

COMPLAINT

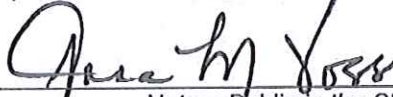

STATE OF IOWA, COUNTY OF FLOYD

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VsBefore (Judge, Magistrate):
Criminal Case No :

DCI Case #: 2017-030810

Armando Adame III, DOB: [REDACTED] RACE: H, SEX: Male, SSN: [REDACTED]
ADDRESS: 337 S. Hackett, Waterloo, IA

The Defendant is accused of the crime of POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND OFFENSIVE WEAPONS BY FELONS, in that the defendant on or about October 25th, 2017, at or about 6:00 a.m., at 290th Street & Shadow Avenue, in Floyd County, did knowingly have under his dominion and control or possession, receive, transport or cause to be transported a firearm or offensive weapon, as a person who was convicted of a felony in the State of Iowa.

in violation of: 724.26, (a class D felony) Code of Iowa
 (DCI I-168)
Signature
Subscribed and sworn to before me by the said, Scott Reger, Complainant, on the 27th day of January, 2019.

Notary Public in the State of Iowa
ANNA M VOSS
Commission No. 791745
My Commission Expires
August 28, 2021

STATE OF IOWA,
COUNTY OF FLOYD, SS.

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 Armando Adame III, the Defendant committed the crime charged:

On or about October 25th, 2017, Armando Adame III did knowingly have under his dominion or control and possession, receive, transport or cause to be transported a firearm or offensive weapon, as a person who was convicted of a felony in the State of Iowa.

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 evening 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, Iowa 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, Iowa. After 6:08 a.m., there was no other outgoing

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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 outgoing activity had ceased.

On November 17th, 2017, Adame was interviewed by law enforcement and admitted to being with Johns and the other individual on the evening of October 24th, 2017 and into the early morning of October 25th, 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, Iowa, 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 Iowa 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 Iowa 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".

Adame had previously been convicted of felonies in the State of Iowa, namely: 1) on or about April 18, 2008, in Black Hawk County Case number FECR152051, he was convicted of conspiracy to commit a forcible felony in violation of Iowa Code 706.3(A); and 2) on or about August 7, 2015, in Black Hawk County Case number FECR206557, he was convicted of felon in possession of a firearm in violation of Iowa Code 724.26.

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 24th & 25th, 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.

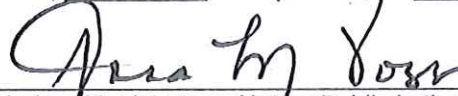
During a subsequent plea agreement with Federal Prosecutors, accepted on May 10th, 2018, Adame admitted to possessing the aforementioned shotgun on October 25th, 2017.

 (DCI I-188)
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Complaint and Affidavit filed and probable cause found that the offense has been committed and that Defendant committed it.

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