

STATE OF INDIANA )  
 ) SS:  
COUNTY OF LAKE )

SUPERIOR COURT OF LAKE COUNTY  
CRIMINAL DIVISION  
CAUSE: 45G01-1608-MR-00003

Plaintiff,

v.

KELLY MARIE COCHRAN )  
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 )  
Defendant. )

ORDER

08/12/16

The State of Indiana by Deputy Prosecuting Attorney David Urbanski files an information and a probable cause affidavit. It is determined that there is probable cause to believe that the crime of murder has been committed and that Kelly Marie Cochran committed it. A warrant is ordered issued for the arrest of the defendant who is to be held without bail

SO ORDERED: *NATALIE BOKOTA*, MAGISTRATE [ah]

STATE OF INDIANA )

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V.

KELLY MARIE COCHRAN  
DOB: JUNE 5, 1982

) ss: FILED IN SUPERIOR COURT OF LAKE COUNTY  
) CLERK'S OFFICE CRIMINAL DIVISION  
) GROWN POINT, INDIANA

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INFORMATION

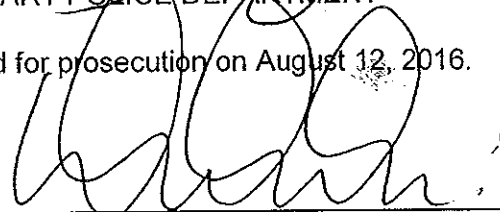
COUNT I  
[MURDER]

Jeremy Ogden, upon oath, says that on or about February 20, 2016, in the County of Lake, State of Indiana, Kelly Marie Cochran did knowingly or intentionally kill Jason Cochran, contrary to I.C. 35-42-1-1(1), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

In accordance with IC 35-44.1-2-1, I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that the foregoing representation(s) is (are) true.

  
AFFIANT, JEREMY OGDEN  
HOBART POLICE DEPARTMENT

Subscribed and affirmed before me and approved for prosecution on August 12, 2016.

  
DAVID W. URBANSKI  
DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

WITNESSES: Steve Houck, Nick Wardrip, Chris Sipes, Scott Shaginaw and Corey Hanrahan, Laura Frizzo, Zhuo Wang, MD and Merrilee Frey, Chris Curdy, Craig Barton, Mary Cochran, Chester Cochran, Chet Cochran, Coltin Gaboyan, Tim Gaboyan, Tammy Gaboyan, Melanie Gaboyan, Walt Ammerman, Eric Erikson, James Greer, Ava Whited, Shannon Keller, Mark Watkins, Jay Johnston, Mark Hoff, Joshua Truelove, Sam Gaines, Michael Neiger and James Grady

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PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

Comes now Detective Jeremy Ogden of the Hobart Indiana Police Department, who upon his oath, affirms that he believes and has good cause to believe that the crime of murder occurred on or about February 20, 2016, in Hobart, Lake County, Indiana.

In the course of my investigation, I personally spoke with police officers from the Hobart Indiana Police Department and the Iron River Michigan Police Department and personnel from the Lake County Indiana Coroner's Office and the Hobart Indiana Fire Department. I believed these individuals to be truthful and credible because they spoke of facts and circumstances within their own personal knowledge. I also reviewed various reports prepared by officers from the Hobart Indiana Police Department and the Iron River Michigan Police Department and personnel associated with the Lake County Indiana Coroner's Office and the Hobart Indiana Fire Department. I relied on these reports because I understood these reports to be trustworthy based upon the fact they were created at or near the time of the events by an individual with knowledge of the events or from information transmitted by a person with knowledge of the events. The reports were created as a regular practice of these police departments, the Lake County Indiana Coroner's office and the Hobart Indiana Fire Department. They are kept in the normal course of regularly conducted activities.

The Hobart Indiana Police officers whom I personally spoke with or whose reports I reviewed included Steve Houck, Nick Wardrip, Chris Sipes, Scott Shaginaw and Corey Hanrahan.

The Iron River Michigan Police officers whom I personally spoke with or whose reports I reviewed included Laura Frizzo.

