

STATE OF INDIANA
MARION COUNTY, ss:

IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL DIVISION

Cause No: 49

STATE OF INDIANA)
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 vs.)
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INFORMATION
COUNT I
MURDER
I.C. 35 42 1 1(1)
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DAWAUN LEWIS B/Male
DOB 3/13/1990

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 March 11, 2022, DAWAUN LEWIS did knowingly or intentionally kill another human being, to wit: William Romero;

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

April 14, 2022
Date

RYAN MEARS
Marion County Prosecutor
19th Judicial Circuit

/S/ Jon McDonald,
JON MCDONALD, #27246 49
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

State's Witnesses:

- CODY ANDERSON, LPD
- TONYA M FISHBURN, IMCFSA
- DAVID S GORDON, LPD
- JENNA HOOD, IMCFSA
- MARY HUFFINE, IMCFSA
- JEREMY J KURTH, LPD
- BRIAN KEVIN SHARP, LPD
- MICHAEL SOSTRE, LPD
- A.C.
- E.G.
- D.H.
- L.J.
- J.N.
- Rebecca Rico, MCCO
- R.S.
- J.S.
- Christopher Poulos, MCCO
- Thomas Clark, IMCFSA
- TRAVIS CLINE, LPD
- STACY HINSHAW, LPD

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STATE OF INDIANA,
COUNTY OF MARION, SS:

Agency case report: LP22000808

On March 17, 2022 at approximately 14:28 hours, Officers with the Lawrence Police Department were dispatched to the area of 9700 Trilobi Dr. reference to a death Investigation. Officers were advised by Lawrence Dispatch the caller stated there was a deceased body in someones yard, behind a tree covered with leaves.

Upon arrival, Officer Cody Anderson came into contact with the caller, J.S., who stated he was walking his dog on Trilobi Dr when he observed what appeared to him to be a brown bag laying on the west side of the road covered by leaves. J.S. stated he looked at the bag and observed dried blood on the outside and what appeared to be dreadlocks inside it. J.S. stated he then looked around in the immediate area and observed what appeared to be a black sock partially covered by leaves to the south approximately 10 feet away. J.S. stated he moved the black sock and observed the sock to be attached to a foot of what he believed was a deceased person. J.S. stated he then called 911.

Officer Anderson walked over to the body and observed the body to be covered by leaves. Officer Anderson shifted the leaves around in the area where the head was located and observed the head of a male. Officer Anderson advised Lawrence Dispatch the body was deceased and requested LFD Medics and Lawrence Police Detectives to arrive on scene. LFD Medics arrived on scene at 14:40 hours and confirmed that the male was deceased.

Detective Brian Sharp arrived onscene and observed the deceased male covered with leaves with his feet and socks exposed. Detective Sharp requested the Marion County Forensic Services Agency. Crime Scene Specialist Mary Huffine and Jenna Hood responded to process the scene. The Marion County Coroner's office, Deputy Coroner Rebecca Rico responded. As Deputy Coroner Rebecca Rico prepped the male decedant for transport, Detective Sharp observed the male decedant to have trauma to his face with dried blood. Detective Sharp observed the male decedant to be naked with what appeared to be pajama pants and underwear around the ankles of the decedant. Detective Sharp observed that a blue shirt was in the right hand of the decedant. Detective Sharp observed several feet to the north of the body were what appear to be two tan or brown fabric covers with blood on them. Deputy Coroner Rebecca Rico took possession of the male decedant who had no identification on him and was a John Doe. Crime Scene Specialist Mary Huffine collected items from the scene.

On March 18, 2022, Detective Sharp attended the autopsy of John Doe at the Marion County Coroner's office at 0830 hours. The autopsy was conducted by Pathologist, Dr. Poulos with Marion County Crime Lab Specialist, Tom Clark, also present. Dr. Poulos advised Detective

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Sharp that John Doe had an intermediate gunshot wound to the right side of the head. Dr. Poulos advised Detective Sharp that the bullet fragment was located inside the base of the skull on the left side. Detective Sharp observed the bullet to be of a small caliber. Dr. Poulos stated there appeared to be several areas of redness and bruising to John Doe's face. Dr. Poulos advised Detective Sharp that John Doe's cause of death was a single gunshot wound to the head and the manner of death was a Homicide.

On March 21, 2022, Deputy Coroner Rebecca Rico contacted Detective Sharp and advised him that through Latent print comparison of John Doe's prints, that they received a match on a FBI number, 961079XD8, with a name of William Romero. Detective Sharp ran a Tripple III on that information and received back an NCIC response that FBI number 961079XD8 belonged to William Ernesto Romero, AKA William Ernesto Romero-Gomez DOB of 11/30/1978. The FBI number was created when William Romero entered the United States seeking asylum on July 5, 2021 at the point of entry located in Hidalgo, Texas. At that time, William Romero gave an address in Panama City Beach, Florida of where he would be residing while he awaited future court dates for his immigration status.

Detective Sharp contacted the Panama City Beach, Florida Police Department and spoke with Lt. Tommy Anderson with their Investigations Unit. Lt. Anderson advised that William Romero had made a police report with them on November 17, 2021. At the time of report, William Romero listed his phone number as 8**-***-****. Detective Sharp looked up that phone number on a carrier lookup site. The phone number is registered to William Romero through Metro PCS by T-Mobile

Detective Sharp applied for and was granted a search warrant for the historical data kept by T-Mobile of William Romero's phone number, 8**-***-****, by Judge Travis Sandifur at 15:40 hours, cause number 49D20-2203-MC-007655. That warrant was sent to T-Mobile on March 22, 2022.

