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STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF SHAWNEE

DATE: March 16, 2017

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Affiant, being first duly sworn on oath, says that he/she has reason to believe as follows:

1) That the following crime or crimes have been committed:

- 21-5402 (a) Murder in the first degree (x3)

2) The person alleged to have committed said crime:

-Joseph Aaron Krahn w/m [REDACTED]

3) This affidavit and application is based on the following facts:

On March 12, 2017, Shane Mays, a white male, with a date of birth [REDACTED] walked into the Law Enforcement Center voluntarily and stated he had witnessed a triple homicide the night before. Shortly after Shane Mays arrived at the Law Enforcement Center, Kora Lyne Liles, a white female with a date of birth [REDACTED] walked in to the Law Enforcement Center and stated she also witnessed a triple homicide. This triple homicide occurred at 115 NW Grant Topeka, Kansas according to Shane Mays and Kora Liles. Officers were dispatched to 115 NW Grant after this information was received to check the welfare of any occupants of the address.

On March 12, 2017, victims Luke Davis, a white male with a date of birth [REDACTED] Matthew Leavitt, a white male with a date of birth [REDACTED] and Nicole Star Fisher, a white female with a date of birth [REDACTED] were found dead at 115 NW Grant in the basement. After additional interviews with the following people; Shane Mays, a white male with a date of birth [REDACTED] Kora Liles, a white female with a date of birth [REDACTED] Joseph Lowry, a white male with a date of birth [REDACTED] Joseph Aaron Krahn (aka JOJO), a white male with a date of birth [REDACTED] Brain Flowers, a white male with a date of birth [REDACTED] and Richard Folsom, a white male with a date of birth [REDACTED] the following information was gathered about the events that occurred:

Shane Mays was with Matthew Leavitt on Saturday night, March 11, 2017, in Matthew Leavitt's red Pontiac G6. [REDACTED] of Matthew Leavitt, called and asked if Matthew

Leavitt would pick up [REDACTED] Nicole Fisher, from 115 NW Grant. Matthew Leavitt agreed to go pick up Nicole Fisher.

Shane and Matthew Leavitt pulled up to 115 NW Grant at 12:30 A.M. on March 12, 2017. Matthew Leavitt wanted to pull up to the house at 115 Grant and have Nicole Fisher come out and get into their vehicle and they would leave. Matthew Leavitt did not feel comfortable going into the house. [REDACTED]

When Matthew Leavitt and Shane pulled up in front of 115 NW Grant, a white male, in his 30s, with a beard and black hair came out of the house and went to the car. This man had a "Magnum" hand gun, and this person was later identified as Joseph Lowry. A second subject described as a heavy set white male, in his 30s, with red hair, and a goatee also came out of 115 NW Grant and was armed with a handgun with a pink stripe on it. This person is later identified as Brian Flowers. These two subjects pointed their firearms at both Matthew Leavitt and Shane Mays and made them get out of the Pontiac G6 and go inside of 115 NW Grant against their will. Joseph Lowry then jumped into Matthew Leavitt's Pontiac G6 and drove off. Joseph Lowry then came back to 115 NW Grant a short time later without the Pontiac G6.

Once inside 115 NW Grant, Kora Liles and Joseph Krahn (aka: JOJO) arrived. JOJO was described as a tall, slender, white male with dark hair wearing cowboy boots. Kora had a handgun and was waving it at Matthew Leavitt, Shane Mays, and Nicole Fisher and giving orders that everyone should die. Everyone inside of 115 NW Grant were sitting in the front room but were not free to leave. Kora Liles left 115 NW Grant at some point.

There was a knock on the front door and Luke Davis arrived. Soori after Luke Davis arrived, the situation went from bad to worse. Joseph Krahn started to talk about killing Matthew Leavitt and Shane Mays. Joseph Krahn had brought a plastic liner to line the room with. Luke Davis was running his mouth and Joseph Krahn became irate. After being told repeatedly to shut his mouth by Joseph Krahn, Luke Davis was tied with his hands behind his back to an office chair in the living room. After some time had passed, Luke then got his hands free and attempted to run to the front door and escape. Joseph Krahn tackled Luke Davis at the front door and pulled out a knife he had on his belt. At this point, Joseph Lowry and Brian Flowers jumped on top of Luke Davis who was on the floor to assist Joseph Krahn. Joseph Krahn lost control of his knife after being struck in the testicals and someone used the knife to stab Luke Davis. Luke did not die from the

stab wounds and was then strangled to death by Joseph Krahn using a white electrical cord from an upright fan that was next to the door.

