

IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT/SUPERIOR COURTS
STATE OF INDIANA

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V.
RUAINGUNDENG PAL

CASE NUMBER: 2023-010930

AFFIDAVIT FOR PROBABLE CAUSE

Comes now Spencer Flowers, who hereby swears upon an oath, deposes and says:

1. I am a Law Enforcement Officer with the Noblesville Police Department.
2. I am filing this affidavit for probable cause in support of the charges of Murder (IC 35-42-1-1(2)), Attempted Robbery (IC 35-42-5-1(a)(1)(2)), Burglary (IC 35-43-2-1(4)(A)(B)), Intimidation (IC 35-45-2-1), and Pointing a Firearm (IC 35-47-4-3), against RUAINGUNDENG PAL, a black/male, DOB: 04/16/2001, height 6'1", weight 160, with black hair and black eyes.
3. On 03/22/2023 at approximately 3:12am, Noblesville Police were dispatched (NPD CAD #23-08684) to a report of an attempted burglary at a residence in the 21500 block of Raccoon Ct., Noblesville, IN. The 911 caller, Cassandra Sommer, stated that a black male described as having darker skin, approximately 6 feet tall, in his 20's, and wearing a light blue hoodie with it tied tight up to his chin, attempted to enter a bedroom window on the first floor of their residence. Sommer stated that another occupant at the house made eye contact with the suspect through the window and saw him run north from the home after the occupant banged on the window. The caller reported that a vehicle sounded as though it took off rapidly moments later just north of the home.
4. On 03/22/2023 at approximately 4:33am, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched (HCSO CAD #23-06694) to a report of suspicious activity in the area of Mill Farm Rd. and Mill Run Dr. The 911 caller stated they worked for Fishers Towing and a male was asking for a tow of his vehicle that was approximately 1/4 miles off the road; stating the vehicle was a Chevrolet Malibu. The 911 caller stated that the male was asking that no police be contacted or involved. He stated that the male was calling from a blocked phone number and it sounded as though the male was of a different nationality. Deputies were unable to locate a vehicle in the area referenced at that time.

5. On 03/22/2023 at approximately 3:23pm, Hamilton County Sherriff's Office deputies were dispatched (HCSO CAD #23-06749) to a report of a hit and run accident in the 21500 block of Mill Creek Rd., Cicero, IN. The caller, Shauna Metzger, reported that a black Chevrolet Malibu, with Tennessee license plate BNX7389 (VIN 1G1ZD5ST4MF069897, and registered to Enterprise Rent-A-Car), was on top of a fence in the back of her field and no one around the car. The back of her field is 0.691 miles from Raccoon Ct.
6. On 03/22/2023 at approximately 3:52pm, RUAI PAL contacted Hamilton County Dispatch from telephone number 615-727-2011 to report his vehicle stolen (NPD CAD #23-08738). In the call notes, Dispatch reported that it did not appear as though the caller was being forthcoming with information. Noblesville Police Department officers arrived to speak with RUAI PAL and begin to determine that he was referencing the vehicle that HCSO Deputies were actively investigating for the reported hit and run referenced in paragraph 5.
7. Hamilton County Deputy Hazel was dispatched to the Harbourtown Center area where the individual who rented the Malibu, RUAI PAL, had called Dispatch stating his vehicle was stolen the previous night. Deputy Hazel spoke with RUAI PAL in his police vehicle. RUAI PAL spelled his name for Deputy Hazel and provided his address on West End Cir. in Franklin, TN 37064, his phone number of 615-727-2011, his social security number, and provided his date of birth. RUAI PAL stated he was 6'01" and weighed around 150-160lbs and his driver's license was out of TN. RUAI PAL also stated that he did not have a job, did not go to school, however, he "flipped stuff online." The body camera, police car camera footage from Deputy Hazel, and HCSO reports were provided to Noblesville Police to assist in our investigation. In review of the camera footage, I could see a dark skin black male who identified himself as RUAI PAL. He spoke with a foreign accent and had medium dread styled hair that came down to his eyebrows and ears. When discussing with HCSO Deputies about the tow bill for pulling the Malibu off of the fence and out of the field, RUAI PAL said that if he got back to Tennessee he could pay the bill because, "I have a couple shipments to make." RUAI PAL originally stated to HCSO Deputies that the vehicle he rented had been stolen, however, he later changed his statement and confirmed he was driving, was the sole occupant in the vehicle when he crashed, and he had been drinking at the time of the crash and did not want to get in trouble with police. He was subsequently charged with Leaving the Scene of a Property Damage Accident.

