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STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

ROCK COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Plaintiff,

DA Case No.: 2024RO001725

Assigned ADA: Alex D. Goulart &
Jason D. Sanders

vs.

Agency Case No.: JV2415684

LOGAN M BARCLAY

Court Case No.:

SEX/RACE: M/W
EYE COLOR: BLUE
HAIR COLOR: BROWN
HEIGHT: 6 FT 03 IN
WEIGHT: 164 LBS

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Defendant.

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The undersigned, being first duly sworn, states that:

Count 1: FIRST DEGREE INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE, DOMESTIC ABUSE

The above-named defendant on or about Tuesday, April 16, 2024, in the City of Janesville, Rock County, Wisconsin, did cause the death of K. L. H., with intent to kill that person, contrary to sec. 940.01(1)(a), 939.50(3)(a), 968.075(1)(a) Wis. Stats., **a Class A Felony**, and upon conviction shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life.

And further, invoking the provisions of sec. 968.075(1)(a) Wis. Stats., because this charge is an act of domestic abuse, costs upon conviction would include the domestic abuse assessment imposed under sec. 973.055(1) Wis. Stats.

PROBABLE CAUSE:

As an overview: on April 17, 2024, two women were walking the trails near Peace Park and discovered the body of an unknown female. She was later identified as K.L.H., and she had been shot in the stomach. The father of her child – Logan Barclay, the Defendant – ultimately confessed that he took her for a walk on the night of Tuesday, April 16th, 2024. They argued about her possibly being pregnant again. He shot her in the stomach with a .22-caliber handgun and walked away, leaving her in the woods to die.

He then hid her phone near her home and went to hang out with friends. She died, alone in the woods, having dragged herself to a tree. The following is how the Janesville Police Department uncovered the murderer, and his eventual confession.

HER BODY

On April 17, 2024 was a Wednesday. Over the lunch hour, two friends – identified as B.R. and L.J. – were walking on the trails near Peace Park, in the City of Janesville, Rock County, Wisconsin.

L.J. told Detective Schoonover that she and B.R. walked the trails near Peace Park for over an hour, and then moved to the trails off of Afton Road. They walked the main trail there towards

the dirt trail, when B.R. saw something in the woods. She heard B.R. say something like, "I think there's a body." L.R. immediately froze. She walked to the edge of the trees, but no farther. She said that the way the female was sitting on her knees, and not responding, "I knew she was dead, so I backed up and just wanted to get away." B.R. approached the body.

B.R. told Officer Sharp that she and L.J. were out walking the trails, and that B.R. often walks on those trails. She was walking on the gravel path when she saw something red in the woods. She initially thought it was a backpack, close to the river, but she walked a little closer and saw it was a person. She called out, but there was no movement and no response. B.R. went over and saw that the body was female, and she was cold and stiff. B.R. described her as "stuck" to the tree, "ice cold," and "like a brick." B.R. called 911.

Officer Terrell walked the Peace Trail to the small connector trail that leads to the dirt trail. To the east of the dirt trail, against a tree, was a deceased white female. She was kneeling, sitting on her left foot, with her right foot pointed towards the river. By her right foot were a pair of glasses. Her left arm was wrapped around one side of the tree, and her head on the other. Her head was facing downward. Her left hand was clenched in a fist.

She was young, early twenties. There was dirt on her knees and shins, but also on her hands and on the front of her sweatshirt. It appeared she crawled to the tree. While she had small personal effects, like chapstick and an iPhone charger, she did not have a wallet or cellphone.

The medical examiner was called to the scene, and arrived at 2:01pm. The female, whose name was yet unknown, was pronounced deceased at 2:40pm. Initially, it was hard to determine whether any foul play was involved, and her hands were too covered in dirt to attempt fingerprints. Officers would need to wait for the forensic autopsy.

THIS IS A HOMICIDE

On the morning of Thursday, April 18th, Dr. Tranchida of the Dane County Medical Examiner's Office performed a preliminary inspection of the victim. He noted a small hole in her lower abdomen, just below the belly button, and he believed it was a bullet hole. While he had not had time to perform a full autopsy, he contacted law enforcement to inform them.

