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Diane Bakdash, alleged accomplice in son's murder case, given reduced bail

By Nick Pinto

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Now that 66-year-old Diane Bakdash has appeared in court on the charge of accessory after the fact to murder, we're getting a look at the criminal complaint against her, and seeing a glimpse of her defense strategy.

Judge Daniel Mabley agreed to reduce her bail to \$100,000 from the initial \$1 million bond.

The woman's son, Timothy Ayman Bakdash, has already been charged with second-degree murder for deliberately driving his car into three university students in Dinkytown April 15.

One of those three, Ben Van Handel, died five days later.

According to the complaint, Timothy Bakdash tried to sell the car shortly after the incident, presumably to make it harder for police to find him. The man he sold the car to told police he heard Diane Bakdash tell her son over the phone that "he had to get rid of the car that night." She then signed the title, completing the transaction.

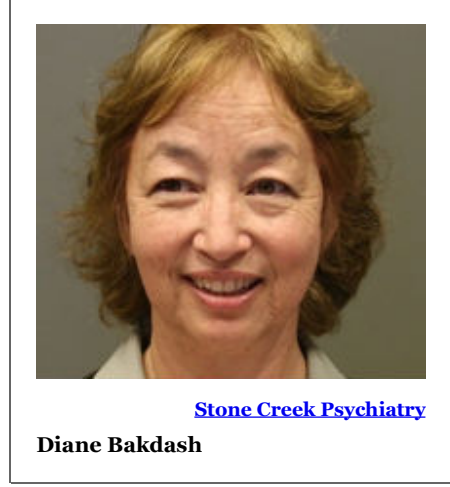
Diane Bakdash's lawyer, Ryan Garry, told the court his client is innocent, because she didn't know her son had been involved in a crime when she helped him sell the Mitsubishi Galant he used to run over his victims.

But that may prove a difficult case to sell in court; if Bakdash knew the car was badly damaged, even if she thought it was in a property-damage hit-and-run, she could still be guilty as an accomplice.

After characterizing Timothy Bakdash as a man battling chemical dependency, Garry also told the judge of the "irony" that Diane Bakdash was a respected nurse, and an occasional witness for the county attorney's office, who had worked with others struggling with chemical dependency.

Minneapolis Police are still so far refusing to release booking photos for either Timothy or Diane Bakdash, saying only that the investigation into the case is ongoing.

Here's the complaint against Diane Bakdash:



**State of Minnesota
County of Hennepin**

**District Court
Fourth Judicial District**

CCT 1 LIST CHARGE STATUTE ONLY 609.495 MOC E1B40 GOC N CTY ATTY FILE NO. 11-5136 CONTROLLING AGENCY MN0271100 CONTROL NO 11102071

COURT CASE NO. DATE FILED

If more than 6 counts (no attached) If Domestic Assault as defined by MS 518001, sub 2a)

State of Minnesota,

PLAINTIFF,

VS.

NAME: first, middle, last

DIANE PATRICIA BAKDASH

DEFENDANT,

[REDACTED]
ROSEVILLE, MN 55113

- Amended Tab Charge Previously Filed
- SERIOUS FELONY SUMMONS
- FELONY WARRANT
- GROSS MISDM DWI ORDER OF DETENTION
- GROSS MISDM EXTRADITION

Date of Birth **2/7/45** MNCIS #: **27-CR-**
LE#: **[REDACTED]**
SILS ID:
TRACK ID:
ID:

COMPLAINT

The Complainant, being duly sworn, makes complaint to the above-named Court and states that there is probable cause to believe that the Defendant committed the following offense(s). The complainant states that the following facts establish PROBABLE CAUSE:

Complainant, John Holthusen, of the Minneapolis Police Department, has investigated the facts and circumstances of this offense and believes the following establishes probable cause:

On or about April 21, 2011, Minneapolis police officers were investigating the death of B.V.H. that occurred on April 15, 2011 near the intersection of 5th Street Southeast and 12th Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Officers had previously learned that at approximately 2:00 a.m., B.V.H. was walking along 5th Street when he was struck by a vehicle that drove onto the sidewalk. The vehicle was described by witnesses at the scene as a silver car that had traveled in the wrong direction on 5th Street. The vehicle was estimated to be traveling at about 30 miles per hour when it drove onto the sidewalk. The vehicle struck three people, including B.V.H. The vehicle continued driving westbound on 5th Street. All three individuals were taken to Hennepin County Medical Center, where it was determined that B.V.H. suffered severe head trauma. The other two females, S.B. and K.H. were initially unconscious but suffered non-life threatening injuries.

