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## **FORMER FORT WALTON BEACH PASTOR ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH DISAPPEARANCE AND MURDER OF MARIE CARLSON**



OCSO Investigator Keith Matz escorts James Flanders following Flanders arrest at his rural home outside Cochise Arizona.

The Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the U.S. Marshal led Arizona WANTED Violent Offender Task Force, and the Arizona Department of Public Safety announces the arrest of 46-year old James Ty Flanders for the 2011 Murder of Marie Carlson of Fort Walton Beach.

Flanders, former pastor of Calvary Chapel Emerald Coast at 407 Racetrack Road, was taken into custody at his home in Cochise Arizona by members of the Task Force and Department of Public Safety.

He was arrested in connection with an Okaloosa County Warrant of Second Degree Murder, signed by Circuit Judge William Stone. (Attached to news release)

Investigators with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office are in Arizona as this case continues to develop.

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Carlson’s suspicious disappearance was recently featured on the national television show “Cold Justice” on TNT, bringing national attention to her missing person case.

Marie was reportedly last seen on October 17, 2011 by Flanders, the father of her then newborn child, at the home on Revere Avenue that they shared with Flanders’s wife. Flanders told investigators Marie was there when he left the residence between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on October 17th. She was later reported missing/endangered to the Okaloosa County Sheriff’s Office on October 24, 2011 by her ex-husband, Jeff Carlson. Carlson, who resides in Kentucky with his and Marie’s 8 year old daughter, became concerned after being unable to make contact with Marie.

On October 19, 2011, a text message, purportedly from Marie, was received by several people. The text message stated that she (Marie) had left Fort Walton Beach on October 18, 2011 to do something she had always wanted to do. The text did not contain any information as to what this was or where it was to be done.

Receivers of this message included James Flanders, her ex-husband Jeff Carlson, and other family members and friends in the Fort Walton Beach area.

Marie’s vehicle was located at the Northwest Florida Regional Airport (NFRA) on October 21, 2011 by James Flanders. The investigation into Marie’s disappearance determined that she did not leave the Fort Walton Beach area by flying out of or renting a vehicle from the NFRA, now known as the Destin – Fort Walton Beach Airport.

Flanders was arrested today without incident. His first appearance will take place in Cochise Co. Arizona as determined by their court authorities.

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Marie Carlson

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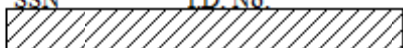
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Jail Booking No	Offense No OCSO11OFF011361	Other No OCSO11CAD157474	OBTS
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[ SUSPECT ]

Last                      First                      Middle                      Title Race Sex DOB                      Age Hgt Wgt  
**FLANDERS**                      **JAMES**                      **TY**                                           **W** **M** **5/19/1968**                      **46** **5'10"** **170**  
Eyes Hair MNI Number                      SSN                      ID No                      St                      Type                      OCA/Agency ID  
**HAZ** **BLD** **OCSO01MNI021184**                                                                 **FL**                      **E**

Birth Location: City: County: State: ARIZONA Nation: UNITED STATES Citizenship: UNITED STATES Address

714 REVERE AV FORT WALTON BEACH FL 32547

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: CALVARY CHAPEL EMERALD COAST, Job Title: PASTOR, Phone: (850)863-1588 Entered: 11/30/2001 407 NE RACETRACK RD Suite: FORT WALTON BEACH FL 32547

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

\* none found in MNI \*

Street Names

\* none found in MNI \*

[ INCIDENT INFORMATION ]

Occurred Date Range: 10/17/2011 : to 10/24/2011 : Lat / Long 30.437458 / -86.6205  
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**714**                                           **REVERE AV**                      **C115**                      **FORT WALTON BEAC** **FL**                      **32547**                      **2 - 16 - -**

[ CHARGES ]

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MURDER DANGEROUS DEPRAVED WO PREMEDITATION

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1	Felony	First	Not Applicable	090A		912	

[ STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE ]

