



BRATTLEBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

62 Black Mountain Road – Brattleboro, Vermont 05301
State of Vermont – County of Windham, ss.

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE Incident # 23BB002522

NOW COMES Det. Sgt. Greg Eaton, affiant being duly sworn and on oath, deposes and says they have probable cause to believe that **Zaaina Asra Zakirrah Mahvish-Jammeh** has committed the offense of **First-Degree Murder**, a violation of Title 13 Vermont Statutes Annotated § 2301.

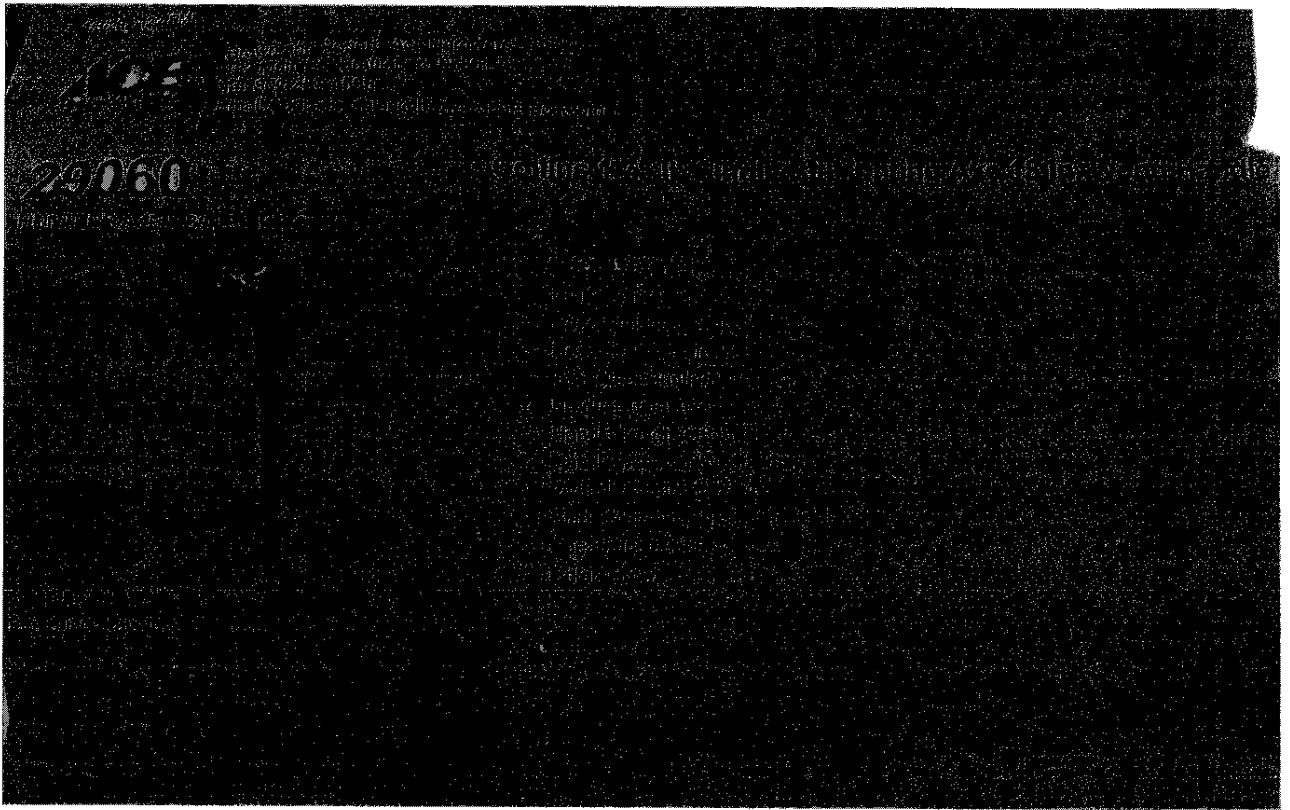
I, Det. Sgt. Greg Eaton, am now and have been since August 2009 a regular member of the Brattleboro Police Department and bring forth:

