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STATE OF WISCONSIN	CIRCUIT COURT	SAUK COUNTY
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STATE OF WISCONSIN

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBERT M PULVERMACHER

6988 Schneider Road

Middleton, WI 53562

DOB: 08/09/1950

Sex/Race: M/W

Eye Color: Brown

Hair Color: Brown

Height: 5 ft 9 in

Weight: 170 lbs

Alias:

Defendant.

DA Case No.: 2019SA000171

Assigned DA/ADA: Kevin R. Calkins

Agency Case No.: 19-00580

Court Case No.:

ATN:

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT*For Official Use*

Complainant, having been sworn, states:

Count 1: FIRST DEGREE INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE: On January 13, 2019, in the Town of Delton, in Sauk County, Wisconsin, did cause the death of H.A.J., with intent to kill that person, contrary to sec. 940.01(1)(a) Wis. Stats., a Class A Felony, and upon conviction shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life.

PROBABLE CAUSE: I am a law enforcement officer and sign this Criminal Complaint on personal knowledge, information and belief.

On January 14, 2019, at approximately 1:08 p.m., I and other officers were sent to the Ho Chunk Casino parking lot, S3214 CTH BD, Town of Delton, Sauk County, Wisconsin, to investigate an apparent deceased individual in a car at that location. On my arrival at approximately 2:30 p.m., I observed an apparently deceased older white male slumped over in the driver's seat of a car, parked in a stall in the parking lot approximately 250 yards from the Hotel entrance of the Casino property. I saw that the white male had a significant amount of blood stain down the front of his coat. I also saw what appeared to be blood spatter (sprayed blood) on the windshield in front of the driver's seat. Officers examined the car and found no weapon present. The deceased had no wallet and the car keys were missing. A registration check on the car showed the car was owned by H.A.J.. Personnel from Dells/Delton Ambulance Service entered the vehicle and confirmed that the white male was dead. Subsequently, the body was removed from the car. Family members later identified the deceased as H.A.J..

On January 15, 2019, I attended an autopsy performed on H.A.J. by Dr. Robert Corliss, a Forensic Pathologist, at the UW Hospital. Dr. Corliss performed the autopsy and told me the following: H.A.J. had five sharp force injuries, including two certainly fatal injuries: one to the right upper neck and one to the base of the neck on the right side. Both wounds severed the carotid artery. H.A.J. had three stab wounds: one to the left upper back, one to the right back and one to the posterior right shoulder. The two back wounds entered the body cavity, the shoulder wound struck the shoulder bone. The instrument used to create the wounds penetrated H.A.J. from 3½ to 5 inches. The wounds were from 1 to 1½ inches wide. The instrument used was likely a single sided knife, without serration. The wounds

are consistent with stabbing from the back to front and from right to left. Dr. Corliss advised that the sharp force injuries were the cause of H.A.J.'s death.

N.J.J., H.A.J.'s daughter told Detective Justin Hannagan the following: Her father had told her that he had lent \$100 to a man at the Casino on Friday, January 11, 2019. He was going to meet the man on Saturday to get the money back, but the man didn't show. He was going to meet the man on Sunday at the Casino. H.A.J. told her the man was Bob Pulvermacher.

Detective Tyler Pointon reports the following: With assistance from Ho Chunk Security personnel, he viewed video of the Casino property, including the parking area where H.A.J.'s body was found. Detective Pointon observed the following: H.A.J. arrived at the Casino in his car at 5:09 p.m. on January 13, 2019. He parked on the south side of the property and entered the Casino at 5:11 p.m. where he checked his coat. H.A.J. sat down at a blackjack table at 5:18 p.m.. At approximately 5:25 p.m., a man approached H.A.J. at the blackjack table. The man later identified as Robert M. Pulvermacher, DOB 08/09/1950, by Department of Corrections Agent Laura Worthman; Worthman currently has Pulvermacher under probation supervision and recognized him from the Ho Chunk surveillance photo, as the man with H.A.J.. From 5:25 to 5:29, H.A.J. and Pulvermacher walked together through the Casino to coat check. Then, they went to H.A.J.'s car, entering at 5:31 p.m.. The view of the car on the video was obstructed by another vehicle, so officers could not see which door each used to enter the vehicle. The car then begins to move and is driven slowly up and down the rows of the Casino parking lot. The car then pulls into another parking stall, the stall where H.A.J.'s body was ultimately found, at 5:37 p.m.. The view of H.A.J.'s car is partially obstructed by another parked vehicle. However, the front and rear of H.A.J.'s vehicle is visible. Within a minute of H.A.J.'s car parking, Pulvermacher exits the car by the rear driver's side door. Pulvermacher paces back and forth between the two vehicles; only an upper portion of his body is visible. Pulvermacher walks to the rear of the car, where his entire body is visible; he is smoking a cigarette. At 5:39:00 p.m. Pulvermacher reenters the car by the same door. At 5:39:14 p.m., a large plume of exhaust is emitted from the tailpipe of the car. At 5:45:26 p.m., Pulvermacher exited the car again from the same door. Pulvermacher then walks to the Casino and reenters at 5:50 p.m.. Pulvermacher enters a Casino bathroom at 5:52 p.m.. Pulvermacher exits the bathroom at 6:04 p.m. and walks to the gaming floor. Pulvermacher remains in the Casino until approximately 1:00 a.m. on January 14, 2019. At that time, Pulvermacher left with another individual. Detective Pointon continued to review videos of H.A.J.'s car from the time Pulvermacher exited it at 5:45:26 p.m. on January 13, 2019, until security staff discovered the apparently deceased body on January 14, 2019, and called law enforcement. Nobody else entered or exited that car until the security officer opened the door to check on H.A.J..

On January 16, 2019, I interviewed S.P.G., who told me the following: He saw the photo of himself regarding the H.A.J. death investigation on the news. S.P.G. identified himself as the person who gave a ride to Robert Pulvermacher from the Ho Chunk Casino during the early morning hours of January 14, 2019. S.P.G. told me that he met Pulvermacher while playing blackjack with him at the Casino. Pulvermacher offered him \$100 for a ride to Madison, and gave S.P.G. 4 \$25 casino chips. S.P.G. drove Pulvermacher to Madison. Pulvermacher asked S.P.G. if he knew of any Hotels in Madison which took cash. S.P.G. called a number of hotels at Pulvermacher's request and then drove Pulvermacher to the Rodeway Inn and Suites, on the far East side of Madison. S.P.G. dropped Pulvermacher off at the office and left.

On January 16, 2019, Detective Scott Steinhorst spoke to P.S., the desk clerk at Rodeway. P.S. confirmed that Robert Pulvermacher was registered there as a guest, but had since left. Pulvermacher checked in on January 14, 2019 at approximately 1:40 a.m. Pulvermacher paid cash for three nights' stay. Later, a Madison PD officer viewed the video from the Rodeway Inn. The officer saw Pulvermacher walking away from the Rodeway Inn on January 15, 2019. Pulvermacher has not returned to the Rodeway Inn after that time.

I believe the statements of N.J.J., S.P.G., and Laura Worthman to be truthful and reliable as they are statements by ordinary citizens. I know that Detective Steinhorst, Hannagan and Pointon provided the above information in the ordinary course of their professional duties as law enforcement officers and, therefore, believe the above information to be accurate and reliable.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 01/18/19

Electronically Signed By:

Kevin R. Calkins

District Attorney

State Bar #: 1008206

Electronically Signed By:

Drew A. Bulin

Complainant