Next, Nicole Fisher was tied to the office chair with her hands behind her back. Shane Mays took a black trash bag and put it over Nicole's head as if he was going to suffocate her. Shane Mays could not suffocate Nicole so Joseph Krahn then stepped in and assisted in suffocating Nicole Fisher to death.

Finally, Matthew Leavitt was placed in the office chair and punched in his face and stomach area by numerous subjects, including Shane Mays. Shane Mays then placed a black trash bag over Matthew Leavitt's head but couldn't suffocate. Matthew Leavitt was able to free himself from the chair and fell to the floor. At that point, Joseph Krahn then placed Matthew Leavitt's head in a scissor lock by using his legs. Joseph Krahn held Matthew Leavitt in the scissor lock and strangled him to death.

After the three victims were dead, all three bodies were moved to the basement. Shane Mays assisted Joseph Krahn and Joseph Lowry in moving the bodies to the basement. At one point, Joseph Krahn carried Nicole Fisher to the basement by throwing her over his shoulder.

On March 12, 2017, after sunrise, Kora Liles arrived back at the 115 NW Grant address and drove Joseph Krahn, Joseph Lowry and Shane Mays away from 115 NW Grant. Kora Liles dropped Shane Mays off at 1ST and Kansas. Shane Mays then walked to 110 SW The Drive, in Topeka, Kansas. Detectives recovered his bloody clothing from this address on March 13, 2017. Joseph Krahn was dropped off on Lower Silver Lake Rd by Kora Liles.

On March 12, 2017 Joseph Krahn was located at [REDACTED] and transported to the law enforcement center to be interviewed. In a post Miranda interview Joseph Krahn admitted that he was at 115 NW Grant and was called over there by Kora Liles to "scare" some people. Joseph Krahn stated he did not have any knowledge of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Joseph stated that everyone at the residence was talking a bickering and he had enough.

Joseph Krahn stated Luke Davis was tied to an office chair in the front room. Luke Davis attempted to leave by getting loose from the chair and heading for the front door. Joseph Krahn stated he tackled him at the front door and pulled a knife out that he had in a sheath on his belt. Joseph Krahn stated that Brian Flowers and Joseph Lowry jumped on Luke Davis while he was on the floor. Joseph Krahn stated that during the scuffle he lost control of his knife because he was struck in his testicals and someone stabbed Luke Davis in the left bicep area with his knife, but it wasn't him. Joseph

Krahn then stated he used a white electrical cord from an upright fan sitting nearby and wrapped it around Luke Davis's neck and strangled him to death

Joseph Krahn said that the female, Nicole Fisher, was tied to the office chair and Shane Mays placed a black trash bag over her head and attempted to suffocate Nicole Fisher to death. When Shane Mays was struggling with this, Joseph Krahn stated he stepped in and suffocated Nicole until she died.

Joseph Krahn said that Matthew Leavitt was beaten by Shane Mays, Joseph Lowry and himself. They all punched Matthew Leavitt in the face and stomach area. Shane Mays placed a black trash bag over Matthew Leavitt's head and attempted to suffocate him but did not. Matthew ended up falling over on the floor and became combative. Joseph Krahn stated he used his legs and placed Matthew's head between his legs (Joseph Krahn demonstrated this in the interview room for us) and strangled Matthew Leavitt with his legs until he died.

Joseph Krahn stated he meant to "scare" these people and not kill them, but it went all wrong. Joseph Krahn admitted he brought over a vinyl storm window kit that contained a 6'X5' heavy plastic sheet inside. According to Joseph Krahn this vinyl was going to be placed on the floor to scare them.

Joseph Krahn then stated that Shane Mays and he moved the bodies to the basement before leaving the residence. Joseph, who was covered in blood after this occurred, stated Richard Folsom and he went back to [REDACTED] and burned all of their clothes and the knife that was used to stab Luke Davis in a burn barrel in the backyard.

In the interview room Joseph Krahn was wearing cowboy boots. He voluntarily kicked them off and asked me to take them. On the side of the boots there were numerous blood stains.

Wherefore, the undersigned requests that a warrant be issued for the said individual.

(If no Notary)

I verify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed, March 16, 2017

Notary

Subscribed and sworn to before me was

__ "day" __ day of __ "month" __, "year"

(seal)

Notary Public