

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE ST. JOSEPH SUPERIOR COURT
) SS:
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY)

CAUSE NO. 71D0 _____-1807-MR-_____

STATE OF INDIANA) INFORMATION FOR:
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VS.) MURDER, a FELONY:
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BARBARA BREWSTER, aka)
BARBARA SOUTH, aka)
BARBARA CLARKE, aka
DAISY GOLDEN
DOB: XX-XX-1962

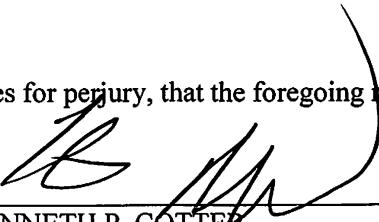
COUNT I.

KENNETH P. COTTER, upon information and belief, affirms under the penalty of perjury that:

On or between June 24, 1988 and June 30, 1988, in St. Joseph County, State of Indiana, BARBARA BREWSTER, aka BARBARA SOUTH, aka BARBARA CLARKE, aka DAISY GOLDEN did knowingly kill another human being, to-wit: Miriam Rice.

All of which is contrary to the form of the statute in such cases made and provided, to wit: Indiana Code 35-42-1-1(1) and 35-41-2-4 and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

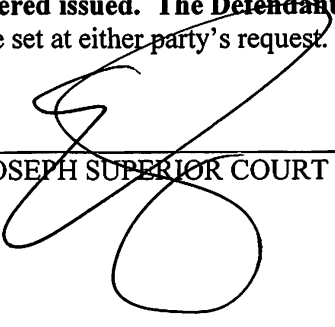
I affirm under the penalties for perjury, that the foregoing representations are true.



KENNETH P. COTTER
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

The Court having reviewed the Affidavit in Support of Probable Cause, makes a finding of probable cause of this charge. The Court also has considered the weight of the evidence and defenses as presented in the affidavit and makes a preliminary finding that the State has proven,

by a preponderance of the evidence, that the guilt of the Defendant is evident, and/or the presumption of guilt is strong. **Warrant ordered issued. The Defendant ordered held without bond.** Further hearing on bond to be set at either party's request. So found this 6th day of July, 2018 at 1:46 am/pm.



JUDGE, ST. JOSEPH SUPERIOR COURT

WITNESSES:

Cynthia Kilgore
Glenn McQueen
William Barnhardt
Marian Nicks-Walker
Mike Martinczak
Pat Cotrell
John Brassell
Fred Odusch
Richard Rozmarynowski
Jerome Kreczmer
Al DeRoo
Ralph Szczepanski
Tim Corbett
Fred Preston
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Tom Trenerry
Martin Gersey
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Bernard Switalski
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Kim Turcheck
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Dan Paquet
Renee Kelchak
Charles Denhert
Dr. Rick Hoover
Gary Hayes
Annie Schaeffer
Robert South
Jeff Rice
Paula South (Brooks)
Sgt. Mike Adams, Johnson City PD, TN
Reverend Stanley Wilkinson
Dawn Powers, ISP
Demetrius McIntosh
James Rice
Michael Clarke
Jerri Lynn Clarke
Det. Chris Hughs, Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office, AL

Chief Bush, Weaver City, Police Department, AL

Barbara Brewster AKA Barbara South AKA Barbara Clarke AKA Daisy Golden)

George Kearney

Kathy Demeter

Helen Partin

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v.)	SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT IN
)	SUPPORT OF PROBABLE CAUSE
BARBARA BREWSTER, aka)	
BARBARA SOUTH, aka)	
BARBARA CLARKE, aka)	
DAISY GOLDEN)	
DOB: XX-XX-1962)	

BRETT COPPINS, upon information and belief, after being duly sworn upon his oath, says that:

I am a Cold Case Homicide Investigator for the St. Joseph County Metro Homicide Unit (CMHU) located in the 60th Judicial Circuit, St. Joseph County, State of Indiana, and have been so since 2015. I am also a certified police officer and have been so since 1982. From 1982 until 1986, I was a Police Officer with Benton Harbor, Michigan. From 1986 until 2006, I was a Police Officer for the City of Elkhart, Indiana. During that time, I spent 17 years in the Criminal Investigation Division, 15 years of which were working major crimes (including Homicide Investigations). From 2008 until 2011, I served the US State Department and Department of Defense in northern Iraq as a Criminal Investigations Advisor and Crime Scene Manager to the US Military, Iraqi Counter-Terrorism and Intelligence Unit.

The Cold Case Unit of the CMHU was established in 2015 to further investigate unsolved homicides in St. Joseph County. There are currently 5 investigators with that Unit. I am one of them.

One of the cases investigated by this Unit involved the death of Miriam Rice that occurred between June 24, 1988 and June 30, 1988. The death of Miriam Rice occurred in St. Joseph County, Indiana.

