IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT/SUPERIOR COURTS
STATE OF INDIANA

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V.
THOMAS L. ANDERSON, JR.

CASE NUMBER: 187SPC007622

AFFIDAVIT FOR PROBABLE CAUSE

Comes now Terry "Josh" Watson, who hereby swears upon an oath, deposes and says:

1. I am a Law Enforcement Officer with the Indiana State Police.
2. I am filing this affidavit for probable cause in support of the charge of Murder, against Thomas L. Anderson, Jr., a white/male, DOB: 07/05/1971, height 5'11", weight 214, with red hair and blue eyes.
3. On April 3, 1992 State Police were called to a dump site at CR 900 West, just north of U.S. 40 in Putnam County. Human remains were located. The remains consisted of a body, without the head, hands, or feet. This became ISP case 53-9414.
4. On March 14th, 2018, I Lt. Terry "Josh" Watson PE 7585 was contacted by Sgt. Bill Clifford of the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department. Sgt Clifford asked me to pull an old Indiana State Police (ISP) Missing Persons case from the 1990's. Sgt. Clifford indicated to me he thought the missing persons case may be a murder case because of a tip he received from Scottie Anderson.

   I took the information Sgt. Clifford provided me and located ISP Cold Case 51F-8150. 51F-8150 stated Tony Bledsoe (DOB 08/29/1967) was reported missing on 03-16-1992 by his wife Paula J. Bledsoe. Tony and Paula lived at 309 Crabtree Ct Apt 3 (Crabtree Ct has since had its name changed to Sunset Ct) Arcadia, IN. Tony left the home on 3-16-1992, and he was in possession of his classic car, a gray 1971 Oldsmobile Cutlass with the personalized Indiana license plate of "TJSTOY." Neither Tony nor the car were ever seen again.
5. On September 4th, 2019, at approximately 9am, Chief Todd Uhrick of the Arcadia Police Department and I met with Scottie Anderson at the Arcadia Police Department. Scottie refused to give a recorded statement; however, the following is a summary of what Scottie stated to us. Scottie is the nephew of Thomas L. (Tommy) Anderson Jr. Tommy told Scottie that Andy Emmert killed Tony Bledsoe and Tommy witnessed

the entire thing. Scottie told us the entire thing was over Tony hassling Andy about a stolen car. Scottie told us Tommy brought Tony over to Andy's house and Andy shot Tony in the head with a shotgun. Scottie then told us Andy and Tommy cut up Tony's body and dumped it off bridges all over the state of Indiana. They cut off the head, hands, and feet and put them in a bucket full of concrete.

6. On September 4th, 2019 at approximately 11am, Chief Uhrick and I went to 525 S. Indiana Street, Atlanta, Indiana, where Tommy Anderson lives with his mother. We knocked on the door and were met by Tommy's mom, Penny Whisman. We asked to speak with Tommy, and he came to the door. We told Tommy we would like to speak with him and asked him if he would accompany us to the Arcadia Police Department. Tommy agreed to come with us to the Arcadia Police Department and agreed to a recorded interview. Tommy was interviewed 3 separate times as the investigation progressed.
7. Below is a summary of the three interviews:
    a. Tommy Anderson and Andy Emmert attended elementary school together and became friends. In the early 1990's they lived together in a duplex at 2665 Cicero Road, Noblesville, Indiana.
    b. Anderson stated that in 1990, Emmert's friend, Dennis Cecchini, had a Pontiac Firebird that he was having trouble making the payments on. Emmert and Cecchini arranged for Emmert and Anderson to go to Racine, Wisconsin (where Cecchini lived) and steal the Firebird so Cecchini could use the insurance to pay it off and get out from underneath the loan payment. Anderson stated he and Emmert did in-fact carry out this plan to steal the Firebird. Anderson and Emmert stole the car and brought it back to Atlanta, Indiana. Anderson and Emmert stripped the aftermarket stereo from the Firebird. Then, they abandoned the car and burned it in Boone County, Indiana.
    c. Anderson stated Emmert traded the stolen stereo equipment to Tony Bledsoe for auto parts. Later, Anderson informed Bledsoe that he got ripped off in the deal because the stereo was stolen. This angered Bledsoe who demanded Emmert give him his auto parts back and threatened to go to the police. An

ongoing grudge ensued between Emmert and Bledsoe. Emmert told Anderson this was never going to end; Bledsoe would harass him about it forever.

d. After a falling out between Anderson and Emmert, Anderson moved out of the duplex and in with his girlfriend at the time, Dara Cook, in a house on Main Street in Arcadia, Indiana. Anderson learned from his sister Cathy Ely, Bledsoe was also living in Arcadia a couple blocks from where Anderson was living. Anderson, knowing approximately where Bledsoe lived, walked towards the area of Bledsoe's house at 309 Crabtree Court, Apt. 3, Arcadia, Indiana. Anderson identified which house was Bledsoe's by locating Bledsoe's Cutlass parked at his house. Anderson approached Bledsoe at Bledsoe's home, 309 Crabtree Court, Apt. 3, Arcadia, Indiana, and told him he could get his auto parts back and finally put this situation to rest. Anderson informed Bledsoe, Emmert works nights and then goes to his girlfriend Robyn Cook's house after work so Emmert would not be there.

