

**STATE OF MAINE
CUMBERLAND, SS**

**UNIFIED CRIMINAL COURT
SO. CUMBERLAND**

State of Maine

v.

Abdallah Al Siraj

**Affidavit in Support of
PROBABLE CAUSE**

TO: Any Judge of the Unified Criminal Court:

I, Andjelko Napijalo, a Detective with the City of Portland Police Department, being duly sworn on oath, state as follows:

1. On 02/15/'22 at 10:41 hours, a call came in to the Portland Regional Communication Center requesting a well being check of Salim Al Siraj at 17 Carlton Street, apartment #407. The 17 Carlton Street address is owned and operated by Avesta Housing. The caller was the property manager, Jesse Harmond. Harmond stated that the police came to this address recently for Salim's son being out of control and acting erratically. Dispatch was unable to find this particular call in-house. Harmond stated that the management reviewed video footage and saw Salim's son coming over to his apartment. Shortly after he went in, they saw a red stain coming out of the door and seeping into the carpet. Salim has not been seen since that day. Harmond told dispatch that the son was not there at the time he called the police and that he did not know his name. Harmond also told dispatch that he had a key to Salim's apartment.
2. Officer Coyne along with Officer Stratis arrived at 17 Carlton Street and made contact with Jesse Harmond. Harmond told officers that an employee was delivering notices to all residents when he noticed a large stain on the carpet just outside apartment #407. After reviewing video footage they learned that the stain first appeared on 02/10/'22.
3. The door to the apartment was unlocked by the maintenance. Officers entered the apartment and immediately saw what appeared to be blood all over the apartment. The apartment was in disarray. Officer Coyne walked into the bedroom, located to the left of the living room, where he saw a pile of clothes in the doorway. Officer Coyne checked closer and observed the right hand of a male subject under the pile of clothes. At this point officers exited the apartment and notified Sergeant Nueslain of their findings.

4. I, Detective Andjelko Napijalo, responded to 17 Carlton Street, apartment #407 shortly after the victim's body was discovered by responding officers. Upon arrival at the scene I was directed to go to the fourth floor of the building where I met Officers Coyne and Stratis. Once on the fourth floor, I observed a large stain in front of apartment #407. The door to the apartment was ajar. Officer Coyne pushed the door open so I could see inside. I stood at the threshold of the apartment and was able to see into the kitchen and into the living room area. From where I stood, I observed a large amount of blood throughout the portion of the apartment visible from the doorway. Some of the blood was smeared on the walls and other pieces of furniture. It appeared that the largest concentration of blood in the apartment visible from the doorway was at the far right corner of the apartment in front of a living room sofa.
5. I walked through the building and noticed what appeared to be blood drops on the carpet in the hallway on the fourth floor. There were also several suspected blood drops inside the elevator, and one blood drop was found on the entrance door to the building. This blood drop was on the outside of the door on the glass surface.
6. While waiting for more officers and detectives to arrive, I knocked on the apartment #408 which is directly across the hall from apartment #407. A male subject identified as William Berube (12/12/1970) answered the door. William invited me into his apartment to talk. According to William, his neighbor Salim was a nice person and was always friendly with him. He was known to knock on peoples' doors and ask for food. William thought Salim was originally from Iraq, and he said that Salim did not speak any English. Based on William's statement, he never heard from Salim when he was alone in his apartment but when other people would visit he could hear loud noises all the time. He last saw Salim about a week ago. Since that day William did not see or hear anyone in apartment #407. William told me that he saw a red stain in front of Salim's apartment that looked like blood but he did not report this to anyone because "he was not that kind of a person."
7. William mentioned that an unknown male subject tried to enter the building on 02/14/22 but he refused to let him in because he did not live there. The male got upset and told William that his father lived there. This unknown male, believed to be Salim's son, Abdallah Al Siraj (08/08/1999), somehow managed to get into the building and was able to steal William's keys. William continued his statement saying that this same male then left a knife in front of his apartment. As he was describing this situation, William opened one of his kitchen cabinets, the bottom cabinet closest to the apartment door, and pulled out a large kitchen blade with a brownish stain at the base of it. He placed the blade on

his kitchen counter. At this point I stopped the interview and I asked Officer Stratis and Detective Tully to join me in the apartment. I showed the blade to Officer Stratis and I told him to keep an eye on it until I find someone to collect it.

