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COUNTY OF HOWARD )

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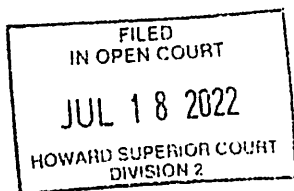
STATE OF INDIANA

CAUSE NUMBER. 34D02-2207-MR-002172

VS

AFFIDAVIT FOR PROBABLE CAUSE

FLINT VINCENT FARMER  
615 S. Purdum  
KOKOMO, IN 46901  
DOB: 4/28/1966  
SSN: XXX-XX-6994



Count 1:  
Murder  
I.C. 35-42-1-1(1)  
a Felony

The undersigned swears or affirms that there is good cause to believe that the defendant in this cause has committed the above-captioned offense, and in support thereof, shows the Court as follows:

1. Affidavits of witnesses, police officers, and other credible hearsay attached.

I affirm under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Mark A. ...".

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
July 18, 2022

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Probable Cause Affidavit  
KPD-2016-06924

On October 13, 2016, Marlana Smith, reported her daughter, KARENA S. MCCLERKIN as a missing person. Marlana advised officers she last saw KARENA S. MCCLERKIN on October 11, 2016. On October 14, 2016, Marlana advised officers that KARENA S. MCCLERKIN may be in danger and possibly with FLINT VINCENT FARMER at 1039 S. Washington, Kokomo, Indiana. Officers responded to 1039 S. Washington and contacted FLINT VINCENT FARMER. FLINT VINCENT FARMER allowed officers in to search for KARENA S. MCCLERKIN and she was not located in the apartment. FLINT VINCENT FARMER told officers that he saw KARENA S. MCCLERKIN near the alley that day, but she never came in his apartment. FLINT VINCENT FARMER told Officers KARENA S. MCCLERKIN was with a female in a white car and wanted money, but he turned her away.

was interviewed, and she advised that she drove KARENA S. MCCLERKIN to FLINT VINCENT FARMER's home on October 11, 2016. told officers that she waited in the alley for KARENA S. MCCLERKIN while she went to the front of the apartment house. stated that after about fifteen minutes of waiting, KARENA S. MCCLERKIN returned giving her a thumbs up that she was ok. aid the purpose was to drop KARENA S. MCCLERKIN off to stay at FLINT VINCENT FARMER's residence on this night.

On October 17, 2016, at approximately 9:45pm, Sgt. Jon Webster #334 received a call from Marlana Smith regarding her daughter's missing person report. She reported that she just recorded a phone conversation with reports that KARENA S. MCCLERKIN She reports that FLINT VINCENT FARMER passed out and KARENA S. MCCLERKIN got into FLINT VINCENT FARMER's safe, stealing approximately \$600 from the safe. Marlana advised that she recorded this phone conversation

On October 19, 2016, Sergeant Webster met with in reference to obtaining a statement from him advised that, and he reported that he residence on October 11, 2016 stated that he was hanging out with FLINT VINCENT FARMER between the times of 5pm to 2am. reports that KARENA S. MCCLERKIN, the missing girl, was also present. He described KARENA S. MCCLERKIN as a bi-racial female wearing black shoes, dark or black in color jeans with holes, possibly wearing a muscle shirt, a hoodie, and her hair was pulled back stated she came to the residence at about 8pm. Sergeant Webster showed photograph of KARENA S. MCCLERKIN and he confirmed that this was the female he had seen

. reported that FLINT VINCENT FARMER and KARENA S. MCCLERKIN left apartment eventually going over to FLINT VINCENT FARMER 's apartment. believes that they went over to goes on to report that she left the apartment shortly after. further reports that they ordered pizza from Jim's Pizza located on Home Avenue. He also stated later that night that FLINT VINCENT FARMER bought over \$60 worth of food that included four Stromboli's and a Supreme Pizza around 10pm. He further states that KARENA S. MCCLERKIN had returned to . and he overheard KARENA S. MCCLERKIN talking to FLINT VINCENT FARMER, stating that she was afraid and that she wanted to stay with him. reported that FLINT VINCENT FARMER agreed, and they both eventually return to Farmer's apartment. His apartment is located on the south side of the first floor. reported leaving apartment around 2:00am. Before he left, he and were sitting on the couch in apartment. His back was against an interior wall that was shared with FLINT VINCENT FARMER's apartment. He stated he heard what he thought were sounds that resembled people wrestling coming from FLINT VINCENT FARMER's apartment. He reported that he told go check on the girl (KARENA S. MCCLERKIN) because he thought something happened to her. He stated that told him that that FLINT VINCENT FARMER was crushing Xanax bars. who was , provided the same information as but added she heard what she described as a female's voice moaning like she was being hurt. She described that this noise was coming from FLINT VINCENT FARMER's apartment.

