

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME.

THE STATE OF IDAHO)
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Plaintiff)
 vs.)
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Kuintzle, Kevin Nicholas)
Defendant)
)
DOB: 2-5-1991)
SS#: [REDACTED])
DL#: [REDACTED])
STATE: ID)

AFFIDAVIT FOR
PROBABLE CAUSE

JCSO CASE NO. 2023-01281

Evidence:

- Patrol Video
- Digital Photos
- Audio
- Video Interview(s)
- Physical Evidence Collected
- Statements
- Other:

ACTION REQUESTED

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arrested (In Custody) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cited and Released |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warrant for Arrest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Summons into Court |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecutor Review & Comment |

Det. Jon Daubner, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that:

I am a duly appointed, qualified, and acting peace officer for the Jerome County Sheriff's Office in and for the County of Jerome, State of Idaho.

I have probable cause to believe the crime(s) of:

1. **Murder, 1st Degree**, Idaho Code, **18-4003**
2. **Grand Theft**, Idaho Code, **18-2407(1)**
3. , Idaho Code,
4. , Idaho Code,
5. , Idaho Code,
6. , Idaho Code,

The above crime(s) were committed within the County of Jerome, State of Idaho and that Kuintzle, Kevin Nicholas is the person who committed said crime.

Supporting Information

EXHIBIT A

On 09/17/2023 at about 1505 hours, Sgt. Jason Wethern, was on patrol in Jerome County, Idaho.

Sgt. Wethern responded to 91 Bob Barton Rd. to assist Deputy Austin Dixon with a welfare check.

Sgt. Wethern arrived on scene and Deputy Dixon told him they were attempting to do a welfare check on William Eakin. Some of Eakin's friends had not seen him and his car, a red Toyota Rav4 Idaho plate 2J 97, was missing.

Deputy Dixon had made contact with a Marc C. Nelson who was a friend and neighbor of William Eakin. Marc Nelson reported encountering a male and a female at the back side of Mr. Eakin's property in the red Toyota Rav4 just moments prior. The male was described as having rotten teeth, being slender build around 40 years old, and a red beard. The female was described as having blonde hair and a tattoo on her chest. According to Mr. Nelson the blonde female claimed to be the granddaughter of Mr. Eakin. Mr. Neslson reported becoming sceptical as he knew Mr. Eakin did not have a granddaughter. The male and female left the property in the red Rav4, eastbound on Bob Barton road prior to the arrival of Law Enforcement.

Sgt. Wethern checked the back screen door and observed it was locked. Sgt. Wethern used a piece of metal to open the screen door. There was an additional screen door further into the residence. Sgt. Wethern and Deputy Dixon gained entry into the residence.

Once inside the house, Deputy Dixon and Sgt. Wethern made their way through the clutter and searched for Eakin. In the north bedroom Sgt. Wethern observed a person, later identified as Eakin, laying on the bed. Sgt. Wethern pulled the blanket back from Eakin's head and observed blood around his ear and mouth. There was also blood on the window shade next to Eakin's head. Eakin was not breathing and did not respond to the touch. Eakin was deceased from what appeared to be a gunshot wound behind his right ear. Mr. Eakin was found in bed wearing a CPAP mask. According to CPAP records the device was last used at 12:05 a.m. 9-16-23 for a duration of 5 hours and 22 minutes.

At 1603 hours Sircomm advised "Eakin" was calling into Sircomm and asking why deputies were at his residence. Deputy Dixon and Sgt. Wethern entered the residence again and confirmed Eakin was deceased. The phone call into SIRCOMM came from the phone number 8-██████████. A male on that phone call into SIRCOMM claimed to be William Eakin, stating he was in Twin Falls with his granddaughter. The male stated he would be home in an hour.

At 1938 hours the red Toyota Rav4 Idaho plate 2J97 was located abandoned on the side of the road at 731 Golf Course Rd in Jerome County. Canyonside

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Towing reported receiving a phone call from 8 [REDACTED] with a female requesting a tow for the same vehicle just moments prior.

