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**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF VENTURA**

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,**  
  
vs  
  
JOSEPH JAMES DEANGELO (11-08-1945)  
  
Defendant(s).

VCIJIS Case: 2018013820

Felony Complaint

Complaint Deemed Information

The undersigned is informed and believes that:

**COUNT 1**

On or about March 13, 1980 through March 16, 1980, in the above named Judicial District, the crime of MURDER, in violation of Penal Code 187(a), a Felony, was committed by JOSEPH JAMES DEANGELO, who did willfully, unlawfully, and with malice aforethought murder CHARLENE SMITH, a human being. It is further alleged that the above offense is a serious felony within the meaning of Penal Code section 1192.7(c)(1).

NOTICE: Pursuant to Penal Code section 1170(h)(3) an executed sentence shall be served in state prison because the charged offense is a serious or violent felony.

**Special Allegation 1**

It is further alleged that the defendant, defendant JOSEPH JAMES DEANGELO, in this case has committed more than one offense of murder in the first or second degree within the meaning of Penal Code section 190.2(a)(3).

**Special Allegation 2**

It is further alleged that the murder of CHARLENE SMITH was committed while defendant, JOSEPH JAMES DEANGELO, was engaged in the commission and attempted commission of rape in violation of Penal Code section 261, pursuant to Penal Code section 190.2(a)(17)(C).

**Special Allegation 3**

It is further alleged that the murder of CHARLENE SMITH was committed while defendant, JOSEPH JAMES DEANGELO, was engaged in the commission and attempted commission of burglary in violation of Penal Code section 459, pursuant to Penal Code section 190.2(a)(17)(G).

**COUNT 2**

On or about March 13, 1980 through March 16, 1980, in the above named Judicial District, the crime of MURDER, in violation of Penal Code 187(a), a Felony, was committed by JOSEPH JAMES DEANGELO, who did willfully, unlawfully, and with malice aforethought murder LYMAN SMITH, a human being. It is further alleged that the above offense is a serious felony within the meaning of Penal Code section 1192.7(c)(1).

NOTICE: Pursuant to Penal Code section 1170(h)(3) an executed sentence shall be served in state prison because the charged offense is a serious or violent felony.

**Special Allegation 1**

It is further alleged that the defendant, defendant JOSEPH JAMES DEANGELO, in this case has committed more than one offense of murder in the first or second degree within the meaning of Penal Code section 190.2(a)(3).

**Special Allegation 2**

It is further alleged that the murder of LYMAN SMITH was committed while defendant, JOSEPH JAMES DEANGELO, was engaged in the commission and attempted commission of burglary in violation of Penal Code section 459, pursuant to Penal Code section 190.2(a)(17)(G).

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT THIS COMPLAINT CONSISTS OF 2 COUNTS.

Executed at Ventura, California, on April 24, 2018.

GREGORY D. TOTTEN  
District Attorney

 FOR  
RICHARD E SIMON  
DECLARANT AND COMPLAINANT

<u>Defendant Name</u>	<u>Agy</u>	<u>Prelim</u>	<u>Bkg #</u>	<u>Next Appearance Date</u>
JOSEPH JAMES DEANGELO				No scheduled events

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF VENTURA

FELONY COMPLAINT - ORDER HOLDING TO ANSWER - P.C. SECTION 872

\_\_\_ It appears to me from the evidence presented that the following offense(s) has/have been committed and that there is sufficient cause to believe that the following defendant(s) guilty thereof, to wit :

\_\_\_ The defendant JOSEPH JAMES DEANGELO, having waived preliminary hearing to the offense(s) set forth in the complaint.

<u>Count</u>	<u>S/A</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	0	PC 187(a)	Murder
1	1	PC 190.2(a)(3)	S/A - Enh - Commission of More Than One Murder Offense
1	2	PC 190.2(a)(17)(C)	S/A - Enh - Murder While Engaged In Rape
1	3	PC 190.2(a)(17)(G)	S/A-Enh-Murder While Engaged in Burglary
2	0	PC 187(a)	Murder
2	1	PC 190.2(a)(3)	S/A - Enh - Commission of More Than One Murder Offense
2	2	PC 190.2(a)(17)(G)	S/A-Enh-Murder While Engaged in Burglary

Exceptions/ Additions/ Conditions: \_\_\_\_\_  
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I order that defendant(s) be held to answer to same.

