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STATE OF LOUISIANA 19TH JDC EAST BATON ROUGE SHERIFF OFFICE FILE #24-051246

AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST WARRANT

STATE OF LOUISIANA VS.

Kevin Miller Jr IBM# S2731 Division Homicide

TERRYON ISHMAEL THOMAS B/M, DOB 02/28/2004 Height 6' 3", Weight 150.00 lbs. BRO Eyes, BLK Hair

5510 Mancuso Drive Baton Rouge, LA 70809

The above-named person was accused with having violated

LRS: 14:30.1 - Second Degree Murder (1 cts.), 14:130.1 - Obstruction Of Justice (1 cts.)

By Kevin Miller Jr IBM# S2731

The Affiant informs the court that the Accused (Terryon Thomas B/M DOB: 02/28/2004) did violate Louisiana Revised Statutes 14:30.1 Second Degree Murder and 14:130.1 Obstruction of Justice within East Baton Rouge Parish and the State of Louisiana.

Detectives with the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office requested assistance from the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Office Homicide Division regarding an active homicide investigation in their jurisdiction.

According to the Detectives, on September 29, 2024, at approximately 0825 hours, the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) responded to U.S. Highway 51,

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Fluker, La 70436, north of Louisiana Highway 10 within Tangipahoa Parish in reference to a suspicious item in a tarp. According to TPSO Detectives, they discovered human remains, and there was no evidence that a murder occurred at that location.

During the initial investigation, TPSO Detectives located a blue tarp on the east side of U.S. Highway 51. When the item was cut open, the remains of a deceased white adult male were discovered. The body was found to be wrapped in a gray colored comforter with dark-colored duct tape used to wrap around the body. The head of the Victim was found to be covered with a dark-colored towel. The Victim appeared to have sustained blunt-force trauma to the head.

Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office Detectives learned that the Victim's vehicle, identified as a 2018 black Lincoln M.K.Z. bearing Louisiana License Plate 320FCD, was missing. Detectives further learned that on the afternoon of September 29, 2024, this vehicle was captured on law enforcement technology at a shopping center in the 9900 block of Crossing Way in Denham Springs, LA. This was after the Victim's remains were located. TPSO Detectives reviewed surveillance footage from the business and learned that a person of interest was seen exiting the 2018 black Lincoln M.K.Z. and walking into the business.

Based on the evidence obtained, TPSO issued a Louisiana statewide attempt to locate (BOLO) bulletin regarding the Victim's missing vehicle.

In Addition, TPSO Detectives released images from the CCTV Footage of the Accused, requesting the public's assistance in identifying the male. EBRSO Detectives received information positively identifying the black male in the photographs released in the news media as Terryon Thomas B/M DOB: 02/28/2004.

On September 30, 2024, at approximately 1220 hours, Uniform Patrol officers with the Baton Rouge Police Department (BRPD) located the vehicle near Sherwood Forest Blvd and Coursey Blvd. BRPD Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the vehicle.

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At that time, a pursuit ensued, resulting in the driver (the Accused) crashing the vehicle in the parking lot at 4324 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd. Baton Rouge, La. As a result of BRPD's Investigation, an arrest warrant was obtained for the Accused.

During further investigation, it was learned that after the vehicle pursuit, the Accused was given a ride from the Sherwood Forest Area to his residence at 5510 Mancuso Lane, Apt. 423, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

A duly sworn search warrant, signed by Commissioner Kina Kimble of the 19TH Judicial District Court, was obtained for Terryon Thomas' apartment at 5510 Mancuso Lane, Apt. 423, Baton Rouge, LA 70809.

During the execution of the residential search warrant, EBRSO Homicide Detectives discovered evidence that indicated a violent physical altercation ensued inside the apartment. A significant amount of blood was observed throughout the apartment, along with multiple sharp objects and other weapons. It should be noted that additional evidence indicated an apparent effort to discard evidence by cleaning the scene.

Video surveillance footage was obtained and showed the Victim, who arrived at the apartment complex at approximately 1100 hours on September 28, 2024. Detectives noted the Victim was wearing the same clothing in the surveillance footage as when he was found deceased wrapped in the tarp.

According to witnesses, the Accused was observed dragging an object wrapped in a blue-colored tarp hours after the Victim was last seen alive on September 28, 2024. Witnesses further informed the Accused appeared to be struggling while dragging the blue tarp down the stairs. The Accused was observed loading the tarp into the Victim's vehicle.

Crime Scene Investigators collected DNA Contact Swabs of the blood at the crime scene, which were submitted to the Louisiana State Police Crime Lab for analysis.

On October 2, 2024, the Affiant received notification from the Louisiana State Police

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Crime Laboratory that the submitted Contact Swabs for DNA analysis matched the Victim's DNA profile.

On October 2, 2024, The Affiant contacted the Accused, who is currently housed at the Dallas County Justice Center in Dallas, Texas. The Accused invoked his rights to the council.

Upon reviewing the evidence collected, the Affiant is compelled to believe the Accused, Terryon Thomas (B/M 02/28/2004), violated L.R.S. 14:30.1 Second Degree Murder and 14:130.1 Obstruction of Justice.

The Affiant is requesting an Arrest Warrant for the aforementioned violations.

Affiant certifies under oath that the information contained herein to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge under penalties of perjury and request that a warrant of arrest of the accused be issued.

Kevin Miller Jr

AFFIANT

THUS DONE AND PASSED on this 2nd day of October 2024 at 09:52 PM.

KINA KIMBLE

JUDGE, 19TH JDC

STATE OF LOUISIANA