

Exhibit B

Also Known As:

Date of Birth/Age: **03/04/2002 (23)**Sex: **Male**Race: **White**Eye Color: **Hazel**Hair Color: **Brown**Height: **6'01"**Weight: **160 lbs**Driver's License: **DE - 2049810**

Social Security Number:

Address

Next of Kin Address Employer

Phone:

JAMES HASTINGS
36131 CARRIAGE WALK EA
DELMAR, DE 19940Employer: **MID SUSSEX RESCUE SQUAD**
31738 Indian Mission RD
Millsboro, DE 19966
(302) 945-2680Date and Times of Offense: **Between 02/14/2024 at 1500 and 02/14/2024 1900**Location of Offense: **35554 ATLANTIC AVE - Millville, 19967**

Your affiant DET LINGO can truly state that:

1. On 04/09/2025, Lt Evans requested I follow up on a harassment/hate crime that occurred at the Millville Fire Department located at 35554 Atlantic Ave Millville, DE 19967 in Sussex County on 02/14/2024.
2. Lt Evans advised the President of the Millville Fire Department, [REDACTED] was the reporting person and has all the information about the case.
3. Your affiant made contact with [REDACTED] via public service who advised suspect, Jay Droney (W/M DOB: 03/09/1998) chased victim: [REDACTED] (B/M DOB: 10/31/1995) with a noose around the Millville Fire Department. [REDACTED] advised S: Jordan Hastings (W/M 03/04/2002) videoed the incident and sent it to another employee at Millville Fire Department. [REDACTED] advised the incident occurred in February 2024. [REDACTED] advised he obtained the video from the acting EMS Chief, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised the video shows Jay Droney chasing [REDACTED] with an orange noose. [REDACTED] sent me the video via email on 04/09/25 at 1503 hours. [REDACTED] advised both Jay and Jordan have been suspended from the department.
4. Your affiant made contact with [REDACTED] (President of Millville Fire Department) via public service. [REDACTED] advised the victim is [REDACTED] and the suspect who chased him with a noose was Jay Droney. He advised the second suspect who videoed the incident was Jordan Hastings. [REDACTED] advised both Jay and Jordan have been suspended. He advised it was brought to his attention on 04/09/2025 at approximately 1100 hours. He advised he received a text message from the fire chief ([REDACTED]) stating that the EMS Captain [REDACTED] was going to get ahold of him about an incident. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] called him a short time later and told him about the incident and told him he had a video of it.

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5. He advised when he suspended Jay, Jay stated Jordan tied the rope. [REDACTED] advised when he suspended Jordan, Jordan advised he did not remember who tied the rope and did admit to videoing the incident.

6. On 04/09/2025 at 1900 hours, your affiant responded to the Ocean View Police Department and made contact with V: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised he has been with the Millville Fire Department for three years and has a good relationship with everyone.

7. He advised on 02/14/2024 he was working overtime, and it was not his original shift working. [REDACTED] stated it was around dinner time, and he was cooking dinner on the grill on the side of the fire department. He stated when he walking through the fire department on his way outside to the grill, he observed Jay Droney and Jordan Hastings practicing tying knots.

8. [REDACTED] advised while outside grilling, he saw Jay exit the side door to the building and he was swinging an orange rope and stated, "Come here boy". [REDACTED] advised when he first saw Jay, he did not see the noose. [REDACTED] advised once Jay cleared the doorway, he then observed the noose hanging on the far side of Jay. [REDACTED] advised Jay began chasing him with the noose. He advised he chased him to the front of the fire department and back to the area where he was grilling. He advised Jordan Hastings was the one that videoed the incident. [REDACTED] stated when he stopped running, Jay was laughing and walked back into the fire department. [REDACTED] advised he was offended and feels Jay took it too far. [REDACTED] advised since then, Jay has called him a "coon" and will talk about cotton fields in front of him. [REDACTED] stated his cousin [REDACTED] also works at the department and has had issues with Jay as well. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] is a black male as well.

9. Your affiant asked [REDACTED] why he did not bring it to his supervisor's attention when it occurred, and he advised he just wanted to come to work and do his job and go home. He advised he did not want to cause any problems.

10. [REDACTED] advised he arrived atwork on 04/09/2025 to relieve the next shift and they began talking about how Jay wrote a letter to the newspaper and the department alleging the department was doing a lot of suspicious things. [REDACTED] advised he then stated, "what about all the things Jay has done to me". He advised people started asking questions and [REDACTED] approached him asking about the incident.

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11. [REDACTED] advised that was when he told [REDACTED] what occurred and advised there was a video of the incident. [REDACTED] advised he asked [REDACTED] if he still had the video and he did.

12. After interviewing [REDACTED], your affiant spoke to [REDACTED] (DOB: [REDACTED]). [REDACTED] advised on 02/14/2024, he received a snapchat video from Jay Droney and it was a video of Jay chasing [REDACTED] with a noose.

13. He advised [REDACTED] came to him on 04/09/2025 and asked if he still had the video and he did, so he saved it on snapchat. [REDACTED] advised when you save photos or videos on snapchat, it will notify the sender that the video had been saved. [REDACTED] advised once he saved the video, Jay sent him a message asking why he was saving videos from a year ago.

14. [REDACTED] advised Jordan then tried calling him on 04/09/2025 at 1502 hours. [REDACTED] advised he ignored the call and Jordan then texted him asking [REDACTED] to call him asap.

15. [REDACTED] advised he sent the video to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised when the President [REDACTED] suspended Jay and Jordan, they stated [REDACTED] was apart of the incident and he was there at the Fire Department when it occurred. [REDACTED] advised he was off that day and was not at the fire department.

16. [REDACTED] stated he has heard Jay make racial slurs towards [REDACTED] and has seen [REDACTED] brush them off.

17. On 04/10/2025, your affiant made contact with [REDACTED] via public service. [REDACTED] advised Jay has called him names and has said some concerning things to him. [REDACTED] then advised he does not want to be apart of the investigation and does not want his name involved.

18. On 04/14/2025, your affiant made contact with [REDACTED] (acting EMS Chief) via public service. [REDACTED] advised the EMS Chief is away at training, so he is standing in his place. [REDACTED] advised on 04/09/2025, [REDACTED] brought it to his attention that there was a video of Jay chasing [REDACTED] with a noose. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] came to him that day and asked if he still had the video. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] advised he just wanted to make someone aware. [REDACTED] advised he then approached [REDACTED] and he told him about the incident and what

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happened.

19. [REDACTED] advised he then called the Fire Chief, [REDACTED] and he advised him to call President [REDACTED] immediately.

20. On 04/15/2025, Jordan Hastings responded to Troop 4 for an interview. During the interview, Jordan advised it was all a joke and [REDACTED] was laughing about it. He advised it was not a noose that Jay was chasing [REDACTED] with, it was a fireman's knot. The video clearly showed Jay carrying a noose.

21. Jordan then advised he did not remember who actually tied the knot in the rope. Jordan began changing his story and then stated he was done talking and until he had an attorney.

22. Jordan did state he was the one who videoed the incident.

23. The statements contained in this affidavit are based on information provided by victims, witnesses and other law enforcement officers, along with your Affiant's experience and background as law enforcement officer. Since this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of securing an arrest warrant, your Affiant has not included each and every fact known concerning this investigation. However, your Affiant does not believe he has excluded any fact or circumstance that would tend to defeat the establishment of probable cause. Your Affiant has set forth only the facts that she believes are necessary to establish probable cause.

Affiant: DET LINGO (01634) of TROOP 4 STATE POLICE

Victim:

Date of Birth

Relationship Victim to Defendant

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Acquaintance

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