The Lake County Indiana Coroner's personnel whom I personally spoke with or whose reports I reviewed included Zhuo Wang, MD and Merrillee Frey.

The Hobart Indiana Fire Department personel whom I personally spoke with or whose reports I reviewed included Chris Curdy and Craig Barton.

In the course of my investigation, I became familiar with various conversations that occurred and multiple interviews that police officers conducted with numerous, cooperating witnesses. I gained this information through reviewing the aforementioned police reports and speaking with those officers who engaged the cooperating witnesses in dialogue. Additionally, I personally participated in multiple interviews of cooperating witnesses. I believed these cooperating witnesses to be truthful and credible because they spoke of facts and circumstances within their own personal knowledge. The individuals identified as cooperating witnesses include Mary Cochran, Chester Cochran, Chet Cochran, Coltin Gaboyan, Tim Gaboyan, Tammy Gaboyan, Melanie Gaboyan, Walt Ammerman, Eric Erikson, James Greer, Ava Whited and James Grady.

In the course of my investigation, I reviewed various reports that were created by Public Offices or Public Agencies. I believed these reports were created by individuals who perform their duties properly without motive or interest other than to submit accurate and fair reports.

In the course of the investigation, I searched Facebook activity of various individuals to gather information.. Facebook is an online social networking service. Since 2006, anyone who is at least 13 years of is allowed to become a registered user of the website, though the age requirement may be higher depending on applicable local laws.

After registering, to use the site, users can create a user profile, add other users as "friends", exchange messages, post status updates and photos, share videos and receive notifications when others update their profiles.

Additionally, I used the Spillman System to gather data relative to my investigation. The Spillman System is a Lake County wide system designed to store available information entered into the system by participating police agencies. The Hobart Indiana Police Department is a contributing agency to the Spillman system. I have consistently used the Spillman system during my time as an officer as a successful tool to further various investigations.

Finally, I used the TLO-XP database. This is a web based database which I've consistently used during my time as an officer as a successful tool to further various investigations. The database is available to law enforcement for intelligence gathering purposes.

During the morning hours of February 20, 2016, Hobart Indiana Fire Department Paramedics were dispatched to 7101 Mississippi Street in Hobart, Lake County, Indiana for an unresponsive male. The unresponsive male was identified as Jason Cochran. While at the residence, paramedics worked administering various drugs and life saving efforts in an attempt to revive Jason Cochran. Ultimately, he was transported to the St. Mary's Hospital Emergency room where lifesaving efforts were ceased, and he was pronounced dead.

During the course of this investigation, I reviewed a Hobart Indiana Fire Department report created by paramedics Chris Curdes and Craig Barton. The report indicated, upon arrival, Jason was being held up in a seated position by family. Cochran was described as purple in color, and his skin was warm and diaphoretic (sweaty). Cochran was pulseless and breathless. He was not breathing on his own. Vomit was observed on the floor and in Cochran's mouth. Paramedics laid Cochran on the floor and began CPR. Cochran was placed on a four (4) lead monitor, which showed he was asystole (flat lined). Cochran was removed from the residence, secured to a cot and placed into the ambulance. Medics then transported him to St. Mary's Emergency room.

During the course of this investigation, I spoke to Hobart Fire Fighter paramedic Chris Curdy. Curdy stated that he remembered this case. Curdy stated that Kelly Cochran was hysterical and Jason's parents, Chester and Mary Cochran, were low key and calm. Curdy stated that Kelly Cochran would not let leave the room and was disruptive. Curdy stated that Jason Cochran was in cardiac arrest, not breathing, had no pulse, and was sinosis (blueish discoloration.) Curdy stated that they asked Kelly several times to leave the room and she would not. Curdy stated that they performed CPR, and Jason Cochran was given epinephrine and sodium bicarb. Curdy stated that Cochran was flat lined. Curdy states that normal procedure is to work on the patient for twenty (20) minutes and then transport or call the hospital for orders to cease life saving measures. Curdy stated that Jason Cochran would not have been transported if not for the lack of cooperation of Kelly Cochran. Curdy stated Jason had no signs of life before, during, and after all life saving measures were in place.

