

AFFIDAVIT FOR PROBABLE CAUSE

STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF MARION, SS:

Detective Chris Edwards swears (affirms) that:

On Thursday June 30, 2022 at 6:00 am Northwest District officers were dispatched to the 3000 block of Waterfront Parkway W. Dr. to assist Wayne Township Fire Department. When officers arrived, they were told by the fire department that after a run, the firefighters had located a person down at that location. Medics pronounced the white male deceased at the scene at 5:57 am. Officers observed a wound to the male's head consistent with a possible gunshot wound. Homicide was called to the scene. Sgt. Mark Prater, along with Detectives. Dan Smith and Chris Edwards responded.

When detectives arrived, they observed a white male lying face down in the grass on the west side of Waterfront Parkway W. Dr. The male had a visible defect to the top of his head and there was a pool of blood under his face. There was also some blood staining his shirt on his back and on his leg. There was a plastic glove similar to those used in food service with blood on it lying next to the body. Crime Lab was called to process the scene. No shell casings were found. No property other than a small amount of change was found on the victim.

When Coroner Morris arrived, she inspected the body and located a total of 6 defects to the male's body. All were consistent with gunshot wounds.

Detective Edwards put out a department wide email asking officers to notify him of any missing person report they might take of a male matching the victim's description.

At 3:39 pm, Officer Michael Malott called Det. Edwards and informed him he was taking a missing person report on a male matching the victim's description. Coroner Morris made contact with the family and they identified the male as Anthony Garland.

During Officer Malott's investigation, he relayed information to Det. Edwards reference Mr. Garland. The victim's wife told Officer Malott that her husband worked for the ride sharing company, Lyft, and that he had been working for Lyft the night before. She said she had last spoken to him around midnight. She also gave Officer Malott the information and description of the vehicle that Mr. Garland was driving. It was a white 2013 GMC Acadia, license number TOY166, and VIN number [REDACTED]. Mr. Garland's wife also said that the cell phone number he used for working for Lyft was [REDACTED]. She also said that her finance company, [REDACTED] had the ability to track the car with GPS.

I swear (affirm), under penalty of perjury as specified by IC 35-44.1-2-1, that the foregoing representations are true.

/s/ Chris Edwards

AFFIANT

DATED: 07/01/2022_____

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Detective Edwards obtained a warrant for records from Lyft. Lt. Eli McAlister assisted by contacting Lyft directly and serving them with the warrant. The Lyft records showed that the last account that called for a ride from Mr. Garland belonged to Devin Powell.

Detective Jonathan Schultz contacted the finance company and they were able to tell him the location of the victim's GMC Acadia. Per GPS, the car was located in Merrillville IN. Det. Schultz contacted detectives in Merrillville IN and they were able to locate the car. They were able to get the car stopped. The driver, a black male, was identified as Devin Powell DOB 05/25/1998. The passenger, a black male named M.M. DOB [REDACTED]. Officers could see what appeared to be blood stains around the center console.

The car and its occupants were transported to the Merrillville Police Department. Detectives Edwards and Schultz went to Merrillville to interview the two males who were in the car when it was stopped. Detectives first interviewed M.M. M.M said he is from Portage Indiana and hasn't been to Indianapolis in a couple months and definitely hadn't been there in the last 48 hours. He said the driver, Mr. Powell, was his cousin. He said Mr. Powell had driven up from Indianapolis that day for a family function. He said the white car they were in belonged to Mr. Powell. M.M, who has a valid gun permit, admitted to having a Glock handgun with him when he was stopped. He said that he had seen Mr. Powell that day with a gun as well but wasn't sure if it had been in the car when they were stopped.

Detectives then spoke with Mr. Powell after he signed the Advice of Rights form. Mr. Powell said that he had driven to Merrillville that day to attend a family function. When asked about the car he was in, the white Acadia, Mr. Powell said that he had found the vehicle on Waterfront Parkway as he was walking to the gas station. He said the car was running and the door was open. He said that he watched the car for a few minutes and when no one came around, he got in the car and drove it away. Mr. Powell said that he later saw the news about the guy found dead where he found the car. He admitted that he also had a gun in the car but said there was no way his gun killed that man. He also said he never called for a Lyft ride that day.

After a short break in the interview, Detectives Edwards and Schultz went back in with Mr. Powell and continued talking with him. Mr. Powell eventually admitted using his Lyft account to call for a ride and then admitted to shooting Mr. Garland with the gun that he saw was still in the white Acadia. He said that Mr. Garland was trying to screw him over and take his money and that he shot Mr. Garland in self-defense. He said that he was in the back seat on the passenger side and that Mr. Garland turned around in the driver's seat and tried to pull the money from Mr. Powell's hand. He said that he pulled his gun and shot Mr. Garland four times. He said he then got out and pulled Mr. Garland from the vehicle.

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After the shooting, Mr. Powell said that he went to his apartment located at [REDACTED] Bayside Drive, Indianapolis, Marion County, IN. Mr. Powell's address is located within 100 yards of where the victim's body was found. At the apartment, he said that he cleaned up and changed clothing. He also admitted to buying seat covers for the front two seats to cover up the blood stains. He also said he vacuumed up the four shell casings.

Det. Edwards then arrested Mr. Powell for Robbery and Murder.

On July 1, 2022, Dr. Gregory Schmunk performed the autopsy and determined the cause of death to be multiple gunshot wounds and the manner of death to be Homicide.

All events occurred in Indianapolis, Marion County, IN.

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