

CASE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT
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Evansville Police Department

OCA : **1914227**

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Case Status: *CLEARED BY ARREST*

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Occurred: *09/30/2018*

Offense: *MURDER*

Investigator: *WHITLER, K. A. (2X1217)*

Date / Time: *11/11/2019 18:49:15, Monday*

Supervisor: *(0)*

Supervisor Review Date / Time: *NOT REVIEWED*

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Reference: *Affidavit Of Probable Cause*

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

CASE NUMBER: 19-14227

I, Det. Keith Whitler, believe that on or about the 25th day of September 2018 at 2245 hundred hours at 1032 N. Third Avenue, in the City of Evansville, County of Vanderburgh, State of Indiana, the defendant, Joan Paul, did commit the crime(s) of:

CT I Obstruction of Justice-F6 IC CODE: 35-44.1-2-2 (A)

CT II Abuse of corpse---F6 IC CODE: 35-45-11-2

CT III Failure to report dead body-AM IC CODE: 35-45-19-3

The undersigned, being a law enforcement officer with the Evansville Police Department, and being duly sworn upon his/her oath, states that the below information constitutes probable cause for the above crimes, incorporated herein is also any attached sheets which are made a part of this sworn affidavit:

On 070519, the victim, Evonne Marie Pullen, was reported missing by a family member in Virginia. Pullen was last seen in Virginia in September 2018 and was headed to Evansville with the one defendant, Angela Paul. Both Angela Paul and Pullen had lived together at a shelter in Virginia before moving to Evansville to live with the defendant Joan Paul. After Pullen`s family had not seen or heard from Pullen in several months, they filed a missing person report with the Evansville Police Department in July 2019, which is approximately ten months after she moved to Evansville. The EPD detective office started an active missing person case on Pullen at that time. The leads on Pullen were thin since the Evansville parties involved confirmed that Pullen had been in town for approximately three weeks before disappearing.

On 111119, at approximately 0100 hours, detectives were notified by motor patrol that a person being arrested on an unrelated case told officers that there was a body buried in a garage at 1032 N. Third Avenue. That is the last known address where Pullen briefly lived while in Evansville. The arrested person, William Snyder, told officers that a body was buried under the garage floor and that his girlfriend, Angela Paul, killed the person. Third Shift detectives went to the address and received consent from the people currently residing there for consent to look into their garage. They observed that part of the garage floor was concrete and another part of the floor was dirt. Detectives also noted that some of the dirt floor appeared soft and spongy compared to other parts of the dirt floor. Detectives then backed out and secured a search warrant for the property.

At approximately 0530 hours, detectives excavated the dirt floor and located a body wrapped in a plastic tarp. Through their training and experience, they believed the body to be the victim, Evonne Marie Pullen.

Angela Paul, Joan Paul, William Snyder, and Gary Anderson were picked up and brought to station for

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interviews. They had lived at 1032 N. Third Avenue at the time Pullen was in Evansville. At first, Angela Paul, Joan Paul, and Gary Anderson lied to detectives about the body in the garage, but later in the day they all three confirmed that Pullen was the person in the garage. Detectives learned that Pullen had been killed while at the house on September 25, 2018. Joan Paul, who is Angela Paul's mother, stated that everyone except Snyder were at the house on September 25th when Angela yelled at them from another room. Joan Paul stated that they went into the kitchen and saw Pullen deceased on the floor next to the stairway. Joan Paul stated that Angela told her that she had been spraying Pullen with the spray nozzle from the kitchen sink and it must have caused Pullen to drown. Joan Paul stated that she checked for a pulse and did not feel one. Gary Anderson, who is Joan Paul's husband, told the same story. Anderson stated that Angela Paul had been hitting and punching Pullen for weeks prior to her being deceased. Pullen is mentally challenged and soiled her clothes often, which infuriated Angela Paul. Anderson stated that for approximately three days before they found Pullen deceased, she had been naked in the corner of the kitchen. Anderson believed that Angela Paul was keeping her there due to her soiling the floor. Anderson stated that Pullen had bruises and other marks all over her body. Anderson also stated that Angela Paul brought Pullen to Evansville due her getting a monthly check. Detectives had learned that Angela Paul was the Payee on Pullen's disability checks, but stopped that immediately after Pullen was murdered, but months before she was reported missing.

Angela Paul was confronted with the information about the death of Pullen. She told almost the same story that Joan Paul and Gary Anderson had told. Only Angela Paul's version blamed her mother Joan Paul for drowning Pullen with the spray nozzle.

Anderson and Angela Paul admitted to burying Pullen in the garage. Both blamed each other for burying her there. Anderson stated that Joan Paul ended up putting concrete over the shallow grave several months after they buried her there. The concrete was left over from a patch job that was done on the front porch of the house.

All three moved out of 1032 N. Third Street sometime prior to May 1, 2019. They did not divulge to anyone that Pullen was buried in the garage. A new tenant moved into the house on May 15, 2019 and there is no evidence that the new tenant was aware of what transpired six or seven months prior.

Snyder was released after the interviews. Detectives learned that he lived in New Jersey at the time Pullen disappeared. He did not move to Evansville until November 2018, which was several weeks after Pullen was murdered.

Angela Paul, Joan Paul, and Gary Anderson were transported to VCCC.

Your affiant believes that any person who supplied the above information to your affiant speaks from personal knowledge and observation and are reliable and credible inasmuch as they volunteered information to your

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affiant in the course of your affiant`s investigation as a law enforcement officer. Your affiant believes there is a factual basis for the above information as your affiant`s personal observation corroborated said information.

I affirm under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge.

Affiant: Date: 111119

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COURT DETERMINATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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The Court having examined the above Affidavit of Probable Cause hereby finds that there is Probable Cause to establish that the defendant committed the offense(s) of this day of 20 , and the defendant is ordered held in the Vanderburgh County Jail or similar adult facility. The State of Indiana is to timely file formal charges herein, and the defendant`s bond is set in the amount of \$, cash only.

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