

STATE OF INDIANA
MARION COUNTY, ss:

IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL DIVISION

Cause No: 49D28

STATE OF INDIANA)
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 vs.)
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INFORMATION
COUNT I
MURDER
I.C. 35-42-1-1(1)
A FELONY

MARCUS GARVIN B/Male
DOB 7/15/1989

On this date, the undersigned Deputy Prosecuting Attorney of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, being duly sworn on his/her oath (or having affirmed), says that in Marion County, Indiana

COUNT I

On or about July 24, 2021, MARCUS GARVIN did knowingly kill another human being, to-wit: Christie Holt;

all of which is contrary to statute and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

August 3, 2021
Date

RYAN MEARS
Marion County Prosecutor
19th Judicial Circuit

/s/ Mark Busby

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

State's Witnesses:

AARON JAMES BARNUM
JOSEPH DUSTIN CHARLES
AMANDA NICOLE CLARK
ROBERT LOUIS COSLER
MATTHEW THOMAS EARLEY
JOHN GOMEZ
MARK ALLEN HOWARD
JAMI KELLY
JASON MATTHEW LEITZE
ELI MCALLISTER
JOHN ALFRED PERKINS
THOMAS EDWARD SHAFFER
STEVEN MICHAEL SPEARS
GREGORY ALLEN TAYLOR
Jimmi Smith
Bonnie Lloyd
Jasmine Melendez
L.P.
T.S.
A.T.
M.G.

AFFIDAVIT FOR PROBABLE CAUSE

STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF MARION, SS:

Mark Howard swears (affirms) that:

On Friday, July 30th, 2021 at approximately 4:48am Officers with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department were radio dispatched to the Always Inn located at 7410 E. 21st Street on report of a suspicious person pulling a sheet with something heavy near the wooded area next to the motel. The male was seemed suspicious and kept looking back to see if anyone was watching. The male was seen going back into room #210 by another person. Upon arrival officers met with the 911 caller later identified as M.G. that stated she observed a man dragging something that seemed heavy on a white sheet towards the woods. Officers checked the area that M.G. had pointed out and located a white female wrapped in a comforter laying in the creek near the tree line to the east of the motel. The Indianapolis Fire Department, Medic 44 K. Overton was requested to the scene and pronounced the female deceased at approximately 5:30am. The decedent appeared to be in stages of decomposition. Officers secured the scene and the area around room #210 and contacted Homicide to respond to the scene. This incident was reported under IMPD case number IP210077237 by Officer Gregory Taylor.

Det. Mark Howard was assigned the incident and was assisted by Det. Joseph Kraeszig and Det./Lt. Eli McAllister. Upon arrival, Det. Howard met with Lt. McAllister, Det. Kraeszig, and Officer Gregory Taylor. Det. Howard was informed that the decedent was possibly Christie Holt that lived in room #210 with her boyfriend Marcus Garvin. Det. Howard met with the motel manager, L.P., who provided Christie and Marcus' information and stated they had been staying at the motel since October of 2020. Det. Howard then reviewed the surveillance video that depicted the male dragging the heavy white sheet. L.P. immediately stated the male was Marcus Garvin. While watching the video, Det. Howard observed the male having difficulties pulling the heavy sheet and at one point a human arm fell out of the sheet. The male quickly placed the human arm back in the sheet. The video depicted the male subject dragging the heavy sheet from the entrance to room #210 across the parking lot behind the main building near the tree line.

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Lt. McAllister met with A.T. at 6:20am and conducted an interview that was audio recorded. A.T. stated she lives on the property and works for Always Inn. She got up and walked to the office at approximately 4:45am to check on the front desk person, M.G.. M.G. told her she just observed someone dragging something on camera. A person was dragging a white sheet described as a possibly white male with a black hoodie. A.T. recalled right before she entered the office she observed a black male, wearing a black hoodie, black pants, and black shoes walk past her. His shoes and the bottoms of his pant legs were wet and he was dripping sweat from his face. He walked into room #210. The cameras show black and white at night.

A.T. recognized the black male as a long-time resident that stayed in room #210 with a white female. She did not recall the names of the two that stayed in the room. Prior to this, she recalled that the girlfriend, later identified as Christie Holt, said her boyfriend, later identified as Marcus Garvin, was abusive towards her. The female works at Circle K located at 21st and Shadeland Ave. On Monday, July 26th, 2021, a person from Circle K came to pick up Christie Holt, but left without her. She hadn't seen Christie Holt since Saturday and that was unusual because she always sees her walking to work. A.T. believes the last time she observed Christie Holt was on Saturday, July 24th, 2021 and Christie Holt had red finger marks on her neck. Christie Holt told them he choked her out and she was scared to leave him. A.T. could tell she was terrified. Christie Holt said, "Honestly I don't think I will wake up one day." A.T. offered to call the police for Christie Holt, but Christie declined the offer and explained, "If they get him, I'm scared he's gonna come back and get me; he's gonna kill me." A.T. stated that Marcus Garvin was on a GPS band for stabbing someone at the Circle K when he was working there in December 2020.

