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MONTANA THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

STATE OF MONTANA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

VANESSA MARIE DELANEY,

Defendant.

CAUSE NO. DC

JUDGE:

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE
INFORMATION WITH SUPPORTING
AFFIDAVIT**

The undersigned Deputy County Attorney of Yellowstone County, Montana, being first duly sworn upon her oath, moves the Court for Leave to File an Information based upon an investigation conducted by law enforcement officers charging the above-named Defendant with the offense of:

DELIBERATE HOMICIDE (FELONY)

committed at Yellowstone County, State of Montana, on or about September 6, 2022.

That law enforcement officers have made a full and careful investigation of all the facts and circumstances surrounding the commission of said offense, so far as they are known or ascertainable; that she believes it a proper case for filing of an Information and that for this reason, and none other, the foregoing motion is made.

The Court is informed that the Billings Police Department (BPD) investigation revealed the following:

On or about September 6, 2022, at approximately 1:40 a.m., Officer Larkin was dispatched to the area of North Park, Billings, Yellowstone County, Montana for a stabbing. The complainant informed dispatch that the victim, identified as C.C.W. (born in November 1997), had been stabbed about 15 minutes prior, but that they could not locate him now.

Upon arrival at North Park, Officer Larkin met with M.A.V. and D.L.F. M.A.V. informed Officer Larkin that C.C.W. was stabbed and showed him a video of the incident. In the video, C.C.W. is shown sitting in the grass while a male, identified as CHRISTOPHER ADRIAN BROWN (born in October 2003), the Co-Defendant herein, punches C.C.W. in the head. At the same time, a female, identified as VANESSA MARIE DELANEY (born in August 1997), the Defendant herein, is standing opposite of BROWN and yelling at C.C.W. with a knife in her hand. C.C.W. is yelling, "I can't feel my right leg!" and there is blood on his face and/or neck.

M.A.V. advised Officer Larkin that he met C.C.W. at St. Vincent's hospital earlier that evening. As they were walking back to M.A.V.'s hotel through North Park they saw DELANEY and BROWN in the First Interstate Bank parking lot. C.C.W. tried to calm down BROWN, then BROWN and DELANEY began chasing C.C.W. M.A.V. said he followed C.C.W., BROWN, and DELANEY and began recording on his cell phone once he was close enough. M.A.V. said he did not intervene in the stabbing as he was in shock and did not want to be the next victim. After the stabbing, DELANEY told M.A.V. to go home and he did so. When he arrived, he informed D.L.F. what he just witnessed. M.A.V. and D.L.F. then attempted to locate C.C.W. at the park, but were unable to, and called law enforcement.

While officers were speaking with M.A.V. and D.L.F., a second complainant, B.K. called in and reported there was an unconscious or dead male near the North Park Center building on the east end of the park. BPD officers found C.C.W. bleeding profusely with his shirt off and pants pulled down exposing his buttocks. C.C.W. showed few signs of life and officers applied a tourniquet and performed CPR until medical personnel arrived. Sgt. Schnelbach observed the male appeared to be deceased and requested medical respond code. Officers observed blood around C.C.W.'s mouth, nose, and arm; puncture wounds on the front of his right thigh and leg; and a trail of blood from where C.C.W. was found. Billings Fire Department personnel and AMR arrived and took over medical care. C.C.W. was transported to Billings Clinic, where medical personnel performed surgery and placed him in the Intensive Care Unit. C.C.W. died several hours later at the Billings Clinic.

M.A.V. provided detailed descriptions of DELANEY and BROWN, telling officers they may be at the Jefferson Lines bus station as they frequent the area. Officers responded and located both DELANEY and BROWN in the area of the bus station. They were taken into custody. Officers recovered a green and black folding pocketknife on DELANEY'S person. DELANEY told Officer Smith she wanted to explain what she did and why. Officer Smith told her she would have the opportunity to do so when they had more information. DELANEY and BROWN were transported in separate patrol cars to the Billings Police Station to speak with detectives.

DELANEY agreed to speak with Detective Robinson after being read *Miranda*. DELANEY said she was at North Park with her fiancé, BROWN, when C.C.W. approached them stating he wanted to be with her. DELANEY said she had been raped by C.C.W. and attempted to get away from him several times. DELANEY said she told C.C.W. to leave, or she would stab him. DELANEY said C.C.W. did not leave, so she took out a pocketknife and hit him in the nose with the window-punch end of the knife. C.C.W. fell to the ground, and she stabbed him four times in the leg. DELANEY said she didn't stab C.C.W. with the intent to kill him but conceded that she has thought about stabbing him previously.

BROWN also agreed to speak with Detective Robinson after being read *Miranda*. BROWN admitted to chasing C.C.W. and that DELANEY stabbed him. After their interviews, BROWN and DELANEY were remanded to the Yellowstone County Detention Facility.

An autopsy has not yet been completed. The investigation continues.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED: September 7, 2022

/s/ Emily Jo Roark
Deputy County Attorney