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### Probable Cause belief is based upon the following facts and circumstances:

Your Honor, your affiant is Hilltown Township Police Officer Louis Bell, an Act 120-certified Police Officer with 32 years of patrol and investigative experience. Your affiant has investigated numerous types of criminal offenses which have resulted in arrests, prosecutions and convictions. Your Affiant has received training from SIRCHIE, BODE Cellmark Forensics, the Bucks County District Attorney's Office, the Bucks County Police Training Center, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office, the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Philadelphia FBI Regional Computer Forensic Lab.

Your Affiant, Detective Eric Landamia, Badge #9924, of the Bucks County District Attorney's Office, Bucks County, PA, has been duly sworn/appointed/employed as a police officer in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania since 2001. Your Affiant is certified as a Police Officer in Pennsylvania. Your Affiant is authorized to conduct criminal investigations and make arrests in all criminal cases.

The facts set forth in this affidavit are based upon your Affiants' personal knowledge; knowledge obtained from other individuals/entities during our participation in this investigation, including other law enforcement personnel; review of documents and records related to this investigation; communications with others who have personal knowledge of the events and circumstances described herein; as well as information gained through our training and experience.

Because this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause, your Affiants have not included every aspect, fact, or detail of this investigation.



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On March 16, 2022, Annamaria TOLOMELLO shot and killed her paramour, Giovanni GALLINA, with a .38 caliber revolver in what TOLOMELLO described as an act of self-defense. This incident took place in their home, located at 1400 North Limekiln Pike in Chalfont, Hilltown Township, Bucks County, PA 18914.

Following the killing of GALLINA, TOLOMELLO took steps to destroy evidence and dispose of GALLINA's body, to include the commission of the excavation of a 7' x 3' x 3' hole on their property in which to bury GALLINA.

### **INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY:**

On March 29, 2022, Affiant Bell spoke with Phillip GALLINA, who advised that he resides in Italy and his father, Giovanni GALLINA, 1/15/1957, resides at 1400 North Limekiln Pike in Hilltown Township, Bucks County, PA. Phillip stated that he speaks with his father nearly every day via phone using the WhatsApp application to communicate. Phillip advised that the last time he spoke with Giovanni was on approximately March 16 or March 17, 2022 and he has not been able to reach Giovanni since March 16 or 17, 2022. Phillip advised that he spoke with Giovanni GALLINA's paramour / common law wife, Anna Maria TOLOMELLO.

TOLOMELLO told Phillip that Giovanni was out of town but did not provide any details of where Giovanni went or how long he would be gone. Phillip asked TOLOMELLO where Giovanni went, and she refused to provide those details except to say Giovanni was away on business.

TOLOMELLO also told Phillip that Giovanni left his cell phone at Pina's Pizza Shop, 215 East Butler Avenue, Chalfont Borough, Bucks County, PA. Phillip said that Giovanni would not travel for any extended period of time but may go to Atlantic City, NJ or New York, NY, for a couple of days. Phillip stated that when Giovanni would go

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away, Giovanni would still communicate with Phillip on a daily or near daily basis and would not leave his cell phone at home while he was away.

Affiant BELL knows from prior contacts with Giovanni GALLINA and Anna Maria TOLOMELLO that they are the owners of Pina's Pizza at 215 East Butler Ave., Chalfont, Bucks County, PA. When asked recently, employees told police they hadn't seen GALLINA in a while.

On March 29, 2022, Affiants BELL and LANDAMIA interviewed a cooperating subject, hereafter referred to as "CS", whose identity is known to law enforcement. CS stated s/he was contacted by Anna Maria TOLOMELLO via text message on March 19, 2022. TOLOMELLO requested CS dig a hole in her driveway at 1400 North Limekiln Pike in Hilltown Township, Bucks County. CS asked why TOLOMELLO needed the hole dug, but TOLOMELLO would not provide any reason for needing the hole, only that she wanted to bury one or more items. TOLOMELLO told CS the hole was to be seven (7) feet long, three (3) feet wide and (3) feet deep. Giovanni GALLINA was reported to be 5'6" tall.

TOLOMELLO, who is 5'3", told CS she would fill the hole back in herself with a shovel when she was done and have it covered with blacktop and turned down the CS's offers to help.