PROBABLE CAUSE

During the week of February 21-28, 2015, Investigator Matz and I conducted follow up interviews regarding the disappearance of Marie Carlson. The information obtained from the follow-up interviews, prior interviews, and evidence collected leads law enforcement to believe the following information:

Marie Carlson disappeared from Ft. Walton Beach, Florida on October 17, 2011. Marie resided at 714 Revere Avenue, Ft. Walton Beach, FL with James and Tanya Flanders. James was the pastor of Calvary Emerald Coast Church, and his wife Tanya was in charge of the Women's ministry. James and Marie had a child in common, Sweet Grace Rain Flanders who was born on July 14, 2011.

On October 24, 2011, Marie Carlson's ex-husband Jeff Carlson, who resided in the state of Kentucky called the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office to report her missing. Jeff Carlson is also the father of Marie's daughter Paris who resided with him during this time. Jeff advised the last time he spoke with Marie was on October 16, 2011 via telephone. He stated Marie talked vaguely of future plans and everything seemed to be normal with her. On October 19, 2011, Jeff received a group text message from Marie's phone number stating the following:

Yesterday I left Fort Walton Beach. There is something I have been wanting to do for a very long time and there will be no better time than now to do it. I didn't tell any of you what I have been planning or that I was about to leave because you would have probably tried to talk me out of it. I appreciate and love all of you.

Jeff advised the wording of the text message did not appear to be Marie's wording, and he did not believe she sent the text

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message. He also stated he did not believe Marie would leave the area without talking to him or Paris prior to her departure. Jeff called and texted Marie's phone numerous times, and never received a response from her, which is why he decided to report her missing. Jeff also stated during his limited contact with James Flanders he seemed very controlling over all aspects of Marie's life.

On October 27, 2011, Investigator Keith Matz and Investigator Harold Mason made contact with James and Tanya Flanders at their residence. During this initial interview, both James and Tanya provided the following information:

James Flanders stated he and his wife had helped Marie over the years by paying her bills. He stated in the summer of 2010, Marie moved to Arizona. He advised Marie moved back to Florida around March or May 2011 and stayed at their home. During this initial interview, James stated they had discussed Marie being a surrogate mother. James stated due to the high medical expenses that go along with surrogacy they decided to get Marie pregnant the "old fashioned way". James advised he traveled to Arizona in October 2010, and met with Marie on October 17, 2010. James explained he and Marie had consensual sexual intercourse for the purpose of getting Marie pregnant, and a month and a half later it was confirmed she had gotten pregnant. James advised in December 2010, he and Tanya became concerned about Marie's pregnancy because they had received a phone call from Marie stating she was contemplating aborting the baby. James and Tanya convinced Marie to see a doctor, and in March or April of 2011, they moved Marie back to their home in Florida.

James Flanders indicated during the initial interview, that after Marie had the baby in July 2011 they noticed a "downward spiral" with her. He stated she had been to a doctor, but refused to take her medication. On October 17, 2011, James stated he pretended to be sick and stayed home from work to watch the baby. He advised Marie decided to go shopping and left the house around 0930hrs or 1000hrs. James stated Marie had discussed taking an all day trip and seemed different. James advised Marie returned home at approximately 1530-1600hrs and went straight to her room to take a nap. Initially, Tanya told Investigator Matz that she returned home, and Marie was already asleep. James advised Marie woke up around 1800-1900hrs and they talked in the kitchen. James stated Marie was discussing how she wanted to raise her other daughter Paris, and he told her that she needed to take care of herself first. James stated Marie appeared to become upset and no longer wanted to talk. James told Investigator Matz that after that discussion he decided to go for a run. James explained he ran towards Beall's outlet on Mary Esther Cutoff, and when he got to the area of Beall's outlet he called Tanya. James stated he discovered Tanya was at the Beall's in Destin, Florida. He advised he began running back toward his residence, and that Tanya picked him up approximately one block away from their home. James stated when they returned home around 2000-2030hrs they discovered Marie and her truck were gone. James stated he tried to make contact with Marie on her cell phone and sent text messages, but Marie did not respond. James also stated he tried to call Marie the next day, but did not receive any response.

