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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR
KEOKUK COUNTY

This Complaint and Affidavit is to be:

- [x] Filed with Court Clerk (cc: CA)
- [ ] Submitted to County Attorney
- [ ] Filed with JCO - Defendant is a Juvenile

Agency Form Number: **2024002708**

Arrest Date: _____

THE STATE OF IOWA

VS.

OFFENDER

Last	First	Middle	Suffix
GAUTREAUX	**JEFFERY**	**JOHN**	

Address	City	State	Zip Code
21891 HIGHWAY 78	**OLLIE**	**IA**	**52576**

DL#	State	DL Class	DL Endorsements	DL Restrictions
	IA			

Date of Birth	Gender	Race	Ethnicity
07/12/1979	**MALE**	**WHITE - W**	**UNKNOWN - U**

Height	Weight	Eye Color	Hair Color
5' 09"	**165 LBS**	**BROWN - BRO**	**BROWN - BRO**

OFFENSE

State	County	Local	Code Section	Crime Description	Speed	in Zone
[x]	[ ]	[ ]	**707.2(1)(A)**	**MURDER IN THE 1ST DEGREE**		

Class	Serious P.I.	Fatal Accident	Civil Damage Assessment	Other
FELA	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]

Location Type
20 - RESIDENCE/HOME

Literal Description
21891 HIGHWAY 78, OLLIE, IA

Address	City	State	Zip Code
21891 HIGHWAY 78	**OLLIE**	**IA**	**52576**

Is Date and Time of Incident Known?	Incident Date or Low Range	Upper Date Range	Incident Time or Low Range	Upper Time Range
YES	**01/07/2024**		**01:00**	

STATUS OF OFFENDER/JUVENILE

[ ] TAKEN INTO CUSTODY	CUSTODY	[ ] SUMMONS TO APPEAR (Citation Issued)
[x] WARRANT REQUESTED	[ ] NO CONTACT ORDER REQUESTED	[ ] 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 Craig Smith

VICTIM INFORMATION (Optionally displayed, especially if NCO is requested)

Last	First	Middle	Suffix
SMITH	**CRAIG**	**DEE**	

Business/Organization/State/County/Municipality Name

Address	City	State	Zip
801 S MILNER STREET	**OTTUMWA**	**IA**	**52501**

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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF IOWA, KEOKUK 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 January 20, 2024, the roommate of Craig Smith reported him missing to the Ottumwa Police Department (OPD), claiming that he had not seen Smith in over a week. OPD opened an investigation into Smith's disappearance and entered him into NCIC as a missing person.

Smith's sister, Alicia Eckley, told OPD detectives that she last saw Smith on January 7, 2024, at her home in Richland. She said that at approximately 12:30 p.m., Smith received a phone call from a friend, Desiree Potter, who asked Smith to work on a vehicle. Smith told Potter that he had to drop off a vehicle, a white 2012 Chevy Traverse, to Jeff Gautreaux and that he would meet Potter after.

Gautreaux lived at 21891 HWY 78, Ollie, Iowa, with his stepfather, Steven Grant. The Traverse that was registered to Grant.

Potter told OPD detectives that she spoke with Smith on January 7, 2024, around 12:07 p.m. She said that Smith said he was going to Gautreaux's residence and asked her to send pictures of the truck Gautreaux was going to fix for her. At approximately 12:32 p.m., Potter did not answer a call from Smith's phone number. This phone call was the last time anyone had seen or heard from Smith.

Cellular data analysis showed that on January 7, Smith's cell phone left the Eckley residence and traveled to the Gautreaux residence. The analysis showed data usage on Smith's phone over several hours while at the Gautreaux residence. Data usage stopped on January 7, at 6:24 p.m. The phone had no data usage until January 17, 2024, when Smith's phone was powered on. The analysis showed that on January 17 Smith's phone was still at the Gautreaux residence.

On February 1, 2024, a search warrant was executed at 21891 HWY 78 in Ollie.

During the search warrant, human remains were discovered outside of the residence. Based on statements Gautreaux made to law enforcement, the remains were those of Craig Smith.

In an interview with a DCI agent, Gautreaux said that he, Grant, and Smith were at the Ollie residence on January 7, 2024, for several hours. He said that while at the residence, he aimed a shotgun at Smith and pulled the trigger. He said he shot Smith in the face; causing his death. Gautreaux then concealed Smith's body and attempted to burn Smith's remains in order to conceal his crime. Gautreaux admitted to powering on Smith's cell phone on January 17 and later destroying it.

In an interview with law enforcement, Grant said that Smith and Gautreaux were at the residence in Ollie on January 7. He said that he was in the bedroom when he heard a gunshot. He said he came out of the bedroom and saw Gautreaux in the living room and Smith was dead.



MILLER, ELIZABETH I094

Signature of Complainant or Officer, Officer Name & Number

GENERAL PROBABLE CAUSE

Defendant Implicated
03 - ADMISSION/STATEMENTS, 07 - IDENTIFIED BY WITNESSES, 09 - NEAR SCENE OF CRIME, 14 - OTHER PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

Operating Motor Vehicle in County	Other Physical Evidence	Attempted To Inflict Injury

STATE OF IOWA, KEOKUK COUNTY

NOTARIAL SEAL IOWA

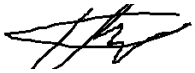
Subscribed and sworn to before me by the person(s) signing the Complaint and Affidavit(s) on 02/02/2024

Notary Name **ANDREW ALBRIGHT**

Commission Number **843918**

My Commission Expires **11/16/2025**

Signature of Verifying Party



☐ Peace Officer ☒ Notary ☐ Prosecuting Attorney