Idaho State Police Det. Derick Brown located jail phone call records at the Twin Falls Co. Jail with the phone number 8 [REDACTED]-[REDACTED]-[REDACTED]. ISP Det. Brown was able to identify the female associated with that phone number as Erika N. Brock DOB 6-25-81.

On 9/17/2023, a photo line up was shown to an eye witness. Erika Brock's photo was contained in the photo line up. The eye witness positively identified Erika Brock as one of the individuals that he contacted on the victim's property earlier that day.

On 9-19-2023 at approximately 1200 hrs contact was made with Erika Brock at the Twin Falls County Courthouse by Detectives with ISP and TFPD/TFSO SIU. Erika stated that she had information related to the homicide in Jerome County.

Erika was transported to the Twin Falls Police Department.

ISP Det. Barrett and I interviewed Erika Brock DOB 6-25-81. Erika was advised of her Miranda Rights and stated she understood her rights. Erika continued to speak with Det. Barrett and myself.

During the course of the interview the following was explained by Erika Brock.

That approximately ten days prior, an individual later identified by Erika Brock as Kevin Kuintzle, told her about a residence in Jerome. The house was a good spot, the guy was really old, easy to get in, the stuff on location could be sold, and it would take a long time for anyone to find out or know.

Approximately one week ago (Sept. 9, 10th), Erika admitted to pawning tools from the Bob Barton house. Specifically, Milwaukee brand, sawsall, ratchet, and drill at Pawn 1 in Twin Falls. Erika Brock explained she received \$170 for the pawn and gave the money to Kevin. Erika Brock explained that Kevin talked of more tools and stuff to sell from the Bob Barton house.

Erika Brock explained on Friday 9/15/2023, that Kevin was wanting to unload more tools at pawn shops.

Erika Brock explained on Saturday 9/16/2023, she received a phone call approximately between 7 and 8 p.m. from Kevin. Kevin asked what she was doing on Sunday (9/17/2023). Kevin made the statement that if everything went right, they would be set for life. Kevin said that when he calls her tomorrow (Erika Brock), their lives will be different.

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Erika Brock explained on Sunday 9/17/2023, that Kevin instructed her to come to the Villiage of Trees RV Resort located at exit 216 on Interstate 84. Erika Brock said that when she arrived at the campground, she got into a red Toyota Rav4. Kevin and Erika drove in the Rav4 to a house in Jerome. Erika described the house being located on Bob Barton Rd. Erika described turning West onto Bob Barton Rd near the Maverick. Erika described driving through the curve and the house was the first one on the South side of the road. The house had several junk cars, and had an overgrowth of trees.

Erika Brock explained that as Kevin and Erika drove up to the residence, Kevin said that's where the money house is and the old man committed suicide.

Erika Brock said that Kevin and her pulled to the back of the property. Erika described a shed type structure with several cars parked in the shed surrounded by a corral fence. Erika said that she was instructed by Kevin to say that she was the granddaughter of the old gentleman who owned the property if anyone asked.

Erika Brock said that while on the property by the shed, Kevin and her were approached by a man asking what they were doing there. Erika told the man that she was the property owner's granddaughter. Kevin and Erika then immediately left the property. Erika dropped Kevin off at the Maverick located at S. Lincoln and Bob Barton. Erika said that Kevin had his black spray painted Honda parked at Maverick. Erika continued on Golf Course Road. Erika said that near the Golf Course she pulled over. Erika was told by Kevin to park the Rav4 and have it towed. Kevin picked Erika up in his his black Honda.

Erika Brock was told by Kevin that he needed to get rid of a gun and get gun shot residue washed off of his hands and body. Erika said Kevin and her drove down past Centennial Park and past the golf course and water treatment plant. Erika said Kevin and her parked near the river. Kevin used Erika's tablet to make a phone call to the non-emergency dispatch number claiming to be William Eakin.

Erika Brock explained that she retrieved a long gun from the trunk of the vehicle and followed Kevin towards the Snake River through the bushes. Kevin threw the long gun into the river close to shore.