James stated on October 19, 2011 at 1626hrs he received a text message from Marie's phone stated "I'm okay". James and Tanya stated they both received the group textmessage at 1638hrs from Marie's phone stating she left the area. James told Investigator Matz that he had discovered Marie's truck on October 21, 2011 parked in the long-term parking lot at the Northwest Florida Regional Airport. He advised they moved her truck out the long-term parking lot in order to save her the parking fees. James gave Investigator Matz the parking receipt from the airport which shows Marie's truck entered the parking at 1019hrs on October 18, 2011 and exited the parking lot at 1205hrs on October 21, 2011. During the initial interview, the Flanders allowed Investigator Matz to look in Marie's bedroom. Investigator Matz observed neatly folded clothes on her bed, which James stated Marie had done. Investigator Matz also found a receipt in the trash can in Marie's room, dated October 17, 2011 @ 1427hrs from the Goodwill Industries located in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida.

On November 2, 2011, another interview was conducted with Tanya Flanders. During this interview Tanya stated the following information: Tanya stated Marie moved in with them during October 2009 and in the summer of 2010 Marie moved to Arizona, and lived with James' parents for a short period. Tanya also stated when Marie moved to Arizona she agreed to serve as a surrogate mother for them. Tanya advised they agreed the baby would be conceived "the old fashioned way". Tanya stated, James and Marie got drunk on sake and had sex while she was in the room observing. Tanya stated, during Thanksgiving 2010, Marie told them she was pregnant. Tanya advised after the baby was born if they brought up the subject of adoption, it would cause Marie to withdraw. She stated Marie never changed her mind about how they were all going to raise the baby.

During this interview, Tanya went on to discuss on October 17, 2011 she came home from the church and Marie was asleep, and James had told her Marie looked "down". She stated the baby was getting antsy so she took the baby so Marie

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would not feel obligated to wake up to take care of her. Tanya stated she went shopping at Target and other places that she could not recall, but ended up at Beall's in Destin, Florida. Tanya advised she heard from James around 1800hrs. She advised James told her Marie woke up and he was going to try to talk to her. Tanya advised approximately one hour later, James called her as he was beginning his "run" and he told Tanya that he talked with Marie and told her "you need to fix yourself first". During this phone call, Tanya stated she told James she was in Destin shopping and she would head back. Tanya stated she talked to James on the phone the entire time it took her to drive back. She stated she picked James up a block away from their home, and when they arrived home, Marie and her truck were gone. Tanya stated she saw Marie's packed bag in her room, and thought Marie would be back. Tanya also stated after they received the group text message on October 19, 2011, they discovered Marie's gun and noticed that all of her medication were gone.

Tanya advised on October 21, 2011, James and her went to the airport to look for Marie's truck. Tanya stated she dropped James off at the entrance to the long-term parking lot, and he found her truck "right where you would start looking", and they paid to get her truck out of the parking lot so she would not have to pay the fees. During this interview, Tanya also stated Marie never had second thoughts about the original plan of raising the baby with her and James. Tanya advised James never told her that Marie was coming on to him. During an interview with Tanya on November 7, 2012, Tanya stated that Marie did not want to maintain a relationship with Grace.

On February 25, 2015, I conducted an interview with Tanya via telephone. During this interview, Tanya was extremely hostile and accused law enforcement of turning on James and her, after everything they have done to help find Marie and help law enforcement. Tanya stated Marie was a private person, and that Marie once told her she wanted to live off the grid where nobody knows where she is. She also stated Marie did not even have a Facebook account. When asked about the relationship between Marie and James, Tanya stated, "All I can tell you is he had sex with her and now we have a daughter", which contradicts her previous statements that Grace was conceived through a planned surrogacy. Tanya stated they left the Ft. Walton Beach area because James' life was done. Tanya explained that James' mental breakdown and subsequent hospitalization on October 31, 2011, occurred because Marie told James he could not tell anyone about their situation because people would only believe what she had to say, but Tanya did not elaborate any specifics. Tanya stated Marie was "off her meds" and "acting really weird". She advised "all this" is what caused James to "freak out and want to leave the country" (referring to James going to Eric Sass on October 31, 2011 asking to get him out of the country, and was subsequently Baker Acted). I asked Tanya why James wanted to leave the country without her and Grace, and she said she would have done the same thing if she were in the same situation.