Law enforcement returned to the trails en masse, scouring for any potential evidence. Officer Sharp checked all the access points to the trail, from Rockport Road to South Washington Street, looking for any unaccounted-for bicycles or cars, but there weren't any. Janesville Police Officers and Rock County Deputies walked the complex of trails, and the railroad tracks. They searched the area with the assistance of dogs and drones. All they found were some receipts and a lost wallet, containing a card of a female in her 70s.

IDENTIFYING THE VICTIM

On that same Thursday, a little after 4pm, Rock County CPS called police asking for a welfare check. A 22-year-old female, K.L.H., had missed two straight appointments, which was "extremely unusual for her." Detective Bechen searched K.L.H.'s name on Facebook, and saw she physically matched the approximate age, height, and weight of the victim, and the various photos made him pretty certain they had identified their victim. Detective Schoonover noted

that her Facebook photos contained some identifying tattoos that were a 100% match for the tattoos on the body found in the woods.

Detective Schoonover contacted CPS for more information about K.L.H., speaking with the supervisor there. The supervisor told the detective that K.L.H.'s case worker was concerned, because K.L.H. "always shows up and makes phone contact" with her parent support person. CPS had contacted K.L.H.'s mother, who had not seen or talked to her daughter since Tuesday, which was also very unusual.

PIECING TOGETHER HER FINAL DAY

Detectives Schoonover and Austin met with the victim's mother, along with chaplain service. They informed her that her daughter had been found deceased. She was shocked by the news. She told the detectives that the last time she saw her daughter was a little after 8pm on Tuesday, April 16th. They had gone to the store together, and when they came home, K.L.H. told her mom that her on-again, off-again boyfriend, Logan Barclay, was coming to pick her up. The last time she saw her daughter alive, she was saying goodbye as she walked out the door.

The victim's mom told detectives that K.L.H. has no car and doesn't drive, and she just started a new job. She was very excited, because she hasn't had a job for a while. K.L.H. had been dating Logan for about two years, and they do not always get along. They have a son together, who is not quite one year old. The court system had been involved with that son, and Logan's parents have custody of him.

K.L.H. had told her mom recently that she might be pregnant again, but to ask Logan, who would know more, since he would be the father and the first person K.L.H. would tell. Mom was not sure whether K.L.H. had her doctor's appointment to confirm her pregnancy yet or not.

FINDING LOGAN

Officers set up surveillance, and saw Logan drive to K&W Greenery. Detective Bechen approached him there and asked him to step outside. Logan confirmed that he knew K.L.H., and said he had not talked to her since Tuesday night. Logan claimed that he planned to go over to K.L.H.'s house on Tuesday, but he cancelled due to the rainy weather. He claimed the last time he saw her in person was on Sunday, when he went by her apartment in the evening.

Logan told Detective Bechen that the two of them were not currently dating, but also confirmed that if she were pregnant, he would likely be the father. Logan described K.L.H. as "obsessed" with him. He said they went for a walk on Sunday night to discuss her possible pregnancy.

At about 7:30pm on Thursday the 18th, Logan was interviewed by Detectives Schoonover and Bechen at the Janesville Police Department. While he was not yet under arrest, he was still read his Miranda Rights, which he waived.

THE MANY NON-CONFESSION OF LOGAN BARCLAY

Logan told the Detectives that he and K.L.H. were dating at first, and had an ongoing sexual relationship even after he considered them to no longer be dating. They had a son together last summer, who lives at Logan's home, but his parents are the official caretakers. Logan

said that he was not ready to be a father, and at first he thought K.L.H. was going to have an abortion. She decided to keep the baby, which made Logan extremely angry, because he did not want that kind of responsibility. When K.L.H. struggled to care for the son, CPS got involved and the courts placed him with Logan's parents.

At first, Logan gave the Detectives a timeline of his contact with K.L.H., saying that he talked to her Monday and Tuesday by phone, but had not seen her in person since Sunday. He said he called off their visit on Tuesday, and went over to his friends' house instead, drinking and hanging out.