Florida BMV records showed that William Ernesto Romero Gomez has a 2012 black Nissan Altima (last 6 of VIN: 236623) with a Florida License plate [REDACTED] registered in his name and address in Panama City Beach, Florida. Det. Sharp researched the Florida license plate [REDACTED] through license plate readers placed throughout central Indiana. Detective Sharp found that the Nissan Altima Florida plate [REDACTED] was still being driven around since William Romero was found dead on March 17, 2022. The vehicle was captured by a license plate reader on March 19, 2022 at 02:13 AM on 96th St. (westbound) at the McDonalds in the 7800 block of E. 96th St. and on March 21st on N by Northeast Blvd. (southbound) at 96th Street at 01:52 AM which is also near the McDonalds in Fishers, Indiana. The Nissan Altima appeared to be dark gray in color in the photo.

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Lt. Tommy Anderson with the Panama City Beach, Florida Police Department earlier on March 21st had made the death notification of William Romero to his sister, S.R.. Lt. Tommy Anderson told Detective Sharp that S.R. said that William Romero worked at McDonalds in Fishers, IN.

Detective Sharp found that there was a McDonalds located at the intersection of 96th St. and N by Northeast Blvd. Detective Sharp spoke with a late shift Manager at the McDonalds, A.C. Craft, who stated William Romero had stopped coming into work approximately a week and a half ago. A.C. said that there was another employee named Dawaun Lewis DOB 03/13/1996 who rides to work with William Romero and is roommates with him. A.C. confirmed Dawaun Lewis worked the evening of March 20, 2022 and left work shortly before 02:00 hours on March 21, 2022 which is near the time that William Romero's vehicle is seen at that intersection through license plate readers.

Detective Sharp spoke with McDonalds store Manager, E.G., and he supplied William Romero's home address, 53 [REDACTED] Wheel Estates E. Dr. Lawrence, Indiana 46236. While conducting surveillance at 53 [REDACTED] Wheel Estates E. Dr. today's date at approximately 16:45 hours, Detective Captain Travis Cline observed a male wearing a gray hoody get dropped off at the home from a vehicle and enter the home. Detective Captain Cline circled the block looking for that vehicle and requested assistance. Captain Cline then continued to conduct surveillance on the home. After observing no activity inside the home once the male entered, Detectives began knocking on the door of the home but no one answered the door.

E.G. told Detective Sharp that Dawaun Lewis was scheduled to work today (March 21st) and said he was coming in late at 5:00 P.M. Detectives conducted surveillance on the McDonalds to await Dawaun Lewis' arrival. By 5:30 P.M., Dawaun Lewis had not arrived. Detective Sharp contacted E.G. who made a 3-way call to Dawaun Lewis at 5:32 P.M. with Detective Sharp also connected. Dawaun Lewis said he was two minutes away and he had got stuck in traffic. Detective Sharp heard E.G. ask Dawaun Lewis if he was driving and Dawaun Lewis responded, "no, I'm in a cab". Detective Sharp, from what he could hear in the background, believed that Dawaun Lewis was walking during the phone call. After that call in less than two minutes, Detective Sharp observed a black male wearing a gray hoody and black pants with a black and gray backpack walk from North of the McDonalds from the shopping center strip mall and entered the McDonalds. Detective Sharp entered the McDonalds, approached the black male who acknowledged he was Dawaun Lewis.

Detective Stacy Hinshaw located William Romero's gray Nissan Altima with Florida license plate number [REDACTED] parked in the far west end of the Walmart parking lot. The Nissan Altima was parked a short distance to the northeast of McDonalds and the shopping center strip mall where Dawaun Lewis was seen walking from when Detective Sharp first observed him. The Nissan Altima was towed to the Lawrence Police Department.

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Detective Sharp detained Dawaun Lewis and transported him to the Lawrence Police Station for an interview. During a patdown of Dawaun Lewis' person prior to transport, Detective Sharp felt what he believed was cell phone in his front pant pocket. Detective Sharp put that cell phone with the backpack that was taken off Dawaun Lewis.

Once at the Lawrence Police Station, Detective Sharp applied for and was granted a search warrant for the residence of William Romero and Dawaun Lewis located at 53 [REDACTED] Wheel Estates E. Dr. Lawrence, IN by Judge Michelle Waymire at 19:04 hours, cause number 49D21-2203-MC-007677.

Detective Sharp applied for and was granted a search warrant for William Romero's 2012 Nissan Altima, Florida license plate number [REDACTED] by Judge Michelle Waymire at 19:05 hours, cause number 49D19-2203-MC-007678.

At 19:17 hours, Detective Sharp read Dawaun Lewis his advisement of rights. Dawaun Lewis stated he wanted a Lawyer at which time Detective Sharp stopped the interview.

Detective Sharp applied for and was granted a search warrant for Dawaun Lewis' personal property and effects by Judge Michelle Waymire at 19:22 hours, cause number 49D33-2203-MC-007679.

