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SKAGIT COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT STATE OF WASHINGTON	
STATE OF WASHINGTON, Plaintiff,	NO: 17-1-00739-0
vs.	
LANE MAURICE DAVIS, Defendant.	

MOTION FOR
PROBABLE CAUSE

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COMES NOW the Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney and moves the Court to find probable cause.


LANE MAURICE DAVIS

LKA: 4767 WHARF ST, BOW, WA 98232
DOB: MAY 28, 1984
DOL: WA DAVISM163K8

1. I, Sloan G. Johnson, am a Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Skagit County and make this motion in that capacity; and
2. The above-named Defendant is accused of a crime by a document on file; and
3. Probable cause appears to exist to believe that the defendant committed the offense charged based on the attached affidavit of Kevin Sigman, Detective.

SKAGIT COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

DATED: August 4, 2017

By: 
SLOAN G. JOHNSON, WSBA#32745
 Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

SKAGIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
AFFIDAVIT

State of Washington}
County of Skagit}

STATE vs. LANE MAURICE DAVIS, DOB: 05/28/1984

I, DETECTIVE Kevin Sigman, depose and say, I am a commissioned Sheriff's Detective for the County of Skagit and have been a commissioned law enforcement officer since 1995. I have been assigned to Investigations since 2013. I have completed Washington State Criminal Justice Basic Law Enforcement Academy and have attended or participated in numerous classes and seminars pertaining to BAC datamaster, drug recognition, field training officer, defensive tactics instructor, interview techniques, Spanish language, chemical munitions deployment, noise flash diversionary device deployment, excited delirium for investigators, electronic surveillance, one party consent applications, narcotics wires, death and homicide investigation, open source intelligence techniques, detective and new criminal investigator, FBI crime scene processing and introduction to forensics, officer involved shooting investigations, Active Threat Response, Basic Marine Law Enforcement, and other law enforcement related topics. I am certified in child interviews.

On July 14, 2017 at about 3:37 p.m. CATHERINE DAVIS called 911 to report a domestic dispute involving her son, LANE DAVIS, which was occurring at 4767 Wharf Street, Bow, WA 98232, in Skagit County. CATHERINE said that LANE was being verbal and out of control. A male voice, which was identified as LANE, could be heard in the background yelling. CATHERINE stated that LANE was chasing her husband and her around the house and getting in their faces. CATHERINE said that LANE was angry about something on the internet about "leftist pedophiles" and said that LANE thought they were leftist and was calling them pedophiles.

While deputies were responding to the scene CATHERINE called 911 again and stated that her husband, CHARLES DAVIS, had been stabbed and was deceased. CATHERINE said that her son stabbed CHARLES. In subsequent interviews, CATHERINE stated that she saw LANE stab her husband in the chest.

A neighbor heard yelling at the residence. He directed his family to leave due to the tone and volume of the yelling. He went outside and was met by CATHERINE at the corner of Wharf Street and Samish Island Road. She was upset and exclaiming that LANE had stabbed CHARLES. She was asking for help. The neighbor obtained medical supplies and went toward the back deck. He met DEPUTY STEINER as he was arriving. The neighbor advised that in his opinion CHARLES had been mortally wounded, was unresponsive, was not breathing, and had no pulse.

A second neighbor stated that he heard screaming down the road and then it stopped. He observed the above neighbor's family leave their home in a car. This neighbor went to Wharf Street and as he turned the corner onto Wharf Street he saw LANE standing in the roadway. The neighbor ordered LANE to the ground and about 30 seconds later a

DEPUTY arrived to take LANE into custody. This neighbor entered the residence and found CHARLES on the back deck with massive blood loss in the neck and chest, no pulse, not breathing, and with his eyes open.

DEPUTY STEINER arrived on scene and found CHARLES DAVIS deceased on the back porch of the residence. DEPUTY STEINER located LANE DAVIS outside of the residence and took LANE into custody without incident. LANE had blood on his person and clothing.