8. On the kitchen counter, near where the knife was placed by William, Officer Stratis spotted a door fob with what appeared to be blood stains on it. Another possible blood stain was found on a piece of paper on which the fob was sitting. William claimed that the fob was his and that the stains were not blood but food.
9. At this point I was advised by Lieutenant Goodman that I would be the primary investigator on this case. I started delegating responsibilities between available officers and detectives. Officer Rider and Detective Sergeant Dyer were tasked with reviewing video footage from the fourth floor of the building. They were assisted by the property manager, Jesse Harmond. The camera on the fourth floor is positioned about twenty feet away from apartment #407 and it is facing in the direction of the apartment. The entire apartment door is visible from the camera angle.
10. I was told by Officer Rider that he observed the victim, Salim Al Siraj, entering his apartment around 11:20 hours on 02/10/'22. At 12:14 hours, the victim is seen exiting his apartment carrying a garbage bin full of trash. He wore a white short sleeved button up collared shirt, black jeans, sandals with gray socks, and a black winter-style hat. At this point the stain in front of apartment #407 looked like it was caused by dirt and salt.
11. At 12:18 hours, the victim is seen returning to the apartment with an empty garbage bin. The victim appeared to be using a key fob to enter the apartment. At 13:07 hours, William Berube from apartment #408 can be seen exiting his apartment and walking towards the elevator. The stain in front of apartment #407 is unchanged at this time. At 13:08 hours, William's baseball hat can be seen at the bottom of the camera. He appeared to be dancing or bouncing up and down. At 13:31 hours, William returns into the camera view and begins to make hand gestures towards the victim's apartment. It appears that William made the sign of the cross in the direction of the victim's apartment before returning to his apartment.
12. At 14:12 hours, the stain in front of apartment #407 changed the shape. It appears as the liquid of some sort is coming from under the victim's door and soaking into the carpet in the hallway. At 14:13 hours, a male subject, later identified as Abdallah Al Siraj (08/08/199), the victim's son, opens the door to apartment #407 from the inside. He pulls up his t-shirt over his nose and appears to be looking down at the expanding stain on the hallway floor. He then retreats into the apartment after several seconds spent in the

doorway. At around 14:30 hours, Abdallah left the apartment utilizing the closest stairwell to the apartment.

13. He returned to the apartment on 02/10/'22 at 21:57 hours. The next time he left the apartment was on 02/11/'22 at 07:26 hours. He returned again that same day with a large paper bag at 15:41 and left at 15:47 hours. Abdallah returned to the apartment on 02/12/'22 at 10:01 and left the apartment at 10:04 hours. He returned again at 11:54 hours and left at that same time. Abdallah returned once more to the apartment at 15:27 hours on 02/12/'22 and left at 15:28 hours just to return again at 16:49 and leave at 16:51 hours. The last time he was seen returning to the apartment was at 21:24 hours and leaving at 22:13 hours.
14. On 02/14/22 at around 19:41 hours, Abdallah returned to the fourth floor, pulled something from his waistband, and placed it in front of apartment #408. He then left the floor using the stairwell closer to the apartment. He was wearing similar, if not the same, clothing that he wore at 23:23 hours that same night when Officer Walles dealt with him at the Oxford Street Shelter. For details refer to Officer Walles's body camera footage and his report, case # 22-7283.
15. **Note:** As of 02/17/'22, detectives are still reviewing video footage from 17 Carlton Street. We collected approximately seven days worth of video footage, and additional details and changes to the timeline are expected. Some of the times noted above, mainly the last time the victim was seen alive, changed since three search warrants were signed and executed. Originally, we were going by the information passed over to us by Officer Rider and Detective Sergeant Dyer. As the footage is being reviewed, the times and events are being updated. The main change to the original timeline is the time the victim was seen alive. This changed from 11:20 hours on 02/10/'22 to 12:18 hours on that same day.
16. After conducting research into Abdallah Al Siraj, I learned that Officer Walles was dispatched to the Oxford Street Shelter on 02/14/'22 at 23:25 hours for a possible assault. Dispatch advised that a male subject was possibly hit in the head a couple of days ago. Officer Walles met a male, later identified as Abdallah Al Siraj, sitting at the front desk. Abdallah wore a light-colored sweatshirt with what appeared to be a yellow stain on it. Officer Walles asked Abdallah what happened and he responded saying that he was hit in the head but did not know when. Abdallah voluntarily, without being prompted by Officer Walles, made statements that he was bleeding and that he "went to his dad." Abdallah mentioned that his dad lived at "Avesta near Cumberland Farms." **Note:** According to Google Maps, the distance between 17 Carlton Street apartment building