Detective Sharp executed the search warrant for Dawaun Lewis' personal property and effects, cause number 49D33-2203-MC-007679 at 20:00 hours. Detective Sharp at that time seized Dawaun Lewis' cell phone. Detective Sharp felt the outer pocket of the Adidas backpack and felt what he believed were keys. Detective Sharp unzipped the outer pocket and observed a set of car keys. Detective Sharp recovered those keys to try on William Romero's Nissan Altima when that warrant is executed. Detective Sharp stopped any further search to allow the Marion County Forensic Services Agency to process the backpack.

Detective Sharp had requested the Marion County Forensic Services Agency to respond to 53 [REDACTED] Wheel Estates E. Dr. to process it. Crime Scene Specialist Jenna Hood responded. The search warrant for the residence, cause number 49D21-2203-MC-007677, was executed at 19:30 hours. During the search for persons inside the residence, no one was found inside. During the search of the home, in the east bedroom, Detective Sharp observed a bed with covers and a tan/brown couch that had a missing cushion cover. Detective Sharp observed that the couch was the same color as the fabric cover with dried blood that was located near William Romero's body. Detective Sharp observed on the couch something that looked like dreadlocks but was some kind of furniture stuffing. Detective Sharp also observed what appeared to be blood spatter on the wall next to the couch. Detective Sharp observed there to be no clothing or

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personal effects in the bedroom. During a search of a bedroom in the southwest part of the home, Detective Sergeant Jeremy Kurth located mail belonging to Dawaun Lewis in the closet on the upper shelf. On a ledge above the inside closet entry door a box of .22 caliber ammunition and a Smith & Wesson .22 caliber handgun was located. Crime Scene Specialist Jenna Hood processed the home collected all evidence.

Detective Sharp applied for and was granted a warrant to obtain a buccal swab sample from Dawaun Lewis for DNA comparison purposes by Judge Michelle Waymire at 20:24, cause number, 49D35-2203-MC-007683. That warrant was executed at 20:35 hours by Detective Sergeant David Gordon at the Lawrence Police Department. Detective Sergeant Gordon transferred the sealed buccal swab sample to Detective Sharp who placed it in the LPD property room.

Detective Sharp applied for and was granted a warrant to take photos of Dawaun Lewis' body for injuries by Judge Michelle Waymire at 21:48 hours, cause number 49D33-2203-MC-007687. That warrant was executed by Crime Scene Specialist Jenna Hood and Detective Sharp at 22:25 hours at the Lawrence Police Department.

Detective Sergeant Mike Sostre and Crime Scene Specialist Jenna Hood executed the search warrant on the 2012 Nissan Altima bearing Florida license plate 65AQWT, cause number 49D19-2203-MC-007678 at 22:45 hours at the Lawrence Police Department. The car keys found in Dawaun Lewis' possession unlocked William Romero's Nissan Altima. Found inside the back passenger door sill area were areas of dried blood. On the front passenger seat was a black and gray back pack that contained identification items belonging to William Romero including his El Salvador passport and the vehicle title to the Nissan Altima. Crime Scene Specialist Jenna Hood processed the vehicle and collected evidence. Detective Sharp took possession of the backpack and its contents that included William Romero's identification and placed it in the LPD property room.

Crime Scene Specialist Jenna Hood processed the Adidas backpack belonging to Dawaun Lewis at the Lawrence Police Department. Found inside the backpack was \$940 cash wrapped in a black/white bandana, birth certificate belonging to Dawaun Lewis and other miscellaneous items. Detective Sharp took possession of the backpack and its contents. Detective Sharp placed the items into the LPD property room.

On March 22, 2022, Detective Sharp applied for and was granted a search warrant for Dawaun Lewis' LG cell phone to conduct a comprehensive digital device analysis. The warrant was approved by Judge Jennifer Haley at 11:43 hours, cause number 49D19-2203-MC-007730. Detective Sergeant Gordon took the LG cell phone to the Indiana State Police Cyber Unit to gain access to the phone and extract its content at 12:00 hours. On March 23, 2022, Detective

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Sergeant Gordon retrieved the LG cell phone and it's extraction from the Indiana State Police and brought it back to the Lawrence Police Department. Detective Sergeant Gordon at that time began processing the extraction done by the Indiana State Police.

Detective Sharp applied for and was granted a search warrant for the historical data of Dawaun Lewis' cell phone number 617-██████████ that is registered through T-Mobile. That warrant was approved by Judge Jennifer Haley at 11:44 hours, cause number 49D30-2203-MC-007731. The warrant was sent to T-Mobile on March 22, 2022.

On March 23, 2022, Detective Sharp spoke with R.S. who is the property owner of 53██ Wheel Estates E. Dr. and rents the home to William Romero and Dawaun Lewis. R.S. said William Romero and Dawaun Lewis have lived at the residence since January of 2022 after he was asked by E.G. if he had a place he could rent out to the two. R.S. said that he had only met William Romero who paid him the rent (\$628/mo.) at the first of every month and assumed Dawaun Lewis paid William Romero his part. R.S. said E.G. contacted him earlier in the week prior saying that Dawaun Lewis wanted to talk to him about rent. R.S. said he met Dawaun Lewis at his work on March 19th and that was the first time he had seen or talked to him. R.S. said that Dawaun Lewis told him that he thinks William Romero had moved out of State because he hasn't seen him for a few days. R.S. said that Dawaun Lewis told him he would like to continue living at the residence and begin paying R.S. the rent and utilities. Detective Sharp asked R.S. if he heard of any problems between William Romero and Dawaun Lewis. R.S. said that William Romero had told him once that Dawaun Lewis had been smoking marijuana inside the home. R.S. told Detective Sharp that he had texted William Romero on March 16th at 12:34 hours about the light bill and didn't get a response from William Romero. R.S. said he then called William Romero at 13:27 hours and he didn't answer his phone.