8. The residence of the reported attempted burglary is approximately 0.691 miles directly west from the location where RUAI PAL crashed his vehicle.
9. I personally have watched the interview between Deputy Hazel and RUAI PAL. From this interview I am able to confirm his identity in the surveillance footage referenced henceforth.
10. On 04/06/2023 at approximately 10:17pm, Noblesville Police were dispatched to a report of a shooting in the area of the 21500 block of Raccoon Ct., Noblesville, IN (the same address as the attempted burglary from 03/22/2023 described in paragraph 3 above). The 911 caller stated that her son had shot at two suspects who had come to the residence. The 911 caller also provided the suspect descriptions of one black male wearing a mask and one white male, possibly in his 20's, wearing a Door Dash hat.
11. Upon arrival police officers encountered one deceased male, later identified as Grayson Rhue of Roswell, Georgia, at the driveway of a residence 2 doors south of the home of the 911 caller. He appeared to have been shot and had a red face mask on and dark colored sweats.
12. At the reported residence of the shooting, officers encountered 3 adults staying in the home. An adult male, Witness 1 (whose identity is known to me), was identified as the individual who had fired his weapon.
13. In an interview conducted with Witness 1, he stated that a person later identified as Grayson Rhue forced his way into the home and pointed a firearm at his father, Witness 2 (whose identity is also known to me). The mother of Witness 1, Witness 3 (whose identity is known to me), was identified as the 911 caller.
14. Witness 1 stated that Grayson Rhue originally approached the residence just after 10:00pm stating he worked for a food delivery service, Door Dash, and he had a food delivery for their home for either a "Brandon or Kyle." Witness 1 stated that his father, Witness 2, had answered the front door and stated no one in the home ordered food.
15. Witness 1 stated that Grayson Rhue re-approached the home again with the food. Grayson Rhue was carrying two beverages and a red Door Dash food delivery bag. He also had a red Door Dash face mask on and dark sweats.
16. Surveillance footage from the residence and doorbell was provided to police and reviewed by me.
17. In the surveillance footage, once Grayson Rhue re-approaches the home he hands the two beverages to Witness 2. Rhue does not appear to be wearing gloves. He then

- forces his way into the home telling Witness 2 to, "Go inside, don't make any noise." Seconds after he enters, a black male is seen coming from the shadows on the side of the home wearing blue gloves on his hands and a mask on his face. He is carrying a black bag. In the surveillance footage Witness 2 is heard saying that everyone needs to leave. Grayson Rhue is also heard saying words that sound like "It's not Brandon" as the black male enters.
18. Witness 2 gave a statement to officers where he stated that Grayson Rhue pointed a gun in his face. Witness 2 stated that he then told Witness 1 to shoot the armed intruders. From the surveillance footage it then appears that the black male runs out of the house. Witness 1 stated that he believed both intruders had handguns they pointed at the family.
 19. As the black male is approximately 5 steps out of the house, one gun shot is heard. The male momentarily turns back toward the house, before continuing to run south away from the residence. Subsequently 7 gunshots are heard from inside the residence.
 20. Grayson Rhue is seen leaving through the front door and dropping the red Door Dash food delivery bag in the front yard before also running south away from the residence. The wife of Witness 2 is heard asking if the intruders had a gun to which Witness 2 replies that they indeed did. Below the red bag dropped in the front yard, police located a black semi-automatic Walther handgun. In speaking with Witness 1 and Witness 2, they stated neither of them owned a Walther handgun.
 - a. Dispatch later reported to officers on scene that the Walther handgun was listed in the national database as stolen out of Georgia.
 21. Grayson Rhue had his clothing searched on scene. No cell phone or wallet was located. Only a Ford car key along with two standard keys were on his person. At this point in the investigation, he had not been identified.
 22. A search warrant for the residence where the shooting occurred was granted on the night of the incident. Police located marijuana in the garage of the residence that had commercial packaging and appeared to be from out of state, specifically Michigan. Police also noted that the food left on scene was from Taco Bell and included two steak "Quesaritos" and two "Baja Blast" beverages.
 23. On 04/08/2023 at approximately 4:41PM, Witness 4 (whose identity is known to me) in Roswell, GA contacted Noblesville Police. She stated that she received a phone call at 1:56PM on 04/08/2023 from an unknown number to her home landline. She stated that the person on the phone only identified themselves as "Jay" and a friend of