and Cumberland Farms on Pine Street is 0.2 miles. He also stated that he woke up and there was blood everywhere. Abdallah had some sort of yellow stain on his hands, similar if not the same to the stain on his sweatshirt. There was also a small dark spot on the front pocket of his sweatshirt that was reddish brown in color which is consistent with the color of dried blood. Abdallah seemed to be upset throughout the entire interaction with Officer Walles. He did not appear to have any significant injuries on him. Abdallah was eventually transported to the Maine Medical Center by MEDCU.

17. While at the scene at 17 Carlton Street, I collected apartment #407's key fob log, detailing times and dates when the fob was used inside the building. This includes all fob-enabled doors and elevators in the building. The last usage of the fob prior to the officer's arrival to the scene was on 02/10/'22 at 11:30 hours. This time coincides, with about ten minutes of added time due to the time difference, with the camera footage of Salim returning home at 11:20 hours. I was later handed apartment #408's key fob log, William Berube's apartment. This log was collected by Detective Curlee.
18. I later learned that the key fob times shown on the printouts are not necessarily correct. Jacob Borenstein from Avesta Housing gave a statement to Detective Curlee that the Schlage fob locks at 17 Carlton Street are powered by nine volt batteries. They have no WiFi connection, and only update when programmed. Their internal clocks drift as the battery ages. This could cause a difference in the timestamps of an audit. In Jacob's experience, he saw audits being a few minutes to fifteen minutes off. Jacob updates the clocks when reprogramming the locks.
19. Detective Curlee spoke with the janitor, Peter Cummings. Peter stated that he came to the building on 02/14/22 at around 10:15 hours to clean. At around 11:00 hours he noticed a stain on the carpet in front of apartment #407. Peter returned to the fourth floor between 13:00 and 14:00 hours to work on the stain. He used a mop to clean the stain but it did not seem to work. Peter thought that the stain was caused by spilling of some juice.
20. I returned to the station to assist Detective Shinay with writing of the search warrant for apartment #407. After the warrant was completed, Detective Shinay called and met Judge Jed French who signed the warrant. I took the warrant to the scene and handed it over to Evidence Technician Beals.
21. At 15:55 hours, Detective Hagerty and Detective Tully went to 75 Sherman St., the address listed on Abdallah Al Siraj's license. They met with a tenant on the front porch and asked if he knew Abdallah. The tenant stated he did not. They asked if they could look at the mailboxes inside the common door. They observed the name "Al-Siraj" on

mailbox # 3. The tenant directed detectives to the West side of the building to a staircase. Inside the side door they could see apartment #3 on the door. They knocked but nobody answered. Detective Tully peeked inside through a side window and saw the apartment was mostly bare.