Detective Sharp had been speaking with McDonalds store Manager, E.G., reference William Romero and Dawaun Lewis. E.G. had stated that he had called William Romero's phone twice on the evening of March 12th after he was told William Romero didn't show up to work. He said there was no answer. Detective Sharp later confirmed that E.G. had called William Romero's phone on March 12th based on William Romero's call data records. E.G. said he then called Dawaun Lewis that evening and he didn't answer but he was clocked in at work. E.G. said Dawaun Lewis texted him around 3 A.M of March 13th asking if he had called. E.G. said on March 15th, Dawaun Lewis began asking him for R.S.'s phone number and that he was wanting to talk to R.S.. E.G. said that through text message he asked Dawaun Lewis if he had been trying to call William Romero and seen his car. E.G. said Dawaun replied, "yes and no". E.G. said some time during the week, Dawaun Lewis told him that he heard a woman's voice coming from William Romero's room but didn't recall when Dawaun Lewis told him.

Detective Sergeant Sostre obtained video from the McDonalds Dawaun Lewis works at for the

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times he arrived to work which aligned with the times he clocked in to work. Detective Sharp began watching video from March 11th when both William Romero and Dawaun Lewis worked together. Detective Sharp observed William Romero's Nissan Altima arrive and park outside the south doors of the McDonalds at 15:04 hours with William Romero exiting out the driver seat and Dawaun Lewis exiting the front passenger seat. Detective Sharp observed both leave at the end of their shift on March 12th at 01:24 hours with William Romero getting into the driver's seat and Dawaun Lewis getting into the front passenger seat at 01:26 hours and then driving away. On March 12th, 13th and 15th, Detective Sharp observed in the video, Dawaun Lewis wearing a gray hoody and black pants, arriving prior to his clock in time walking through the south doors of the restaurant and saw he approached from the east end of the store. Detective Sharp observed that Dawaun Lewis leave each of those night's, in addition to the 14th, out the south doors and walk toward the east. On March 17th when Dawaun Lewis' timecard showed he clocked in at 16:10 hours, Detective Sharp observed in the video footage, of the north side of McDonalds, at 16:04 hours a black male wearing a gray hoody and black pants with a backpack walking from the North of McDonalds along the west end of the shopping center that is just North of McDonalds. As that male approached the entry doors, Detective Sharp recognized him to be Dawaun Lewis as he was wearing the same clothing as on March 21st when Detective Sharp interacted with him in person. On March 18th, Dawaun Lewis had clocked in to work at 14:58 hours. Detective Sharp observed in the McDonalds video that Dawaun Lewis appeared in the video at 14:55 hours walking from the same direction and path as the day prior. On March 19th, Dawaun Lewis had clocked in to work at 16:16 hours. Detective Sharp observed in the McDonalds video that Dawaun Lewis appeared in the video at 16:15 hours walking from the same direction and path as the previous two days. On March 20th, Dawaun Lewis had clocked in to work at 15:33 hours. Detective Sharp observed in the McDonalds video that Dawaun Lewis appeared in the video at 15:32 hours walking from the same direction and path as the previous three days. On March 21st, Dawaun Lewis is seen arriving at 17:36 hours again from the same direction and path as the previous four days. It should be noted that Dawaun Lewis is seen wearing the same clothing every day.

Detective Sharp found that after Dawaun Lewis had clocked out of work on March 19th at 02:00 hours, William Romero's Nissan Altima Florida license plate [REDACTED] was captured by a license plate reader at 02:13 hours capturing westbound traffic on E. 96th St. at McDonalds. After Dawaun Lewis had clocked out of work on March 20th at 01:41 hours, the Nissan Altima Florida license plate [REDACTED] was captured by a license plate reader at 01:52 hours capturing southbound traffic on North by Northeast BLVD at 96th St. which is the intersection of where McDonalds is located.

Detective Sharp obtained and watched video from the Wendy's located at 8000 E 96th Street which is at the entrance to the Walmart's far west drive and is a short distance to the east of McDonalds. Detective Sharp observed beginning on March 12, 2022, a car Detective Sharp