At the scene, S.B. told officers and paramedics that she could not feel her legs. At the time of this Complaint, investigators had determined that S.B.'s injuries to her left leg were considered very serious and she is currently unable to walk.

Officers spoke with L.F., who stated she had been walking with B.V.H. when he was hit. L.F. stated she and B.V.H. had left the Kitty Kat Club and were walking on the sidewalk when she heard a car engine revving behind them. L.F. stated she looked behind her and saw vehicle headlights heading toward B.V.H. and herself. L.F. stated the vehicle was on the sidewalk, traveling toward them at a high rate of speed. L.F. stated she attempted to grab B.V.H. by the arm just before he was struck by the vehicle. L.F. told investigators that B.V.H. was carried on the hood of the car about 50 feet, hit his head on a utility pole, flew into the air and landed in the intersection.

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DIANE PATRICIA BAKDASH, DOB: 2/7/45

CCN#: 11102071

On April 21, 2011, officers spoke to B.B., who stated Timothy Ayman Bakdash, admitted that he had gotten in a "car accident." Timothy Bakdash told him he had gone to the Library Bar in Minneapolis where he had quite a few drinks. He stated he had gotten in an altercation with two males and two females. Timothy Bakdash continued to argue with one gentleman while outside of the bar, who eventually walked away. Timothy Bakdash then got into his vehicle, a Mitsubishi Galant, and traveled down the wrong way on a one-way street where the car jumped the sidewalk and struck the group of pedestrians. Timothy Bakdash admitted he intended to hit and kill three of the people there, but stated he struck a fourth person whom he did not intentionally hit. He stated he had no remorse for hitting the others.

B.B. stated Timothy Bakdash sold him the Mitsubishi Galant for \$1,500. He stated he heard Timothy Bakdash speaking with his mother, **DIANE PATRICIA BAKDASH**, Defendant herein, over the telephone on April 15, 2011. B.B. stated he heard Defendant tell Timothy Bakdash that he had to get rid of that car that night. She also stated she would sign the title. Defendant was the actual owner of the Mitsubishi Galant. B.B. stated he later picked up the vehicle and took it to his garage stall to begin repairs. He received the vehicle's title document that contained Defendant's signature. B.B. stated the windshield was smashed and there were dents in the vehicle.

Officers learned that on April 20, 2001 B.V.H. died as a result of his injuries, multiple blunt-force trauma to his head.

On April 21, 2011, while attempting to locate Timothy Bakdash, officers went to Defendant's home. She refused to speak with them and stated she wanted an attorney. Later that day, officers were able to locate Timothy Bakdash and he was taken into custody. He has been charged with Murder in the Second Degree and two counts of Assault in the Second Degree.

On April 25, 2011, Defendant went to the Hennepin County Jail to visit Timothy Bakdash, where she was apprehended. Defendant is now currently in custody.

COMPLAINT SUPPLEMENT

CCT	SECTION/Subdivision	M.O.C.	GOC

OFFENSE

COUNT 1: ACCOMPLICE AFTER THE FACT (FELONY)
 MINN. STAT. § 609.495, SUBDS. 3, 5(2)
 PENALTY: PENALTY: 1 YEAR AND A DAY – 20 YEARS

On or between April 15, 2011 and April 21, 2011, **DIANE PATRICIA BAKDASH** aided Timothy Ayman Bakdash, a person **DIANE PATRICIA BAKDASH** knew or had reason to know had committed a criminal act, by destroying or concealing evidence of that crime and/or obstructing the investigation or prosecution of that crime, Murder in the Second Degree, and that crime occurred in Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

NOTICE: You must appear for every court hearing on this charge. A failure to appear for court on this charge is a criminal offense and may be punished as provided in Minn. Stat. § 609.49.

THEREFORE, Complainant requests that said Defendant, subject to bail or conditions of release be:
 1) *arrested or that other lawful steps be taken to obtain defendant's appearance in court; or*
 2) *detained, if already in custody, pending further proceedings;*
and that said Defendant otherwise be dealt with according to law.

COMPLAINANT'S NAME: **John Holthusen** COMPLAINANT'S SIGNATURE:

Being duly authorized to prosecute the offense(s) charged, I hereby approve this Complaint.
 DATE: **April 26, 2011** **vkl** PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S SIGNATURE:

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:
 NAME/TITLE: **CHRISTINA L. WARREN (345258)** ADDRESS/TELEPHONE: **C2100 Government Center, Minneapolis, MN 55487**
Assistant County Attorney Telephone: **612-348-3104**

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