22. Dispatch checked inhouse records and found that Ned Payne was listed as the owner of the property on Sherman Street. Detective Tully made contact with Ned Payne who stated that he sold the building in December of 2021. When he sold the building, Abdallah was the sole tenant of apartment #3. He stated the building was sold to Rudy Ferrante. Detective Tully found a phone number for Rudolph Ferrante (07/02/'75). Rudolph stated that Abdallah was still a tenant and that he received a check for his rent through the city of Portland. He stated that Abdallah lives alone and does not have many belongings.
23. At approximately 18:05 hours, Oxford St Shelter staff notified the Portland Regional Communication Center that Abdallah had come onto their property and was attempting to gain access to services. Patrol Sgt's McDonald and Knutson made voluntary contact with Abdallah a short time later and advised that they would like to talk to him at the police station. Sgt McDonald advised that Abdallah was not receptive and seemed uncoordinated (could not put his shoes on, and dropped a water bottle while attempting to take a drink). Sgt. Knutson asked Abdallah if he would like some pizza. At that time Abdallah got to his feet and walked to the waiting police cruiser in front of the Oxford St Shelter without being prompted. Abdallah consented to a pat down search, and nothing of note was located on his person. Abdallah was placed into interview room #3 on the fourth floor of the Criminal Investigation Division. Detectives Hagerty and Tully were tasked to interview Abdallah at the police headquarters.
24. At around 18:55 hours, Detectives walked into the interview room and read Abdallah his Miranda rights before they started to question him in reference to this incident. Abdallah stated that he understood his rights and he signed the department-issued Miranda form. Abdallah acted very strange during the interview, often whispering to himself, and at times speaking what sounded to me like Arabic.
25. Detectives asked Abdallah what happened at his father's apartment and he said he was there and that something bad happened but would not elaborate further. He stated that he moved everything in his apartment on Sherman Street into the kitchen and that there were spirits there. Abdallah said that it hurts to talk about his family. Detective Hagerty told Abdallah that his father was hurt and he said that he knew. He then whispered he loved his father. Abdallah made random statements throughout the interview. At one point he said that he went crazy and that spirits made him do it. His statements often sounded cryptic and would rarely answer questions directly. When he was asked if he regretted what he had done to his father he said "yes,yes" and that he was sorry. Moments later he stated that he beat him up. He then said that his father did not do anything wrong.

Abdallah made statements such as “the whole house is destroyed,” not clarifying which house. Many of Abdallah’s answers to the questions asked by detectives ended with “yes,yes.” When detectives asked him if the blood on a blade found in apartment #408 was his father’s, his response was “yes.”

26. Detective Hagerty and Detective Tully exited the interview room for several minutes. When they returned, Detective Hagerty showed Abdallah a photograph of his father’s apartment with all the blood. Abdallah looked at the photo and said that it was all him, that he did everything. He kept saying that his father did not do anything wrong and that he was a good person. When Detective Hagerty asked him if he wanted to see a picture of his father, Abdallah said that he did not want to see his picture. Abdallah then kept saying that he was a bad person and that his father did nothing wrong. When Detective Hagerty asked Abdallah if he knew his father was dead, Abdallah said that he did not know. Shortly after this the interview was concluded.
27. At around 20:47 hours, Detective Tully and Detective Hagerty went to 24 Jocelyn Street in Portland to talk to the victim’s ex-wife and Abdallah’s mother, Wasan Najim. Wasan welcomed detectives into her apartment. She lives at this address with five other children. Detectives asked Wasan about Abdallah’s mental health and she stated that he does not talk much to her anymore. Wasan said that Abdallah has not lived with her for at least two years. He made a lot of problems for her so he was asked to leave. Wasan said that a year before he was asked to leave, she noticed that he was not acting normal. She wanted him to see a doctor but he refused. Wasan wanted to get her caseworker involved but he refused all help. Wasan’s caseworker was later identified as Holly Carter. Her contact number is (207) 432-9572. Abdallah wanted to handle his mental health problems himself. It appears that contact between the two of them has been infrequent for the last two years. Detectives asked Wasan for a specific reason or an event that caused her to become concerned about Abdallah. She stated that she has several other children that she cares for and she was afraid for her family’s safety. Detectives asked her if he ever hurt anyone, and she stated that he made problems and would yell a lot.
28. Wasan told detectives that she and Salim had been divorced since 2013. Wasan said that Salim had something wrong with his head. She could not remember what his diagnosis was but believes that Salim and Abdullah suffered from the same mental health issues. Salim began acting erratically back in 2013 which led to her being concerned and eventually filing for divorce. Wasan stated that she and her children rarely visited Salim at his apartment, and when they did, Salim would just stare off and do nothing. Wasan stated that she had not been there for over two years.