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recognized as William Romero's, gray Nissan Altima, arrive at 16:10 hours and park in the southwest end of the Walmart parking lot. Detective Sharp observed a person get out of the driver seat, wearing a gray hoody and black pants, walk west through the strip mall parking lot toward the direction of McDonalds that is west of Walmart. As Detective Sharp had previously stated, Dawaun Lewis was seen arriving McDonalds at 16:14 hours walking from the east to the south doors wearing a gray hoody and black pants. On March 13th, Detective Sharp observed in the video at 14:48 hours the Nissan Altima arrive and park in a similar spot as the day prior. Detective Sharp observed a person wearing a gray hoody and black pants exit the driver seat and walk west through the strip mall parking lot toward the direction of McDonalds. At 14:54 hours, Dawaun Lewis was seen arriving work from the east and entered through the south doors of McDonalds wearing a gray hoody and black pants. On March 14th, Detective Sharp observed in video at 13:23 hours the, Nissan Altima arrive and park in a similar parking space as days prior. Detective Sharp observed a person wearing a gray hoody and black pants is seen exiting the driver seat and walk east toward the strip mall. Dawaun Lewis does not clock in to work until 17:26 hours this day. Dawaun Lewis clocked out for the end of his shift on March 15th at 01:52 hours. At 02:04 hours, Detective Sharp observed a person wearing a gray hoody and black pants walking east from the strip mall parking lot, get into the Nissan Altima and drive away at 02:07 hours. The Nissan Altima is seen exiting the west drive of Walmart toward 96th St. At 02:08 hours, William Romero's Nissan Altima Florida license plate 65AQWT is captured by a license plate reader located on E. 96th St. (Westbound traffic) at McDonalds. Detective Sharp observed in video on March 15th at 13:47 hours, the Nissan Altima parked in a similar area as the previous days. At 13:51 hours, Detective Sharp observed a person wearing a gray hoody and black pants exit the driver seat and walk west through the strip mall parking lot toward the direction of McDonalds. At 13:56 hours, Dawaun Lewis is seen arriving work from the east and enter through the south doors of McDonalds wearing a gray hoody and black pants.

Detective Sergeant Sostre obtained outside video surveillance from Walmart and from behind the strip mall to the west of the Walmart parking lot. Detective Sharp watched the videos from the Walmart and the rear of the strip mall from March 17th through March 21st. On March 17th, Detective Sharp observed in the Walmart footage at approximately 16:01 hours, a dark sedan drive north on the far west road of the lot and park along the northwest end of the lot. At 16:03 hours, Dawaun Lewis is seen walking west behind the strip mall from the direction of the Walmart parking lot where the dark sedan was seen. On March 18th, Detective Sharp observed the video was obscured by rain water and could not see the parking lot clearly. On March 19th, Detective Sharp observed in the Walmart video footage at approximately 16:12 hours a dark sedan drive north on the far west road of the lot and again parks along the west end of the lot. Detective Sharp observed in the video from behind the strip mall, Dawaun Lewis walking west at 16:14 hours from the direction of the Walmart parking lot. On March 20th, Detective Sharp observed in the Walmart video footage at 15:28 hours, a dark sedan drive north along the west

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drive to a parking space along the northwest end of the lot. Detective Sharp observed in video from behind the strip mall, Dawaun Lewis walking west at 15:30 hours from the direction of the Walmart parking lot. On March 21st, Detective Sharp observed in the Walmart video at 17:31 hours, a dark colored sedan drive north along the far west road of Walmart and parked in a parking spot along the northwest end of the lot. Detective Sharp observed that is the same vehicle that Detective Hinshaw approaches in the video and where she stated she found William Romero's Nissan Altima. At 17:34 hours, Dawaun Lewis is seen in video walking west behind the strip mall from the direction of the Walmart parking lot.

Detective Sharp obtained surveillance video from the Hilton Garden Inn, which is located directly to the west of Walmart, for March 17th through March 21st. On March 17th at 16:01 hours, Detective Sharp observed a gray sedan, that appears to be William Romero's Nissan Altima, park along the west end of the Walmart and a person wearing a gray hoody and black pants exit the driver seat. That person is then seen walking southwest from the Walmart parking lot through the hotel parking lot to the rear of the strip mall and continue west towards the direction of McDonalds. Detective Sharp recognizes this person as Dawaun Lewis as he is wearing the same gray hood, black pants along with a back pack every day. On March 18th at 14:44 hours, Detective Sharp observed a gray sedan drive north along the far west drive of Walmart out of camera view. At 14:52 hours, Detective Sharp observed a person wearing a gray hoody and black pants walking southwest into the hotel parking lot from the direction Detective Sharp observed the gray sedan drive to in the Walmart lot. Detective Sharp observed this person, who appears to be Dawaun Lewis, to continue walking west behind the strip mall. On March 19th at 16:11 hours, Detective Sharp observed a gray sedan that appears to be a Nissan Altima park along the west end of the Walmart parking lot with a person wearing a gray hoody and black pants exit the driver seat. Detective Sharp observes this person, who appears to be Dawaun Lewis, walk southwest through the hotel parking lot to behind the strip mall and continue walking west. On March 20th at 15:27 hours, Detective Sharp observed a gray sedan drive north along the west drive of Walmart. At 15:28 hours, Detective Sharp observed a person wearing a gray hoody and black pants walking southwest through the hotel parking lot from the direction of where the gray sedan drove to in the Walmart lot. Detective Sharp observed this person to, who appears to be Dawaun Lewis, continue walk west behind the strip mall. On March 21st at 15:31 hours, Detective Sharp observed a gray sedan drive north along the west drive of Walmart. At 15:33 hours, Detective Sharp observed a person wearing a gray hoody and black pants, who appears to be Dawaun Lewis, walk southwest through the hotel parking lot from the direction that the gray sedan had driven to. Dawaun Lewis is then seen walking west behind the strip mall from the hotel parking lot. The path that Dawaun Lewis is seen walking everyday is to the direction of the McDonalds that he works at.

