IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CLINTON COUNTY

STATE OF IOWA,	COMPLAINT
COUNTY OF CLINTON	CASE NO.
STATE OF IOWA, Plaintiff,	
VS	DOB: 02-04-1970
Steve Armsted	
Defendant.	AGENCY CASE NO. CLP17000774
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In violation of Section 707.2(1)(a)	of the Code of Iowa. Said crime is a Class "A" Felony. Sai

Having malice aforethought, willfully, deliberately, and with premeditation kill Kevin Lambert

Defendant, on or about March 5, 2017, in Clinton County, did unlawfully and willfully:

I certify, under penalty of perjury, and by the laws of the State of Iowa, the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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The video at this time from Shaw's house is dark and we now are able to track Armsted's movements based video surveillance cameras from Shaw's residence, the video from Downtown Auto and the video from RCBC. From the video from Shaw's residence someone leaves Lambert's house at 2307 hours on 03-04-17 and walks south on N. 5th Street. This person appears to be Armsted, because approximately six minutes later Armsted is seen in the Downtown Auto video walking in front of the Shell Gas Station at 401 2nd Avenue South. During this time Armsted is seen walking between the Shell Gas Station and RCBC several times. The video from RCBC shows Armsted enter the bar for a very short period of time. Armsted stays in this area until 2320 and walks west in the direction of 2nd Avenue South. Again, it should be noted that the clothing and physical description match that of Armsted.

From Shaw's video, approximately six minutes later at 2326 hours on 03-04-17 someone walks north on N. 5th Street going to Lambert's house. Based on all the video we believe this to be Armsted. This would also match the phone records from Lambert's home phone showing calls made to Alfredia starting at 2331 hours on 03-04-17. These calls would have been made by Armsted. This would also match the time Armsted called Johnson (pastors' wife) asking for twenty dollars. The call to Johnson was at 2340 hours on 03-04-17 according to the phone records.

Shaw's video does show Lambert leaves the house one more time at 0015 hours on 03-05-17. Lambert returns home at 0046 hours and is seen walking his bike east in the alley and entering the house. This is the last time Lambert is seen. The last call made from Lambert's landline is at 0156 hours on 03-05-17 and is believed to be made by Lambert to the River City Brewing Company (RCBC).

During the review of home surveillance video, a subject was observed exiting 114 North 5th Street out the south door on 03-05-17, at approximately 3:01 AM. The individual walks west down the alley, right by the video cameras located at 508 1st Avenue and 512 1st Avenue. Although under low light conditions, this person's general appearance / physical descriptors are similar to Armsted. From the video you are able to seen something shine in the right hand of the person walking west in the alley. We know Armsted did not have a cell phone and believe this is the murder weapon.

During the early morning hours on 03-05-17, Armsted made contact on foot with Latoya Coleman in the alley near her house located at 431 5th Avenue South in Clinton. Armsted gave Coleman fifty dollars (\$50) for a drug purchase. After using drugs, Armsted and Coleman went to an ATM machine at the Clinton National Bank where fraudulent deposits were made. The ATM timestamp is 03-05-17, at 5:31 AM. Armsted is seen in this video and again, his general clothing appearance matches that of the person leaving Lambert's house at 0301 hours on the

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Officers conducted other interviews and learned that Armsted may be trying to leave town to get back to Mississippi. Officers learned during the evening hours on or about 03-07-17, Armsted stopped by Pastor Nathanael and Francesca Johnson's house in Clinton. Among other things, Pastor Johnson said Armsted mentioned he was planning to go back home to Mississippi. Pastor Johnson gave Armsted twenty dollars (\$20) and agreed to give Armsted a ride in the coming days to the bus station in Davenport.

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Based on the above information, we know that Armsted was at Lambert and Cox's house on 03-04-17 because his last call to Alfredia was at 2336 hours on 03-04-17. Armsted also called Johnson from Lambert's landline a short time later at 2340 hours asking for twenty dollars. During interviews with Alfredia, she told Investigators that Armsted told her he needed to leave town because he was in serious trouble. Armsted told Alfredia that if he was caught he would go to jail for the rest of his life. Alfredia also tells investigators that Armsted is a knife person and that he is very good at handling knives. Lambert and Cox were murdered with single stab wounds to the chest. A knife was found in a plastic city garbage container in the alley behind 534 2nd Avenue S. The large kitchen knife appeared to have blood on the blade. The knife was later sent to the DCI Lab for comparison to known DNA profiles of Lambert and Cox. The location of the knife was approximately one block southwest of the Lambert/Cox residence and nine (9) houses west of where Armsted was staying at 508 2nd Avenue South.

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Reviewed and Approved by the County Attorney's Office

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Signed and sworn to before me by John Davis on the 10 day of September ,2018 in Clinton County, Iowa.

STEVEN E. KOPP
COMMISSION NUMBER 715175
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
FEBRUARY 20, 2020

Notary Magistrate, Clerk of Court, or other

Authorized officer

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As I continued to review the surveillance video from Shaw, I noticed at approximately 1321 on 03-04-17 Cox returns home from RCBC and is dropped off in the alley by "On the go Cab". It should be noted that Cox does not leave the house again based on the surveillance video. Throughout the day Lambert is seen leaving the house several times on his bicycle. Lambert is seen returning home at 1538 hours on 03-04-17 and parks his bike at the front of the house. Shortly after Lambert arrives home, at approximately 1559 hours is when Armsted and Grimes are first seen walking into Lambert's house. The video shows Armsted and Grimes leaving Lambert's house at 1633 hours and they walk west in the alley towards Fayette Street.