- her son's. She stated that "Jay" was asking if the family had spoken to their son, as "Jay" was concerned about him and had heard he was in Noblesville, IN staying at the Courtyard Marriott.
24. Police subsequently located the vehicle bearing Georgia license plate TEF5873, from information provided by Witness 4, in the parking lot of the Courtyard Marriott. The license plate returned to Grayson Rhue out of Roswell, GA. A search warrant was issued and granted for said vehicle. Located on the vehicle was a Samsung cell phone that was forensically processed. The forensic analysis would confirm that the phone belonged to Grayson Rhue.
 25. After speaking with hotel staff at the Courtyard Marriott, they stated that the owner of the vehicle in question was seen coming and going from the hotel with a tall skinny black male with short dreadlocks. They stated that the room was rented to Grayson Rhue.
 26. Witness 4 stated that she had access to her son's (Grayson Rhue) Google email (gmail.com) account. She was able to provide me with the GPS/map data showing the travels of her son on 04/06/2023. Witness 4 provided me with screenshots from the Google Maps information as well as typed out report of the stops, locations, and times of Rhue's movements.
 27. GPS data showed that Rhue's phone arrived at the Courtyard Marriott at 17863 Foundation Dr. in Noblesville, IN at approximately 7:41am on 04/06/2023. Rhue is seen on surveillance footage checking in at 7:45am on 04/06/2023.
 28. Rhue and a black male, later identified as RUI PAL, are seen on Courtyard security cameras leaving the hotel at 10:34am. They are then seen arriving together at Home Depot located at 3300 Conner St., Noblesville approximately 0.13 miles away from the Courtyard hotel at 10:39am on 04/06/2023. Rhue and RUI PAL are seen on Home Depot surveillance footage in the parking lot and in store. RUI PAL purchases a bright yellow approximately 3' long crow bar with Rhue. RUI PAL pays in cash at the self-checkout at 10:46am on 04/06/2023. RUI PAL is wearing the same red Champion brand sweatshirt he was wearing in his interview with Deputy Hazel from 03/22/2023 when he was investigated for the crashed Chevrolet Malibu located approximately a half mile from the reported attempted burglary. The two are seen in the Home Depot parking lot driving in Rhue's black Ford Edge with GA plate TEF5873. Rhue is seen entering the driver seat while RUI PAL enters the front passenger seat. I observed the in car footage from the HCSO where RUI PAL was investigated and subsequently charged with Leaving the Scene of an Accident on

- 03/22/2023, and I identified the person in the Courtyard hotel surveillance video as the same person.
29. According to the mapping location provided by Witness 4, which is associated with Rhue's cellular phone, and confirmed with the forensic analysis of Rhue's phone, the phone then immediately leaves Home Depot and travel 52 minutes and 41.6 miles to a specific searched address of 1523 S. Franklin St., Muncie, IN 47302. According to the Google Maps records, the phone is in Muncie, IN for approximately 15 minutes before traveling 55 minutes and 41.3 miles to Harbourtown Center, specifically 5855 E. 211th St. Noblesville, IN 46062 – CJ's Stop-n-Go & Marathon Gas Station.
- a. The distance between the address where the attempted burglary, attempted robbery, and the shooting on Raccoon Ct. and CJ's is approximately 0.501 miles.
30. RUAI PAL and Rhue are seen on CJ's surveillance footage at 12:43pm on 04/06/2023, in the same clothing as seen on Home Depot's surveillance footage. RUAI PAL is sitting the front passenger seat of the black Ford Edge, wearing the bright red sweatshirt and jeans. Rhue is seen entering the store and purchasing a maroon Redbull can, a water, and two food items. I recognized the person in the CJ's surveillance footage to be the same person who was identified as RUAI PAL in the HCSO in car video referenced in paragraph 7.
31. Per the provided Google Maps data, Rhue's phone returned to the Courtyard hotel after CJ's Stop-n-Go at approximately 1:11pm. RUAI PAL is seen entering the Courtyard hotel at 1:17pm per lobby surveillance footage.
32. The exact Raccoon Ct. address is searched in Rhue's cell phone, per the forensic analysis.
33. Per the Google Maps information, Rhue's phone does not leave the Courtyard hotel from 1:11pm until 9:24pm. Through the forensic analysis of Rhue's phone, police located a Snapchat conversation between GRHUE42 and CALEB.BRAXTON with the following exchange taking place:
- a. CALEB.BRAXTON (4/6/2023 8:34:26PM): "Just lmk[sic] when you back"
 - b. CALEB.BRAXTON (4/6/2023 8:34:32PM): "You get your shit back from that dude?"
 - c. GRHUE42 (4/6/2023 8:35:02PM): "Yeah we robbed his trap"
 - d. GRHUE42 (4/6/2023 8:35:23PM): "I'll be back tommorw[sic] I'm robbin his house tonight then driving straight back"