At this point in time Erika Brock and Kevin separated with Erika driving away in the Honda Civic. Erika Brock described Kevin was wearing a grey shirt with JEROME on the front of it and blue jeans. Erika Brock also stated that Kevin was in possession of a pistol. Erika Brock described the pistol as being a semi automatic with wood grips.

Erika Brock explained that on 9/18/2023, Kevin contacted her and instructed her to search breaking news Jerome on the internet.

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Erika Brock explained that on 9/18/2023, she went with Kevin to pawn some firearms in the Mini-Cassia area, that he (Kevin) stole from the property the previous night (9/17/2023). Kevin bragged to Erika that he entered the crime scene, while law enforcement was present. Erika further described the pawned guns as two (2) handguns and a rifle with a scope. One (1) of the handguns was a 9mm.

After the interview with Erika, she lead Detectives to the location near the water treatment plant, where she and Kevin discarded the long gun on the afternoon of 9/17/2023. A rifle was subsequently located and recovered from the location.

On 9/18/2023, ISP Detectives made contact with Pawn & Consignment located at 270 B South Highway 24 in Rupert, ID. Detectives confirmed, Kevin had pawned a Sig 365 X 9mm handgun and a Marlin 17 HMR rifle. Detectives recovered the firearms. Detectives confirmed Kevin had pawned a Sig 365 X 9mm and Marlin 17 HMR rifle earlier that day. Kevin was paid \$400 for the firearms.

Detectives initiated covert surveillance on Kevin. At approximately 3:05 p.m., Kevin began driving Eastbound on I84 and merged onto Eastbound I86. A traffic stop was initiated by Idaho State Police Troopers. At this point in time, Kevin failed to stop and began to flee, continuing Eastbound on I86. At approximately milepost 48, Kevin's vehicle was spiked by Troopers. Kevin continued to travel Eastbound on I86. Kevin got off the interstate at exit 52 and continued for approximately a mile on the frontage road before stopping and being taken into custody. It was later discovered the vehicle Kevin was operating was stolen.

Following Kevin's arrest, a firearm was discovered on the floorboard of the vehicle. The firearm was a black semi automatic Smith and Wesson 5.7 caliber handgun. Also a check book was discovered on Kevin's person. The check book had a label "Mr. William D Eakin 91 Bob Barton Rd Jerome, ID 83338". EAKINS personal checkbook and a EAKIN Ranch fuel card were located in the vehicle. Kevin was transported to the Twin Falls Police Department.

Kevin Kuintzle was advised his Miranda Rights and agreed to speak ISP Det. Barrett and myself.

During the course of the interview the following was explained by Kevin Kuintzle.

Kevin attempted to speak in 3rd person hypothetical scenarios to explain what happened.

Kevin was on the property (91 Bob Barton Rd) in the weeks prior actively stealing items, shooting firearms, and using drugs.

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Kevin was unsure if the property (91 Bob Barton Rd) was unoccupied.

Kevin was up 5-6 days prior to the incident with no sleep.

Kevin was using methamphetamines, LSD, and PCP.

Kevin explained firearm trigger safety along with the pressure needed to pull the trigger.

Kevin explained that the firearm used in the incident located at 91 Bob Barton was the firearm located in the vehicle he was driving.

Kevin attempted to explain how Kevin and the victim did not talk.

Kevin bragged about returning to the scene (91 Bob Barton Rd) at night while deputies were present. Kevin described a deputy being on scene in front of the residence. The deputy had a trailer attached to the patrol vehicle. Kevin bragged about entering into the residence and property while the deputy could be seen sitting in the patrol vehicle.

Based on my observation at the scene (91 Bob Barton Rd), this information was consistent with the manner in which the victim was found, by appearing to have been asleep during the incident with his CPAP mask on and in bed.

Dated this 20th day of Sept, 2023.

[Signature]
Officers Signature

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Badge #

STATE OF IDAHO)
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COUNTY OF JEROME)

Det. Jon Daubner, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, acknowledged to me that (s)he has executed that same and that (s)he read the same that the same was true to the best of his/her knowledge.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 20th day of September, 2023

[Signature]



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Notary

My commission expires on 3.1.27.