DISTRICT COURT, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO			
901 9TH AVENUE			
P.O. BOX 2038			
GREELEY, COLORADO 80631			
(970) 475-2400	DATE FILED: November 6, 201		
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO	DATE FILED. November 0, 2018		
vs.			
CHRISTOPHER LEE WATTS, DEFENDANT			
DISTRICT ATTORNEY:	COURT USE ONLY		
MICHAEL J. ROURKE			
ATTY. REG.: #28812			
P.O. BOX 1167	Case Number: 18CR2003		
915 TENTH STREET			
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WRITTEN WAIVER AND GUILTY PLEA			

- 1) I am the defendant in this case.
- 2) I have had enough time to talk to my lawyer about this case, and he/she has discussed the evidence against me. I have fully explained my side to him/her.
- 3) I believe that the District Attorney has enough evidence to convict me at trial.
- 4) I am satisfied that my plea of guilty in this case is in my best interest.
- 5) I understand that I have the right to exercise any or all of the following rights, even against my lawyer's advice:
 - a) The right to remain silent about this case;
 - b) The right to have my lawyer represent me and be present with me during any conferences or questioning by anyone about this case, at all court hearings, and at trial;
 - c) The right to plead <u>NOT GUILTY</u> and have a jury trial; and,
 - d) The right to appeal my case to a higher court if I am convicted at trial.
- 6) I understand that the right to a jury trial includes:
 - a) The right to help select the jury;
 - b) The right to confront witnesses who testify against me, and to have my lawyer cross-examine them about their testimony;
 - c) The right to be presumed innocent, unless and until the District Attorney proves my guilt beyond a reasonable doubt;

- d) The right to have my lawyer call witnesses to testify for me if I want and, if necessary, to have the judge order witnesses to come to court.
- 7) I have read and understand the elements of the charge or charges that I am pleading guilty to, as shown on the attached sheet(s).
- 8) I have read and understand the possible penalties that I could be sentenced to, which are shown on the attached sheet(s).
- 9) My plea is freely, intelligently, and voluntarily given. I know that I am giving up all the rights described above. I understand these rights. I am giving up these rights and pleading guilty of my own free will. No one has pressured me or tried to make me plead guilty against my will. I have not decided to plead guilty because of anything I have been told except for the agreements shown on the attached sheet(s).
- 10) I understand that the record may be further supplemented by police reports, affidavits, or other documentation attached or provided at the time of sentencing.
- 11) I understand that if I am not a citizen of the United States, this guilty plea may cause collateral consequences, including, but not limited to deportation, exclusion from admission to the United States, or denial of naturalization.
- 12) I understand that following the sentencing in this matter, I have, in certain circumstances, the right to appellate review of my conviction and sentence. A Notice of Appeal must be filed within 7 weeks (or 49 days) of the sentence. I also understand that if I am determined indigent by the court that I have the right to the assistance of appointed counsel upon the review of my conviction and sentence and the right to obtain a record on appeal without payment of costs. Additionally, I understand that I may have the right to seek post-conviction reduction of my sentence in the trial court within 18 weeks (or 126 days) of the imposition of sentence pursuant to Crim.P. 35(b).
- I have read this form and understand it. My lawyer has answered all my questions to my 13)satisfaction.



14) I represent that I have reviewed this advisement with the defendant. I believe he/she understands his/her rights, the charge or charges to which he/she is pleading guilty, and the possible penalties. I also believe that the defendant's plea is freely, intelligently, and voluntarily given.

Reg. # Attorney for Defendant

11/5/18 Date 11/6/18 On behalf of the Office of the District Attorney: 15) Michael Manuler District Attorney Reg. #

The defendant objects to the disposition of the evidence in this case. Subsequent disposition of any preserved evidence shall be pursuant to the provisions of C.R.S. § 18-1-1101 et. seq.

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Defendant

Date

1/6/18 Defendant's Attorney Date

<u>|</u>\$ 6 Deputy District Attorney Date

418 By the Court Date

CHRISTOPHER LEE WATTS, 18CR2003

ELEMENTS

COUNT 1: MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE (F1):

1. On or about the 13th day of August, 2018, in the County of Weld, State of Colorado

2. CHRISTOPHER LEE WATTS, unlawfully, feloniously, after deliberation, and

- 3. with the intent
- 4. to cause the death of a person other than himself,
- 5. caused the death of Shanann Watts;

6. AFTER DELIBERATION means not only intentionally but also the decision to commit the act has been made after the exercise of reflection and judgment concerning the act. An act committed after deliberation is never one which has been committed in a hasty or impulsive manner.

WITH INTENT - A person acts intentionally or with intent when his conscious objective is to cause the specific result proscribed by the statute defining the offense. It is immaterial whether or not the result actually occurred.
 PERSON- A human being who had been born and was alive at the time of the homicidal act.