DETECTIVES interviewed LANE and he stated that he started an argument with his father, CHARLES DAVIS, about whether toddlers could consent to sex or not. CHARLES was yelling at LANE and trying to kick him out of the house. LANE said that at some point CHARLES said he had called the police and that he said that the police were coming. CHARLES also called LANE a Nazi and a racist. LANE said that he grabbed a knife and stabbed CHARLES in the chest outside the door. He obtained the knife he used from a knife set in the kitchen. LANE thought he put the knife somewhere in the house by the door and that he went outside, put his hands up, and waited for the police.

DETECTIVES obtained a Skagit County District Court search warrant to search the residence. DETECTIVES searched the residence and recovered CHARLES DAVIS' body on the back porch. He was deceased. DETECTIVES also recovered a large chef's kitchen knife from the kitchen counter in the residence. The knife had blood along the majority of the blade.

An autopsy revealed that CHARLES had received at least five stab wounds to the chest region and one stab wound to the back. These stab wounds caused fatal injuries to CHARLES' heart and also caused injuries to his lungs

DETECTIVES searched CHARLES' telephone pursuant to a Skagit County District Court search warrant. Detectives recovered over 100 audio files. One of these files was created on July 14, 2017 and recorded the murder of CHARLES DAVIS. The audio recording captured approximately 11 minutes and 56 seconds of the discussion occurring between LANE and his parents immediately prior to the murder.

During that conversation, CHARLES told LANE that LANE had threatened to kill him about six times and asked LANE to stop spitting in his face. LANE said that he wasn't threatening to kill CHARLES but that he was "...threatening to kill pedophiles who were taking over the country". CATHERINE called 911 and LANE told her, "You guys are [expletive] dead to me". LANE asked if his parents were kicking him out of the house because he was mad about pedophiles several times. LANE asked his parents, "What am I going to do?" LANE said, "Dad, this is it". LANE also asked his parents if they were really going to send him to prison. He fixated on the possibility of going to prison. LANE spoke to CHARLES and said, "Mother [expletive], I'm not going to touch you because they will [expletive] arrest me. He then said to CHARLES, "You are disgusting. You're lower than dirt. You are a pedophile filth. That's why you are having your own son arrested because I got mad at pedophiles, because I don't like pedophiles."

At the 9:22 minute of the recording LANE said, "Really dude. If they are going to arrest me."

At the 10:10 minute of the recording LANE said, "Ok well, so here's the deal. If I am going to go to prison for threatening to kill somebody, I mean". CHARLES immediately said, "Leave the knife alone LANE". CATHERINE told LANE to just go out of there. LANE repeated that they were going to put him in prison. CATHERINE said that she wasn't trying to put LANE into prison but just wanted to get some help. LANE said, "Thank you for sending me to prison".

At the 11:41 minute of the recording LANE said, "Ok, well. [Expletive] man. CATHERINE told LANE to just get out of there. LANE said, "So, you are going to send me to prison? My life is over".

At the 11:48 minute of the recording CHARLES told CATHERINE that LANE had grabbed the handle of the knife. CATHERINE said, "I know he did". Heavy footsteps can be heard and LANE said, "So, you are going to send me to [expletive] prison anyway".

At the 11:56 minute of the recording CHARLES said, "CATHERINE, get out of the house. He's got a knife. [Expletive]. LANE".

The elapsed time from the 10:10 minute of the recording when CHARLES told LANE to leave the knife alone to the 11:56 minute of the recording where CHARLES exclaimed that LANE has a knife is one minute and 46 seconds.

Based on the above information I am at this time requesting that LANE MAURICE DAVIS, DOB: 05/28/1984, be charged with Murder 1st Degree (RCW 9A.32.030).

I certify under penalty of perjury and the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge (RCW 9A.72.085).



Signature: Detective Kevin E. Sigman in Mount Vernon, Washington on August 3, 2017

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