



**DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR Prince George's County**

Located at Courthouse, Bourne Wing, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772



Case No. D-05-CR-23-021924

**STATE OF MARYLAND**

**VS.**

**CRAIG, CANDACE RAQUEL**

2419 2ND ST NE  
WASHINGTON, DC, 20002  
SID: LID:  
FBI#:

**INITIAL APPEARANCE REPORT**

**(Md. Rules 4-213, 4-213.1, 4-216 and 4-216.1)**

**Advice**

I hereby certify that when the above named Defendant was brought before me for initial appearance, I:

ADVISED Defendant has appeared without an attorney and has a right to an attorney at the initial appearance, of the importance of having an attorney and, if indigent, the Public Defender will provide representation if the proceeding is before a judge or, a court-appointed attorney will provide representation if the proceeding is before a commissioner.

ADVISED Defendant has the right to waive the right to be represented by an attorney at the initial appearance and the waiver is only applicable to the initial appearance and not to any other hearing or proceeding.

ADVISED Defendant has an absolute right to hire a private attorney at Defendant's expense to defend against these charges. If the Defendant does not have the money to hire a private attorney, the Defendant is advised to apply right away to a District Court commissioner for representation by the Public Defender. A District Court commissioner makes the determination of whether the Defendant is financially eligible for the services of the Public Defender. After receipt of the Final Qualification, all further questions should be directed to the Public Defender's Office.

ADVISED Defendant any representation by a court-appointed attorney is provisional, limited to the initial appearance, and will terminate automatically upon conclusion of the hearing.

INFORMED Defendant of each offense charged and of the allowable penalties, including any mandatory or enhanced penalties, if any.

PROVIDED Defendant with a copy of the charging document since Defendant did not already have one.

READ to Defendant, the Notice of Advice of Right to Counsel.

ADVISED Defendant that if Defendant appears for trial without counsel, the Court could determine that the Defendant waived counsel and the Defendant may have to proceed to trial unrepresented by counsel.

INFORMED Defendant of Affidavit for Indigent, the Defendant completed the requested affidavit and the commissioner determined with the criteria set forth in Code, Criminal Procedure Article §16-210 (b) and (c) whether the Defendant qualifies for a court-appointed attorney.

INFORMED Defendant that this preliminary determination is for the purpose of representation at the initial appearance only.

**DETERMINED DEFENDANT IS INDIGENT.**

ADVISED Defendant has the right to be represented by an attorney at the initial appearance and, if no other attorney has entered an appearance you shall be represented by the court-appointed attorney, unless the Defendant waives the right to be represented by an attorney at the initial appearance.

**ENTRY OF APPEARANCE:** Defendant was represented at initial appearance by court-appointed Attorney.

**APPEARANCE: COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEY/PUBLIC DEFENDER**

Received: by Telecommunication.

Attorney's Name: BAGUDU

Appeared Remotely.

ADVISED defendant of provisional representation by court-appointed attorney shall be limited to the initial appearance before the judicial officer and shall terminate automatically upon the conclusion of this proceeding.

ADVISED Defendant that the charge is a felony that is not within the jurisdiction of the District Court; the Defendant has a

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right to have a preliminary hearing by a request made now or within 10 days; and failure to make a timely request will result in a waiver of this hearing.

Defendant requests preliminary hearing. It is scheduled for 07/03/2023 at 8:45 AM in Room 261, at Courthouse, Bourne Wing, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772.

**Pretrial Release Determination**

On the basis of information available to and developed by me I HAVE DETERMINED:

That Defendant is not eligible for release under CP Article, Section 5-102 of Maryland Code and MD Rule 4-216.

The following Required Condition(s) of Release are imposed on the Defendant:

Do not engage in any criminal conduct during the period of pretrial release.

Appear in court when notified to do so.

The Defendant is to be HELD WITHOUT BOND.

**Notice**

I INFORMED THE DEFENDANT:

1. that a condition of ANY release is that Defendant appear for hearing and/or trial as directed by the Court.
2. that a warrant will be issued for the Defendant's arrest for any violation of condition(s) of release; that if the recognizance or bail bond is forfeited and the Defendant fails to surrender within 30 days following the forfeiture, on a felony charge the penalty imposed may be up to 5 years in jail and/or a fine up to \$5,000, or on a misdemeanor charge the penalty imposed may be up to 1 year in jail and/or a fine up to \$1,000; that the Defendant may be charged with contempt of Court.
3. to notify the Court in writing of any change of address or telephone number.