COUNT 2: MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE (F1):

1. Between and including the 12th day of August, 2018 and the 13th day of August, 2018, in the County of Weld, State of Colorado'

- 2. CHRISTOPHER LEE WATTS, unlawfully, feloniously, after deliberation, and
- 3. with the intent
- 4. to cause the death of a person other than himself,
- 5. caused the death of Bella Watts;

6. AFTER DELIBERATION means not only intentionally but also the decision to commit the act has been made after the exercise of reflection and judgment concerning the act. An act committed after deliberation is never one which has been committed in a hasty or impulsive manner.

WITH INTENT - A person acts intentionally or with intent when his conscious objective is to cause the specific result proscribed by the statute defining the offense. It is immaterial whether or not the result actually occurred.
 PERSON- A human being who had been born and was alive at the time of the homicidal act.

COUNT 3: MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE (F1):

1. Between and including the 12th day of August, 2018 and the 13th day of August, 2018, in the County of Weld, State of Colorado'

- 2. CHRISTOPHER LEE WATTS, unlawfully, feloniously, after deliberation, and
- 3. with the intent
- 4. to cause the death of a person other than himself,
- 5. caused the death of Celeste Watts;

6. AFTER DELIBERATION means not only intentionally but also the decision to commit the act has been made after the exercise of reflection and judgment concerning the act. An act committed after deliberation is never one which has been committed in a hasty or impulsive manner.

WITH INTENT - A person acts intentionally or with intent when his conscious objective is to cause the specific result proscribed by the statute defining the offense. It is immaterial whether or not the result actually occurred.
 PERSON- A human being who had been born and was alive at the time of the homicidal act.

COUNT 4: MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE (F1):

1. Between and including the 12th day of August, 2018 and the 13th day of August, 2018, in the County of Weld, State of Colorado;

- 2. CHRISTOPHER LEE WATTS, unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly
- 3. caused the death of Bella Watts,
- 4. a child who had not yet attained twelve years of age, and
- 5. the defendant was in a position of trust with respect to the victim;

6. KNOWINGLY - A person acts knowingly with respect to conduct or to a circumstance described by a statute defining an offense when he is aware that his conduct is of such nature or that such circumstance exists. A person acts knowingly with respect to a result of his conduct when he is aware that his conduct is practically certain to cause the result.

7. POSITION OF TRUST - one in a position of trust includes, any person who is a parent or acting in the place of a parent and charged with any of the parent's rights, duties, or responsibilities concerning a child, or a person who is charged with any duty or responsibility for the health, education, welfare, or supervision of a child, including foster care, child care, or family care OR institutional care, either independently or through another, no matter how brief, at the time of the unlawful act.

COUNT 5: MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE (F1):

1. Between and including the 12th day of August, 2018 and the 13th day of August, 2018, in the County of Weld, State of Colorado;

- 2. CHRISTOPHER LEE WATTS, unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly
- 3. caused the death of Celeste Watts,
- 4. a child who had not yet attained twelve years of age, and
- 5. the defendant was in a position of trust with respect to the victim;

6. KNOWINGLY - A person acts knowingly with respect to conduct or to a circumstance described by a statute defining an offense when he is aware that his conduct is of such nature or that such circumstance exists. A person acts knowingly with respect to a result of his conduct when he is aware that his conduct is practically certain to cause the result.

7. POSITION OF TRUST - one in a position of trust includes, any person who is a parent or acting in the place of a parent and charged with any of the parent's rights, duties, or responsibilities concerning a child, or a person who is charged with any duty or responsibility for the health, education, welfare, or supervision of a child, including foster care, child care, or family care OR institutional care, either independently or through another, no matter how brief, at the time of the unlawful act.

COUNT 6: UNLAWFUL TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY IN THE FIRST DEGREE (F2):

1. On or about the 13th day of August, 2018, in the County of Weld, State of Colorado;

2. CHRISTOPHER LEE WATTS, with the intent to terminate unlawfully the pregnancy of a woman, namely: Shanann Watts,

- 3. feloniously and unlawfully
- 4. terminated the pregnancy of the woman.
- 5. Further, the woman died as a result of the unlawful termination of the pregnancy,

6. WITH INTENT - A person acts intentionally or with intent when his conscious objective is to cause the specific result proscribed by the statute defining the offense. It is immaterial whether or not the result actually occurred.
7. PREGNANCY means the presence of an implanted human embryo or fetus within the uterus of a woman.

8. UNLAWFUL TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY means the termination of a pregnancy by any means other than birth or a medical procedure, instrument, agent, or drug, for which the consent of the pregnant woman, or a person authorized by law to act on her behalf, has been obtained, or for which the pregnant woman's consent is implied by law.