I order that defendant(s) be held to answer therefore and be admitted to bail in the sum of:

JOSEPH JAMES DEANGELO \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge of the Superior Court, sitting Magistrate

<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Next Appearance and court room</u>
JOSEPH JAMES DEANGELO	

In my capacity as Judge of the Superior Court, and pursuant to stipulation by both counsel, I deem the within complaint to be an Information and order it filed in the Superior Court.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge of the Superior Court

**SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF VENTURA**

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

AGENCY NO. 2018013820

VS.

**DECLARATION FOR ARREST WARRANT**  
VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT  
**(General Form) FILED**

JOSEPH JAMES DEANGELO  
Defendant

Booking No.:  
Date/Time of Arrest:

Booking Charges: PC 187(a): 2 **ROBERT A. PLANET**  
Executive Officer and Clerk

I, Robert Coughlin, am a peace officer employed by the Ventura County District Attorney's Office

- I was present at the time of this offense and personally observed the following:
- I have read the crime report of Detective Kenneth Clark, employed by the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office, and allege on information and belief that the following is true:
- I have been informed by the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department Detective Sergeant Ken Clark and Ventura County District Attorney investigator Steve Rhods that the following information, including the information contained in Attachment 'A' and Attachment 'B' is true:
- I am the victim of a crime, which occurred in Ventura County.

On March 16, 1980, the Ventura Police Department responded to the residence at 573 High Point in the City of Ventura, County of Ventura, State of California reference two dead bodies. The subsequent investigation determined both deaths as homicides. The investigation into these four homicides has also identified Joseph James DeAngelo as being the person responsible for these deaths. For further information, refer to Attachment 'A' and Attachment 'B' which are hereby incorporated by reference.

The offense shown by the facts stated above occurred in Ventura County, California, between March 13, 1980 and March 16, 1980.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true. Executed at Ventura County, California, on April 24, 2018.

[Signature]  
Signature of Declarant

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Badge No.

**WARRANT INFORMATION:**

Name: JOSEPH JAMES DEANGELO D.O.B: 11/08/1945 Weight: 200  
 Address: 8316 CANYON OAK DRIVE Hair: BRN DL#: M0109518  
 City/State: CITRUS HEIGHTS, CA Eyes: BLU SSN#: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Zip Code: 95610 Height: 5-11

**ORDER**

**ARREST WARRANT TO ISSUE:**  NO  YES Bail in the amount of \$ 0

Dated: 4/24/18 Time: 6:20 pm [Signature]  
Judge

**DECLARATION FOR ARREST WARRANT**  
**(General Form)**

# SEALING ORDER

THE COURT HAS READ AND CONSIDERED THE ARREST WARRANT AFFIDAVIT SUBMITTED BY VENTURA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATOR ROBERT COUGHLIN, AS WELL AS ATTACHMENTS 'A' AND 'B'. THE COURT MAKES THE FOLLOWING FACTUAL FINDINGS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA RULES OF COURT 2.550:

THERE EXISTS AN OVERRIDING INTEREST IN PROTECTING THE RECORD THAT OVERCOMES THE RIGHT OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE RECORD. THE OVERRIDING INTEREST SUPPORTS SEALING THE RECORD. A SUBSTANTIAL PROBABILITY EXISTS THAT THE OVERRIDING INTEREST WILL BE PREJUDICED IF THE RECORD IS NOT SEALED. NO LESS RESTRICTIVE MEANS EXIST TO ACHIEVE THE OVERRIDING INTEREST.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT ATTACHMENT 'A', ATTACHMENT 'B' AND ALL OTHER ATTACHMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ARREST WARRANT AFFIDAVIT FOR JOSEPH JAMES DEANGELO REMAIN SEALED BY ORDER OF THIS COURT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE COURT DIRECTS OTHERWISE.

THIS ORDER HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY THE ARREST WARRANT AFFIANT PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA RULES OF COURT SECTION 2.550.

4/24/18  
DATE

P. M. Murphy  
VENTURA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

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