On March 25, 2022, Detective Sharp received back from T-Mobile the certified historical cellular data records, data records and GPS location records (timing advance information) for the phone

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number belonging to William Romero reference to search warrant cause number, 49D20-2203-MC-007655 . On March 12th, on the evening that William Romero did not first show up to McDonalds as scheduled, he had received incoming phone calls at 16:46, 16:48, 17:43 and 19:45 hours that were not answered. William Romero's cell phone was signaling off the cell tower just to the south of the McDonalds at 9360 Castlegate Dr on each of those incoming calls. Detective Sharp found that William Romero's phone connects to that tower when he had been at work previously. E.G., had previously told Detective Sharp that he attempted to call William Romero at approximately 17:43 and 19:45 hours to see where he was. E.G. said there was no answer. Detective Sharp observed in William Romero's call records, immediately after E.G. had called, William Romero's phone had connected to a phone number associated with Voicemail also signalling off the same cell tower. William Romero's phone received a call on March 13th at 10:46 hours where his cell phone signaled off a cell tower just to the east of his home on Barker Lane. On March 13th at 14:08 hours, William Romero's phone received a call that was not answered and signalled of a cell tower located at 7701 E. 21st ST. That is the last tower William Romero's cell phone signalled off of through March 15th after which there were none due to either the phone battery had died or the phone was powered off. Detective Sharp found that a license plate reader had captured William Romero's Nissan Altima on March 13th at 12:15 hours traveling north on Franklin Rd. in the 4200 block. Detective Sharp observed there was cellular activity on William Romero's phone connecting to numbers associated with voicemail through March 17th at 19:51 hours after William Romero was discovered dead. Location records for William Romero's phone from March 14th- March 17th showed it already in the area of 21st and Franklin Road and hadn't moved during that time.

Detective Sharp also received back from T-Mobile the certified historical cellular data records, data records and GPS location records (timing advance information) for the phone number belonging to Dawaun Lewis reference to search warrant cause number, 49D30-2203-MC-007731. Dawaun Lewis' cell phone made a call on March 12, 2022 at 02:36 hours and connected to the cell tower in the 6100 block of Lee Road with his cell phone signal coming from north of the tower in the area of Trilobi Dr. The cell tower is just south from where William Romero's body was found on Trilobi Dr. Dawaun Lewis phone had not connected to that tower before. Dawaun Lewis cell phone made a call again to the same number as before at 03:58 hours and signalled off a cell tower in the 5400 block of Barker Lane which was the frequent tower he signalled off of due to it being just east of his home. The location records received for Dawaun Lewis' phone under this search warrant request only covered for March 14-March 17th and did not include his location for March 12-March 13th.

On March 25, 2022, Detective Sharp applied for and was granted a search warrant for Dawaun Lewis' T-Mobile cell phone historical GPS location records (timing advance information) to include March 12-13, 2022, by Judge Mark Renner, cause number 49D31-2203-MC-008125. That search warrant was then sent to T-Mobile on the same date. Detective Sharp also applied

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for and was granted a search warrant for William Romero's T-Mobile cell phone historical GPS location records (timing advance information) to include March 12-13, 2022, by Judge Mark Renner, cause number 49D25-2203-MC-008127. That search warrant was then sent to T-Mobile on the same date.

On March 28, 2022, Detective Sharp reviewed Dawaun Lewis' phone extraction that the Indiana State Police extracted on March 23rd and Detective Sergeant Gordon processed on March 25th. Detective Sharp found that on March 14th at 20:09 hours, a person named J.N. messaged Dawaun Lewis asking, "Did William ever make an appearance?" Detective Sharp found J.N. had messaged Dawaun Lewis about tree service work and has also contacted William Romero's number from looking at his cell record history. Detective Sharp observed in Dawaun Lewis' text messages that he had messaged a person named "Billy" on March 15th at 02:33 hours asking, "Hey I have a 2013 Nissan Altima and the Service Engine Soon light is on. What should I do?" William Romero's car is a Nissan Altima. On March 15th at 08:26 hours Dawaun Lewis messaged E.G. asking, "Hey could you send me R.s number?" E.G. replied, "I told R. to give you call, is everything ok?" Dawaun Lewis replied, "yes. I haven't heard from William." E.G. replied, "really.." and "I thought that you said he was there yesterday?" Dawaun Lewis replied, "yes and no". E.G. replied, "are you trying to call him, is his car there?" Dawaun Lewis replied, "yes and no". Dawaun Lewis again messaged E.G. on March 16th at 02:34 hours asking again, "have you talked to R.?" A review of Dawaun Lewis' phone records showed that he had never attempted to call or text William Romero during the time William Romero had not been seen or heard from.

Detective Sharp found in Dawaun Lewis' internet browsing history on March 12th at 06:36 hours, Dawaun Lewis went to a website, "homeisashleyplace.com" which is an apartment complex in Westfield, IN. Dawaun Lewis had previously visited that site on March 10th. On March 12th at 06:37 hours, Dawaun Lewis had searched, "jobs near me in Lawrence, IN." On March 12th at 07:10 hours, Dawaun Lewis had searched, "community work services Boston". This all occurring within a few hours after Dawaun Lewis' cell phone had connected to a cell tower in the 6100 block of Lee Road near where William Romero's body was discovered.

