

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

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KENNETH E. MARTONE
Clerk of the Superior Court

MAY 22 1998

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL STEPHAN CROWE,
JOSHUA DAVID TREADWAY
and
AARON PAUL HOUSER

Defendant(s)

By: D. HOCKETT, Deputy

INDICTMENT

D.A. No. PA 009874
Case No. SCD 130983

The Grand Jury of the County of San Diego, State of California, accuses the Defendant(s) of committing, in the County of San Diego, State of California, before the finding of this Indictment, the following crimes(s):

COUNT 1 - MURDER

On or about January 21, 1998, MICHAEL STEPHAN CROWE, JOSHUA DAVID TREADWAY and AARON PAUL HOUSER did unlawfully murder STEPHANIE CROWE, a human being, in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 187(a).

And, it is further alleged that in the commission and attempted commission of the above offense, the said defendant, MICHAEL STEPHAN CROWE, personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, to wit, a knife, within the meaning of Penal Code section 12022(b)(1).

And, it is further alleged that in the commission and attempted commission of the above offense, the said defendant, AARON PAUL HOUSER, personally used a deadly and dangerous weapon, to wit, a knife, within the meaning of Penal Code section 12022(b)(1).

COUNT 2 - CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT A CRIME

On and between December 01, 1997 and January 27, 1998 MICHAEL STEPHAN CROWE, JOSHUA DAVID TREADWAY and AARON PAUL HOUSER did unlawfully conspire together and with another person and persons whose identity is unknown to commit the crime of Murder, PC187(a), in violation of PENAL CODE SECTION 182(a)(1).

The object of the conspiracy was to murder STEPHANIE CROWE, the twelve (12) year-old sister of MICHAEL STEPHAN CROWE, and not leave any physical evidence showing who committed the murder.

Thereafter, in the County of San Diego, State of California, pursuant to the above conspiracy and in furtherance of the objects thereof:

OVERT ACT NO. (01): On and between November 1, 1997, and February 11, 1998, MICHAEL STEPHAN CROWE, JOSHUA DAVID TREADWAY and AARON PAUL HOUSER met during lunch hours at Orange Glen High School in Escondido, California to go over the plan.

OVERT ACT NO. (02): On and between November 1, 1997, and February 11, 1998, AARON PAUL HOUSER placed a telephone call to MICHAEL STEPHAN CROWE and asked if he had "killed them yet."

OVERT ACT NO. (03): On and between November 1, 1997, and February 11, 1998, MICHAEL STEPHAN CROWE collected magazines and tabloids which contained stories about murders in an effort to discover investigative techniques used in murder prosecutions.

OVERT ACT NO. (04): On and between November 1, 1997, and February 11, 1998, AARON PAUL HOUSER kept a supply of hydrogen-peroxide to use as a cleaning agent on the knife used to murder STEPHANIE CROWE.

OVERT ACT NO. (05): On and between November 1, 1997, and February 11, 1998, AARON PAUL HOUSER supplied the murder weapon itself from amount his knife and sword collection, which he kept in his bedroom.

OVERT ACT NO. (06): On and ~~and~~ between November 1, 1997, and February 11, 1998, AARON PAUL HOUSER called JOSHUA DAVID TREADWAY on the telephone the night the murder was committed.

OVERT ACT NO. (07): On and between November 1, 1997, and February 11, 1998, AARON PAUL HOUSER put on dark clothing and gloves the night of the murder.

OVERT ACT NO. (08): On and between November 1, 1997, and February 11, 1998, JOSHUA DAVID TREADWAY walked to AARON PAUL HOUSER's house the night of the murder.

OVERT ACT NO. (09): On and between November 1, 1997, and February 11, 1998, JOSHUA DAVID TREADWAY and AARON PAUL HOUSER walked together from the Houser residence to the Crowe residence.

OVERT ACT NO. (10): On and between November 1, 1997, and February 11, 1998, MICHAEL STEPHAN CROWE let his fellow co-conspirators, JOSHUA DAVID TREADWAY and AARON PAUL HOUSER, into the Crowe residence.

OVERT ACT NO. (11): On and between November 1, 1997, and February 11, 1998, one of the three (3) co-conspirators placed a multi-color comforter over the head of STEPHANIE CROWE before she was stabbed.

OVERT ACT NO. (12): On and between November 1, 1997, and February 11, 1998, MICHAEL STEPHAN CROWE stabbed his sister, STEPHANIE CROWE, with a knife.

OVERT ACT NO. (13): On and between November 1, 1997, and February 11, 1998, AARON PAUL HOUSER stabbed STEPHANIE CROWE with a knife.

OVERT ACT NO. (14): On and between November 1, 1997, and February 11, 1998, AARON PAUL HOUSER rinsed the murder weapon off in a sink located within the Crowe residence.

OVERT ACT NO. (15): On and between November 1, 1997, and February 11, 1998, JOSHUA DAVID TREADWAY and AARON PAUL HOUSER left the Crowe residence together after STEPHANIE CROWE had been stabbed and returned to their respective homes.

OVERT ACT NO. (16): On and between November 1, 1997, and February 11, 1998, MICHAEL STEPHAN CROWE put an opened bottle of Tylenol on the kitchen counter as part of his pre-planned story to investigators.

OVERT ACT NO. (17): On or about November 1, 1997, and February 11, 1998, AARON PAUL HOUSER cleaned the knife which had been used to stab STEPHANIE CROWE.

OVERT ACT NO. (18): On Sunday following the murder of STEPHANIE CROWE, AARON PAUL HOUSER gave the murder weapon to JOSHUA DAVID TREADWAY to dispose of.

OVERT ACT NO. (19): On and between November 1, 1997, and February 11, 1998; MICHAEL STEPHAN CROWE initially lied to the police to coverup the conspiracy.

OVERT ACT NO. (20): On and between November 1, 1997, and February 11, 1998, JOSHUA DAVID TREADWAY initially lied to the police to coverup the conspiracy.

OVERT ACT NO. (21): On and between November 1, 1997, and February 11, 1998, AARON PAUL HOUSER lied to the police to conceal his role in the conspiracy to murder STEPHANIE CROWE.

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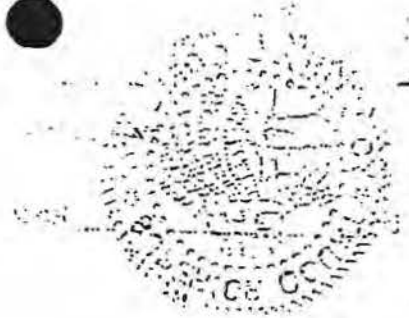
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