

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE FOR PRETRIAL DETENTION

COWLEY COUNTY)
) SS:
STATE OF KANSAS)

Lt. Det. Tommy Scott , being first duly sworn, on
oath states:

On 12-14-2021 1100 hrs, **Lt. Det. Tommy Scott** of the Cowley County Sheriff's Office arrested Justin Tyler Pierce, who is presently detained in custody. A complaint has been or will be filed charging the arrested individual with the following offense(s):

- a. KSA 21-5402 (a) (1) Murder in the 1st degree
- b. KSA 21-5413 (b) (1) (B) Aggravated Battery
- c. KSA 21-5302 (a) Conspiracy
- d. KSA 21-6301 (a) (5) Criminal Use a weapon
- e. KSA 21-5904 (a) (2) Interference with law enforcement

Affiant has personal knowledge, the basis of which is set out herein, that at the time of the arrest described above, the following information was known to and the following observations were made by the arresting officer:

1. That the Affiant is a Kansas Certified Law Enforcement Officer and is currently employed with the Cowley County Sheriff's Office.

Facts of case

That on Monday evening around 2100 hrs. on December 13, 2021 Matthew Kelly had bonded from the Cowley County jail after being arrested for a Criminal Damage to Property on a case involving his sister Lisa Wise and girlfriend Candy L. Williams of 3230 302nd Rd. Arkansas City Kansas, Cowley County Kansas.

That when he bonded was given a ride from the jail eventually back to 3230 302nd Rd. by Dylan Weaver in a silver Ford 250 pickup with TX plate KFY1237.

That somewhere along the way Dylan Weaver stopped and picked up Justin Pierce also taking him to 3230 302nd Rd. Arkansas City Kansas.

That upon their arrival at 3230 302nd Rd. around 2200 hrs. Matthew Kelly's girlfriend Candy L. Williams reported that Dylan Weaver was the driver, Matthew Kelly was the front seat passenger and Justin Pierce was sitting in the backseat passenger side.

That according to Dylan Weaver, Matthew Kelly was very upset and angry with everyone at the house but especially his sister, Lisa Wise and girlfriend, Candy L. Williams.

That Candy L. Williams also confirmed that Matthew Kelly was very upset about getting arrested.

That according to Candy L. Williams, she and Lisa Wise left the house so Matthew Kelly could cool off.

That according to Dylan Weaver, before Lisa Wise left, she mentioned to Dylan that Matthew needed his ass whooped, but don't kill him.

That while they were gone Lisa Wise received a phone call from Justin Pierce.

That he told her, Matt had just shot Dylan.

That this investigation would reveal, later in the morning, that it was "Matt" Matthew Kelly who had been killed.

That according to Sgt. Alice Waldrop, preliminary autopsy findings indicate that Matthew Kelly was beaten, stabbed, and shot.

That according to Amber Orr after Matthew had been killed, Justin Pierce and Dylan Weaver put his body onto a trailer and drove over to 70th and Rock Rd. in Sumner County and hid his body for a short while.

That according to Dylan Weaver, he was ordered by Justin Pierce to dispose of the body.

At that point they parted ways and Dylan Weaver's silver Ford pickup would be located a short time later by Winfield PD inside the city limits.

That after Matthew's body had been left near 70th and Rock Rd. in Sumner County Dylan Weaver reports he wanted nothing more to do with the situation, so he left and went to Winfield.

That in the meantime, Justin Pierce contacted Amber Orr telling her that he needed her to help him dispose of a body.

That according to Amber Orr, Justin Pierce directed her in her white S10 Chevrolet pickup

to the trailer that was hidden in the tree row in Sumner County.

That together, they were able to lower the tailgate on the trailer and slide Matthew Kelly's body into the back of her white S 10 Chevrolet pickup.

That while enroute back to the Cowley County, Justin Pierce used Amber Orr's phone to call Dylan Weaver telling him to meet at 10752 11th Road where Amber Orr's mother owns property.

That they then returned to Cowley County and went to the area of 10752 of 11th Rd. and were trying to find a location to dispose of Matthew Kelly's body.

That while searching for a disposal area they got a flat tire and shortly thereafter, was about the time when Sheriff David Falletti, Lt. Jason Legleiter and Deputy John Vanroyen located (driver) Amber Orr and (passenger) Justin Pierce in a white Chevrolet S10 pickup with Kansas plate 247 PFF.

That Deputy John Vanroyen then placed Justin Pierce into custody and drove him to my location (about 2 miles south) and we sat down inside the command vehicle and I interviewed him.

That while I interviewed Justin Pierce, he told me that he witnessed Matthew Kelly shoot Dylan Weaver and that he was standing only several feet away when this happened.

That immediately after the interview I received a phone call from Undersheriff McDonald telling me that she believed there was deceased body in the bed of the S10 pickup.

That I returned into the command vehicle where Justin Pierce was located and confronted him with the information regarding the human body in the back of Amber Orr's pickup.

That Justin Pierce did not know anything about a body in the back of Amber Orr's pickup and he thought maybe it was a deer and didn't know how it got there.

That I asked him several variations of that question as to how a body got into the back of the pickup and he did not know.

Conclusion,

That during this investigation it was learned that Lisa Wise had informed Justin Pierce that her brother Matthew Kelly needed his ass whooped but did not want him killed.

That Dylan Weaver and Justin Pierce attacked Matthew Kelly in the front yard of 3230 302nd Rd.

That during the attack Matthew Kelly would not stay down and therefore, was shot and strangled with an extension cord and some type of metal bar.

And that according to Dylan Weaver, Justin Pierce used a small shotgun in the back seat of his silver Ford F250 (TX plate KFY1237) pickup to shoot Matthew Kelly.

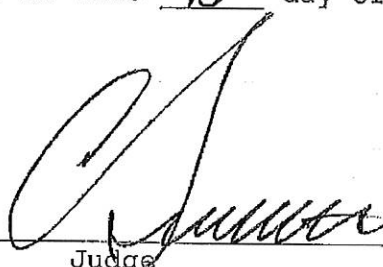
That while Matthew Kelly was in the driver seat of the Ford F250 pickup attempting to get away from the attack he was shot in the back of the head by Justin Pierce with a 12-gauge shotgun.

All the events above occurred in Cowley County, Kansas.



Deputy
Cowley County Sheriff's Office

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of
December, 2021.



Judge