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 IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR
 HARRISON COUNTY

This Complaint and Affidavit is to be:

- Filed with Court Clerk (cc: CA)
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- Filed with JCO - Defendant is a Juvenile

Form Number: 2023017320

Arrest Date: _____

THE STATE OF IOWA

VS.

OFFENDER

Last LANGFORD		First JOSEPH		Middle JACK	Suffix 3RD
Address [REDACTED]				City MISSOURI VALLEY	State IA
DL# [REDACTED]	State IA	DL Class 0	DL Endorsements	DL Restrictions	Zip Code 51555
Date of Birth 12/30/1973	Gender MALE	Race WHITE - W	Ethnicity NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN - N		
Height 5' 03"	Weight 150 LBS	Eye Color HAZEL - HAZ	Hair Color BALD - BLD		

VEHICLE

Year	Make	Model	Color
VIN	CDL Req?	Pass End Req?	HazMat End Req?
Plate/Registration #	State	Year	US DOT Number
			ICC/MC #

OFFENSE

State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County <input type="checkbox"/>	Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Code Section 707.2(1)(A)	Crime Description MURDER IN THE 1ST DEGREE	Speed	in	Zone
Class FELA		Serious P.I. <input type="checkbox"/>	Fatal Accident <input type="checkbox"/>	Civil Damage Assessment <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>		
Location Type 20 - RESIDENCE/HOME							
Literal Description NORTH 4TH ST							
Address 304 N. 4TH ST.							
Is Date and Time of Incident Known? NO		Incident Date or Low Range 06/29/2023	Upper Date Range 06/29/2023	Incident Time or Low Range 01:00	Upper Time Range 04:30		

STATUS OF OFFENDER/JUVENILE

<input type="checkbox"/> TAKEN INTO CUSTODY	<input type="checkbox"/> CUSTODY	<input type="checkbox"/> SUMMONS TO APPEAR (Citation Issued)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WARRANT REQUESTED	<input type="checkbox"/> NO CONTACT ORDER REQUESTED	<input type="checkbox"/> RELEASED TO PARENT/GUARDIAN

NARRATIVE

Narrative of Offense Committed
 On or about the above stated date and time, the Defendant did having malice aforethought, willfully, deliberately, and with premeditation kill JESSE DAVID GEORGE

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF IOWA, HARRISON COUNTY

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, state that all facts contained in this Complaint and Affidavit, known by me or told to me by other reliable persons form the basis for my belief that the defendant committed this crime

State all facts and persons relied upon supporting elements of alleged crime

On June 29th, 2023, JOSEPH LANGFORD III did commit murder by killing JESSE GEORGE. Following the murder, LANGFORD arranged for the body of GEORGE to be transported to the northbound I-29 Missouri Valley rest area (Harrison County). Once there, LANGFORD was responsible for moving GEORGE'S body to a wooded area, and concealed GEORGE by burying him in an area north of the rest area building.

Information regarding LANGFORD'S actions to conceal the murder was obtained by law enforcement. On April 15th, 2026, an excavation of the rest area was conducted by law enforcement. Human remains were located. The remains were later identified to be those of GEORGE. An autopsy was completed showing that GEORGE had been shot multiple times.


Jared Kastner 1-170

KASTNER, JARED

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Signature of Complainant or Officer, Officer Name & Number

STATE OF IOWA, HARRISON COUNTY

	Subscribed and sworn to before me by the person(s) signing the Complaint and Affidavit(s) on 06/18/2026		Signature of Verifying Party
	Notary Name	BLAIR PAULSEN	
	Commission Number	819574	<input type="checkbox"/> Peace Officer
	My Commission Expires	08/16/2028	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notary <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecuting Attorney

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OFFENSE

State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County <input type="checkbox"/>	Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Code Section 708.14(1)(B)	Crime Description ABUSE OF CORPSE - HIDE OR BURY			Speed	in	Zone
Class FELC		Serious P.I. <input type="checkbox"/>	Fatal Accident <input type="checkbox"/>	Civil Damage Assessment <input type="checkbox"/>		Other <input type="checkbox"/>			
Location Type 25 - OTHER/UNKNOWN									
Literal Description I 29 NB MISSOURI VALLEY REST AREA									
Address				City		State	Zip Code		
Is Date and Time of Incident Known? NO		Incident Date or Low Range 07/03/2023		Upper Date Range 07/03/2023	Incident Time or Low Range 15:00		Upper Time Range 21:00		

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NARRATIVE

Narrative of Offense Committed

On or about the above stated date and time, the Defendant did
 hide or bury a human corpse with the intent to conceal a crime

AFFIDAVIT

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I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, state that all facts contained in this Complaint and Affidavit, known by me or told to me by other reliable persons form the basis for my belief that the defendant committed this crime

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On June 29th, 2023, JESSE GEORGE was reported missing to the Missouri Valley (IA) Police Department. George was last seen with JOSEPH LANGFORD III during the early morning hours of June 29th, 2023. At the time they were together in a camper located near 4th St. in Missouri Valley. LANGFORD later admitted that he and GEORGE were in an argument in the camper.

At around 4:30 a.m., on June 29th, 2023, LANGFORD contacted a friend to assist with moving a car that was parked in front of the camper. Upon arrival, the friend noticed that LANGFORD was in possession of a rifle and would not allow anyone inside the camper. Days later, LANGFORD told this same friend that "somebody's gone, they're not coming back, and I'm going to prison."

At the direction of LANGFORD'S sister, the camper was moved to the I-29 northbound Missouri Valley rest area (Harrison County). At the time both LANGFORD and his sister were employed at the rest area. The camper was then cleaned by both LANGFORD and his sister.

A report was made to local law enforcement about the new location of the camper and its significance to the disappearance of GEORGE. Law enforcement responded and noticed what appeared to be bullet holes coming through the side of the camper. Blood was also observed inside the camper. The camper was processed by law enforcement that had responded. Forensic DNA profiling of the blood found in the camper was later confirmed to be that of GEORGE.

Approximately one year later, LANGFORD admitted to another friend that he was responsible for the death of GEORGE. It was learned that LANGFORD also told another coworker that he had shot and killed GEORGE in the camper. LANGFORD also stated that afterward he buried the body of GEORGE behind the rest area.


On April 15th, 2026, law enforcement excavated an area behind the rest area. Human remains were located. The remains were later identified to be those of GEORGE. An autopsy was completed showing that GEORGE had been shot multiple times.

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KASTNER, JARED 1170

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