COUNT 7: TAMPERING WITH A DECEASED HUMAN BODY (F3):

1. On or about the 13th day of August, 2018, in the County of Weld, State of Colorado;

2. CHRISTOPHER LEE WATTS, believing that an official proceeding was pending, in progress, or about to be instituted, and acting without legal right or authority,

3. unlawfully and feloniously

4. willfully destroyed, mutilated, concealed, removed, or altered a human body, part of a human body, or human remains

5. with intent to impair its or their appearance or availability in the official proceedings

6. OFFICIAL PROCEEDING means a proceeding heard before any legislative, judicial, administrative, or other government agency, or official authorized to hear evidence under oath, including any magistrate, hearing examiner, commissioner, notary, or other person taking testimony or depositions in any such proceedings.

7. WITH INTENT - A person acts intentionally or with intent when his conscious objective is to cause the specific result proscribed by the statute defining the offense. It is immaterial whether or not the result actually occurred.

COUNT 8: TAMPERING WITH A DECEASED HUMAN BODY (F3):

1. On or about the 13th day of August, 2018, in the County of Weld, State of Colorado;

2. CHRISTOPHER LEE WATTS, believing that an official proceeding was pending, in progress, or about to be instituted, and acting without legal right or authority,

3. unlawfully and feloniously

4. willfully destroyed, mutilated, concealed, removed, or altered a human body, part of a human body, or human remains

5. with intent to impair its or their appearance or availability in the official proceedings

6. OFFICIAL PROCEEDING means a proceeding heard before any legislative, judicial, administrative, or other government agency, or official authorized to hear evidence under oath, including any magistrate, hearing examiner, commissioner, notary, or other person taking testimony or depositions in any such proceedings.

7. WITH INTENT - A person acts intentionally or with intent when his conscious objective is to cause the specific result proscribed by the statute defining the offense. It is immaterial whether or not the result actually occurred.

COUNT 9: TAMPERING WITH A DECEASED HUMAN BODY (F3):

1. On or about the 13th day of August, 2018, in the County of Weld, State of Colorado;

2. CHRISTOPHER LEE WATTS, believing that an official proceeding was pending, in progress, or about to be instituted, and acting without legal right or authority,

3. unlawfully and feloniously

4. willfully destroyed, mutilated, concealed, removed, or altered a human body, part of a human body, or human remains

5. with intent to impair its or their appearance or availability in the official proceedings

6. OFFICIAL PROCEEDING means a proceeding heard before any legislative, judicial, administrative, or other government agency, or official authorized to hear evidence under oath, including any magistrate, hearing examiner, commissioner, notary, or other person taking testimony or depositions in any such proceedings.

7. WITH INTENT - A person acts intentionally or with intent when his conscious objective is to cause the specific result proscribed by the statute defining the offense. It is immaterial whether or not the result actually occurred.

PENALTIES

COUNT 1: MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE (F1): The minimum sentence is life in prison without parole; The maximum sentence is death

<u>COUNT 2: MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE (F1):</u> The minimum sentence is life in prison without parole; The maximum sentence is death

COUNT 3: MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE (F1): The minimum sentence is life in prison without parole; The maximum sentence is death

<u>COUNT 4: MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE (F1):</u> The minimum sentence is life in prison without parole; The maximum sentence is death

<u>COUNT 5: MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE (F1):</u> The minimum sentence is life in prison without parole; The maximum sentence is death

<u>COUNT 6: UNLAWFUL TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY IN THE FIRST DEGREE (F2):</u> 16 to 48 years confinement with the Colorado Department of Corrections; a sentence to the Department of Corrections requires an additional mandatory parole period of 5 years for crimes committed prior to July 1, 2018 and 3 years for crimes committed after July 1, 2018. A fine of from \$5,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00 may be assessed in addition to or in lieu of any sentence of imprisonment.

COUNT 7: TAMPERING WITH A DECEASED HUMAN BODY (F3): 4 to 12 years confinement with the Colorado Department of Corrections; sufficient mitigating circumstances may reduce the minimum to 2 years; sufficient aggravating circumstances may increase the maximum to 24 years; a sentence to the Department of Corrections requires an additional mandatory parole period of 5 years for crimes committed prior to July 1, 2018 and 3 years for crimes committed after July 1, 2018. A fine of from \$3,000.00 to \$750,000.00 may be assessed in addition to or in lieu of any sentence of imprisonment.

