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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

STATE OF WASHINGTON,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PRUDENCIO JUAN FRAGOS-RAMIREZ,

D.O.B.: 05/19/1990

Defendant

No.

15 1 50301-3

FINDINGS OF PROBABLE CAUSE TO DETAIN  
AND ORDER SETTING CONDITIONS OF  
RELEASE

THIS MATTER, having come duly and regularly before the Court on the ex-parte motion of the Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney, pursuant to the provisions of Rule CrR 3.2, an Affidavit in Support of Probable Cause having been received and the Court being fully advised and good cause appearing, now therefore, the court hereby finds that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant above-named did commit the crime(s) of: **COUNT I: MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, [RCW 9A.32.030(1)(a)], A CLASS A FELONY, COUNT II: MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, [RCW 9A.32.030(1)(a)], A CLASS A FELONY**, upon July 2, 2015, and for the continued detention of the defendant pending further proceedings herein.

The Franklin County Prosecuting Attorney is requesting bail in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

After hearing argument related to the issue of bail, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the defendant shall be detained by the Sheriff of Franklin County, Washington, pending further proceedings herein, unless said defendant shall post a recognizance bond secured by cash or sufficient sureties in the sum of \$ 1,000,000.00

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1 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that this detention or recognizance shall expire on **July, 7,**  
2 **2015, at the hour of 4:00p.m.** unless an information has been filed against the defendant herein prior to  
3 that time, pursuant to the provisions of CrR 3.2,

4 IT IS FURTHER HEREBY ORDERED, that the defendant shall return before the Superior  
5 Court on, **Tuesday, July 14, 2015**, at which time the defendant shall be arraigned on the Information.

6 DATED this 4 day of July, 2015.

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8 Carrie Runge  
9 SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

10 Presented by:

11 SHAWN P. SANT, #35535/#91039  
12 Prosecuting Attorney for  
13 Franklin County

14 by:

15 David L. Corbett 13699  
16 for Brian V. Hultgrenn, #34277  
17 Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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MICHAEL J. KILLIAN  
FRANKLIN COUNTY CLERK

BEFORE A JUDGE OF A COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY

In the Detention of

**Fragos-Ramirez, Prudencio J.**

Arrestee

D.O.B.

**5-19-1990****FINDINGS OF PROBABLE CAUSE AND  
ORDER FOR CONTINUED DETENTION  
PENDING PRELIMINARY APPEARANCE****15 1 50301-3**

The above-named arrestee having been arrested without a warrant and having been brought before this court for a determination of probable cause,

(X) a certification of Probable Cause having been received,

( ) evidence under oath having been received,

now, therefore, the Court hereby finds there is probable cause to believe the said arrestee did commit the crime(s) as follows:

<u>Title of Crime</u>	<u>RCW or Ordinance Citation</u>	<u>Date</u>
Murder in the First Degree	RCW 9A.32.030	July 2, 2015
Murder in the First Degree	RCW 9A.32.030	July 2, 2015

It is hereby ordered, that the arrestee shall continue to be detained by the Sheriff of Franklin County, Washington, from this date until no later than then close of the following next judicial day when said arrestee shall be brought before a court for a Preliminary Appearance unless the court conducting the Preliminary Appearance authorizes further detention.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Franklin County Superior/District Court Judge

It is the responsibility of the law enforcement agency that made this arrest to see that an original is delivered to the Franklin County Jail and a copy of this order is delivered to the Prosecuting Attorney to whom the charges are referred along with a copy of the police reports.

## **ATTACHEMENT TO CERTIFICATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

I base this belief on the following:

On 7-2-15, at 1809 hours, Franklin County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to an open area near the intersection of Scootney Road and Ridge Road in Franklin County Washington. County fire fighters found a vehicle on fire in a remote area near a large orchard. Fire-fighters observed two deceased human bodies inside of the vehicle which were severely burned over their entire bodies and reported it to the Sheriff's Office. They reported that as they fought the car fire, they heard gunshots in a northerly direction from the orchard.

One body appeared to have been a small to medium sized adult sized person. The second body appeared to be consistent of a child approximately between 2 and 5 years of age.

A witness, Randell Giesercht, later reported that he lives near the area of the car fire and was home when he observed a large amount of smoke at about 1730 hours. He believed that was the time the fire began.

I later received a phone call from Harold Livingston, from the Franklin County Coroner's Office. He told me that he had the two bodies x-rayed at a hospital. A small to medium caliber bullet was found inside the smaller corpse.

Deputies found two license plates with the burned vehicle which showed it was registered to a man in Othello Washington. Adams County Deputies contacted the man who reported that the car was normally driven by his niece, MGC. He reported that MGC had left the residence and said she was driving to Pasco to make a car payment which was normal for her to do. He and other family members confirmed they had seen her leaving to Pasco at about 1300 hours. They had not heard from her since. They reported she had her 3 year old son with her. MGC was 17 years of age and records showed she weighed 127 pounds.