At 1708 hours on 03-04-17 the video shows Armsted returning to 114 N. 5th Street. The video from Shaw's residence shows Armsted walking north on N. 5th Street and walking to the front of the house. He is wearing the same clothes he had on when he left earlier in the day and is alone. The Shaw video again show's Lambert leaving the house on his bike at 2047 hours on 03-04-17. Lambert returns home at 2102 hours and based on the video, at this time Lambert, Cox and Armsted are at the house.

The video at this time from Shaw's house is dark and we now are able to track Armsted's movements based video surveillance cameras from Shaw's residence, the video from Downtown Auto and the video from RCBC. From the video from Shaw's residence someone leaves Lambert's house at 2307 hours on 03-04-17 and walks south on N. 5th Street. This person appears to be Armsted, because approximately six minutes later Armsted is seen in the Downtown Auto video walking in front of the Shell Gas Station at 401 2nd Avenue South. During this time Armsted is seen walking between the Shell Gas Station and RCBC several times. The video from RCBC shows Armsted enter the bar for a very short period of time. Armsted stays in this area until 2320 and walks west in the direction of 2nd Avenue South. Again, it should be noted that the clothing and physical description match that of Armsted.

From Shaw's video, approximately six minutes later at 2326 hours on 03-04-17 someone walks north on N. 5th Street going to Lambert's house. Based on all the video we believe this to be Armsted. This would also match the phone records from Lambert's home phone showing calls made to Alfredia starting at 2331 hours on 03-04-17. These calls would have been made by Armsted. This would also match the time Armsted called Johnson (pastors' wife) asking for twenty dollars. The call to Johnson was at 2340 hours on 03-04-17 according to the phone records.

Shaw's video does show Lambert leaves the house one more time at 0015 hours on 03-05-17. Lambert returns home at 0046 hours and is seen walking his bike east in the alley and entering the house. This is the last time Lambert is seen. The last call made from Lambert's landline is at 0156 hours on 03-05-17 and is believed to be made by Lambert to the River City Brewing Company (RCBC).

During the review of home surveillance video, a subject was observed exiting 114 North 5th Street out the south door on 03-05-17, at approximately 3:01 AM. The individual walks west down the alley, right by the video cameras located at 508 1st Avenue and 512 1st Avenue. Although under low light conditions, this person's general appearance / physical descriptors are similar to Armsted. From the video you are able to seen something shine in the right hand of the person walking west in the alley. We know Armsted did not have a cell phone and believe this is the murder weapon.

During the early morning hours on 03-05-17, Armsted made contact on foot with Latoya Coleman in the alley near her house located at 431 5th Avenue South in Clinton. Armsted gave Coleman fifty dollars (\$50) for a drug purchase. After using drugs, Armsted and Coleman went to an ATM machine at the Clinton National Bank where fraudulent deposits were made. The ATM timestamp is 03-05-17, at 5:31 AM. Armsted is seen in this video and again, his general clothing appearance matches that of the person leaving Lambert's house at 0301 hours on the

same day approximately two and half hours earlier. It should be noted that Armsted is not wearing his winter hat at this time and Armsted's hat was found in Lambert's house.

Officers conducted other interviews and learned that Armsted may be trying to leave town to get back to Mississippi. Officers learned during the evening hours on or about 03-07-17, Armsted stopped by Pastor Nathanael and Francesca Johnson's house in Clinton. Among other things, Pastor Johnson said Armsted mentioned he was planning to go back home to Mississippi. Pastor Johnson gave Armsted twenty dollars (\$20) and agreed to give Armsted a ride in the coming days to the bus station in Davenport.

On 03-08-17, Derek Brown, the manager at RCBC called Communications with information that Armsted may be leaving town. Capt. Bohle contacted Brown by phone and Brown said he had information that Armsted is staying at 508 2nd Avenue S. in Clinton, Iowa. Based on this information, Officer went to 508 2nd Avenue S to make contact with Armsted. Armsted was found at this location and Armsted was arrested on a valid warrant not related to this case.

Based on the above information, we know that Armsted was at Lambert and Cox's house on 03-04-17 because his last call to Alfredia was at 2336 hours on 03-04-17. Armsted also called Johnson from Lambert's landline a short time later at 2340 hours asking for twenty dollars. During interviews with Alfredia, she told Investigators that Armsted told her he needed to leave town because he was in serious trouble. Armsted told Alfredia that if he was caught he would go to jail for the rest of his life. Alfredia also tells investigators that Armsted is a knife person and that he is very good at handling knives. Lambert and Cox were murdered with single stab wounds to the chest. A knife was found in a plastic city garbage container in the alley behind 534 2nd Avenue S. The large kitchen knife appeared to have blood on the blade. The knife was later sent to the DCI Lab for comparison to known DNA profiles of Lambert and Cox. The location of the knife was approximately one block southwest of the Lambert/Cox residence and nine (9) houses west of where Armsted was staying at 508 2nd Avenue South.

Armsted is seen throughout the day from video from Shaw, Downtown Auto and RCBC and Armsted's clothing and physical description match the person that leaves Lambert's house at 0301 hours on 03-05-17.

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Reviewed and Approved by the County Attorney's Office

Said offense occurred in the City and County of Clinton, State of Iowa. I swear under penalty of perjury the foregoing information is true and correct.

9-10-18 Date

L. Laux Complainant

Signed and sworn to before me by John Davis on the 10 day of September, 2018 in Clinton County, Iowa.

STEVEN E. KOPP

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COMMISSION NUMBER 715175 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES

Notary Magistrate, Clerk of Court, or other

Authorized officer

My commission expires