<u>COUNT 8: TAMPERING WITH A DECEASED HUMAN BODY (F3):</u> 4 to 12 years confinement with the Colorado Department of Corrections; sufficient mitigating circumstances may reduce the minimum to 2 years; sufficient aggravating circumstances may increase the maximum to 24 years; a sentence to the Department of Corrections requires an additional mandatory parole period of 5 years for crimes committed prior to July 1, 2018 and 3 years for crimes committed after July 1, 2018. A fine of from \$3,000.00 to \$750,000.00 may be assessed in addition to or in lieu of any sentence of imprisonment.

<u>COUNT 9: TAMPERING WITH A DECEASED HUMAN BODY (F3):</u> 4 to 12 years confinement with the Colorado Department of Corrections; sufficient mitigating circumstances may reduce the minimum to 2 years; sufficient aggravating circumstances may increase the maximum to 24 years; a sentence to the Department of Corrections requires an additional mandatory parole period of 5 years for crimes committed prior to July 1, 2018 and 3 years for crimes committed after July 1, 2018. A fine of from \$3,000.00 to \$750,000.00 may be assessed in addition to or in lieu of any sentence of imprisonment.

AGREEMENT

Defendant will plead guilty to all counts set forth in the Complaint and Information:

- Count 1, Murder in the First Degree After Deliberation (Shanann Watts), a class one felony;
- Count 2, Murder in the First Degree After Deliberation (Bella Watts), a class one felony;
- Count 3, Murder in the First Degree After Deliberation (Celeste Watts), a class one felony;
- Count 4, Murder in the First Degree Child Under 12 (Bella Watts), a class one felony;
- Count 5, Murder in the First Degree Child Under 12 (Celeste Watts), a class one felony;
- Count 6, Unlawful Termination of Pregnancy in the First Degree (Nico), a class two felony;
- Count 7, Tampering with a Deceased Human Body, a class three felony;
- Count 8, Tampering with a Deceased Human Body, a class three felony;
- Count 9, Tampering with a Deceased Human Body, a class three felony;

All sentencing options on all counts are open to the Court. However, in exchange for Defendant's guilty pleas the Office of the District Attorney agrees that it will not seek the death penalty. Whether sentencing on separate counts run consecutive or concurrent to each other is open to the Court, with the exception that, at a minimum, the parties stipulate that sentencing on Counts 1 through 3 and Count 6 shall run consecutively as each charge references a separate victim. Defendant will not be permitted to waive a factual basis for any charge.

The parties further stipulate that the Defendant will pay restitution as determined by the Court, including but not limited to the expenses for funeral and burial expenses for Shanann Watts, Bella Watts, Celeste Watts, and Nico Watts. Furthermore, the Defendant agrees to pay restitution covering the actual costs of specific future treatment pursuant to C.R.S. 18-1.3-603(1)(c).

Finally, the parties stipulate that the People may withdraw from this agreement if the Defendant commits a new felony offense while awaiting sentencing.

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EVIDENCE DISPOSITION STIPULATION AND ORDER		
Law Enforcement Agency: Frederick Police Department	Agency Case #: 1806743	

The defendant understands that evidence being held by law enforcement agencies in this case could contain DNA. The parties stipulate that:

F F	YES	NO
The defendant's identification is a disputed issue.		\boxtimes
Law enforcement holds evidence that contains known DNA.		\boxtimes
Evidence that has not been tested could be subjected to a DNA test.	\boxtimes	
This case includes DNA evidence that should be preserved.		\boxtimes

The defendant \Box was found guilty or \boxtimes pleaded guilty to the following crimes:

- Count 1, Murder in the First Degree After Deliberation (Shanann Watts), a class one felony; Count 2, Murder in the First Degree – After Deliberation (Bella Watts), a class one felony;
- Count 3, Murder in the First Degree After Deliberation (Celeste Watts), a class one felony:
- Count 4, Murder in the First Degree Child Under 12 (Bella Watts), a class one felony; Count 5, Murder in the First Degree Child Under 12 (Celeste Watts), a class one felony;
- Count 6, Unlawful Termination of Pregnancy in the First Degree (Nico), a class two felony;
- Count 7, Tampering with a Deceased Human Body, a class three felony; Count 8, Tampering with a Deceased Human Body, a class three felony;
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- Count 9, Tampering with a Deceased Human Body, a class three felony;
- \boxtimes Evidence log provided in discovery There is no physical evidence in this case or The defendant agrees and the Court orders that law enforcement may discard, destroy or return all items of X evidence set forth on the attached log and that evidence will be released according to the law enforcement agency's procedures and the defendant waives any right to further notification before the evidence is released. A photo ID is required for released evidence. The representative of the defendant who may collect the property is ______OUNTE______

The defendant objects to the disposition of certain items of evidence in this case, as indicated on the attached evidence log by underlining. Subsequent disposition of those indicated items shall be pursuant to the provisions of C.R.S. § 18-1-1101 et. seq.

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