigation is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

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Detective Sergeant Frank Hagg #H8078

Santa Clara Police Department

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

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THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

Plaintiff,

FELONY COMPLAINT
CASE SUMMARY

vs.

DA NO: 240101021
CEN

24500977 EHK487 LC HELD 01/18/2024

LIREN CHEN (05/10/1996),
[REDACTED] VALLEY WY SANTA CLARA CA 95051

Defendant(s).

C A S E S U M M A R Y

Count	Charge	Charge Range	Defendant	Allegation	Alleg. Effect
1	PC187(a)	see code	Liren Chen	PC1170(b) PC1170(b) PC1170(b)	

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The undersigned is informed and believes that:

COUNT 1

On or about January 16, 2024, in the County of Santa Clara, State of California, the crime of MURDER, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 187(a), a Felony, was committed by LIREN CHEN who did unlawfully and with malice aforethought, kill [REDACTED] a human being.

It is further alleged against LIREN CHEN, pursuant to California Rules of Court 4.421(a)(1) and Penal Code section 1170(b), that the crime involved great violence, threat of great bodily harm, or other acts disclosing a high degree of cruelty, viciousness, or callousness.

It is further alleged against LIREN CHEN, pursuant to California Rules of Court 4.421(a)(3) and Penal Code section 1170(b), that the victim was particularly vulnerable.

It is further alleged, pursuant to California Rules of Court 4.421(a)(11) and Penal Code section 1170(b), that the defendant, LIREN CHEN, took advantage of a position of trust or confidence to commit the offense.

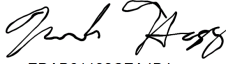
Any defendant, including a juvenile, who is convicted of and pleads guilty and no contest to any felony offense, including any attempt to commit the offense, charged in this complaint or information is required to provide buccal swab samples, right thumbprints and a full palm print impression of each hand, and any blood specimens or other biological samples required pursuant to the DNA and Forensic Identification Database and Data Bank Act of 1998 and Penal Code section 296, et seq.

Further, attached and incorporated by reference are official reports and documents of a law enforcement agency which the complainant believes establish probable cause for the pretrial restraint of defendant LIREN CHEN, for the above-listed crimes.

Complainant therefore requests that the defendant(s) be dealt with according to law.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the above is true and correct.

Executed on January 18, 2024, in SANTA CLARA County, California.

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