Date: 06/04/2023 Time: 4:37 AM

Commissioner: [Signature] ID: 5183

**Bageant #1183**

**Receipt**

I have  read  had read to me the offense(s) for which I am charged, the conditions of release, the penalty for violation of the conditions of release, the Notice of Advice of Right to Counsel. I acknowledge receipt of a copy of this form.

My Bail Review date is 06/05/2023 at 01:15 pm in room 261, at Courthouse, Bourne Wing, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772.

I have been informed that the Preliminary Hearing date is 07/03/2023 at 8:45 AM in Room 261, at Courthouse, Bourne Wing, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772.

I agree to any conditions of release and agree to appear as directed.

**JUN 04 2023**

Date

Signature of Custodian

[Signature]  
Signature of Defendant



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CCN: 23-0052523



COMPLAINANT				DEFENDANT					
NAME (LAST, FIRST MI) <b>TAYLOR, BRENDAN</b>		TITLE <b>PGPD</b>		NAME (LAST, FIRST MI) <b>Craig, Candace Raquel</b>		TITLE			
AGENCY <b>DA</b>	SUB-AGENCY <b>HOM</b>	ID NO. (POLICE) <b>3672</b>	MAFIS NAME (LAST, FIRST, MI)		TITLE				
WORK TELEPHONE		HOME TELEPHONE		ID NO.	RACE <b>1</b>	SEX <b>F</b>	HT <b>5' 2"</b>	WT <b>167</b>	DOB (MM/DD/YY) <b>7/23/1978</b>
ADDRESS <b>8803 Police Plaza</b>			APT NO.	CC/OCA	HAIR <b>BLK</b>	EYES <b>BRO</b>	OTHER DESCRIPTION		
CITY <b>Upper Marlboro</b>		STATE	ZIP CODE <b>20772</b>	DRIVER'S LICENSE # <b>1648594</b>		STATE <b>District of Columbia</b>			
				WORK TELEPHONE		HOME TELEPHONE			
<input type="checkbox"/> DOMESTIC VIOLENCE		<input type="checkbox"/> HATE CRIME		ADDRESS <b>208 Hill Rd</b>			APT NO.		
<input type="checkbox"/> VULNERABLE ADULT ABUSE		<input type="checkbox"/> CHILD ABUSE		CITY <b>Hyattsville, MD 20785</b>		STATE <b>MD</b>	ZIP CODE <b>20785</b>		

**STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

**IT IS FORMALLY CHARGED THAT THE DEFENDANT**

<b>1</b>	CJIS CODE <b>1M0990</b>	AR	<b>CR</b>	ON OR ABOUT (DATE) <b>5/23/2023</b>	AT (PLACE) <b>208 Hill Rd, Hyattsville, Prince George's County, MD</b>
...did feloniously, willfully and of deliberately premeditated malice aforethought kill and murder Margaret Elizabeth Craig.					
IN VIOLATION OF CR 2-201					PROBABLE CAUSE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<input type="checkbox"/> MD ANN. CODE;		<input type="checkbox"/> COMMON LAW OF MD;		<input type="checkbox"/> PUB. LOCAL LAW	
<input type="checkbox"/> COMAR OR AGENCY CODE NO.		<input type="checkbox"/> ORDINANCE NO.		AGAINST THE PEACE, GOVERNMENT AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE	COMMISSIONER INITIALS: <i>MB</i> ID NO. <b>5183</b>

<b>2</b>	CJIS CODE <b>1 1107</b>	AR	<b>CR</b>	ON OR ABOUT (DATE) <b>5/23/2023</b>	AT (PLACE) <b>208 Hill Rd, Hyattsville, Prince George's County, MD</b>
... did feloniously and with malice aforethought, kill and murder Margaret Elizabeth Craig.					
IN VIOLATION OF CR 2-204					PROBABLE CAUSE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
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I SOLEMNLY AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE MATTERS AND FACTS SET FORTH IN THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT ARE TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF.		
DATE <b>6/3/2023</b>	ARRESTING OFFICER <b>TAYLOR, BRENDAN</b> <i>Jyl</i>	
AGENCY <b>DA</b>	SUB-AGENCY <b>HOM</b>	I.D.NO. <b>3672</b>