Detectives confirmed Marcus Garvin was on pre-trial release GPS monitoring following a December 26, 2020 arrest for Battery by Means of a Deadly Weapon. In that incident, the I swear (affirm), under penalty of perjury as specified by IC 35-44.1-2-1, that the foregoing representations are true.

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arresting officer wrote in their probable cause affidavit that Marcus Garvin was recorded on store surveillance video assaulting a customer at the Circle K while Garvin was working as the cashier. The video depicted Garvin following the customer out of the store and stabbing him in the back. After the stabbing, Garvin returned to the cash register, threw the knife onto the counter, and said, "Damn, that was satisfying." He resumed checking out other customers until officers arrived and took him into custody. He later admitted to the stabbing when he was interviewed by the detective assigned to the case.

Due to the possible violent nature of the incident at the Always Inn, the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department SWAT team was requested to and responded to the scene. Det. Howard completed and submitted a search warrant for the pre-trial release GPS monitoring location information on Marcus Garvin. That warrant was granted under cause number 49D23-2107-MC-023392 at 7:29am. Det. Howard also completed and submitted a search warrant for room #210 at the Always Inn that was granted under cause number 49D24-2107-MC-023395 at 8:07am.

Det. Howard learned Marcus Garvin's current cell phone number was 317-261-1751. Det. Howard contacted IMPD Control to attempt a PING on Marcus Garvin's cell phone in an attempt to verify his location. Marcus Garvin's cell phone service was determined to be through Sprint. Sprint attempted to PING the cell phone however it was off at the time. Lt. McAllister learned Marcus Garvin's current GPS location was the Always Inn at his room, with the granted search warrant for Marcus Garvin's GPS monitoring device. With this information IMPD SWAT attempted to make contact with Marcus Garvin. The Always Inn surveillance video and the Marion County Probation GPS records of Marcus Garvin showed him disposing of the body.

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Lt. McAllister met with M.G. at 8:29am and conducted an interview that was audio recorded. M.G. stated she works the front desk at the Always Inn. At approximately 4:20am, she observed a male in a black hoodie dragging something heavy on camera behind the building. She attempted to call security then she called 911 because she thought it was odd behavior. She then came in contact with A.T. , who said she observed the occupant of room #210 wearing a black hoodie sweating really bad and breathing heavy. She could tell where the subject was on camera that he was dragging the item towards the woods. It appeared that the subject was dragging something heavy. The subject continued to look around as he was dragging the item. She recalled the girlfriend of the person that stays in room #210 walked in a week or two ago and said that he was abusive towards her. The girlfriend stated that it was just verbal abuse, however she had bruises on her and hand prints on her neck.

At approximately 8:55am, the IMPD SWAT team forced entry into room # 210 after they made numerous efforts to get Marcus Garvin to exit the room with no success. SWAT officers made contact with him in the bathroom and placed him in custody. Marcus Garvin was fully dressed, with a backpack like he was ready to leave. After the IMPD SWAT team cleared the room, Det. Howard walked the room and observed the over whelming smell of human decomposition, a red dolly by the front door, a grocery cart, a trash can, a cut off GPS monitoring device on the floor under the table, no sheets or bedding on the bed, the floor was sticky, and two knives on the floor by the bathtub. Marcus Garvin was transported to the IMPD Homicide Office to be interviewed.

Lt. McAllister met with T.S. at 9:02am and conducted an interview that was audio recorded. T.S. stated he is the manager at Circle K and that Christie Holt did work Friday, July 23rd, 2021 from 2:00pm – 10:00pm. Christie Holt was supposed to be in at work Saturday Morning, July 24th, 2021 at 6:00am, however she didn't show up at work. T.S. attempted to I swear (affirm), under penalty of perjury as specified by IC 35-44.1-2-1, that the foregoing representations are true.

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make contact with Christie Holt via text messages. T.S. received a text message back on Sunday, July 25th stating that she was stuck in Lafayette IN. T.S. doesn't believe the text message was from Christie Holt. When Christie Holt texts, she uses emojis within the text and this time there were no emojis. T.S. stated Christie Holt's boyfriend was a psychopath. Marcus Garvin used to work at the Circle K. He stabbed a customer in the back three times. Christie Holt recently told him that Marcus Garvin had choked her. He has hit her before too. T.S. observed scratches on her neck that were still there recently. It happened within the past couple of weeks. Christie Holt told T.S. and others that Marcus Garvin was going to kill her one day. T.S. stated that he had a romantic relationship with Christie Holt and they hooked up last Thursday night, July 22nd, 2021 at his place.

Det. Howard had Crime Scene Unit Jami Kelly respond to the scene to process the decedent's recovery location and room #210. Det. Kraeszig assisted in processing and documenting the scene. Several items of evidence were recovered.

Deputy Coroner Jasmine Melendez and Trainee Deputy Coroner Bonnie Lloyd responded to the scene and checked the decedent's body and discovered that the decedent had multiple defects to her upper body and neck. The multiple defects appeared to be knife wounds. The decedent's leg also appeared to have a cut around the lower leg as if someone attempted to cut the leg off. D/C Melendez had the body transported to the Marion County Morgue. The decedent was identified by her tattoos as Christie Holt.