Later that day, Sergeant Webster went to 1039 S. Washington to speak to FLINT VINCENT FARMER exited his apartment and again denied KARENA S. MCCLERKIN ever entering his apartment. He also stated he never ordered pizza that night. Sergeant Webster had already confirmed with 'Jim's Pizza' that an order was placed and delivered that night. Sergeant Webster then contacted did not remember KARENA S. MCCLERKIN coming inside the apartment and stated he saw her at the side of the house near a garage. They did admit to getting pizza that night from Jim's pizza.

Sergeant Webster reviewed the phone records for KARENA S. MCCLERKIN. The records show that the last phone conversation between KARENA S. MCCLERKIN and FLINT VINCENT FARMER occurred on October 11, 2016, at 22:14:45.

On November 1, 2016, Sergeant Webster spoke

. reported

that she sold peach in color Xanax pills to FLINT VINCENT FARMER in the early evening hours of October 10th or 11th. [redacted] stated that KARENA S. MCCLERKIN was with FLINT VINCENT FARMER during this drug transaction. This drug deal occurred on the parking lot of the Village Pantry located at Markland and Washington Street. [redacted] said that [redacted] had known FLINT VINCENT FARMER since the summer of 2016 and that [redacted] has known KARENA S. MCCLERKIN, her mother and grandmother for some time. [redacted] reported that [redacted] sold too many of her pills to FLINT VINCENT FARMER and [redacted] eventually called him back during the early morning hours to purchase back some of the Xanax that [redacted] had sold to him. [redacted] advised that FLINT VINCENT FARMER agreed to sell them back to [redacted] and [redacted] drove to his apartment located on Washington Street. [redacted] reported that [redacted] knocked on the front door to his apartment. KARENA S. MCCLERKIN came to the front door very irate and asked her, "What do you fucking want?" [redacted] told KARENA S. MCCLERKIN that [redacted] was there to buy back some of [redacted] Xanax. According to [redacted] i, Flint stated that he was sorry because they didn't have any Xanax to sell back [redacted] told Sgt. Webster that FLINT VINCENT FARMER was standing behind KARENA S. MCCLERKIN [redacted] advised that KARENA S. MCCLERKIN's hair was pulled back and that she was wearing shorts. [redacted] advised that KARENA S. MCCLERKIN was very upset.

On November 1, 2016, Detective Banush interviewer [redacted] 1). [redacted] advised that on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, between 10:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., [redacted] met with FLINT VINCENT FARMER and KARENA S. MCCLERKIN at the Village Pantry located at Washington Street and Markland Avenue. [redacted] stated that [redacted] and [redacted] sold FLINT VINCENT FARMER some Xanax. [redacted] stated that FLINT VINCENT FARMER and KARENA S. MCCLERKIN [redacted] i. [redacted] stated that FLINT VINCENT FARMER went into the Village Pantry to use the ATM because he needed to get money to pay them [redacted] also advised that the ATM did not work at Village Pantry, so FLINT VINCENT FARMER walked to the Speedway across the street and used the ATM. [redacted] stated that FLINT VINCENT FARMER returned to Village Pantry and paid [redacted] for the drugs. [redacted] also stated that he put gas in [redacted] [redacted] went into the store with FLINT VINCENT FARMER and KARENA S. MCCLERKIN. [redacted] watched Flint purchase a large amount of food, which totaled approximately \$50.00. [redacted] stated that FLINT VINCENT FARMER purchased sandwiches, frozen pizzas, drinks, and candy. [redacted] provided the statements independent of one another's presence.