During the course of this investigation I spoke with Hobart Indiana Fire Department paramedic Craig Barton. Barton stated that he was the primary paramedic who worked and administered various life saving measures in the Jason Cochran case. Barton stated the same as Curdy, and added, that he also normally would have called the hospital in this case for further direction, however, due to Kelly Cochran's behavior, Jason was transported even though he could not be saved.

In the course of the investigation, I had the opportunity to review the autopsy report for autopsy number 075-2016 performed upon the body of Jason Cochran on February 23, 2016, by Zhuo Wang, MD. The report listed the manner of death to be homicide, and the cause of death was listed as asphyxia due to strangulation that was complicated by heroin intoxication. The

anatomical findings indicated several clinical observations. These included petechial hemorrhages involving the conjunctiva, forehead, head and nose; hemorrhages of the bilateral petrosal sinus; intramuscular hemorrhage of the left sternocleidomastoid muscle; and hemorrhages of the paratracheal soft tissue.

I also took the opportunity to speak with Dr. Wang on multiple occasions regarding the autopsy of Jason Cochran. These conversations allowed me to gain a further understanding of the facts and circumstances surrounding the death of Jason Cochran. In the course of those conversations, Dr. Wang revealed to me the toxicology results performed by AIT Laboratory upon Jason Cochran's blood. The quantified results, which indicated the breakdown components of heroin, showed massive amounts of morphine and monoacetylmorphine present in Jason Cochran's blood. These amounts were well beyond any recommended therapeutic range.

In the course of further investigating the death of Jason Cochran in Lake County Indiana, I took advantage of many opportunities to speak with his wife, Kelly Cochran.

Between February 23, 2016, and April 26, 2016, it is estimated that at least forty (40) conversations between this investigator and Ms. Cochran occurred. It is believed that these conversations amounted to at least seventy (70) hours of dialogue between me and Ms. Cochran. In each of these dialogues, Ms. Cochran was a voluntary participant. She was never in custody during any of the conversations, and, during each of these conversations, she was always free to end the conversation and free to leave my presence.

The majority of these conversations involved discussing an individual by the name of Chris Regan. Mr. Regan was an Iron River, Michigan resident who disappeared on October 14, 2014. Kelly and Jason Cochran emerged as suspects in the course of Iron River Michigan's investigation.

As a result, I took the opportunity to speak with Iron River Michigan Police Chief Laura Frizzo about the facts and circumstances of the investigation involving the disappearance of Chris Regan. She updated me by providing a detailed accounting of her investigative efforts. I believed her to be truthful and credible because she spoke of facts and circumstances within her own personal knowledge.

During the course of Jason's death investigation, attention was focused on Ms. Cochran as it related to her responsibility for the death of her husband, Jason Cochran. Suspicion grew as our conversations continued, her stories changed and inconsistencies emerged. These inconsistencies centered upon drug consumption on the night of Jason's death, contact with family members and others, Jason's physical condition on the night of his death and Ms. Cochran's emotional state and response to the death of her husband.

During the two (2) month period of dialogue with Kelly Cochran, the assistance of James Greer was enlisted. Mr. Greer works for a company known as Truth Services Kansas. He specializes in forensic statement analysis and cognitive interviewing. Mr. Greer was provided with oral and written samples produced by Kelly Cochran from the various occasions when she and I spoke. The sampling provided to Mr. Greer was random. His conclusion, based upon his experience and training, was that Ms. Cochran was being deceptive.

During the two (2) month period of dialogue with Kelly Cochran, the assistance of James Grady was enlisted. Mr. Grady is a special agent with the United State's Justice Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. His work is specialized as a polygrapher examiner. He took the opportunity to provide Ms. Cochran a polygraph examine. The conclusion of the exam, based upon his experience and training, was that Ms. Cochran was being deceptive.

Each of these results confirmed my belief that Ms. Cochran was not, up until that time, being fully honest about her knowledge of the deaths of Chris Regan and Jason Cochran.

On April 26, 2016, Kelly Cochran absented herself from Indiana's jurisdiction. She, essentially, left the area without communicating with individuals close to her. It was during this flight that authorities from the State of Michigan charged her with various felonies surrounding the disappearance of Christopher Karl Regan.