During this interview, I asked Tanya about the "run" James took on October 17, 2011 when she stated "he's not a runner but he ran, that's what he did". I also asked Tanya why she thought Marie did not meet with foul play but ran off and left Grace behind and stopped communicating with Paris. Tanya believes Marie planned her disappearance and is living under a new identity. However, Tanya then stressed how much Marie loved her daughter Paris, stating, "She loved Paris. She LOVED Paris." Tanya also stated, Marie talked about suicide a lot and talked about death a lot to James, but this contradicts her statement moments earlier that she believes Marie is alive and living under an assumed identity.

Investigator Matz and I have conducted several interviews with Marie's half-sister, Esta Bridges. Esta stated the last time she saw Marie was on October 15, 2011. She advised they had spent the day together and Marie was in a good mood. Esta advised Marie kept showing everyone pictures of Grace and the father of the baby. Esta also advised that Marie and her had made plans for the following weekend. Esta stated it was apparent Marie was in love with the father of the baby. Esta stated she received a message from Marie on October 15, 2011 at approximately 1914hrs. The message contained a photo of Marie and Esta from earlier that day and she wrote, "it was so awesome to hang out with you today! Love you".

Esta advised when she received the group text message she did not even realize it was a group text because Marie is not the type of person to send group messages. She stated she would never let anyone stop her from doing anything she wanted to do, contrary to what the group message implied. Esta also firmly stated she did not believe Marie would stop contacting Paris, or leave Grace.

Investigator Matz and I conducted several interviews with Marie's close friend, Alice "Kay" Barber. During these interviews, Kay explained she was like a mother to Marie, and has known her since she was eighteen years old. Kay stated Marie has had episodes of walking away, but has never left for long periods of time. She also explained Marie has never lost contact with her daughter Paris. Kay did confirm at one point, Marie was diagnosed with Bi-Polar disorder. Kay last spoke with Marie on October 7, 2011 on Marie's birthday. Kay stated when she received the group text message it did not sound like Marie's wording. Kay stated she texted Marie's phone and asked "What about Grace", and she received a

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message back stating, "Grace is in good hands, she is with Tanya and James". Kay stated she immediately knew that Marie did not send the text message because Marie would have never listed Tanya before James. Kay stated the only person Marie ever talked about was James, and she would have never put Tanya's name before James.

Kay asked the Flanders to report Marie missing after she received the group message. Kay stated James told her he had a friend in the Sheriff's Office who could help him file a report if he confirmed Marie did not move to Sweden where her mother lives. It should be noted, neither James or Tanya reported Marie missing to law enforcement.

Investigator Matz and I also conducted several interviews with Garnet Vota. Garnet worked at the Calvary Emerald Coast Church with James and Tanya Flanders. Garnet was a close friend with Tanya. Marie gave birth to Grace at Garnet's house where she and Tanya served as mid-wives. Garnet advised at some point she was told that James was the actual father of the baby, and the plan was for all three of them to raise the baby together. Vota also states that based on conversations she had with Tanya, the pregnancy was not planned and at one point Marie suggested an abortion, but the Flanders did not want the baby to be aborted. Garnet stated Tanya initially told her Marie was pregnant and they were going to adopt the baby, and then Tanya told her Marie was serving a surrogate for them. Garnet stated when she asked Tanya how Marie got pregnant, Tanya told her "the old fashioned way". Garnet stated eventually Tanya disclosed they were living in a polygamous relationship, and Marie and her were "sister-wives". Garnet stated it became apparent to her that Tanya and Marie were not getting along and did not seem happy with the arrangements anymore, even though Tanya told Garnet the plan was to continue on living as a family after the baby was born. During an interview with Garnet on February 25, 2015, she stated she recalled a conversation with Marie while they were working at the church's coffee shop. Garnett stated Marie told her she wanted James to herself, but knew that would be difficult to make happen.