On March 29, 2022, Detective Sharp called the phone number associated to J.N. that was obtained from Dawaun Lewis' phone records and phone extraction. J.N. said that he owns a tree service and that William Romero had worked for him in the beginning of March. J.N. said on his first day, William Romero had asked him if he could use another person to work and J.N. told him yes. The next day William Romero brought Dawaun Lewis to work with him. J.N. said that Dawaun Lewis had no transportation and William Romero did and would drive both of them. J.N. said that whenever he had texted William Romero for work he would respond. J.N. said William Romero did not respond to his text messages on March 13th and March 14th. Detective Sharp observed in Dawaun Lewis' phone call log history that he and J.N. had a phone

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conversation on March 14th at 08:52 hours that had lasted over a few minutes. J.N. said he messaged Dawaun Lewis on the evening of Monday, March 14th asking, "Did William ever make an appearance?" Dawaun Lewis messaged back "No". J.N. said prior to that, he had a conversation with Dawaun Lewis about William Romero. Dawaun Lewis told him that he was in bed when he had heard a female voice along with William Romero and some jostling noises as if William Romero was packing up. Dawaun Lewis said that William Romero then left and hasn't seen him or his car since. J.N. said that Dawaun Lewis told him that William Romero left him with rent, utilities and that William Romero owed him money. J.N. said Dawaun Lewis then began getting a ride to job sites from another employee.

Detective Sharp spoke with D.H., McDonalds supervisor. D.H. said that he was the supervisor on the evening of March 12th when William Romero first did not show up to work and Dawaun Lewis had. D.H. said he called and messaged William Romero and he did not answer. Detective Sharp confirmed this in William Romero's call records. D.H. said he asked Dawaun Lewis where William Romero was and Dawaun Lewis told him that he didn't know and that he hasn't seen him and that William Romero's car wasn't at home. Dawaun Lewis also told D.H. that that he doesn't know what's going on but maybe William Romero went to Miami, Florida to see a girl.

Detective Sharp spoke with L.J., McDonalds supervisor. L.J. said she began texting and calling William Romero on the morning of March 15th after he had not shown up to work again the night prior. L.J. said William Romero did not answer or reply back to her messages. L.J. said when Dawaun Lewis came to work that day she asked him where William Romero was and he said he didn't know and that he rode an Uber. L.J. asked Dawaun Lewis if William Romero got another job and Dawaun Lewis said that he didn't know that he has been taking an Uber. Detective Sharp had seen in Dawaun Lewis' emails from his phone extraction that he had received Lyft receipts from rides in January and February. Dawaun Lewis had no such receipts in his email for any ride shares from March 12th through March 21st.

On April 1, 2022, Detective Sharp received back from T-Mobile, the certified historical GPS locations (timing advance information) for Dawaun Lewis' cell phone reference to search warrant cause number, 49D31-2203-MC-008125. Detective Sharp also received back from T-Mobile, the certified historical GPS locations (timing advance information) for William Romero's cell phone reference to search warrant cause number, 49D25-2203-MC-008127.

Detective Sharp reviewed the historical GPS locations (timing advance information) of William Romero and Dawaun Lewis' cell phones for March 12-March 13, 2022. Detective Sharp observed William Romero and Dawaun Lewis' cell phones being in close proximity to each other while they were both confirmed to be at the McDonalds on 96th Street in Fishers, IN, by timecards and video, working on March 12 prior to leaving together at approximately 01:27 hours. Detective Sharp observed that William Romero's and Dawaun Lewis' cell phones were

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in close proximity to each other as their phones appeared to be travelling south on I-69 at approximately 01:30 hours, on I-465 south at approximately 01:31 hours– 01:34 hours and when their phones arrived to the area of their home at approximately 01:39 hours. Detective Sharp observed that Dawaun Lewis' cell phone and William Romero's cell phones continued to stay in close proximity to one another in the area of their home until 02:25 hours. At 02:26 hours, Dawaun Lewis' cell phone appeared to be traveling north of his home, as if it was in a vehicle due to the distance travelled, with his location showing in the area of 56th St. and Purpura Dr. William Romero's cell phone continued to stay in the area of his home. At 02:33 hours, Dawaun Lewis' cell phone location was in the area of Trilobi Dr., a one way in and out neighborhood, and not traveling any further north. Dawaun Lewis' cell phone stays in the area of Trilobi Dr. until approximately 02:36 hours when it appears to be traveling in a southerly direction in the 6200 block of Lee Rd. At 02:36 hours, Dawaun Lewis' call data records showed he had made a phone call and had connected to the cell tower located at 6100 block of Lee Road. At 02:38 hours, Dawaun Lewis' cell phone is in the area of 56th Street east of Lee Rd. At 02:39 hours, Dawaun Lewis' cell phone is in the area of Purpura Dr. south of 56th St. At 02:40 hours, Dawaun Lewis' cell phone is back in the area of his home and in close proximity to William Romero's phone. William Romero had not been seen by or heard from by anyone since he left from work at approximately 01:27 hours.

