

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF SALINE COUNTY NEBRASKA**

JUN 11 2018

STATE OF NEBRASKA )

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PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

WILBER, NEBRASKA

COUNTY OF SALINE )

The complaint and affidavit of Sheriff Alan Moore who being first duly sworn, upon oath says:

Your AFFIANT is the Sheriff of Saline County Nebraska.

On November 16, 2017, the Lincoln Police Department received a report of a missing person. The missing person was identified as Sydney Loofe a 24-year-old female (date of birth 8/21/93) who had been residing in northeast Lincoln. According to a co-worker, Sydney was last seen leaving her job at Menards located at 3500 North 27<sup>th</sup> in Lincoln, Lancaster County Nebraska on the evening of November 15, 2017. Sydney failed to show up for her shift on the morning of November 16, 2017. Sydney was reported missing by her mother, Susan Loofe, who lives in Neligh, Nebraska at approximately 5:00 PM on November 16, 2017.

During the investigation by the Lincoln Police Department it was learned that Sydney was in the company of Bailey Boswell, date of birth (2/26/94), sometime after Sydney left work on November 15, 2017. Bailey Boswell, at that time, resided in a basement apartment at the address of 621 West 7<sup>th</sup> in Wilber, Saline County Nebraska. Boswell lived there with an individual named Aubrey Trail, date of birth (9/7/66). The investigation determined that Boswell met Sydney on a mobile dating app for use with smartphones called Tinder. Tinder account holders can be identified by an alpha-numeric number. Law enforcement identified the alpha-numeric numbers for the accounts of Bailey Boswell and Sydney Loofe. Bailey Boswell had been using the name of Audrey on her Tinder account. A search warrant was served on Tinder and officers were able to determine that Boswell and Sydney began conversing via Tinder on November 11, 2017. Between November 11, 2017 and November 15, 2017 there were approximately 140 messages sent between Boswell and Sydney. The messages revealed that there had been some kind of date between Boswell and Sydney on November 14, 2017 in which they were together and that they had arranged to go on another date on November 15, 2017. The last message Boswell sent to Sydney occurred at 6:54 PM on November 15, 2017 in which Bailey messaged that she was at Sydney's residence.

During the missing person investigation it was determined that Sydney Loofe's cell phone was in contact with a cell phone tower located near Wilber, Saline County at about 8:31 PM on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. That was the last activity on her cell phone. A search warrant was served at the basement apartment of 621 W. 7<sup>th</sup> in Wilber on November 19, 2017. The landlord, who resides upstairs at 621 West 7<sup>th</sup> reported a strong odor of bleach emanating from the basement on November 16, 2017 into November 17, 2017.



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During the service of the search warrant on November 19th it appeared that portions of the walls of the apartment been wiped down in an effort to clean them. At that time, law enforcement authorities from several agencies actively began looking for Boswell and Trail. In the ensuing days, it was learned that Boswell and Trail travelled to several towns in Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri. On November 30, 2017 Aubrey Trail and Bailey Boswell were located at a hotel in Branson, Taney County, Missouri. Boswell did not make any statements to law enforcement at that time, nor has she made any other statements to law enforcement. Boswell has made a statement regarding Sydney Loofe on social media. Boswell posted a video on Facebook stating that she was with Sydney on the evening of November 15, 2017. Boswell said she dropped Sydney off at an unknown residence in Lincoln later that night or early the next morning.

Boswell and Trail were detained on federal material witness warrants on November 30, 2017 and were subsequently transported to the Saline County jail in Wilber, Nebraska. After Boswell and Trail were detained, they consented to a search of their hotel room. Found in the search of the hotel room was an Apple iPhone 7. Boswell indicated that the iPhone was hers and gave law enforcement consent to search her phone. The phone was forensically searched by law enforcement and determined to have been reset to the factory default settings and content on November 17, 2017.

The investigation into the disappearance of Sydney continued. On December 4, 2017 partial remains, positively identified as Sydney Loofe's were discovered in rural Clay County, Nebraska. Additional remains were then located on December 5, 2017. Sydney's body had been dismembered and parts of her body were found in several garbage bags east of Clay Center in Clay County, Nebraska. The investigation also determined that the cell phone that Bailey Boswell used to access her Tinder account under the name of Audrey, during the afternoon of November 16, 2017, was in close proximity to the area where the remains were discovered. This is the date that the remains of Sydney Loofe were thought to have been disposed. During the course of the investigation, security camera video from the Home Depot store at 3300 N. 27<sup>th</sup> in Lincoln was obtained. Security camera video footage from November 15, 2017 revealed that at approximately 10:35 AM, on that date, Aubrey Trail and Bailey Boswell are seen purchasing the tools and supplies believed to have been used in the dismemberment and disposal of Sydney Loofe. It should be noted that Sydney Loofe was alive at that time, and began her shift later that day at Menards.

An autopsy was conducted on the remains of Sydney Loofe at the Douglas County Morgue on December 7, 2017. Forensic pathologist Dr. Michelle Elieff conducted the autopsy. According to Dr. Elieff, the cause of death is homicidal violence including strangulation and the manner of death is homicide.


Investigator Matt Franken of the Lincoln Police Department along with FBI Special Agent Mike Maseth have interviewed Aubrey Trail several times since the discovery of Sydney Loofe's body. Among other things, during these interviews and additional

statements made by Aubrey Trail, he has acknowledged that he strangled her to death with an extension cord. He also stated that Boswell assisted in cleaning up the crime scene and assisted in disposing of Sydney's body.

Affiant further sayeth not.


Your AFFIANTS believe that aforementioned information establishes probable cause that Bailey Boswell, committed the offense of First Degree Murder in violation of Nebraska Revised Statute (N.R.S.) 38-303 a 1A felony in Saline County Nebraska

Your AFFIANTS believe the aforementioned information also establishes probable cause that Boswell committed the offense of Improper Disposal of Human Skeletal Remains, a violation of N.R.S 28-1301 (2) (b) a class IV felony in Clay County Nebraska.

  
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Sheriff Alan Moore

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018

State of Nebraska - General Notary  
ADAM DRAKE  
My Commission Expires  
January 8, 2019

  
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Notary Public