Investigator Matz conducted several interviews with Debbie Henley over the course of this investigation. During an interview with Henley on February 25, 2015, she stated she was friends with James and Tanya Flanders and also worked at the church. Debbie advised she learned of the "sister wife" relationship the Flanders had with Marie from Tanya. Debbie stated Tanya told her she was having a difficult time with the relationship and was struggling with it. Tanya also told Debbie to keep their polygamous relationship a secret. Debbie also stated she was under the impression that Marie's pregnancy was not planned.

Investigator Matz and I conducted several interviews with Cornelia Froneman. Cornelia is a close friend of Tanya, and also worked at the church. Cornelia confirmed she had her own suspicions about the true nature of the Flanders relationship with Marie. Cornelia stated she confronted Tanya regarding the relationship, and Tanya confirmed they were involved in a polygamous relationship. Cornelia stated she overheard Tanya telling someone that Marie had become pregnant with a "turkey baster", which Froneman said conflicted with Tanya telling her Marie became pregnant by "natural sex".

Investigator Matz and I conducted several interviews with Eric Sass who was good friends with James Flanders, and a church member. Eric stated on October 28, 2011, James called him and asked if they could go to lunch. Eric advised he was out of town, and called James on October 30, 2011 to let him know he was back in town. On October 31, 2011, they had planned to meet after lunch, but James showed up at his place of employment, Galati Yacht Sales in Destin, Florida unannounced. Eric advised James appeared to be distraught and in a panic. Eric stated James asked him to help get him out of the country by boat or plane. Eric told James "No", and started questioning him. Eric stated he had heard days before that Marie was missing. Eric advised James told him "it's really bad, it's really bad, I need to get out of the country", eluding to the idea something had happened to Marie. Sass asked James if the baby (Grace) was his, and James said "yes". Eric stated James kept saying over and over again "it's so bad, it's so bad, it's so bad". Eric stated he asked James what was going on, and James told him "I just can't tell you".

Eric advised James was acting erratic, and he knew James carried a gun with him. Eric stated he asked for the gun due to James' emotional state, at which time James gave him the firearm. Eric also contacted a mutual friend who is a doctor, and after they all met, it was agreed upon to have James' admitted to the hospital under a Baker Act. It was later learned James stayed at the hospital voluntarily for ten days. During this time period, Tanya Flanders came to the Criminal Investigation Division office for an interview, and never disclosed James was under Baker Act even after she was asked when James would be available for a follow-up interview.

Investigator Matz and I conducted several interviews with Jason Anderson, who at the time was the Youth Pastor at the Calvary Emerald Coast Church. Jason stated he was completely unaware of the true relationship between James, Tanya,

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and Marie until the day James was admitted into the hospital on October 31, 2011. Jason stated that afternoon, Tanya came into his office and told him "we made some decisions we regretted, and James is the father of Marie's baby. James was in the hospital and he left here with the intention of going somewhere and killing himself".

Jason stated Debbie Henley came to him and expressed her concerns about James, Tanya, and Marie's relationship. After Jason discovered that James, Tanya, and Marie were in a polygamous relationship a meeting was held at the church with Tanya and James on January 26, 2012. Present for the meeting were: Debbie Henley, Garnett Vota, Cornelia Froneman, Jason Anderson, and church elder, David Laird. All of these witnesses described the following information during their interviews with law enforcement:

During the meeting James disclosed on the night of October 17, 2011, Marie and him got into a verbal and physical altercation. James stated Marie was acting crazy and walking in and out of the room and at one point was acting like a 7 year old girl, and Marie told James, "Daddy do you want to fuck me?". James told the group Marie scratched him on the arms and hit him on the chest and stomach. James stated he had marks on his arms and chest, and he had to wear long sleeved shirts for two weeks to conceal the marks. David Laird told Investigator Matz that during this meeting, after James disclosed the physical altercation had occurred, Tanya started crying.

