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STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF BELL

COMES NOW the undersigned Affiant, a peace officer under the laws of the State of Texas after having been duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that I have good reason to believe and do believe that WILLIAM KIMBRELL RIDGELY committed the offense of MURDER as charged in the complaint to which this Affidavit is attached and that my belief in the foregoing is based on the following information.

I, DAVID VANVALKENBURG, AM A CERTIFIED PEACE OFFICER FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED WITH THE KILLEEN PD, BELL COUNTY, TEXAS. PURSUANT TO MY DUTIES, I'VE BEEN ASSIGNED TO AN INVESTIGATION INTO A REPORT OF MURDER IN WHICH THE SUSPECT IS WILLIAM KIMBRELL RIDGELY. PURSUANT TO THIS INVESTIGATION I HAVE REVIEWED ALL OFFENSE REPORTS AND WITNESS STATEMENTS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INVESTIGATION.

I WOULD ADVISE THAT ON FEBRUARY 25, 2026, OFFICERS WERE DISPATCHED TO A FIELD LOCATED AT SPLAWN RANCH DRIVE AND ZAYDEN DRIVE, KILLEEN, BELL COUNTY, TEXAS IN RESPONSE TO REPORTS OF TWO INDIVIDUALS ARGUING AND SHOTS BEING FIRED. UPON ARRIVAL, OFFICERS LOCATED WILLIAM KIMBRELL RIDGELY (DOB: 06/28/1989), HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE SUSPECT, WALKING IN THE FIELD, YELLING AND MAKING GUNSHOT POPPING SOUNDS. THE SUSPECT'S CLOTHING WAS COVERED IN WHAT OFFICERS BELIEVED TO BE BLOOD. OFFICERS DISCOVERED ANOTHER MALE INDIVIDUAL LYING FACE DOWN IN THE FIELD NOT FAR FROM WHERE THE SUSPECT WAS DETAINED. OFFICERS DETERMINED THE MALE INDIVIDUAL TO BE DECEASED AND THE INDIVIDUAL WAS IDENTIFIED AS BRANDON JAMES PETREE (DOB: 08/10/1990), HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE DECEASED. I INSPECTED THE DECEASED'S BODY AND FOUND THAT HE HAD BEEN SHOT SEVERAL TIMES: THREE (3) TIMES IN HIS BUTTOCKS, TWO (2) TIMES IN HIS LOWER RIGHT BACK, ONE (1) TIME IN THE RIGHT SIDE OF HIS BACK TOWARD THE MIDDLE, TWO (2) TIMES JUST UNDER HIS LEFT SHOULDER BLADE, ONE (1) TIME ON THE LEFT SIDE OF HIS BACK, ONE (1) TIME IN THE FRONT LEFT SHOULDER WHICH COULD BE AN EXIT WOUND FROM THE BACK, ONE (1) TIME IN THE HEAD, AND ONE (1) TIME IN THE TOP OF HIS RIGHT AND LEFT SHOULDER. IT APPEARS THE DECEASED HAD BEEN SHOT AT LEAST ELEVEN (11) TIMES. IT APPEARS THAT ALL OF THE GUNSHOT WOUNDS WERE SUSTAINED ON THE BACK OF THE DECEASED'S BODY. I OBSERVED THAT THE VICTIM APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN STRUCK WITH AN OBJECT WITH A STRAIGHT EDGE MULTIPLE TIMES ON HIS FOREHEAD, CONSISTENT WITH HAVING BEEN STRUCK WITH THE SIDE OF A HANDGUN. THERE WERE SEVENTEEN (17) SPENT SHELL CASINGS LOCATED IN THE AREA OF THE DECEASED. ALL OF THE SPENT SHELL CASINGS THAT WERE COLLECTED WERE 9MM. THE SPENT SHELL CASINGS EITHER HAD A HEAD STAMP OF X-TREME 9MM LUGER OR WIN 9MM LUGER. WHEN THE SUSPECT WAS APPREHENDED, HIS COMBAT GEAR WAS REMOVED. I OBSERVED THREE GLOCK MAGAZINES ON THE GROUND WITH THE SUSPECT'S GEAR, ALL OF WHICH WERE FULLY LOADED WITH THE SAME TYPE OF AMMUNITION LOCATED NEAR THE DECEASED. THE HOLSTER ATTACHED TO THE BATTLE BELT FIT THE GLOCK HANDGUN LOCATED ON THE GROUND NEAR THE DECEASED.

THE SUSPECT WAS ARRESTED AND LATER ESCORTED TO THE INTERVIEW ROOM WHERE THE SUSPECT WAS PROVIDED HIS MIRANDA WARNINGS AND ADVISED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD HIS RIGHTS.

DURING THE INTERVIEW, THE SUSPECT REPORTED THE FOLLOWING: THE SUSPECT AND DECEASED HAD TAKEN LSD. BEFORE THE SHOOTING OCCURRED THEY HAD BEGAN ARGUING ABOUT THE EVIL IN THE WORLD AND THE SUSPECT DID NOT BELIEVE THE DECEASED WAS ON THE SAME WAVELENGTH AS THE SUSPECT. THE SUSPECT BELIEVED THE DECEASED WAS REACHING FOR HIS FIREARM AND THE SUSPECT SHOT HIM. THE SUSPECT BELIEVED THE DECEASED TURNED AWAY FROM HIM WHEN THE SUSPECT DREW HIS FIREARM TO SHOOT THE DECEASED. THE SUSPECT DOES NOT REMEMBER HOW MANY TIMES HE SHOT THE DECEASED. THE SUSPECT LEFT HIS FIREARM ON THE GROUND NEAR THE DECEASED. AFTER SHOOTING THE DECEASED, THE SUSPECT HIT THE DECEASED MULTIPLE TIMES IN THE HEAD WITH THE SUSPECT'S FIST AND FIREARM.

THE DECEASED'S FIREARM WAS HOLSTERED AND FULLY LOADED. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE DECEASED'S FIREARM HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE HOLSTER OR HAD BEEN FIRED.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, YOUR AFFIANT REQUESTS THAT A WARRANT ISSUE FOR THE ARREST OF THE SUSPECT IDENTIFIED ABOVE FOR THE FELONY OFFENSE DESCRIBED ABOVE.

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AFFIANT

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by the above named Affiant, as credible person, this the 27 day of February, 2026.



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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
PRECINCT NO. 2
BELL COUNTY, TEXAS