Zaaina Asra Zakirrah Mahvish-Jammeh
DOB: 04/22/1984

1. On April 3, 2023 at approximately 0930hours, Brattleboro Police responded to 81 Royal Road in Brattleboro Vermont for a report that a tall thin female wearing blue overalls attacked another female with an axe. It was reported that the victim was hit in the head with the axe and is possibly deceased.
2. 81 Royal Road is operated by Groundworks Collaborative. It's a residential building with individual rooms for a living space and shared common areas like a living room and kitchen.
3. On arrival, Officers Law and Fletcher entered the building, locating the victim, later identified by Groundworks Staff as Leah Rosin-Pritchard (7/31/86), deceased on the floor in the kitchen. Rosin-Pritchard is the Shelter Coordinator employee at the building. She sustained significant injuries to her face, neck and torso.
4. At that point, they had not located the suspect. Officers pushed forward entering the kitchen and observed the suspect come out from around the wall in the living room, which is connected to the kitchen. The suspect was identified as Zaaina Asra Zakirrah Mahvish-Jammeh (4/22/84), who will herein be referred to as ZMJ. ZMJ was wiping blood off of her hands with a paper towel. She complied with Officers' orders for handcuffing and transport.
5. Groundworks staff advised that ZMJ is a resident of the building. Staff member Caleb Kapp (7/10/92) advised me that ZMJ came to the office and requested a meeting with Rosin-Pritchard and specifically wanted to meet in the living room and didn't say why, then ZMJ returned to the living room. Kapp said "That's kind of strange", but went and told Rosin-Pritchard about the request. Rosin-Pritchard said "Oh, that's kind of strange". A short time later, Rosin-Pritchard joined ZMJ in the living room. Within a few minutes they heard screaming. When they ran to see what was happening, ZMJ was attacking Rosin-Pritchard with an axe. They tried to yell at ZMJ to stop, but they were afraid to get too close since she was still swinging an axe.
6. Upon consent from employee Megan Louise Lezcano (10/13/95), I was able to obtain and review surveillance video from inside 81 Royal Road. There is no camera view that shows the living room

where ZMJ wanted Rosin-Pritchard to meet her. The video has both audio and video. I observed ZMJ walk toward the office area with a sheet over her shoulders and covering much of the front of her body. Upon returning and walking through the kitchen toward the living room, ZMJ has the sheet covering the entire right side of her body hanging as low as her knee. The sheet went from across her right shoulder down to her left hip. The sheet was also on her left shoulder and was draped down her left arm. Under the right side of the sheet, as ZMJ walks, it's apparent that there is a solid object hidden under the sheet. It protrudes further than her left hand as she walks, but it doesn't sway in stride as she walks. You can make out the outline of ZMJ's right arm, which is at or close to a 90-degree angle and the object that is protruding is consistent with the axe used in the murder.

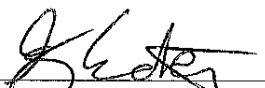
7. I watched ZMJ in the video walk through the kitchen to the living room and Rosin-Pritchard walked through the kitchen shortly after. The short conversation they had was very muffled and hard to heard, but it was clear there was no argument before I could hear thudding and the screaming started. The thudding noise was consistent with the noise of the axe hitting Rosin-Pritchard's body that occurred after they both came into view of the camera.
8. In the video, I can see and hear ZMJ attacking Rosin-Pritchard with a small axe or hatchet, ultimately killing her on video. During the attack, ZMJ stops to talk with Lezcano, who was screaming at ZMJ from the backdoor. ZMJ tells Lezcano "I like you. It's Leah I (sounds like 'didn't like' or 'don't like'). I like you..." ZMJ then takes a knife from the sink and continues to attack Rosin-Pritchard while she lay there on the ground before continuing to use the axe. Witnesses continue to yell for ZMJ to stop. ZMJ can be seen wearing overalls, a black hoodie sweatshirt, safety glasses and black shoes. After the murder, she takes off the overalls and is wearing a bunny ear headband, blue socks, grey sweatpants, and black slipper style footwear, but continued to carry the axe around the first floor.
9. Emergency Medical Services was called to the scene and pronounced Rosin-Pritchard deceased.
10. Detective Kerylow responded to Brown and Roberts (Biben's) Ace Hardware store at 182 Main Street, Brattleboro, VT and learned that ZMJ was at the store on April 1, 2023 at approximately 1012 hours, where she purchased a "Hunters Axe" for \$33.69. See images of product description below as provided by Bibens.



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12. The axe recovered on scene is consistent with the axe that was purchased at the hardware store.
13. Peter Elwell (5/18/62), Interim Assistant Director of Groundwork confirmed that Rosin-Pritchard worked Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm.
14. On April 4, 2023, at approximately 0910 hours, Det. Sgt. Lynde and I entered the cell block area to interview ZMJ. I read her Miranda warnings. When I asked her if she understood her rights, she pointed to the line that describes her right to be represented by a lawyer and stated that she "wants that". I confirmed that she wanted legal representation prior to questioning. ZMJ was returned to her cell without questioning.

Subscribed and sworn before me on
This 4th day of April 2023

(Notary Public)



Det. Sgt. Eaton
4/4/23

(Date)