James also told the group while Tanya and he were driving back to Florida from Arizona they stopped at a cemetery in Sedona, Arizona and he found a headstone with the name Mary Jane Carlson. He stated at that time he knew Marie was dead and he prayed for her.

Investigator Matz learned on the evening of January 28, 2012, a Budget rental truck was parked in the driveway of the Flanders home. Investigator Matz made contact with Tanya Flanders in the parking lot of Papa Johns, where he confronted her with some of the cell phone tower information pertaining to James' cell phone pinging off the towers near the airport on the day her truck entered the airport long-term parking. He also confronted Tanya with Marie's phone never leaving the Ft. Walton Beach area. Tanya's eyes began to water, and she would only say "I don't know what to tell you".

Witnesses at the Flanders home stated when Tanya returned to the residence, James and her went into a back bedroom. According to the witnesses, when James and Tanya came out of the bedroom they began packing in a hurry and left in the middle of the night instead of the planned morning departure.

Investigator Matz interviewed Jonathan Rogers on February 26, 2015. Jonathan stated at one point he was under the impression he was good friends with James Flanders. Jonathan stated James never shared with him the true nature of his relationship with Marie. Jonathan did state he remembered a conversation he had with James after Marie disappeared. James told him that Marie had packed a bag, and that Marie had been a police officer previously and so she had packed her handgun with other items. Jonathan stated James also told him Marie's intentions were to take the baby and leave, which was James' concerns. James told Jonathan, Marie finally decided to leave without the baby.

Investigator Matz interviewed Melinda Rogers. During these interviews, Melinda stated she was friends with Marie, and that Marie had been counseling her on personal issues. Melinda stated shortly after being informed Marie was missing, she went to the Flanders residence to inquire about Marie. Melinda stated James answered the door wearing a short sleeved shirt and she remembers seeing scratch marks on his arms.

On February 23, 2015, I spoke to Marie's biological mother, Marina Akesson, who lives in Sweden via telephone. Marina stated Marie called her at least once a month and she last spoke to Marie on her birthday, October 7, 2011. In one of the last conversations Marina had with her daughter, Marie told her the three of them: Marie, James and Tanya were fighting over the baby because Marie wanted to raise the baby too.

During this investigation, Investigator Matz and I obtained cell phone data history for James, Tanya, and Marie's phones. This information was sent to a cell phone expert, and it was learned that Marie's phone never left the Ft Walton Beach area.

On October 17, 2011, Tanya's cell phone records show her phone in the Destin area during the time she indicated she had gone to Destin to shop. On the same date, James' cell phone pinged cell towers near the route he alleged he "ran" to Mary Esther Cut Off to Bealls Outlet. It was learned through a transaction archive report that Marie's truck's Florida's license

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plate was ran by Fort Walton Beach Police Officer James Daniels on October 18, 2011 at 0346hrs. The truck was located by Officer Daniels in the parking lot of the Chevron Gas Station, located at 521 Mary Esther Cutoff. This gas station is located near the Bealls Outlet on Mary Esther Cutoff. Officer Daniels recalled that no one was inside the truck or around it and the doors to the truck were unlocked. Officer Daniels knows by experience that the location where he found Marie's truck is in a high-crime area. Officer Daniels stated that he had not seen the truck parked there earlier that evening and did not see it again thereafter.

Investigator Matz conducted two interviews with Gary Gobin. Gary knew James and Tanya Flanders from the church. He also lived approximately half a mile from the Flanders residence. Gary stated, on the morning of October 18, 2011 he received a text message from James Flanders asking for heavy prayers. Gary stated he remembers driving by the Flanders residence that morning and noticing James' motorcycle parked behind Marie's white truck. This indicates Marie's truck was moved from the Chevron gas station, to the Flanders residence, and then to the airport long-term parking lot.