- i. Witness 4 provided her son Grayson Rhue's Snapchat username, GRHUE42, and was also able to provide the login password.
34. The next listed stop is Taco Bell at 16676 Clover Rd., Noblesville, IN 46060, approximately 1.18 miles from the Courtyard hotel. RUAI PAL and Rhue are seen on Courtyard hotel surveillance footage leaving the lobby at approximately 9:23pm. RUAI PAL is now wearing a brown jacket with a hood, dark sweat pants, and carrying a red Door Dash delivery bag. Rhue is wearing a dark colored baseball hat, dark colored hoodie sweatshirt, and dark colored long pants. As they exit, RUAI PAL appears to wave to the hotel clerk with his right hand and Rhue appears to be looking at his phone as he exits behind RUAI PAL. I recognized the person in the Courtyard hotel surveillance footage as well as the Taco Bell surveillance footage to be the same person who was identified as RUAI PAL in the HCSO in car video referenced in paragraph 7.
35. Taco Bell management provided the receipt information for Order #330998, two steak "Quesaritos" and two "Blast Freeze" drinks. With this order, Taco Bell also provided surveillance footage of the exterior of the building and the drive thru window view from inside of the restaurant. In the surveillance footage, a blue Mazda is identified as the vehicle that is associated with the above listed order at 9:33pm on 04/06/2023. The drive thru surveillance footage also provides an angle of the back of the blue Mazda, showing IL license plate FP79743. In the view from the drive thru window, a dark skinned black male in a brown jacket is shown paying cash for the order.
 - a. The blue Mazda vehicle was identified as: a blue Mazda CX-30 with Illinois license plate FP79743 and VIN 3MVDMMBBL0MM238862 with registered owner as Enterprise Rent-A-Car.
 - b. Enterprise provided the rental receipt for the car (Rental Agreement #9CK3LX). The vehicle was rented on 04/05/2023 in Mount Juliet, TN and returned on 04/07/2023 at 6:50am in Mount Juliet, TN. The rental name provided was RUAI PAL, who provided the birthdate of 05/16/2001, phone number of (615)727-2011, address on West End Cir. in Franklin, TN.
36. The Google Maps timeline shows Rhue's phone traveling from the Taco Bell for the 10.3 mile, 22 minute drive, to the exact Raccoon Cir. address in the Harbour Woods neighborhood.

37. The blue Mazda CX-30 is seen on a personal security surveillance device owned by a resident in the 5600 block of Doe Way in Harbour Woods. The vehicle passes by the front of the home and then slows and stops just to the west of the front door.
 - a. The owner of the residence on Doe Way stated that where the vehicle slows and stops is a direct view south between homes to the backyard/back door of the residence where the shooting incident took place.
38. Surveillance footage provided by another neighbor on Raccoon Ct. in the 21400 block, a couple houses south of the location of the shooting incident, also captured suspicious activity. In the footage provided by the neighbor, a vehicle can be seen coming and parking at the intersection of Hare Dr. and Raccoon Ct. Two individuals are seen exiting the vehicle and walking north on Raccoon Ct. toward the address of the incident. In the footage, a red Door Dash bag is visible; being carried by a white individual in dark colored clothing wearing a baseball cap. This person is followed by another taller skinny individual wearing a coat with the hood up. They approach the home at the end of Raccoon Ct., stop and appear to be talking to each other, then head back toward the parked vehicle at 10:07pm.
39. Brandon Ostler, the homeowner of the residence where the shooting occurred, provided surveillance footage to police. The surveillance footage begins recording at approximately 10:14pm. In this footage, Grayson Rhue is seen approaching the home wearing a Door Dash red facemask and carrying a large red bag. He is seen carrying the bag in his left hand and both drinks in his right hand. In his dark colored hoodie sweatshirt there appears to be a heavy object weighing down the hoodie style front pocket. When the body of Rhue was investigated at the location, where he collapsed, only a key ring with a Ford car key and two smaller keys were located on his person. There were no objects on his person at that time that would cause a hoodie sweatshirt pocket to noticeably hang down.
 - a. In the security footage, the second person in the brown jacket is also seen approaching toward the front of the house, however, he steps away to the southeast front corner of the home and appears to hide in the shadows away from the porch light, both on the initial approach and re-approach. Seconds after Grayson Rhue forces his way into the home, RUAI PAL is seen following him inside and subsequently runs from the scene.

All of the above events occurred in Hamilton County, Indiana, except where specifically noted.

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

Date: Friday, April 14, 2023

/s/ Spencer Flowers _____

Spencer Flowers

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