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Probable Cause Statement

STATE OF MISSOURI
 COUNTY OF BARRY
 DATE:04/01/2025

CASE# A25-0355

OCN:

I, Detective Billy Forester, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true.

1. Furthermore, your affiant believes that probable cause exists for the issuance of a **warrant** for the suspect, **Brandy Jo Coburn**. Coburn committed the offense(s) below in Verona, Barry County, MO, between 0001 hours on 03/11/2025 and 1300 hours on 03/13/2025.

Charge 1: Murder 1st Degree (565.020-001Y20200903.0)

Charge 2: Abandonment of a Corpse (194.425-001Y20205599.0)

Charge 3: Tampering with Physical Evidence in Felony Prosecution (575.100-001Y20205099.0)

Charge 4: Armed Criminal Action (571.015-001Y20205213.0)

2. The facts that support a finding of probable cause to believe a crime was committed and that the accused committed the crime are:

On 03/20/2025, I responded to Schrader's Towing at 24721 State Highway 39, Shell Knob, Barry County, MO, regarding a body found in the trunk of a burnt car. Schrader's Towing recovered the vehicle a week prior from the scene of a fire on Farm Road 1170, less than three miles from Brandy's residence. On 03/24/2025, blood samples were taken during an autopsy of the body and submitted to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's RapidDNA system. The results identified the remains as Victim #1.

On 03/27/2025, I interviewed Witness #1 at the Barry County Sheriff's Office to obtain her knowledge regarding this case. Witness #1 told me that Brandy had called her on 03/22/2025 and admitted that she shot Victim #1 in the head.

During a post-Miranda interview with Sheriff Danny Boyd, Witness #2 stated that he went to Brandy's camper and that Brandy told him she shot Victim #1 in the back of the

head. Witness #2 stated Brandy convinced him to help her get rid of Victim #1's body. Witness #2 admitted that he and Suspect #2 put Victim #1 in the trunk of his own car and towed the vehicle from Brandy's residence onto Farm Road 1170. Witness #1 said Brandy and Suspect #2 were in Victim #1's vehicle while he towed it and steered the car off the road at the bottom of a hill. Witness #2 said he observed Suspect #2 set the car on fire before all three parties left the scene in Witness #2's truck.

During a post-Miranda interview with Sheriff Danny Boyd, Suspect #2 said that he knew beforehand that Brandy intended to lure Victim #1 over to her residence to "set him up." Suspect #2 said he was standing near the bathroom in the camper and handed Victim #1 a flashlight to view some items in the front area of the camper. Suspect #2 said after he diverted Victim #1's attention toward the items, Brandy pointed a small silver gun with a white pearl handle to Victim #1's head and fired one shot.

Suspect #2 said he and Brandy left Victim #1 dead inside the camper for three days before Brandy, Suspect #2, and Witness #2 removed Victim #1's body from the camper and placed Victim #1's body in the trunk of his own car. Suspect #2 confirmed he and Brandy were inside Victim #1's car as Witness #2 towed it behind his truck with a chain. Suspect #2 said he and Brandy left Victim #1's vehicle at the bottom of the hill on Farm Road 1170, where it was set on fire.

On 03/27/2025, I executed a search warrant on Brandy's camper and discovered what appeared to be blood on a lower portion of a sink cabinet toward the front of Brandy's camper. A rapid presumptive test indicated the presence of blood. We submitted blood samples to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's RapidDNA system and confirmed that the blood matched Victim #1.

Brandy is currently being held in the Barry County Jail on separate charges.

3. *For the issuance of a warrant, complete the following, if appropriate. Otherwise summons will issue.* The law enforcement officer requests a warrant pursuant to Missouri Supreme Court Rule 22.03. It is upon belief that:

DEFENDANT WILL FAIL TO APPEAR

- Defendant has a history of fleeing.
- Defendant has failed to appear at previous court hearings.
- Defendant is NOT a resident of Missouri.

DEFENDANT POSES A DANGER TO A CRIME VICTIM, THE COMMUNITY, OR ANY OTHER PERSON

- Alleged offense is violent because (Explain): **The victim was lured to a residence of a person he knew, was shot in the head, and left in the floor dead for three days. The defendant attempted to destroy the victim's body and vehicle by fire.**
- Crime victim fears defendant due to the nature of the crime.
- Defendant is a danger to the community as he is a

CONSIDERATIONS FOR DANGER TO COMMUNITY:

- Alleged offense included a weapon. **The victim was shot in the head.**
- Pending charge at time of this incident are (Explain):
 - Is currently under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Defendant exhibits signs of (Explain)

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Billy Lucas
Signature

04/01/2025
Date

