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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE

STATE OF ALASKA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSHUA ALEXEI FEDOT VARGAS

DOB: 04/22/1998

APSIN ID: 7068022

DMV NO.: 7030363 AK

ATN: 119566539

Defendant.

No. 3AN-25-06013CR (Joshua Alexei Fedot Vargas)

Related Search Warrants: 3AN-25-03382SW

INFORMATION

I certify this document and its attachments do not contain the (1) name of a victim of a sexual offense listed in AS 12.61.140 or (2) residence or business address or telephone number of a victim of or witness to any offense unless it is an address identifying the place of a crime or an address or telephone number in a transcript of a court proceeding and disclosure of the information was ordered by the court.
The following counts charge a crime involving DOMESTIC VIOLENCE as defined in AS 18.66.990: NONE.

Count I - AS 11.41.120(a)(1)

Manslaughter

Joshua Alexei Fedot Vargas - 001

Count II - AS 28.35.060(c)

Leave Accident Without Assisting Injured

Joshua Alexei Fedot Vargas - 002

Count III - AS 28.35.050(a)

Leaving The Scene Of An Accident

Joshua Alexei Fedot Vargas - 003

Count IV - AS 28.35.030(a)(2)

Driving Under The Influence

Joshua Alexei Fedot Vargas - 004

Count V - AS 28.35.050(b)
Leaving The Scene Of An Accident
Joshua Alexei Fedot Vargas - 005

Count VI - AS 28.15.291(a)(1)
Driving While License Canceled, Suspended, Revoked or In Violation of A Limitation
Joshua Alexei Fedot Vargas - 006

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY CHARGES:

COUNT I

That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about September 20, 2025, at or near Anchorage, JOSHUA ALEXEI FEDOT VARGAS recklessly caused the death of another person. To wit: Donna Nielsen.

All of which is a class A Felony offense being contrary to and in violation of AS 11.41.120(a)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

COUNT II

That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about September 20, 2025, at or near Anchorage, JOSHUA ALEXEI FEDOT VARGAS the operator of a motor vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of a person or damage to a vehicle that is driven or attended by a person, failed to give his name, address and vehicle license number to the person struck or injured, or the operator or occupant, or the person attending, and failed to render to any person injured reasonable assistance, including making of arrangements for attendance upon the person by a physician and transportation, in a manner that would not cause further injury, to a hospital for medical treatment if it was apparent that treatment was desirable.

All of which is a class N Felony offense being contrary to and in violation of AS 28.35.060(c) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

COUNT III

That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about September 20, 2025, at or near Anchorage, JOSHUA ALEXEI FEDOT VARGAS , being an operator of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting in injury to or death of a person, failed to stop the vehicle at the scene of the accident or as close to it as possible and return to, and remain at, the scene until the requirements of AS 28.35.060 were fulfilled.

All of which is a Misdemeanor class N offense being contrary to and in violation of AS 28.35.050(a) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

COUNT IV

That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about September 20, 2025, at or near Anchorage, JOSHUA ALEXEI FEDOT VARGAS drove or operated a vehicle while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, intoxicating liquor, inhalant, or any controlled substance, singly or in combination and determined by a chemical test taken within four hours after operating or driving to be 0.08% or more by weight of alcohol in his blood or 80 milligrams or more of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood and/or there was 0.08 grams or more of alcohol per 210 liters of his breath.

All of which is a class A Misdemeanor offense being contrary to and in violation of AS 28.35.030(a)(2) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

COUNT V

That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about September 20, 2025, at or near Anchorage, JOSHUA ALEXEI FEDOT VARGAS , being an operator of a vehicle involved in an accident resulting only in damage to a vehicle driven or attended by a person, failed to immediately stop the vehicle at the scene of the accident or as close to it as possible and return to, and remain at, the scene of the accident until the requirements of AS 28.35.060 were met.

1 All of which is a Misdemeanor class N offense being contrary to and in
2 violation of 28.35.050(b) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

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4 COUNT VI

5 That in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about September 20,
6 2025, at or near Anchorage, JOSHUA ALEXEI FEDOT VARGAS drove a motor vehicle
7 on a highway or vehicular way or area at a time when the defendant's driver's license, or
8 privilege to drive, or privilege to obtain a license was canceled, suspended, or revoked,
9 under circumstances described in AS 28.15.181 or 28.15.182 or a similar law in another
jurisdiction.

10 All of which is a class A Misdemeanor offense being contrary to and in violation
11 of AS 28.15.291(a)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

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13 The undersigned swears under oath this Information is based upon a review of
14 police report 25-28982 submitted to date.