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**STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

ARREST ON TRAFFIC / NATURAL RESOURCES / MASS TRANSIT CITATIONS / CRIMINAL CHARGES / MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES / PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS

On June 2, 2023, at approximately 1337 hours officers with the Prince George's County Police Department responded to 208 Hill Road Hyattsville, Prince George's County, Maryland to conduct a welfare check to locate a missing person, Margaret Elizabeth Craig (B-F-10/11/1951) under RMS number 23-0032503. Upon arrival officers met a resident by the name of, Candace Raquel Craig, who answered the door. Candace Craig allowed officers access to the home to conduct a search for the missing person. Upon entering the basement officers immediately recognized the smell of putrefaction and observed blood and tissue on the floor near three white plastic trash bags. Officers observed in an open trash bag what appeared to be brain matter. The dismembered remains in the trash bags are believed to be Margaret Elizabeth Craig. Upon exiting the crime scene officers also noticed a knife on the ground on the basement floor. Upon returning to the basement the knife was missing. Forensic Investigator Krob of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner responded and determined the remains inside of the trash bags were human which was then reported under RMS number 23-0032523.

Homicide and Evidence were called to the scene and assumed all investigative responsibilities. The preliminary investigation revealed that Witness 1, who is known to the police, responded to the Prince George's County Police Department Division Three station to report the Decedent missing. Witness 1 advised they spoke with the Decedent on a

PROBABLE CAUSE CHARGES # 142

LACK OF PROBABLE CAUSE CHARGES # —

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AGENCY <b>DA</b>	SUB-AGENCY <b>HOM</b>	I.D. NO. <b>3672</b>

I HAVE REVIEWED THE STATEMENT OF CHARGES AND HAVE DETERMINED THAT		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> THERE IS PROBABLE CAUSE TO DETAIN THE DEFENDANT		
<input type="checkbox"/> THERE IS NOT PROBABLE CAUSE TO DETAIN THE DEFENDANT AND I HAVE ACCORDINGLY RELEASED HIM ON HIS OWN RECOGNIZANCE.		
DATE <b>6/4/23</b>	JUDICIAL OFFICER <i>[Signature]</i>	COMMISSIONER I.D. NO. <b>5183</b>

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regular basis and had not heard from her for several days. Witness 1 requested officers conduct a welfare check to make sure the Decedent was not inside of the residence located at 208 Hill Road in distress. Upon conducting a preliminary search of the residence officers also observed a cover to a chainsaw, cutting utensils, cleaning materials, and blood spatter throughout the basement where the bags of human remains were located. A court ordered search and seizure warrant was executed at the residence during which multiple items of evidentiary value, to include a chainsaw with human remains on it, were recovered from within the residence.

Witness 2, who is known to the police, approached Detectives at the scene and advised that on May 27, 2023, they observed a small fire in the brush behind Hill Road Hyattsville, Maryland. Witness 2 went to investigate the fire and observed Defendant 1, Candace Raquel Craig, and Defendant 2, Salia Hardy, who is Defendant 1's daughter, in the wood line burning what they believed to be human remains. Witness 2 then called 911 and the Prince George's County Fire Department responded under PF23052700000421 but did not locate any fire. Detectives canvased the wood line and located the area where the fire burned.

Defendant 2 was read her Miranda Rights and voluntarily waived them to provide a verbal statement. Defendant 2 stated that on May 23, 2023, she heard her mother, Defendant 1 involved in an altercation with the Decedent. Defendant 2 stated that the Decedent threatened to report her daughter, Defendant 1, to the police for fraudulent use of her credit card. Defendant 1 then attacked the Decedent. On May 24, 2023, Defendant 2 discovered the Decedent's remains in a blue bin in her bedroom. Defendant 1 and Defendant 2 then began to dismember the Decedent with a chainsaw and attempted to burn her remains on a grill and a fire to the rear of the residence.

Defendant 1 was read her Miranda Rights and voluntarily waived them to provide a verbal statement. Defendant 1 denied any involvement in the murder of her mother, the Decedent.

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DATE 6/3/2023	ARRESTING OFFICER TAYLOR, BRENDAN <i>JT</i>	
AGENCY DA	SUB-AGENCY HOM	I.D.NO. 3672

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