Iron River Michigan Police Chief Laura Frizzo, pursuant to State of Michigan procedures and policies, swore out a warrant for Ms. Cochran's arrest. On April 28, 2016, Kelly Marie Cochran was charged in the Chris Regan matter under Case Number 2016000143 in the State of Michigan's 41<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit in Judicial District 95B.

She was charged in a six (6) count felony complaint. They are: Count 1, Murder; Count 2, Home invasion; Count 3, Conspiracy to Commit Dead Bodies – Disinternment and Mutilation; Count 4, Concealing the Death of an Individual; Count 5, Lying to a Police Officer; and Count 6, Accessory After the Fact to a Murder. As of this writing, Ms. Cochran is incarcerated in the Iron County Michigan Jail, and the charges against her remain pending.

Through various investigative techniques and the assistance of the United States Marshall's Service, Ms. Cochran was taken into custody later that evening in Wingo, Kentucky.

In the course of the investigation, investigators took the opportunity to speak with Ms. Cochran after her arrest in Kentucky. Three (3) interviews occurred, however, the first was short circuited because of issues being experienced by Ms. Cochran.

The second interview was conducted on April 29, 2016. At the time, she was incarcerated in Graves County, Kentucky, and she was spoken with at the Mayfield Kentucky Police Department. This conversation occurred after Ms. Cochran was advised of her constitutional rights, had those rights explained to her and voluntarily waived those rights and chose, without coercion or duress, to engage in dialogue with investigators. Additionally, in the course of this conversation, Ms. Cochran spoke against her own penal interest.

The conversation began with Ms. Cochran stating she is very resourceful, and she speaks to the possibility of her taking her own life. Ms. Cochran began speaking regarding the Chris Regan incident on October 14, 2014, in the State of Michigan. Ms. Cochran stated 'I did not choose this life, it chose me'. She stated that on October 13<sup>th</sup>, Jason told her that he was going to Chris Regan's apartment to kill him. I responded 'but that would have been sloppy'. Ms. Cochran stated 'sure it would have been sloppy, he (Jason) does not think'.

Ms. Cochran admitted for the first time that Chris Regan had never been to her residence prior to October 14, 2014. Ms. Cochran stated that she and Jason fought/argued on October 13<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Cochran stated Jason asked her how she was going to fix things, and Ms. Cochran stated she contemplated killing Jason instead of Chris. I asked Ms. Cochran what worried her the most about Jason's plan to kill Chris Regan. She replied 'him going through with it'.

Ms. Cochran then detailed the killing of Chris Regan. She indicated he was lured to her residence under the guise of a sexual encounter. Upon arrival at the residence, she engaged in sexual activity with Chris Regan. The sexual episode was interrupted by Jason Cochran. Jason Cochran, while working in concert with Kelly Cochran, was, essentially, lying in wait for Chris Regan in the residence's basement.

Jason Cochran fired a long barrel .22 rifle into the skull of Chris Regan. He died at the Cochran residence.

Ms. Cochran then summarized her getting Jason the cord for the Saws All, so that Jason could dismember the body of Chris Regan. After this occurred, Ms. Cochran indicated she followed Jason to the park-and-ride so that Jason could drop off Chris's car to get Chris' car away from their residence. Additionally, Ms. Cochran stated, later in the early morning hours of October 15<sup>th</sup>, she drove Jason to the area of 639 Pentoga Trail where Jason carried multiple garbage bags containing Chris Regan's dismembered body out into the woods.

During the course of the continued interview with Ms. Cochran, we spoke briefly of Jason's death in Lake County Indiana. She admitted to killing Jason. She stated she overdosed him with heroin and suffocated him. She wouldn't provide much content or detail. Ms. Cochran stated she had thought about killing Jason for a long time.

On May 18, 2016, I received a phone call from Chief Laura Frizzo of the Iron River Police Department. Chief Frizzo stated she was at the Iron County Jail, and she was met by Kelly Cochran's public defender who stated that Ms. Cochran had a request before taking Chief Frizzo

to the location of Chris Regan's body. Chief Frizzo indicated that the lawyer told her Ms. Cochran was requesting to speak with me on the phone before she would do anything.