At approximately 10:46am, Det. Howard started the interview of Marcus Garvin that was audio and videotaped. Det. Howard read Marcus Garvin his Advice of Rights that he signed and waived. Marcus Garvin initially denied any knowledge of Christie Holt's death. He did admit that he and Christie Holt got into a verbal argument when she got off work Friday, July 23rd

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2021. Marcus Garvin stated that he found a conversation on social media between Christie Holt and her boyfriend Terrance. He stated that Christie Holt broke up with him and left. He believes that she went to Fort Wayne.

Det. Howard confronted Marcus Garvin with the facts being that he smelled of human decomposition, the motel room smelled of human decomposition, Christie Holt was found deceased near the motel, he was observed dragging the body of Christie Holt from his motel room towards the tree line where she was found, and the fact his GPS monitoring device captured his movements in doing so. Marcus Garvin said it wasn't him because he was asleep and was awakened by the SWAT team. He thought the SWAT team was there because his GPS monitoring device 'band' battery died. That is when he cut the GPS monitoring device off in the motel room. He further explained that he was doing his dishes in the bathtub and that is way the knives were by the tub. The bedding was gone because Christie Holt got rid of them a long time ago. Det. Howard gave Marcus Garvin a break in the interview.

At approximately 1:00pm, Lt. McAllister then met with and continued the interview with Marcus Garvin. The interview was still being audio and video recorded. Lt. McAllister played Marcus Garvin the recovered surveillance video from the Always Inn. Marcus Garvin watched the video and admitted it was him dragging Christie Holt's body in the sheets and comforter from his room. He also stated he was wearing Christie Holt's clothing when he disposed of the body. He further stated that early Saturday, July 24th, 2021 while Christie Holt was in bed asleep, he went through her cell phone and discovered text messages to and from T.S. . Marcus Garvin discovered Christie Holt and T.S. were sleeping together and they were making fun of him by not having a job and/or going anywhere in life.

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Marcus Garvin woke Christie Holt up and confronted her with what he discovered and she denied it. That made him mad because he knew he couldn't trust her. He grabbed a small knife and stabbed the side of her neck two times. Christie Holt said, "Stop Marcus! It wasn't like that!" He said she didn't really try to call for help because she couldn't. That's why he went for the neck; he thinks he maybe hit her vocal chords and she was just gurgling. After he began stabbing her, she got on top of him and grabbed his balls so he started swinging the knife around her neck area and stabbed repeatedly. Eventually, they fell to the ground. He said she was fighting for her life and he stabbed her numerous times in the neck, upper body and possibly the left leg. He thought he stabbed her at least 10 times, maybe 15 times. He stated it took approximately 30 minutes for Christie Holt to die. When he stabbed Christie in the neck, the blood didn't squirt and he was actually very surprised. The blood was just kind of like oozing out. After he killed her, he didn't know what to do. He eventually dragged Christie Holt's body to the bathtub and turned the shower on, hoping to keep the smell down.

Marcus Garvin explained he and Christie stopped having sex with each other after she began getting involved with Terrence, but they still slept in the same bed and it was weird. He was trying to find any avenue to leave because she obviously didn't want him there, but given his circumstance, he was "on the band" (GPS monitoring). It was either gonna be he did that (killed her) or he was gonna go to jail because he didn't have a place to stay and he was on the band and his band was gonna die. If he wasn't on the band, it wouldn't have even been a problem; he would have just left. He was stuck and he had to do something. He misses her, still loves her, and he didn't really want to do it; he just felt like he had no other option. He was trying to find someone else to live with because he was on the band and he was just trying to get out of her way.

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Marcus Garvin knew he had to get rid of the body, so he attempted to dismember her in the bathtub with a small sickle knife, however he couldn't cut through the bone. He was going to place the parts of her body in trash bags. He said that didn't work so he attempted to move Christie Holt's body with a grocery cart, however he couldn't get the body in the grocery cart. He then brought a dolly home from work and couldn't move Christie Holt's body with the dolly. He knew he had to get rid of Christie Holt's body so he waited for a good time so he wouldn't get caught and walked out and checked the property for a place to put her. He found a place that he felt he could at least put Christie Holt's body and move it if need be. He then placed Christie Holt's body in the motel sheet and comforter and dragged it to the place officers located her. When asked how he felt he said that he was sorry, however he wanted to be honest, she deserved it.

On Saturday, July 31st, 2021 at approximately 9:00am, Det. Howard attended the autopsy of Christie Holt at the Marion County Morgue. The autopsy was conducted by Dr. Jimmie Smith. Dr. Smith determined the cause of death to be from multiple stab wounds and the manner of death to be Homicide. Dr. Smith counted 51 stab wounds, head, neck, upper torso and thighs. Defensive wounds on both hands and her left lower leg was almost cut off. It appears the suspect hit both right and left Jugular veins and those were the fatal wounds. She suffered stab wounds all the way around her neck.

All the above events occurred in Marion County, City of Indianapolis, and State of Indiana.

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