On October 18, 2011, at 1019hrs, Marie's truck entered the airport's long term parking lot. On the same date, at 1025hrs, 1026hrs, and 1027hrs James Flanders' cell phone pinged the cell towers near the Northwest Florida Regional Airport suggesting James drove Marie's truck to the airport and parked it in the long-term parking lot.

When the group text message was sent on October 19, 2011, Marie's phone pinged the tower near the Flanders home located at 714 Revere Avenue. At the same time, James' phone pinged the same tower near his residence when his phone received the group message, suggesting James sent the group message from Marie's phone. When Tanya received the group message, her cell phone pinged a cell tower near the church, suggesting she was at the church and witnessed by others when she received the group text.

Throughout the course of this investigation the Flanders became uncooperative with Investigator Matz and I. During the only interview James Flanders had with Investigator Matz, he never disclosed that a physical altercation occurred between Marie and himself.

There is no evidence of Marie Carlson crossing any US Borders or taking any airline flights. There has been no bank or credit activity on Marie's accounts. Marie had approximately \$1,000.00 between two bank account at Eglin Federal Credit Union, and they have not been used or accessed by Marie since October 11, 2011.

- The Defendant, James Ty Flanders failed to tell law enforcement he was involved in a physical altercation with the victim, Marie Carlson on the night she disappeared when he was initially interviewed. He later admitted to witnesses he was involved in the altercation, and these witnesses are the ones who actually notified law enforcement of the Defendant's admission.

- The Defendant and his wife never reported the victim missing to law enforcement. The Defendant only participated in one initial interview, and one phone interview with Special Agent Ronnie Austin with FDLE on November 8, 2012. The Defendant declined to meet with law enforcement after those interviews.

- On October 17, 2011, the Defendant's cell phone pinged off the cell phone towers near the Chevron gas station located at 521 Mary Esther Cutoff at approximately 1938hrs and 1941hrs.

- On October 18, 2011 at 0346hrs, Officer James Daniels, with the Ft. Walton Beach Police Department located the Victim's white truck in the parking lot of the same Chevron gas station abandoned with the doors unlocked.

- On October 18, 2011 @ 1019hrs, the Victim's truck entered the Northwest Florida Regional Airport's long-term parking lot.

- On October 18, 2011 @ 1025hrs, 1026hrs, 1027hrs, the Defendant's cell phone pinged the cell phone towers near the Northwest Florida Regional Airport.

- On October 31, 2011, the Defendant asked witness, Eric Sass to get him out of the country because something really bad had happened, but would not elaborate any further.

- During the month of January 2012, the Defendant and his wife packed in a hurry and left in the middle of the night after Tanya Flanders' was confronted by Investigator Matz. Witnesses that were helping the Flanders pack told law enforcement they were supposed to leave the following morning.

Based on the above information, I have reason to believe and do believe, the Defendant James Ty Flanders, committed the offense of Murder by intentionally causing the death of Marie Jane Carlson, in violation of Florida State Statue 782.04 (2), Murder of the Second Degree. This offense did occur in Okaloosa County, Florida.

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Signature (Arresting Officer) Name ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 14 day of May A.D., 2015 by who is personally known to me or has produced as identification.

Signature Notary Public LEO CO

Commission No: My Commission Expires

Supervisor Signature Date Supervisor Name ( Please Print ) Rank

[ PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ] [NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED]

[ ARREST INFORMATION ]

Arrested Residency Injured Extent of Injury Resist
Within country Arrested Prior Arrest Jurisdiction Alcohol Drugs
No. Di Street A/L City ST Zip Lat / Long
Arresting Officer Unit (GEO) - - - Officer Type
Reporting Officer Unit Original Offense Jurisdiction
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Bond Set by LEO at Time of Arrest & Booking: \$0.00

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