The South Bend Police Department began that investigation in June of 1988. In 1993, the Special Crimes Unit (later identified as the County Metro Homicide Unit) came into existence and took over that investigation. In 2015, that case was assigned to the Cold Case Unit for further follow-up.

I make this affidavit based upon the original investigation and the subsequent investigation by the CMHU and the Cold Case Unit.

PRELIMINARY FACTS

On June 24th, 1988, Miriam Rice lived in the 800 block of Park Avenue, South Bend, Indiana. She was married, had a 3 ½ old child, and was also 4 months pregnant. At approximately 11:30 pm, Miriam Rice told her husband that she was taking her nightly walk with their dog. Generally, she would walk down Riverside Drive, adjacent to the St. Joseph County River. On this evening, she did not return. After an hour, her husband became worried and called the police. When she was not located an active search ensued.

During the subsequent search, the family dog was located cowering under a car in the 1000 block of Riverside Avenue. The leash was still attached.

Law enforcement, family, friends and Good Samaritans from the community began canvassing the whole area, looking for Miriam Rice. On June 30th, searchers located the body of Miriam Rice down the embankment on Boland Drive, roughly 3 miles from her home. Her body was obscured from sight by a substantial amount of foliage in that area.

Among other things, her bra and an earring were missing.

This embankment is across the north lagoon of Pinhook Park in South Bend, Indiana.

Dr. Rick Hoover, a forensic pathologist, performed the autopsy of Miriam Rice. According to Dr. Hoover, Miriam Rice died as a result of multiple and significant blunt force trauma to her head. Dr. Hoover ruled her death a homicide.

At the time of her death, GEORGE KEARNEY was camping in Pinhook Park with his then girlfriend BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) and her three (3) children Paula, Robert and Michael (ages 7, 6 and 2 years respectively).

Despite numerous attempts to solve this homicide, the investigation remained cold until 2016.

STATEMENT OF GEORGE KEARNEY

On March 9, 2016, GEORGE KEARNEY spoke to investigators with the CMHU about the death of Miriam Rice. He stated that he was arrested in July of 1988 for an unrelated matter, had been in prison for the past 27 years and had been recently released. He stated that he had been getting letters while in prison from Paula (daughter of BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN), questioning his involvement in the death of Miriam Rice. In order to "clear the air", GEORGE KEARNEY advised officers that he wanted to come forward.

GEORGE KEARNEY stated that he was in Pinhook Park with BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) the day that Miriam Rice was killed. He stated that they were camping and fishing. He further stated that BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) was the person who killed Miriam Rice.

Specifically, he stated that while at Pinhook Park, they saw a woman (later identified as Miriam Rice) running along the pavillion. GEORGE KEARNEY stated that BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) got something out of a black bag and ran after the woman. He then lost sight of BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN), but subsequently heard screaming from the woman. When BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) returned, she had blood on her hands. He further stated that BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) washed her hands off in the lagoon. GEORGE KEARNEY never discussed any use of the van.

STATEMENT FROM PAULA BROOKS

Detectives also spoke with Paula, the daughter of BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN), now 37 years of age. She advised officers that she had information concerning the death of Miriam Rice. She confirmed that GEORGE KEARNEY

and her mother (BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN)) had taken her, Bobby and Michael camping in Pinhook Park at the time of Miriam Rice's death. She further stated that her mother, BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN), GEORGE KEARNEY and her brother (Bobby, then age 6) left their campsite at Pinhook in order to get some food. Paula was left at the site in order to watch her then 2 year old brother Michael.

A couple of hours later, she heard a "blood-curdling scream" from across the lagoon, from a woman. This unknown woman was pleading for her life. The screaming continued for some time.

A short time later, BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN), GEORGE KEARNEY and her brother returned. Paula vividly remembered that all 3 were covered in blood. BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) told her to clean up Bobby. Paula advised investigators that Bobby looked "traumatized" and would only say that "something bad happened".

BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) told Paula to take Bobby's clothes to GEORGE KEARNEY so that he could burn them (along with their own clothes).

Additionally, BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) had Paula clean out the van. Paula remembered that the van had a substantial amount of blood in it, along with an unknown bra and earring. BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) had Paula take those items to the burn pile as well.

Paula stated that they then left the area in the van, where she was dropped off at her Aunt's home. She stated that she told her Aunt (Helen) about what she knew. At first, her Aunt did not believe her. However, after hearing of the disappearance of Miriam Rice, her Aunt then tried to call Crime Stoppers with that information.

According to Paula, she has never been able to forget what had happened.

Paula stated that she wrote GEORGE KEARNEY while he was in prison, attempting to get him to admit to what he had done to Miriam Rice.

She further stated that Bobby never spoke of what happened.

STATEMENT FROM HELEN PARTIN

Paula's Aunt (Helen Partin) has confirmed what Paula told investigators. In fact, when investigators re-contacted her in 2018, Ms. Partin asked investigators why it had taken so long. She stated that after Paula was dropped off (on June 25, 1988), Paula told her of the screaming and the blood. She stated that she did not know what to believe at first. However, she stated that later that day, she saw on the news that Miriam Rice was missing. She stated that she then called Crime Stoppers with the information that Paula provided to her.