Detective Banush reviewed the cameras at the Village Pantry. The time stamp on the camera was off by 14 hours. Detective Catt was also present while they viewed and obtained copies of the video. The video confirms what both [redacted] stated. FLINT VINCENT FARMER and KARENA S. MCCLERKIN were at the Village Pantry at approximately 10:00 pm October 11, 2016. During the time, FLINT VINCENT FARMER is observed going across the street toward the Speedway Gas station He returns and FLINT VINCENT FARMER, KARENA S. MCCLERKIN and [redacted] enter the store. FLINT VINCENT FARMER makes a purchase of what appears to be several sandwiches and other food items. They all three leave the store at approximately 10:32 pm. Detective Catt obtained copies of this video. Detective Banush also confirmed, by the Speedway gas station video, that FLINT VINCENT FARMER did enter the store and use the ATM. Copies of the video surveillance is being maintained by KPD unde

On February 15, 2017, Sergeant Jon Wester and Captain Banush had another opportunity to speak to [redacted] at the police station. They asked [redacted] again if [redacted] remembered KARENA S. MCCLERKIN over at her residence on October 11, 2016. [redacted] advised that [redacted] remembered seeing her only once at her apartment. [redacted] was asked if [redacted] remembered going into the kitchen area with FLINT VINCENT FARMER, and KARENA S. MCCLERKIN to take some drugs. [redacted] denied that happened. [redacted] advised this time that [redacted] saw a person covered up and lying on FLINT VINCENT FARMER's floor

during the morning hours of October 12, 2016.

On July 11, 2018, Sergeant Webster began reviewing phone calls made by FLINT VINCENT FARMER while he was incarcerated in the Howard County Jail dating back to November of 2016. The calls were from November 12, 2016, to November 18, 2018. On one call (#777 November 18, 2016), FLINT VINCENT FARMER called [REDACTED]. During the phone call, FLINT VINCENT FARMER sounds nervous and scared, telling [REDACTED] that they are really hammering him. FLINT VINCENT FARMER tells [REDACTED] to turn on the news because he believes that they found the body of the missing girl. FLINT VINCENT FARMER then says that they are trying to get him for everything. FLINT VINCENT FARMER goes on and says that they are making me out, then pauses and says that the whole world is going crazy. FLINT VINCENT FARMER goes on telling [REDACTED] that he needs to get ahold of [REDACTED], and brace himself and it's about to get really ugly.

FLINT VINCENT FARMER called [REDACTED] (November 18, 2016). During the call FLINT VINCENT FARMER told [REDACTED] to keep checking [REDACTED] and make sure [REDACTED] okay. FLINT VINCENT FARMER told [REDACTED] to tell [REDACTED] to stay away from the apartment because they found that girl and they are going to try to do something crazy to try to hang him up. [REDACTED] told FLINT VINCENT FARMER that she will tell [REDACTED] t. FLINT VINCENT FARMER then told that he didn't do anything wrong.

FLINT VINCENT FARMER also called [REDACTED] (November 18, 2016). [REDACTED] told FLINT VINCENT FARMER that [REDACTED] t called Detective Haus and confirmed that they did not locate the missing girl. During the phone call [REDACTED] tells FLINT VINCENT FARMER to keep his mouth shut and not say anything.

FLINT VINCENT FARMER told her to keep her fucking mouth shut about what she saw. FLINT VINCENT FARMER also told [redacted] that they would not find a body. [redacted] did say that it was late at night at this point [redacted] again said that FLINT VINCENT FARMER told her to keep her mouth shut or she will end up with her (referring to KARFNA S. MCCLERKIN). She asked FLINT VINCENT FARMER, what he meant that

On November 18, 2016, Flint Farmer made several phone calls while he was incarcerated at the Howard County Jail. Three of the calls were to [redacted], Vincent Farmer and [redacted] (r). During the calls Flint Vincent Farmer advised [redacted]; "Yeah and I guess they uh, I think they found the body of that girl but, they're really trying to get me for everything". He refers to it being on the news and tells him to watch the news and see what they are saying. He also tell [redacted] t, "You need to get ahold o' [redacted] and brace yourself okay? It's getting ready to get real ugly".

Flint Vincent Farmer then calls [redacted] ask her to check up on [redacted]. He tells [redacted] to have him stay away from the apartment "Cause they, yeah cause they found that girl and they're gonna try to do something crazy. I know they are". They're gonna try to hang, hang me up, so I don't want him, him involved".