e. Anderson stated they carried out the plan. Anderson and Bledsoe went to Emmert's house on SR 19 south of the Green Cycle in Noblesville, IN. Anderson rode with Bledsoe in Bledsoe's Cutlass to Emmert's house in Noblesville and parked right out front of the duplex.

f. Anderson and Bledsoe entered through the back door which opens to the kitchen. Anderson walked in first with Bledsoe following him. Anderson stated he heard a loud bang and looked over his shoulder to see Bledsoe shot in the head. Anderson said Bledsoe then fell backwards into the wall and forwards onto the kitchen floor. Anderson stated Bledsoe was still breathing and gargling. Anderson said Emmert was standing in the doorway between Emmert's bedroom and the kitchen holding a rifle. Anderson saw Emmert stab Bledsoe several times with a fixed blade knife. Anderson struck Bledsoe in the head with a ball bat.

g. Anderson elaborated on the knife describing it as a "Boy Scout knife" with a shiny, fixed blade that now had rust on it, a leather handle, and a metal pommel. A knife matching that description was located at Emmert's residence when a search warrant was done on October 2 2024, in Emmert's safe.

h. Anderson stated he and Emmert burned the bat that he had hit Bledsoe with.

i. Anderson stated he and Emmert moved Bledsoe's body down the hall and into the bathtub. Emmert told Anderson they needed to make the body unidentifiable. Emmert cut off Bledsoe's head, hands, and feet. Then, Emmert and Anderson placed the head, hands, and feet in a "pickle bucket" full of concrete.

j. They wrapped Bledsoe's body in cord and spray painted the body black to make it more concealable. They spray painted Bledsoe's body outside, in the back yard of the duplex in Noblesville, leaned up against a shed in the back yard.

k. Anderson and Emmert wrapped Bledsoe's body in a tarp and put Bledsoe's body in the trunk of Anderson's girlfriend's, Dora Cook's, car. Emmert drove and Anderson was in the passenger seat. Anderson recalls that Emmert drove them for a long time heading west to a place with "Green" in the name or near it. Anderson and Emmert knew the area because they had bought a used car for parts from that area. Anderson indicated there was a large ravine where people had thrown out trash for years. Emmert and Anderson dumped the body in the ravine and covered it with a piece of wood to further conceal the body. Emmert and Anderson burned the tarp Bledsoe was wrapped and transported in when they returned home. It is worth noting the body dumpsite is approximately 10 miles from the City of Greencastle Indiana and along the main route of US 40.

8. In an interview on June 20, 2024 with Tommy Anderson and Lt Jeff Hearon and myself the following was said by Tommy:

a. "We get right in the back door and I hear this bang and then it threw him against the back door, then he fell to the floor. So I'm, you know, and then Andy comes, because his bedroom was right there, you know, off the kitchen and, uh, you know then I'm sure there was the, you know, what's, what's he doing here. So you know I thought you weren't going to be here so I just was going to give him the shit back and be done. So then he like pulled him away from the door and shut the door and he went and got his knife and I told you

about the Boy Scout knife and he started stabbing him in the back and, you know, we talked about this and you asked me how many times and, and I think we agreed, you know, maybe six to ten times but it seemed like a hundred times. It was just like, you know, bam, bam, bam, bam, bam and I was, and you know when it's a shock type situation like that things can seem a little distorted but you know that was my guess maybe between six and ten. So Tony lays there choking for a few minutes and I didn't really know what to say, you know, so he only choked just for a few minutes and then he just stopped so Andy went and got this black baseball bat and he wanted me to hit him in the head and I, I really didn't want to do that but it was like, you know, he was, he kept, you know, you need to do this, do it, do it. So I just lifted it up and you know dropped it. Well that wasn't good enough. So he made me do it just a little harder and he wasn't moving or making any noise or anything by that time. I thought he was already dead so I thought why, why make me do this and I think he just did because then he wasn't the only one that did something, you know. So Andy always had, he had a trash barrel out back and he always had a fire going so the bat went into the fire, took off Tony's, I can't remember if we carried him to the bathtub first or if he cut off his clothes right there in the kitchen. I think he might have did it right there in the kitchen but then the clothes went in the fire barrel and then he's in the tub. Andy looked in in his wallet and I think there was two ten's in the wallet so we left him in the bathtub and went to Walmart, we got some black spray paint and a tarp and then we came back and Andy did the butcher work, if you will and, uh, I was, there was a window on the wall behind the toilet, excuse me. And I was standing over by the toilet feeling like I was going to throw up. I opened the window, trying to get some fresh air, you know, and I can't remember if he had just had a bag of concrete or we got that too but what he did was mixed up some concrete and then the parts that he took we put in that bucket and then we took him from the bathtub. Andy had built like a shed out in the backyard and we put him beside the shed and spray painted him black for camouflage and we covered him up and then because I think what had

happened was, uh, we had Robyn come and get us so we had her car for, to go to Walmart, you know, and then he took me to get Dara's car and we came back and he, like opened the trunk and put the tarp in it, where it was hanging out all the sides and we put him in and he wrapped him up like a burrito basically. And then because I had clothes over there from working on the car so that I could take a shower and what not so made me strip off all my clothes and burnt all my clothes and burnt his clothes. Uh, and then, you know, once we had Tony in the car we headed towards where we got that blue '70 and did the body dump."