She further stated that when Miriam Rice was found on June 30th, she again contacted crime stoppers. Helen Partin opined that perhaps she wasn't believed because of the age of Paula.

CRIME STOPPERS

Crime Stoppers is a law enforcement service which allows individuals to post anonymous information concerning crimes occurring in Michiana. I have reviewed the records from Crime Stoppers and have confirmed that Helen Patrin contacted Crime Stoppers with that information, at the times she discussed.

STATEMENT FROM ROBERT SOUTH

Based on the information from Paula and Helen, investigators located Robert South (now 35 years of age). Originally reluctant to speak, Robert eventually advised us that he was present when Miriam Rice was killed. He was 6 years old.

Specifically, Robert stated that he was in the van with his mother, BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) and GEORGE KEARNEY when he saw a woman (later identified as Miriam Rice) with a leash, walking a dog down the road. He believed that the road was along St. Joseph River.

Robert stated that GEORGE KEARNEY was driving, and pulled over. Robert stated that GEORGE KEARNEY got out of van and approached Miriam Rice. He then heard the dog make a “yelp” sound and run off. He told investigators that GEORGE KEARNEY grabbed Miriam Rice by the hair and dragged her. He stated that Miriam Rice then fought with GEORGE KEARNEY, whereupon GEORGE KEARNEY “smashed” her head into the side of the van, and then forced Miriam Rice into the van.

He then advised investigators that GEORGE KEARNEY began yelling at BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) to kill Miriam Rice, while he saw BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) continually beat Miriam Rice about the head with some tools that were in the van.

Robert stated that a substantial amount of blood was splashing about the van, including upon him, BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) and GEORGE KEARNEY.

Afterward the assault upon Miriam, he remembered returning to the campsite and having his clothing burned by GEORGE KEARNEY.

Robert stated that he has been traumatized by this murder his whole life. He stated that he has never told anyone what happened because GEORGE KEARNEY threatened to kill him if he did.

STATEMENT OF BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN)

On February 15, 2018, detectives interviewed BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN). BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) admitted that she was present when Miriam Rice was killed. However, she stated that GEORGE KEARNEY was responsible for the death of Miriam Rice.

Specifically, BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) stated that she, 3 of her children and GEORGE KEARNEY were camping at Pinhook Park. At some point, they left Pinhook Park in the van. While driving, she stated that GEORGE

KEARNEY stopped the van and approached a woman who was walking her dog. BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) positively identified this woman as Miriam Rice.

She stated that after speaking briefly with Miriam Rice, GEORGE KEARNEY “grabbed” Miriam Rice. Miriam Rice then fought with GEORGE KEARNEY. However, GEORGE KEARNEY overpowered her and forced Miriam Rice into the van. GEORGE KEARNEY then rendered Miriam Rice unconscious.

BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) stated that GEORGE KEARNEY then drove her and her children back to Pinhook Park and dropped them off. She stated that Miriam Rice was still unconscious in the van when GEORGE KEARNEY left with her. Roughly 15 minutes later, GEORGE KEARNEY returned without Miriam Rice.

BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) denied that she was involved in the death of Miriam Rice. She further denied that she or Robert were covered in blood. However, BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) admitted that GEORGE KEARNEY burned the clothing of Robert’s (claiming that it was because Robert had wet himself) and that GEORGE KEARNEY’s clothes were also burned.

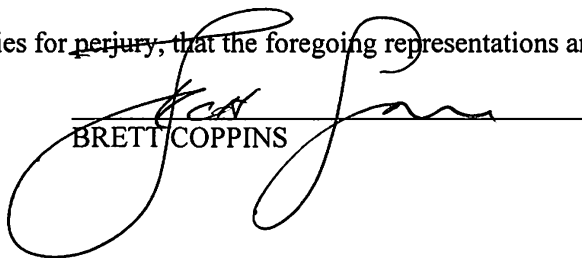
BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) stated that there was also blood in the van, and ordered Paula to clean it up. She further stated that Paula found an earring while cleaning, and that they threw the earring in the fire (along with the clothing). She stated that the earring was from Miriam Rice.

DETENTION CONSIDERATIONS

Based upon these facts and the admissions of GEORGE KEARNEY and BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN), there is probable cause to believe that GEORGE KEARNEY and BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) either individual killed Miriam Rice or aided another into doing so. Further, the guilt of both GEORGE KEARNEY and BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) is evident and/or the presumption is strong. I am therefore asking that

the Court detain both GEORGE KEARNEY and BARBARA BREWSTER (aka SOUTH aka CLARK aka DAISY GOLDEN) without bond until disposition or further order of the Court, pursuant to Statute and the Constitution of Indiana.

I affirm, under the pains and penalties for perjury, that the foregoing representations are true.


BRETT COPPINS