15 On September 20, 2025, at approximately 0115 hours, APD responded to the
16 intersection of Minnesota Dr. and Northern Lights Blvd., in reference to a vehicle hitting a
17 pedestrian and fleeing the scene. Officers were informed that the vehicle that hit the
18 pedestrian and fled was a Silver Volkswagen, AK plate JYE330. The registered owner of
19 the vehicle, a silver 2001 Volkswagen Passat, is JOSHUA VARGAS. When officers
20 arrived to the intersection they observed a woman laying on the North East corner of the
21 intersection. They attempted to give medical aid and CPR but were unable to save her. The
22 victim was later identified as Donna Nielsen, Ms. Nielsen was declared deceased at the
scene.

23 Officers reviewed the traffic camera footage from the area, it showed Ms. Nielsen
24 crossing on the West side of Minnesota Dr. going North, just South of the intersection with
25 Northern Lights Blvd. Ms. Nielsen began crossing the street on the walk signal. Ms.
26 Nielsen was walking at a slow pace, which was clear by a distinct limp. As Ms. Nielsen is
27 stepping up onto the sidewalk when she finished crossing the street a silver Ram pickup,

1 driven by Michael Selhay, slows to allow her to finish crossing. As Ms. Nielsen is stepping
2 onto the sidewalk, and as the pickup truck slowed to avoid her, a silver Volkswagen, driven
3 by VARGAS, comes up behind the pickup. VARGAS swerves up onto the sidewalk
4 striking Ms. Nielsen. VARGAS continues to then drives through the crosswalk to the
5 Northside of the intersection, still on the sidewalk. VARGAS then strikes Mr. Selhay's
6 truck. VARGAS then fled the scene and turned onto 26th Ave. Mr. Selhay followed
7 VARGAS.

8 VARGAS fled to the area of West High School, where Selhay continued to follow.
9 Officers were able to arrive on scene and stop VARGAS on Hillcrest Dr., in front of the
10 school. School security cameras confirmed no one ever exited VARGAS's vehicle.

11 Officers spoke with Michael Selhay. He explained that when driving near the
12 intersection of Minnesota Dr. and Northern Lights Blvd. he saw a woman crossing the
13 street. His light had turned green, but he made sure to slow to allow her to finish crossing
14 the road. He watched as the Volkswagen struck the pedestrian, stating the Volkswagen
15 came out of nowhere. After hitting the woman the Volkswagen hit his truck as well. Mr.
16 Selhay followed the Volkswagen to West High school and saw it was only occupied by the
17 driver, VARGAS. He confirmed that no one had ever left the vehicle.

18 When officers opened the door of VARGAS's vehicle they immediately smelled
19 the strong odor of alcohol coming from the vehicle. When officers asked VARGAS his
20 name his speech was slurred, to the point officers could barely understand him when he
21 stated his name. When officers had contact with VARGAS they observed a strong odor of
22 alcohol coming from him and his eyes were bloodshot and watery. VARGAS told officers
23 that the driver had run off. Although, VARGAS admitted he was in the vehicle during the
24 collision. VARGAS declined to do Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, stating something
25 along the lines of "I'm drunk, I know I won't pass."

26 Officers observed that VARGAS's vehicle had damage to the front, the driver's
27 side wheel wells, a flat front tire and damage to the passenger side of the windshield.

When officers looked into VARGAS's vehicle they could plainly see open and empty shooter bottles in the driver's door pocket and on the floorboard. Officers also observed more shooters in the center console, which were open.

Officers ran a check of VARGAS's driver's license and found it was not valid and had been canceled.

VARGAS was transported for DUI processing. VARGAS provided a breath sample to a Datamaster at 0206 hours, which showed a breath alcohol concentration of .318 grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath. A search warrant, 3AN-25-03328CR, was also granted by the Court for a sample of VARGAS's blood. The sample of VARGAS's blood was taken at 0309 hours. During processing VARGAS made random statements about how he did something stupid, but that his twin brother was the one driving.

BAIL INFORMATION

Per the Alaska Public Safety Information Network, the defendant has the following convictions in Alaska:

DPA 07/26/23 VIOLATE CONDITION OF RELEASE FOR M 3PA-22-01910CR Y N 118528092
DPA 06/28/22 DUI- BAC .08+ PERCENT 3PA-22-00919CR N N 117398295

Dated at Anchorage, Alaska, this 20th day of September, 2025.

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