9. On September 4, 2019, I spoke to Racine Wisconsin Police Department regarding the Pontiac Firebird that was "stolen" from Dennis Cecchini. They located an Incident Report 90-95795 The report states on 12/22/1990 between 1030-1415 hours a light blue/silver 1988 Pontiac Firebird, VIN 1G2FS218JL208810, belonging to Dennis Cecchini was stolen from 5700 Durand Ave. Racine, Wisconsin (the Regency Mall parking lot, where Cecchini worked at the time). A note in the police report states that the vehicle contained approximately $3,000 of stereo equipment in it when stolen.
10. I spoke with Lt. Jeff Hearon with ISP regarding a case he told me about from years ago where they recovered a torso. Lt Hearon told me it was a body dump, where the body was thrown into an illegal trash dump on the Putnam/Clay County Line, near the town of Greencastle. He recalled the body being tied up with several stab wounds in the back.
11. Lt. Hearon put me in contact with Retired ISP Detective Rice who was the lead on the case in 1992. The ISP Putnamville Post Case number was 53-09414. Detective Rice recalled the body being tied up and covered in a black substance. I know from Anderson's interview the black substance was paint, used with the intent of concealing the body.
12. On September 9th, 2019, ISP Crime Scene Investigator (CSI) Sgt. Amy Gual, and I went to Margret Courter's home in Atlanta, Indiana. Margret is Bledsoe's mother. We took a consensual buccal swab from Margret and submitted it for DNA to be compared to DNA from the John Doe collected during the autopsy of the body found at the illegal dump site from ISP Case

53-09414. On 9/30/2019 I received an email from Tami Guard at the ISP Laboratory stating the Certificate of Analysis was complete. The Certificate of Analysis stated that the probability of maternity is 99.9968%.

13. An investigative grand jury was conducted in the fall of 2024. Kathy Ely, the sister of Anderson testified that her brother told her that he and Andy killed Tony Bledsoe. He said that him and Andy had been stealing cars and stereos and things like that and back and forth between Wisconsin and I think they would steal stuff here and sell it in Wisconsin and vice versa maybe from what he said and Tony found out about it and wanted to be involved with them with it and they didn't want him to so he said Andy had Tommy coax Tony to the house and once they got him in the garage and shut the garage door I believe he said he shot him. Tommy said that he coaxed Tony into the garage to show him stuff and that Andy stepped out and shot him. He said they took Tony to the bathtub and started sawing off his feet and hands and head. Kathy stated that at one point Anderson got mad at her brother-in-law he said "do you want to go meet Tony."
14. Scottie Allen Anderson, the nephew of Anderson, testified that Anderson told him he had been involved in the murder of a guy named Tony Bledsoe. Anderson got Tony over to the house and when Tony walked through the door, Andy shot him. He testified that Anderson and Andy dismembered the body.
15. Dr. Scott Wagner testified that he had completed the autopsy on John Doe (who was later determined to be Tony Bledsoe through DNA) on April 4, 1992. Dr. Wagner stated "on John Doe we found stab wounds in the right upper back of the chest, near the shoulder blade area up on the right back, found four of those. These went back to front, in other words through the back into the back of the chest. These went through the skin, through the chest wall in the back, nicking ribs along the way occasionally and hitting the right lung so there were four of those. Then in the right lower back of the chest, so just a little bit lower down, not in the back of the abdomen but sort of at the base of the chest on the right in the back there were two more and these also went through the lung and through the diaphragm and did get, did catch the liver on the right. So there were six

total stab wounds. And also as I stated previously the heads, hand and feet had been removed and this was post-mortem typified by the, the type of injury. I could tell that they had been done after the heart had stopped beating. ....The arms and legs had been bound loosely with a nylon type rope and then the sixth item that, that we found, there was something black on the body at the time we thought it was soot from a fire. The tissue seemed a little bit reddish so we at the time we thought it could be soot but we weren't really sure what that was but that's what we called it at the time."

16. Dr. Wagner observed that the injuries he observed during the autopsy are consistent with being injuries that could be created from the knife described by Anderson that was collected from Andy during the search warrant on October 2, 2024.
17. Dr. Wagner looked at the historical weather data from March/April 1992 and determined that body located at the dump site could have been dead eighteen days, which would match with the date of Tony Bledsoe going missing.
18. The information regarding the body located without limbs or a head was not released to the public. There was no information regarding the body being tied up and painted black that was released to the public.

All of the above events occurred in Hamilton County, Indiana, except where specifically noted.

The aforementioned statement is an establishment of Probable Cause and not all of the facts known to the affiant.

I swear under the penalties of perjury as specified by IC 35-44.1-2-1, that the foregoing representations are true.

Date: Thursday, May 15, 2025 */s/ Lt Terry Joshua Watson PE 7585*

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