The car's fuel door was found open and no cap was observed.

Two holes were found on the top of the car which appeared consistent with gunshot holes from a firearm shot from the car's interior toward the outside of the vehicle.

I also spoke to MGC's brother, Arturo Calvillo who had listened to his mother's description of MGC's new boyfriend. He told me that he had visited a family in Othello to discuss church issues this past Wednesday. The woman who lived there had a brother who matched the description of the man that his mother was describing as MGC's new boyfriend. He showed me the house he had visited in Othello.

I made contact with a woman named Reyna Fragozo at that address. She told me she had a brother who was present earlier in the week while discussing church issues with a home visitor. She told me his name was Juan Fragoza. She called Juan Fragoza and handed me the phone.

I spoke with Juan Fragoza, who was later identified as Prudencio Juan Fragos-Ramirez on the phone. He confirmed that he was currently dating MGC and had last spoken to her on 7-2-15 on the phone. He agreed to meet and requested we meet at his residence.

I met Fragos-Ramirez at 210 Hogback Road at about 0145 hours on 7-3-15. I noticed that his residence was about a  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile North from the location where the vehicle and bodies were found burned and within the orchard where fire-fighters had heard gunshots being fired.

Fragos-Ramirez reported that he had last contacted MGC at about 1430 hours on 7-2-15. He reported he had not seen her since and said he has been calling and texting her but she will not respond. He also said he recently started a dating relationship with her.

Fragos-Ramirez was arrested on an unrelated warrant and booked into the Franklin County Jail.

On 7-3-15 I served a search warrant on Fragos-Ramirez's residence and nearby sheds. I located three clean boxes of 9 millimeter handgun ammunition in a dusty shed next to his residence. They had been placed inside of a large tire in an apparent attempt to conceal them. A neighbor reported that Fragos-Ramirez uses the shed to store things, including a pellet rifle which was also found in the shed.

I also spoke with Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy R. Bayona. He told me that he had spoken with two of Fragos-Ramirez's neighbors, Javier Rodriguez-Camacho and his wife Maria Espinoza. They told him that, at about 1650 hours, they had observed a vehicle which was consistent with MGC's sedan, arriving at Fragos-Ramirez's residence. They recognized the female as a woman who frequents Fragos-Ramirez's residence and her child. The woman and child entered Fragos-Ramirez's residence and stayed approximately 15 minutes. At around 1700 hours, they then observed the woman, child and Fragos-Ramirez leaving the residence and walking back toward the woman's parked vehicle. They did not observe Fragos-Ramirez return to his residence. They next saw Fragos-Ramirez standing outside of his residence at about 1900 hours.

I later interviewed Fragos-Ramirez regarding this incident. He said he remembered that MGC had come to his residence at about 1700 hours on the night of the incident. He said he had asked her to bring him some cigarettes. He reported she was in his home until about 1710 hours before he walked her to her car. He said he last saw MGC and her son leaving his property in her vehicle. He said her son was in the back seat in a child seat.

Fragos-Ramirez also reported he recently had a 9 millimeter handgun which he had sold MGC three days prior to her death. He said he brother, Isabel Fragoza, had seen the transaction. Fragos-Ramirez said he sold her the handgun for \$300.00 because he needed the money for a party he was throwing that day. He said he also had to borrow \$100.00 from Isabel to help pay for the 41 pounds of meat that he purchased for the party.

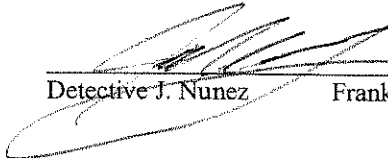
He said he had three boxes of ammunition that he "threw" into his shed. He remarked that, if we found the gun used to kill MGC and her son we would find his fingerprints on it.

On 7-5-15 I spoke with Isabel Fragoza. He reported he had recently seen Fragos-Ramirez with a handgun. He reported he did not know what ever happened to the handgun and had not seen Fragos-Ramirez sell it. He said that earlier in the week, Fragos-Ramirez had a small party. He lent Fragos-Ramirez \$100.00 to purchase food and drove Fragos-Ramirez to a grocery store where Fragos-Ramirez paid about \$70.00 for food and beer. He said Fragos-Ramirez purchased a single container of meat which may have weighed a few pounds.

I measured the drive time from Fragos-Ramirez's residence to the area in which the car was found burned, using the shortest route at approximately 8 minutes.

In review, Fragos-Ramirez and two witnesses indicated MGC and her son left Fragos-Ramirez's property at about 1700 or 1710 hours. At approximately 1730 hours a witness seen smoke coming from the area of the car fire. MGC, her child, and Fragos-Ramirez, were unaccounted for during that time. Fragos-Ramirez was seen at his residence at about 1900 hours which is about ¾ mile, in a straight line, from the area of the car fire.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct



Detective J. Nunez

7-6-15  
Franklin County Sheriff's Office