Detective Sharp found in Dawaun Lewis call data records on the morning of March 12th at 07:17 hours, Dawaun Lewis had called a number he had saved in his phone as "taxi". Detective Sharp observed in the GPS location (timing advance information) at approximately 07:49 hours, Dawaun Lewis and William Romero's cell phones leaving the area of their home, as if in a vehicle due to the distance travelled, and staying in close proximity to each other as they arrived approximately 08:10 hours to the area of Southport Rd. and Emerson Ave. Their phones stayed in a stationary area and in close proximity to one another for several hours. At 14:32 hours, Dawaun Lewis and William Romero's cell phones are seen leaving the stationary area they have been and begin traveling north as if in a vehicle, leaving the area of Southport Rd. and Emerson Ave., in close proximity to each other until they arrived to the area of their home at approximately 15:23 hours. At 15:50 hours, Dawaun Lewis and William Romero's cell phones began to move again in close proximity to each other as if in a vehicle from the area of their home and traveled directly to the area of McDonalds on 96th St. arriving at approximately 16:10 hours. As previously stated, Detective Sharp located video from Wendy's where William Romero's Nissan Altima is seen driving in and parking in the Walmart lot and a person believed to be Dawaun Lewis exiting the driver seat and no one else exiting the vehicle. Dawaun Lewis is seen from McDonalds video approaching the business alone from the direction where he had parked William Romero's car at 16:14 hours and his time card showed he clocked in at 16:17 hours. This is the first night William Romero did not show up to work and supervisors could not get ahold of him on his phone. Detective Sharp observed that Dawaun Lewis and William Romero's cell phone locations are in the area, stationary and in close proximity to each other

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during the time Dawaun Lewis is clocked in at work. Dawaun Lewis clocks out of work at 01:37 hours March 13th. At approximately 01:48 hours, Dawaun Lewis and William Romero's cell phones locations appeared to be in close proximity to each other and traveling south away from the McDonalds on 96th St. as if they were in a vehicle. Dawaun Lewis and William Romero's cell phone locations stayed in close proximity to each other from the time Dawaun Lewis left work until arriving to the area of their home at approximately 01:59 hours. Both their cell phones then stayed stationary and in close proximity to each other in the area of their home throughout the night.

On March 13th at approximately 11:22 hours, William Romero's cell phone location began moving west, as if in a vehicle due to the distance traveled, while Dawaun Lewis' cell phone stayed stationary in the area of his home. William Romero's cell phone arrived to the area of Franklin Road and Pendleton Pike where it was until approximately 11:31 hours at which time the cell phone appeared to be traveling south on Franklin Rd. as if in a vehicle. William Romero's cell phone locations had went as far south as Franklin Rd. and US 40 area at approximately 11:45 hours. William Romero's cell phone location then travelled back north and began showing its location in an area of Franklin Rd. south of E. 21st St. at approximately 11:49 hours. At 12:15 hours, William Romero's Nissan Altima was captured by a license plate reader in the north bound lanes of Franklin Rd. north of E. 42nd St. The area of 21st St and Franklin Road is the last location William Romero's cell phone gives as a location through March 15th after which there were none. Detective Sharp found that the area of 21st St and Franklin Rd. has several business and apartments that have dumpsters on their property.

Detective Sharp observed Dawaun Lewis' cell phone location had not changed from the area of his home when Dawaun Lewis went to work on March 13th. Detective Sharp knows from Dawaun Lewis' time card and video surveillance that he had clocked in at McDonalds on March 13th at 15:00 hours and worked until 01:45 hours March 14th. During that time, Detective Sharp observed Dawaun Lewis' cell phone had no activity. Detective Sharp observed Dawaun Lewis' cell phone location began moving as if in a vehicle on March 14th at 13:12 hours and arrived the area of Walmart on 96th St. at approximately 13:23 hours. Detective Sharp has previously noted that video surveillance has showed William Romero's Nissan Altima entering and parking in the Walmart lot at approximately 13:23 hours. Dawaun Lewis is seen exiting the Nissan Altima's driver seat and walking east toward the strip mall and the McDonalds.

On April 12, 2022, Detective Sharp received back the DNA final lab results from Marion County Forensic Services Agency, Forensic Scientist Tonya Fishburn, comparing Dawaun Lewis' DNA sample taken under search warrant 49D35-2203-MC-007683. A swab with possible DNA sample was recovered from the trigger edges, trigger guard edges, magazine ejector button, grip knurling and slide knurling from the Smith & Wesson .22 caliber handgun. A DNA profile of the major contributor matches the DNA profile of Dawaun Lewis and the minor contributor is

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an unknown individual. A swab with possible DNA sample was recovered from the headstamps of unfired cartridges that were inside the box of .22 caliber ammunition. The DNA profile matches the DNA profile of Dawaun Lewis. A swab with possible DNA sample recovered from the edges of the box of .22 ammunition. The DNA profile of the major contributor matches the DNA profile of Dawaun Lewis and the minor contributor is an unknown individual.

On April 12, 2022, Detective Sharp received back the DNA final report results from Marion County Forensic Services Agency, Forensic Scientist Tonya Fishburn, comparing William Romero's DNA. One swab with possible DNA sample recovered from the front sight and muzzle of the Smith & Wesson .22 caliber, handgun. The DNA profile of the major contributor matches the DNA profile of William Romero-Gomez and the two minor contributors are inconclusive. A swab with blood sample recovered from the interior passenger side rear door panel of the gray 2012 Nissan Altima (last six of VIN: 236623) bearing Florida license plate number [REDACTED]. The DNA profile of the major contributor matches the DNA profile of William Romero, and minor contributor is inconclusive.

THE ABOVE EVENTS OCCURRED IN MARION COUNTY, STATE OF INDIANA.

I swear (affirm) under penalties for perjury that the foregoing facts, all having occurred in Marion County, Indiana, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATED: 04/14/2022

/s/ Detective Brian Sharp
AFFIANT