Ms. Cochran and I talked about Chris Regan, and that his body should be recovered and that he deserves a proper burial. Ms. Cochran asked me what I wanted. I told her the truth. Ms. Cochran asked me if I was a good writer. She asked me if I enjoyed writing. Ms. Cochran stated she needed someone who enjoys writing because she has a good story. I informed Ms. Cochran she needed to be able to back it up.

Ms. Cochran stated she needs to be done with this. She needs to be able to sleep. I asked her how she is going to facilitate that with me today. Ms. Cochran stated well you are not here. I told her that everybody's outside waiting to talk to her or go somewhere to locate Chris Regan. I confronted her about being truthful about Chris Reagan.

Ms. Cochran stated they are asking for Chris Regan's body, a gun and other things for a murder case. I told her they aren't asking for these things for that. They are asking because it's the right thing to do. I told her if she just disclosed the location of Chris everyone would be happy. I explained that Chris deserved to have a service. His family needed to know the truth about his last day. Ms. Cochran stated she was going to take law enforcement to the spot on Pentoga Trail. Ms. Cochran stated all his parts were there unless animals carried him away.

I then asked her about Jason. I asked why? Ms. Cochran stated she decided to kill Jason on February 20, 2016. Ms. Cochran stated she thought about killing Jason since October 14, 2014. Ms. Cochran had previously told me in an earlier interview that she had contemplated killing Jason instead of Chris Regan on October 14, 2014. Ms. Cochran stated if she could go back she would. I asked Ms. Cochran what made her choose that night. Ms. Cochran stated years of built up bullshit, and she laughed.

I asked Ms. Cochran if she was going to tell me how she killed Jason. She stated yes. Ms. Cochran stated an overdose on heroin and choked him. I asked how? Ms. Cochran stated with her hands on his neck, nose and mouth. I asked Ms. Cochran if she remembered putting her hands over his nose and mouth. She stated yes. Ms. Cochran stated it didn't take long at all. It took less than a minute.

Upon the completion of the phone call, Ms. Cochran voluntarily assisted law enforcement in the recovery of various items evidencing the murder of Chris Regan in Iron River Michigan. Ms. Cochran's assistance in the matter led to the recovery of parts of the .22 caliber long barrel rifle from within the Cochran residence and from a nearby body of water known as the Caspian Pit. In the area Ms. Cochran described along Pentoga Trail, human remains were found. These included a skull with an apparent bullet hole and multiple assorted bones and bone fragments. These remains were identified to be those of Chris Regan. Additionally, in the area where the human remains were found, a .22 caliber bullet was discovered along with a pair of eyeglasses believed to be the property of Chris Regan.

On May 23, 2016, I took a final opportunity to speak with Kelly Cochran. This conversation occurred within the Iron County Michigan Jail. This conversation occurred after Ms. Cochran was advised of her constitutional rights, had those rights explained to her and voluntarily waived those rights and chose, without coercion or duress, to engage in dialogue with this investigator. Additionally, in the course of this conversation, Ms. Cochran spoke against her own penal interest.

Ms. Cochran talked about her lack of feeling and emotion. Ms. Cochran stated she wanted to talk about love. Ms. Cochran stated she watched and studied people to understand how they react to others. I stated you have always been in self preservation mode. Ms. Cochran stated, "I'll give you that". Ms. Cochran stated you feel, and I can't.

Ms. Cochran stated from the time Jason shot Chris she wanted Jason dead. He took the only good thing I had in my life. Ms. Cochran stated she didn't know why she waited so long. She hated him. "I still hate him, and yes, it was revenge, I evened the score."

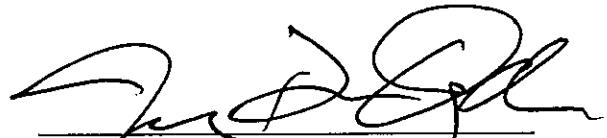
I asked Ms. Cochran what she asked her sister Tammy for on the night before Jason's death. Ms. Cochran stated the night prior she went to her sister Tammy and asked her for a syringe. Ms. Cochran stated Tammy wouldn't give her one. Ms. Cochran stated she ended up getting a syringe from the dealer who sold her the heroin.