Detective Schoonover called him out, saying that some of his timelines seemed accurate, but others did not match up with information the Detectives already had. He told Logan that they knew he went over to K.L.H.'s house on Tuesday. Logan admitted he had not been honest, and that he saw her Tuesday night. He went to her place and picked her up and drove her to the trail by his house. It was the same place they had walked on Sunday. He claimed they walked by the river to "see the lightning," and then he dropped her off back at her home.

Detective Schoonover again challenged Logan, and said that police knew she did not go home that night, and that they had found her body on the trails by Logan's home.

Logan admitted that he had been very angry with her, because she was currently pregnant and did not want to give up this baby. Logan did not want to have another child – he already had one baby he was not ready to care for – and he could not go through that again. K.L.H. refused to have an abortion. Logan admitted that he told her, "you can't keep it or I will do it my way." He asserted that this was an empty threat. He again claimed that to be the end of the story, which the Detectives again told him could not be true.

THE ULTIMATE CONFESSION OF LOGAN BARCLAY

Logan said they went for a walk on Sunday, and the conversation went about as he had previously described. They then went for a walk again on Tuesday, and she "would not stop talking about the pregnancy and how she wanted to keep it." Logan told the Detectives that she was "still talking about it, no matter how many times I told her to stop, she wouldn't. And I broke. I snapped. Screamed at her, and took it out and said 'stop following me, stop talking about it, please.'"

Logan admitted he was so upset that he pulled a gun, a small .22, and pointed it at her. She said "why do you have that" and backed away from him. He fired a shot at her from 6 to 10 feet away. After he shot her, she "freaked out and dropped to her knee, and I walked away."

Once he got to the parking lot, her phone was in his car. He drove over to her apartment complex and threw the phone out next to the dumpster. He hung out with his friends.

At first, he told the Detectives that the shot was an accident, that he "tensed up" and just wanted her to leave him alone. Detective Schoonover told Logan that it seemed very unlikely that he would argue with K.L.H. about a pregnancy, and then shoot a pregnant woman in the stomach, by accident. Logan said he shot her there because that was what he was thinking about – "my problem." Detective Schoonover asked Logan to clarify what "his problem" was. He responded, "being pregnant again."

Logan admitted that he sent K.L.H. several threatening text messages, including some about threatening to kill the baby, which he deleted off of his phone. He told the Detectives that the gun was still at his house, where he had taken it apart and put it in his closet.

FOLLOWING UP ON LOGAN'S CONFESSION

Detective Bechen confirmed with S.W. and L.A., the friends Logan mentioned, that he went over to hang out and drink at their home on Tuesday night, sometime around 11pm. L.A. reported that Logan claimed he "had been unable to reach" K.L.H., and was worried she "would do something stupid." He indicated that Logan "seemed fine" and did not appear to be scared or worried about anything.

S.W. showed Detective Bechen her phone, and her text conversation with Logan on Tuesday.

Logan (5:50pm): I need drinks later. Y'all down?

S.W. (5:50pm): [L.A.]'s at work till 10 so idk

Logan (5:51pm): I can pick him up. There's a high enough chance that I don't have work.

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Logan (5:57pm): Try and get back to me before 8

Logan (7:02pm): Anything?

S.W. (7:03pm): No I haven't heard anything from him yet.

Logan: (7:04pm): OK

Logan (9:37pm): I'm assuming you haven't heard from him?

Logan (9:54pm): [S.W.]?

Logan (10:51pm): I need you to pick up. Phrasel

Logan (10:51pm): Please.

Logan (11:07pm): I'm here.

Officers executed a search warrant at Logan's home, finding an ISCC .22 handgun, disassembled and located in the upper shelf of the closet. There was also a magazine, loaded with .22 rounds, and a box of ammunition for that firearm.

Officer Seuferer went to K.L.H.'s apartment complex and searched for her phone. While it was not where Logan said it would be, he eventually found it in the dumpster, under a garbage bag. The contents of the phone will be analyzed, but are not yet available.

The full report of the Medical Examiner regarding the death of K.L.H. is not yet complete, so it is not yet known whether she was definitively pregnant at the time Logan Barclay shot her in the stomach and left her in the woods for dead.

Based on the foregoing, the complainant believes this complaint to be true and correct.

JDS/ADG/mh

Subscribed and sworn to before me on
04/22/24

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