29. Wasan also stated that she last saw both Salim and Abdullah a week ago in Sagamore Village. She stated that she saw them walking together on Joslyn St. She could not remember the exact day she saw them together but stated it was possibly Friday (02/11/'22). She also noted that Salim was not welcome in her house.
30. Detective Curlee went to the Oxford Street Shelter to inquire about Abdallah's stays at the shelter. According to the shelter records, he was in their system but never spent a night at the shelter. According to Abdallah's Maine ID, his address is listed as 75 Sherman Street, Portland Maine.
31. Detective Shinay wrote a search warrant for Abdallah's buccal swab, clothing, and electronic devices on his person. No cell phones or other electronic devices were found on his person at the time of his arrest. At around 22:00 hours, evidence technicians came to the fourth floor to execute the warrant. It was then discovered that the warrant was for day time only execution. I called Maine State Police in Houlton to get in touch with Judge French but they had no luck reaching him. I then asked for another judge to be called. I got a call back from Judge Darvin who was willing to see me in reference to the addendum to Detective Shinay's warrant. Detective Sergeant Dyer wrote the addendum to the warrant. Detective Sergeant Dyer and I went to see Judge Darvin who signed the warrant, allowing the night time execution. Upon return to the police headquarters, I handed the warrant over to evidence technicians Reeder and Beals. They photographed Abdallah inside the interview room. They also swabbed his hands and took a buccal swab from his mouth. They collected all of his clothing and shoes. Abdullah did not have any underwear on him and he asked for some privacy when the time came to remove his pants. Detective Tully shut down the recording for the interview room #3 at 23:39 hours and turned it back on at 23:40 hours after Abdallah changed his pants. Abdallah was then transported to the Cumberland County Jail where he was charged with one count of Murder.
32. On 02/16/'22, I wrote a search warrant for 75 Sherman Street, apartment 3. The warrant was signed by Judge French on the morning of 02/16/'22. Detective Tully, Officer Rider, Detective Sergeant Dyer, and I went to 75 Sherman Street where we met with Rudolph Ferante, the property owner. We walked to the back of the building until we got to the door leading to apartment 3. I knocked on the door and announced the search warrant two times. There was no response from the inside of the apartment. Ferrante used the master key to unlock the deadbolt. When he pushed the door open, I observed a large amount of blood, mostly blood drops in circular shape consistent with someone bleeding from high up due to a large diameter of the drops. There was some blood smeared on the floor of the living room. I also noticed a mattress in the adjacent room and some loose clothes on the

floor in the living room. We secured the apartment door and did not go inside at that time. We walked to the back door of the apartment. The door had a glass panel in the middle of it so I was able to see inside. This door leads directly into the kitchen. In the galley inside the kitchen was a pile of miscellaneous furniture, trash, and clothing.