Flint Vincent Farmer calls his [redacted] brother. They have a lengthy conversation and during the conversation [redacted] tells Flint Vincent Farmer when he asked where [redacted] t was, "Uhm, I'm assuming at the apartment. That was bogus what was going on. [redacted] called me uhm, [redacted] called uh, Detective Haus that's on the case, and they haven't.. they have not found her." Flint Vincent Farmer replies "Oh they haven't" [redacted] then states "No, cause what uh, [redacted] was irate over everything that was going on. [redacted] was tired and he called up there to find out and [redacted] was upset that you were being harassed and [redacted] said the detective said [redacted] cannot control that but they have not found her. They are trying really hard to do so but they have not found her. That's what they told him. Flint Vincent Farmer replies "Really". [redacted] then states: So you keep your chin up and you hold your, hold your ground cause all they're trying to do is break you. And you're stronger than that. Try to get you to think stuff that's not true". Prior to ending the length conversation [redacted] brother tells Flint Vincent Farmer "Yeah, stick to your guns cause, cause it's all crap. That's what it all is. This Detective Haus told [redacted] t that. Cause he called up there and he raised Caine over it. He said he can't, Haus said he can't

control the other guys, other detectives on what they're doing but it's wrong. So, you should stick to your guns. Keep your mouth shut. Those people are, all they're doing is saying shit, excuse me Lord, to get, to cut a deal to get out of jail. That's all they're doing".

Investigators continued to speak to witnesses about this case. In August of 2021, an additional statement was obtained from [REDACTED]. During the statement [REDACTED] advised that she went over to the house on South Washington late at night. [REDACTED] was familiar with

Investigators have also re-interviewed [REDACTED] they were present in the [REDACTED] the last night KARENA S. MCCLERKIN was seen. The initial statements that they provided have not changed. They insist that KARENA S. MCCLERKIN left that apartment (Wheelers) and went with FLINT VINCENT FARMER to his apartment. They stated FLINT VINCENT FARMER was making comments about getting lucky tonight before he left. They both provided statements that they heard a struggle next door and what sounded like a fight. They also reported hearing a person gasping or whimpering. [REDACTED] believed it was KARENA S. MCCLERKIN being hurt.

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On June 30th, 2022, Alicia Casler (KPD Lab) and the Affiant met with a representative from CRM properties at 1039 S. Washington Street, Kokomo, Indiana. Luminol was used to check the detached garage for any evidence that may be related to this case. Luminol is a water-based solution capable of detecting blood that has been diluted up to 10,000 times. Once it comes in contact with blood, it reacts by causing the blood to fluoresce a pale blue color. This chemical has long been used by forensic investigators to search for and document imperceptible trace amounts of blood. A positive Luminol test was indicated on the floor just inside the walk-through service door. Three areas were noted and samples were collected. Those samples have been provided to the Indiana State Police Lab for additional

testing.

On July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, [redacted] told investigators she and Karena were very close. [redacted] advised [redacted] and Karena talked every day and would always know where each other were at [redacted] also stated that Karena often slept in the same bed with [redacted] r. Since October of 2016, [redacted] has not received any information from Karena that would give [redacted] hope that Karena is still alive. [redacted] believes Karena is deceased.

The Affiant now request a warrant for Flint Vincent Farmer [redacted] for Murder in violation of Indiana code 35-42-2-1.

I (we) affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that the foregoing representation(s) is (are) true.



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Signed

Lieutenant Richard J. Benzinger #324

Name, Affiant

Date: July 18, 2022



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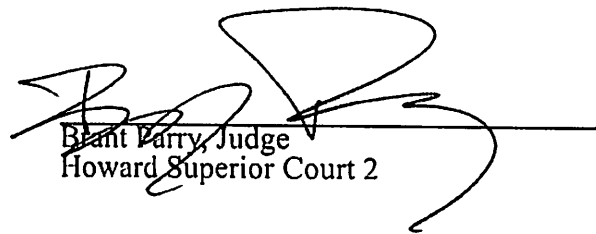
ORDER

Probable Cause exists for the issuance of warrant for crimes set forth in Affidavit of Probable Cause. Bond set at (\$ \_\_\_\_\_) or

*No Bond*

(bond schedule).

DATE: 7/18/22 12:11p.

  
Blant Parry, Judge  
Howard Superior Court 2