## COMPLAINT

## STATE OF IOWA, COUNTY OF FLOYD

STATE OF IOWA Vs	Before (Judge, Magistrate Criminal Case No	:	Case #: <u>2017-030810</u>	
Armando Adame III, DOB: ADDRESS: <u>337 S. Hackett, W</u>	RACE: <u>H</u> , SEX: <u>/aterloo, IA</u>	Male, SSN:		
The Defendant is accused of the crime of <u>MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE</u> , in that the defendant on or about <u>October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017</u> , at or about <u>6:00 a.m.</u> at 290 <sup>th</sup> Street & Shadow Avenue, in Floyd County, did <u>Willfully, deliberately, and with premeditation kill Michael Bruce Johns.</u>				
in violation of: 707.2(1), (a class	ss A felony) Code of Iowa		(DCI I- Signature	
Subscribed and sworn to before me by the said, Scott Reger, Complainant, on the 27th day of January, 2019.				
STATE OF IOWA, COUNTY OF FLOYD, SS.		Notary I ANNA M Commission My Commiss IOWA August 2	No. 791745 Ion Expires	
I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn and under oath, state that the following facts known by me or told to me by other reliable person form the basis for my belief that <u>Armando Adame III</u> , the Defendant committed the crime charged:				
On or about October 25th, 2017, Armando Adame III did commit murder in the 1st degree by willfully, deliberately, and with premeditation kill Michael Bruce Johns.				
On October 26th, 2017, Michael Johns was reported as a missing person to the Grundy Center Police Department, by his family.				
During the subsequent investigation, which included the review of video, interviews with witnesses and the examination of cell phone records, it was determined that Johns was with Adame and another person on the everning of October 24th, 2017 into the early morning of October 25th, 2017. The activity of Johns, Adame, and the other individual included traveling from the Waterloo/Cedar Falls area, to areas around Blackhawk, Buchanan, Grundy, Marshall, Tama, Butler, and Floyd Counties. Cell phone records showed that the cell phones of Johns, Adame, and the other individual eventually ended up in an area around Charles City, lowa on October 25th, 2017, before and around 6:00 a.m. At approximately 6:05 a.m., cell phone records showed Johns' phone being used in an area northeast of Greene, lowa. After 6:08 a.m., there was no other outgoing activity from Johns' cell phone and no one reported seeing or hearing from him after that time. Cell phone records for Adame and the other individual showed incoming and outgoing activity on their cell phones and the records located these phones between Charles City and the Waterloo/Cedar Falls area after Johns' cell phone's				
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outgoing activity had ceased.

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Adame was interviewed by law enforcement and admitted to being with Johns and the other individual on the evening of October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and into the early morning of October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017, but denied having anything to do with his disappearance or death. At the conclusion of the interview with Adame, a search warrant was served at 337 South Hackett in Waterloo, lowa, the location that Adame was staying at. During the search, items belonging to Adame were located inside the residence and found to contain a sawed off 12 gauge shotgun, as well as miscellaneous 12 gauge shotgun ammunition. Subsequent analysis by the lowa DCI Criminalistics Laboratory (DCI Lab) reported that a latent palm print was located on the aforementioned shotgun and that this palm print was consistent with a palm print belonging to Adame.

On December 1st, 2017, John's body was located in a ditch near 290th Street & Shadow Avenue in rural Floyd County, Iowa. This area would be consistent with the area that cell phone records indicated was the last location that Johns' cell phone had outgoing activity. Johns was found to be suffering from what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the head. A subsequent autopsy at the lowa Office of the State Medical Examiner's Office determined that Johns' cause of death was, "shotgun wound to the head" and his manner of death was ruled to be, "homicide".

On December 7th, 2017, Adame was arrested on federal firearms charges, pertaining to his possession of the aforementioned sawed off shotgun.

Subsequent analysis by the Iowa DCI Lab reported that some of the 12 gauge ammunition found to be in Adame's possession were in the shot size range consistent with the shot recovered from Johns' body at autopsy.

During a subsequent interview with the other individual who was with Johns and Adame on October 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017, it was learned that while driving back from Charles City during the early morning of October 25th, 2017, Adame and Johns got into an argument inside the vehicle. The other individual stated that while they were stopped on a gravel road, Adame pulled Johns out of the vehicle and then shot and killed Johns with a sawed off shotgun.

During a subsequent plea agreement with Federal Prosecutors, accepted on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Adame admitted to possessing the aforementioned shotgun on October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

(DCI I-168)
Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the said, Scott Reger, Complainant, on January 27th, 2019.

ANNA M VOSS
Commission No. 791745
My Commission Expires
August 28, 2021

Judge, Magistrate or Notary Public in the State of Iowa

Complaint and Affidavit filed and probable cause found that the offense has been committed and that Defendant committed it.

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			Judge or Magistrate
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Court	Police	Prosecutor	Defendant