33. I tasked Portland Police Victim Advocate, Suna Shaw, to search for Abdallah's friends and associates that might be able to tell us more about Abdallah and his state of mind leading up to the incident on Carlton Street. After some research, Suna located the name of Ibtsam Aly with the address of 121 Riverton Drive in Portland. Ibtsam was believed to be Abdallah's ex-girlfriend. Suna Shaw joined Detective Hagerty as they drove to Ibtsam's apartment. When they met her, Ibtsam told them that she had not seen Abdallah in several months. She also clarified that she was not Abdallah's girlfriend and that they were just good friends. She stated that he called her about a month ago but she did not answer. Ibtsam said that she knew Abdallah's father had some mental health issues and she believes that Abdallah might have the same issues as his father.
34. Ibtsam said that Abdallah told her that he would take a bath with his father and tried to drown him. She stated that Abdallah would assist his father with showers and would try to push his head under the water. Ibtsam did not witness these things but was told about them by Abdallah. She believes this stemmed from his father assaulting his mother, and due to the history of family abuse. Ibtsam also noted that Abdallah told her that he would use cold water when he bathed his father because he deserved it. He told Ibtsam that he would hit his father forty-something times for every year he abandoned him. Abdallah often cursed his father but would still hang out with him.
35. At around 14:00 hours, Detective Tully and I, together with Evidence Technician Nelson, went back to 75 Sherman Street to execute the warrant. After opening the apartment door, Evidence Technician Nelson photographed the entire apartment. At this point Detective Tully and I came into the apartment to search for potential evidence. Blood was found throughout the apartment, including the bedroom area, and under the mattress in the bedroom. There was also blood found on sandals inside the apartment. One sandal was in the living room and the other one was in the bedroom. In the kitchen area we located several clothing items, two of which had stains that appeared to be blood. On the kitchen floor was a black Samsung cell phone with a cracked screen and a Maine driver's license belonging to Abdallah. In the bathroom area was an LG flip phone broken in two pieces. The entire apartment was covered with yellow stains that most likely originated from empty bottles of turmeric and cumin found near the kitchen. These were yellow stains similar to those found on Abdallah's clothing during his interaction with Officer Waller on 02/14/22, and during his arrest on 02/15/22.

36. Detective Tully sent an email to all patrol units asking if anyone had contact with Abdallah. This email also contained a photo of a white female that showed up in front of the victim's apartment after his death. She was seen on the phone but did not enter the apartment.
37. Officer Samuel Coyne responded to Detective Tully's email stating that he dealt with Abdallah on 03/28/'21 when he brought a knife into the mosque on Portland Street. He told Officer Coyne that the knife was for protection. The elders told Officer Coyne that they believed Abdallah brought the knife to confront someone who talked poorly about his family. Officer Coyne served Abdallah with trespass paperwork that day and he took a photo of it because he thought he would be dealing with him later for stabbing someone.
38. Detective Shinay remembered that Abdallah was a victim in one of his investigations from July 2021(PPD Case number 21-003526). The suspect in this case, Frederick Archer (05/02/2000), threatened Abdallah with a gun on the street in front of 75 Sherman Street. Archer was ultimately charged in this case with Criminal Threatening with a Dangerous Weapon and Illegal Possession of a Firearm. During the course of that investigation Detective Shinay interviewed Abdallah on two separate occasions, video recordings were generated for both. He felt that Abdallah was a cooperative victim, very coherent and appeared to be self-sufficient. During the course of his interviews with Abdallah he was polite and pleasant to speak with. In one recorded interview he made a reference to the fact that he has been exposed to violence during his childhood. Abdallah seemed distraught when speaking about the violence that he has experienced in his life.
39. On 02/16/'22, Detective Curlee attended an autopsy for the victim performed by Doctor Flomenbaum. The preliminary results of the autopsy suggest that the manner of death is homicide due to blood loss that eventually led to the victim's organ shutdown. There were approximately eighteen contusions and lacerations of blunt trauma, fifty to sixty sharp injuries, mostly to the limbs. There were also fractured ribs, superficial cuts above eyebrows, on the neck, and on the stomach area.
40. On 02/16/'22, I found a voicemail on my office phone from a male by the name of Sean, later identified as Sean Lannon (07/15/'93). I called the number provided in the voicemail and a male who identified himself as Sean Lannon answered the phone. Sean stated that he resides at 17 Carlton Street apartment #402. He said he had some information that he wanted to share with me. His callback number was (207) 210-8899.