Ms. Cochran stated Jason said he wanted to live a little because she always got to party. Ms. Cochran stated he got to live a little the night before he died. Ms. Cochran stated Jason was having difficulty breathing, and she made sure his mom saw this. Ms. Cochran stated Jason became sick and began vomiting.

Ms. Cochran asked me what is the most painful way to die? Ms. Cochran stated drowning / suffocating. Ms. Cochran stated while Jason was vomiting, she got on his lap or stomach and placed her hands over his nose and mouth. Ms. Cochran stated she suffocated Jason, and he drowned in his own fluids. Ms. Cochran stated it didn't take long for him to stop moving. Ms. Cochran stated Jason was looking at her while she had her hands over his mouth and nose. Ms. Cochran described it as a look of confusion or fear. Ms. Cochran stated Jason didn't grab her or do anything. She didn't think he was capable.

Ms. Cochran stated she also vomited on Jason. Ms. Cochran stated she was very high that night. Ms. Cochran stated she didn't feel bad for what she did, but she did feel bad for Jason's parents. Ms. Cochran stated she didn't lose a moment of sleep over Jason.

In accordance with IC 35-44.1-2-1, I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that the foregoing representation(s) is (are) true.



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AFFIANT, JEREMY OGDEN  
HOBART POLICE DEPARTMENT

Subscribed and affirmed to before me and approved for prosecution on August 12, 2016.

BERNARD A. CARTER  
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY



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DAVID W. URBANSKI  
DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY



**RECORDS CHECK BY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY AND CLERK**

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Level "MR"

A. Does the defendant have any *prior felony convictions*?  
 Yes  No [If yes, please list cause number, charge, and date of sentence.]

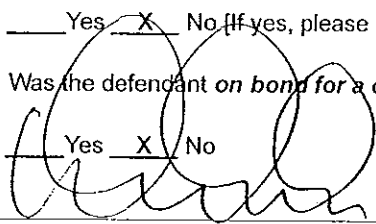
B. Is the defendant presently on *probation or parole* from any court?  
 Yes  No [If yes, please list cause number and charge.]

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C. Does the defendant have any other *felony or misdemeanor charges pending*?  
 Yes  No [If yes, please list cause number and charge.]  
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D. Is the defendant presently on *bond* from any court for a criminal offense?  
 Yes  No [If yes, please list cause number, charge and date bond posted.]

E. Was the defendant *on bond for a criminal offense on the date of this alleged offense*?  
 Yes  No

  
David W. Urbanski  
For the Prosecuting Attorney

  
For the Clerk

**ORDER MEMORANDUM**

The State files an information and probable cause affidavit. It is determined that there is probable cause to believe that the crime(s) of **1: Murder**

has (have) been committed, and that **KELLY MARIE COCHRAN** committed it (them).

(1)  **[NOT IN CUSTODY WITHIN LAKE COUNTY (includes a defendant in the hospital):]** A warrant is ordered issued for the arrest of the defendant, who is to be held:

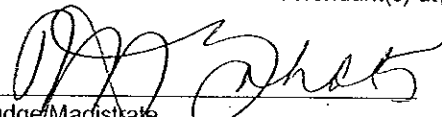
to bail in the amount of \$  
 without bail.

(2)  **[IN CUSTODY WITHIN LAKE COUNTY:]** The clerk is directed to notify the sheriff that the defendant is to be held:

to bail in the amount of \$  
 without bail.

To be completed by prosecuting attorney: Arrested on: Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
To be completed by judge or magistrate: Signed on: Date 8/12/16 @ 2:31 am/pm.

(3)  **[IN CUSTODY OUTSIDE LAKE COUNTY (Item (1) must also be checked):]** The clerk is directed to forward certified copies of the probable cause affidavit, information, and warrant(s) to serve as a detainer for the defendant(s) at Iron County Correctional Facility, Crystal Falls Michigan

SO ORDERED:   
Judge/Magistrate

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