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**Polk County**

**Winter Haven, FL**

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INCIDENT NUMBER  
240014278

CO-DEFENDANT:

VICTIM/WITNESS:

Victim: ESPINOZA, ELVIA

PROBABLE CAUSE:

On Saturday, April 6th, 2024 at approximately 1426 hours Polk County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to the single family residence located at [REDACTED] regarding a stabbing. The response was prompted by a 911 call from Emmanuel Espinoza, hereinafter referred to as the defendant. The defendant stated during the 911 call "I just killed [REDACTED]" and further indicated he killed [REDACTED] by stabbing [REDACTED]

Deputy Sheriff Selph #9762 was the first unit to arrive on scene. Deputy Selph approached the front of the residence and observed the defendant exiting the front door. The defendant's entire body was covered in blood and he spontaneously stated "I just killed [REDACTED]"

Additional deputies arrived on scene and made entry into the residence. Deputies discovered large amounts of blood trailing throughout the residence which led to deputies discovering the body of [REDACTED] hereinafter referred to as the victim. The victim was face down in a pool of blood with multiple stab wounds, obviously deceased.

As a result, detectives with the Polk County Sheriff's Office Homicide Unit responded to the scene and assumed the investigation.

During the investigation, detectives executed a search warrant on the residence. During a further examination of the scene the victim's body was examined. The victim had multiple penetrating stab wounds to the head, back, chest, and neck. Detectives also discovered blood in the kitchen sink and a pocket knife with apparent blood.

The defendant was interviewed at the Polk County Sheriff's Office Southeast District Substation. Post Miranda, the defendant identified the victim as [REDACTED]. The defendant stated on Saturday, April 6th, 2024 he left his residence in Gainesville, Florida to come to the victim's residence for a pre-planned visit. The defendant stated he was going to be staying at the victim's residence to visit family that reside in the area. An hour prior to arriving, he made the decision to kill the victim. The defendant stated he has been conspiring to kill the victim for a long time but just has not had the courage to carry out the act until now. The defendant stated his motivation behind killing the victim was as a result of the victim annoying him when he was younger. The defendant further stated he loved the victim but still decided to kill [REDACTED]

The defendant then described the sequence of events leading up to killing the victim. The defendant arrived at the victim's residence at approximately 1400 hours. The defendant then put his AirPods Pros in his ears and put on a Hip-Hop song called "No Church in the Wild" by Jay-Z and Kanye West and turned the volume up. The defendant then armed himself with his silver folding pocket knife and approached the victim's front door. The defendant attempted to enter the front door however, it was locked. The defendant knocked on the front door and the victim opened the door for the defendant. The defendant stated he then repeatedly stabbed the victim in [REDACTED] stomach. The victim attempted to run from the defendant and he chased after [REDACTED] into the kitchen area of the home repeatedly stabbing [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] ran. The defendant stated the victim tried to fight back by trying to take the knife from him so he began to stab the victim more in the chest and the neck. The victim tried to get up and flee but [REDACTED] fell once again to the floor as the defendant continued to stab [REDACTED]. The victim ended up lying face down on the floor at which time the defendant cut the back of the victim's shirt open and began to stab the victim repeatedly in the back until [REDACTED] hands stopped moving. After this, the defendant then went to the kitchen sink and washed off the knife he used to stab the victim and his hands. At this time the defendant stated he called 911 because of what he did.

The defendant is a pre-med student at the University of Florida and stated he used his knowledge of the human body to stab the victim in specific places such as the chest in order to make sure he killed the victim. The defendant stated he knew if he stabbed the victim in or around the heart, blood would not be able to be pumped

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throughout the body and the victim would eventually bleed out.

Detectives later made contact with the victim's [REDACTED] who owns the residence where the victim resides. [REDACTED] was on the phone with the victim at the time the defendant attacked [REDACTED]. During a phone interview, [REDACTED] stated he heard the victim say "I think Manny is here". It should be noted, Manny is short for "Emmanuel" the name of the defendant. [REDACTED] heard the victim open the front door and then heard the victim begin to scream for help. [REDACTED] who is currently out of state, then accessed the interior surveillance cameras for the residence and observed the defendant at the kitchen sink washing his hands. The defendant was then observed walking to the camera and attempting to disable it by turning the camera.

Detectives obtained a copy of the video which corroborated with [REDACTED] and the defendant's statements. In video clips provided to detectives, the victim can be heard screaming "Manny! Manny!". While screaming the defendant's name, a thumping or slapping sound, believed to be the defendant stabbing the victim can be heard multiple times as the victim continues to make moaning and groaning noises until there is silence. Briefly after this clip, the defendant is observed at the kitchen sink wearing sunglasses washing blood off of his arms and hands before walking to the camera and turning the camera away as described above.

Based upon the facts and evidence obtained, there is probable cause to show the defendant violated F.S.S. 782.04 (First Degree Murder) by killing the victim from a premediated design. Furthermore, the defendant violated F.S.S. 918.13 (Tampering with Physical Evidence) by washing DNA evidence from the knife used to kill the victim.

The defendant was arrested and transported to the Polk County Sheriff's Office Processing Center without incident.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, THIS 6 DAY OF April 2024

This affidavit was electronically signed

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