41. Sean stated that he encountered a younger male outside the building on 02/14/'22 between 17:35 and 17:40 hours. The male was asking people to let him into the building. He appeared to be out of place. The male subject only wore a white hoodie which Sean found odd because it was very cold that day. The male wanted to enter the building but Sean did not allow him because he knew the male did not live there. This male claimed his father lived in the building. The man was holding something in his hands that was the size of a book or a smaller box. Sean was unable to describe the male because he had his hood up. He also mentioned that he was familiar with Salim's son who was often visiting his father.
42. On 02/16/'22 at around 19:02 hours, I was forwarded a tip by Major Robert Martin of an unidentified person stating that Abdullah Al Siraj is the same person that was walking down Mellen Street on Friday (02/11/'22) around 08:00 hours in the morning. The tipster said he/she called in a welfare check because the male refused to take shoes and a jacket the caller offered him. I researched this call and learned that police dispatch received two separate calls about the same male walking without shoes. One came from Brandon, unknown last name, and the other one came from Erica Artzer. According to the call screen, the first entry was logged as: "LSH up Dow St, middle eastern male with beard lsw beige sweater walking down the road with no jacket or shoes." At 07:23 hours, the call taker entered the following: "Dow St/Brackett St" address and the location. At 07:34 hours, another entry shows "male, beard about 5'07", blk beard, blk hair, walking on Mellen St without shoes or socks, 17 concerned for well being, has a light colored shirt. Officers cleared the call with GOA (gone on arrival). Note: 75 Sherman Street address is located at the intersection of Mellen Street and Sherman Street. An abbreviation LSH stands for "last seen heading." An abbreviation LSW stands for "last seen wearing." Number 17 in the call stands for a witness.
43. Another tip came in and the message states "in reference to the picture of the suspect in the attacks and his whereabouts being verified... His girlfriend texted one of the victims that he was with her that night. The suspects ex wife reached out to say that said girlfriend just beat up on of his mans exes. Suffice to say she should not be considered a strong alibi. Perhaps you could check his phone records for his actual whereabouts the night of the assault." After reading this message I was a bit confused about the content of it. This will be looked into once we locate a cell phone belonging to Abdallah, if he had one. A Samsung phone was found at 75 Sherman Street but it is unknown at this point if this phone is operational.
44. On 02/17/'22 at around 09:30 hours, Detective Tully and I went to 75 Sherman Street to canvass the apartment building. We knocked on the door to apartment #6. This apartment

is right above Abdallah's apartment. Faith Ducas (11/13/2001) answered the door. Faith stated that she was not familiar with Abdallah and never heard anything coming from his apartment. Faith mentioned that she was rarely staying at her apartment. Faith's contact number is (207) 735-6572.

45. I then knocked on apartment #2. This apartment is on the same level as Abdallah's apartment. The two apartments share a wall. Earl Moore (10/16/1968) opened the door. I asked Earl if he knew anything about his neighbor from apartment #3. Earl stated that he did not hear much happening in the apartment because he is "half-deaf." He did say that he saw Abdallah and his father about four to five days ago as they were getting mail from the mailbox. Earl's contact number is (207) 550-5699.
46. We then knocked on apartment #8. Frances Bray-Bateman (08/02/1996) opened the door and invited us in. Frances stated that she never heard any banging from apartment #3 but she remembered seeing Abdallah possibly on Monday 02/14/'22 screaming on the street. He was coming down Mellen Street and was speaking a different language.
47. After reviewing photos from the victim's apartment on Carlton Street, I noticed several items on the floor that stood out. Two items were found on the other side of the entrance door. These items are cleaning vinegar and microfiber cleaning towels. Both items appeared to be generic brand items. Another interesting item was a pack of "Sure & free" maxi pads. To my knowledge, there were no females living with Salim in his apartment. After a research into this, Officer Rider located footage of Abdallah arriving at his father's apartment on 02/11/'22 at 15:41 hours based on the camera time or 15:36 hours in real time. Abdallah carried a paper bag in his hands. After comparing the paper bag in his hands to the items found inside the apartment, I determined that the bag came from Save a Lot.
48. I drove to Save a Lot on Saint John Street to check out their inventory. I did not find any of the items found in the apartment at the store. I then realized that the Dollar Tree store was next door to Save a Lot. I went to Dollar Tree located at 256 Saint John Street with Officer Rider to check their inventory. I was able to locate all three items of interest at the store, cleaning vinegar, cleaning towels, and maxi pads. I then met with the store manager, Don Bohl (10/05/1969) Don told me that they did not have any cameras at the store. He said that was able to check for prior purchases simply by scanning their barcodes. Don scanned the bar codes for cleaning vinegar and microfiber cleaning towels and only one receipt popped up in recent days to contain both items. The receipt shows the date of 02/10/'22 and the time of 11:51 hours for the transaction date and time. The last four digits of the debit card used in this transaction are 4037. This receipt contained

