

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR PALO ALTO COUNTY

THE STATE OF IOWA, \* CAUSE NO.  
\*  
VS. \*  
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NAME: Brice Patrick Colling  
ADDRESS: 2901 13<sup>th</sup> St  
Emmetsburg, IA 50536

COMPLAINT AND AFFIDAVIT

The Defendant is accused of the crime of Murder in the First Degree, a Class A Felony , in violation of Section 707.1, 707.2(1)(a) of the 2020 Iowa Criminal Code. In that the defendant, on or about the 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020, at Virgin Lake, in Palo Alto County, Iowa, did unlawfully willfully, deliberately, and with premeditation kill Rollin J. Bontrager.

THEREFORE, Complainant requests that said Defendant, subject to bail or conditions of release where applicable be arrested with bond set in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 and that said Defendant otherwise be dealt with according to law.

Complainant Matthew J Burns  
S/A Matthew Burns

Affidavit

STATE OF IOWA, COUNTY OF PALO ALTO, ss:

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, state that the following facts known by me or told to me by other reliable persons, form the basis for my belief that the Defendant committed this crime.

On Wednesday, July 22, 2020, the body of a white male was found floating in Virgin Lake at the 3700 block of 353<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Palo Alto County, Iowa. The victim was identified as Rollin J. Bontrager, a resident of Washington, Iowa.

State Medical Examiner, Dr. Dennis Klein, M.D., performed an autopsy on the body at the Office of the State Medical Examiner in Ankeny, Iowa. Dr. Klein found that Bontrager had sustained multiple lacerations to his head consistent with being beaten with a bolt cutter tool.

Through video surveillance coverage and witness interviews, it was determined that the last time Bontrager had been seen alive was on July 19, 2020.

Law enforcement officers interviewed multiple cooperating witnesses who placed Brice Patrick Colling at the Virgin Lake location in the evening of Sunday, July 19, 2020. Witnesses also stated that Colling made admissions to them on the night of July 19-20 about beating somebody.

In addition to those witnesses, a prior-charged suspect, Allan Michael Dean Schwidder, in the process of admitting his own culpability in Bontrager's killing, also stated that Colling was present and engaged in beating Bontrager and placing him in Virgin Lake.

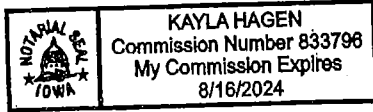
Subscribed and sworn to before me by the person signing this Complaint and Affidavit on This 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

Matthew J Burns  
Signature: S/A Matthew Burns

*Kayla Hagen*

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Notary Public (Deputy) Clerk-Magistrate

Complaint and Affidavit filed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022, and probable cause found that.



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District Court Judge/ Magistrate