One day before asking someone for the CS's contact information, TOLOMELLO asked a person on March 18, 2022, for "any tricks" related to a skunk in her garage, including whether a certain store sells incense.

During a police-monitored text-based conversation on March 29, 2022, Your Affiants witnessed text communications from TOLOMELLO's phone number



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confirming with the CS TOLOMELLO's desire to have the CS use an excavator to dig a hole in her yard seven (7) feet long, three (3) feet wide and (3) feet deep and the fact that she will not use an excavator to backfill the hole but will instead do it herself with a shovel.

TOLOMELLO has not reported Giovanni GALLINA missing to any law enforcement agency.

On March 29, 2022, CS arrived at the GALLINA residence, 1400 N. Limekiln Pike, to dig the hole as commissioned by TOLOMELLO. Following the completion of the excavation approximately 20-feet from the home, CS met with TOLOMELLO at Pina's Pizza, where TOLOMELLO paid CS \$350.00 in cash. CS asked TOLOMELLO where GALLINA was, to which she replied, "He is away." This exchange was audio recorded via one-party consent. Police observed excavation of the hole via surveillance.

On March 29, 2022, representatives of Hilltown Township Police and the Bucks County District Attorney's Office executed a search warrant at the GALLINA residence, 1400 N. Limekiln Pike, Hilltown Township, Bucks County, PA. Officers encountered Annamaria TOLOMELLO in her driveway during the execution of the warrant. Officers told TOLOMELLO they were present to execute a search warrant, and she advised she knew why law enforcement was present. She told officers she should have contacted law enforcement a week ago. TOLOMELLO, unprompted, then told officers she shot Giovanni GALLINA in self-defense and said his body was "wrapped up" in a bedroom inside the residence. Police told her to stop talking.

Hilltown Township Police personnel, while executing the warrant, found inside the home's master bedroom a large bundle wrapped in a blue tarp further wrapped in a comforter. The bundle was the size and shape of an adult male. Law enforcement cleared



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the residence and secured the scene in anticipation of applying for a second search warrant of the GALLINA residence.

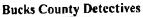
TOLOMELLO agreed to waive her right to remain silent and to have an attorney present and further agreed to speak to police. Your Affiants interviewed TOLOMELLO at the Hilltown Township Police Department on March 29, 2022. TOLOMELLO stated that in the evening of March 16, 2022, she shot GALLINA in his left temple while he was strangling her in the bed inside their master bedroom.

TOLOMELLO initially told your Affiants the hole she commissioned was to bury a dog, but later admitted she had lied regarding same and the hole was for GALLINA's body. TOLOMELLO also acknowledged that her inquiry into masking a skunk odor was to cover the odor of GALLINA's decomposing body. She also told investigators she planned to pave over the hole to hide GALLINA's body.

TOLOMELLO stated she removed the bloody mattress GALLINA was lying on, transported it to their pizza business, and disposed of the mattress in the business's dumpster. TOLOMELLO said that she attempted to clean up blood that spilled onto the carpet while moving GALLINA's body. TOLOMELLO stated that she wiped down the gun to remove fingerprints, that she disposed of the spent shell casing and remaining unspent casings, and that she wiped down the nightstand from which she retrieved the gun. TOLOMELLO stated the gun she used the kill GALLINA was a .38 caliber "lady special", known to your Affiants as a Smith & Wesson .38 caliber revolver. TOLOMELLO told police the gun she used to kill GALLINA is in the loaner vehicle in her driveway.

On March 30, 2022, Hilltown Township Police and Bucks County Detectives personnel served a search warrant on the residence of 1400 North Limekiln Pike in







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Hilltown Township, Bucks County, and removed the aforementioned large bundle wrapped in a blue tarp and comforter. The bundle was opened and detectives found the body of a deceased white male of the same age as Giovanni GALLINA, wrapped in bed clothes which were saturated in blood and the head of the body was covered with a black, plastic garbage bag. Bucks County Coroners personnel found injury on the upper left side of the decedent's head which was consistent with an entry bullet wound.

Your Affiants, Hilltown Township Police Detective Louis Bell and Bucks County Detective Eric Landamia, being duly sworn according to law, do depose and say that the facts set forth in the foregoing affidavit are true and correct to the best of their knowledge, information and belief.

Your Affiants certify this filing complies with the provisions of the Case Records
Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania that require filing
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