many other cleaning supplies and items, including a dog toy. Don Bohl's contact number is (207) 319-6460.

49. Officer Rider and I drove back to 17 Carlton Street where I met with Jesse Harmond. I asked him to review the camera system from 02/11/'22 when Abdallah was seen coming to the building. He was seen on camera approaching the building at 15:25 hours when he entered with the help of another tenant. Jesse then switched to the mailbox camera which also covers the elevator. Abdallah can be seen approaching the elevator and then reaching out beyond the camera's view from where he took a Save a Lot bag. He entered the elevator with it and eventually brought the bag into his father's apartment. I asked Jesse to conduct a research into his female tenants that own a dog to see if I could locate the owner of the grocery bag. To this moment it is unclear who and when placed the bag next to the elevator.
50. On 02/17/'22, I received a telephone tip from Kenneth Chandler. I called Kenneth on the phone number he provided in his voice message, (207) 899-5176. Kenneth stated that he saw news this morning about someone killing their father and he remembered that on 02/15/'22 he noticed a suspicious black male driving a car with his headlights off. The time was around 18:00 hours and this happened on Pine Street near Cumberland Farms. The car was a small black sedan, possibly a Toyota or a Chevy. Kenneth said that he told the male who was in his twenties to turn his headlight on. The male looked like he did not want to be seen so he quickly proceeded through the intersection with Brackett Street and was last seen heading South on Brackett towards Spring Street.
51. Detectives conducted a research into Abdallah's phone number. The number he used during his complaint with Detective Shinay in July of 2021 was (207) 632-9423. After checking the phone number through the Zetx website it shows that this phone number is registered through ATT Mobility. I ran the same number through Nespun and the results show the number registered to Abdallah. The address for Abdallah based on Nespun results show 24 Josslyn Street in Portland, his mother's address.
52. On 02/17/'22, Evidence Technician Nelson and Detective Tully returned to 75 Sherman Street where they collected three more samples of blood from the apartment. One sample came from the living room floor in front of the bathroom, one from the bathroom floor, and the third from the bedroom mattress.
53. On 02/17/'22, I received a call from phone number (207) 329-9328. The person left a voicemail message, stating that he wanted to share some information about Abdallah. The person said that he went to school with Abdallah and knew more about him than many

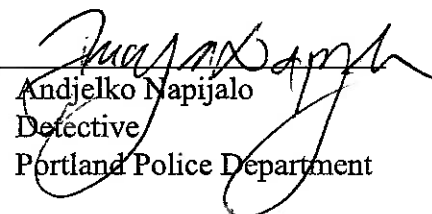
other people did. This person stated that he wanted to stay anonymous. I called this person back and he explained that he and Abdallah went to middle and high school together. Abdallah was normal in middle school but things started to change when they got to high school. According to this person, he got in touch with Abdallah via text message on 02/07/'22. They agreed to meet and to take a ride to the ocean so they could talk. Abdallah sent the caller text messages from a phone number (207) 800-5396. Note: This is the same phone number that Abdallah's mother gave Detective Hagerty and Tully. The first time Abdallah used this phone number was on 10/08/'21. The caller stated that Abdallah did not appear to be normal. He was often shifting subjects and would constantly pray for people. In the past year or so, Abdallah started to talk about magic. He also noted that Abdallah told him how much he loved his father and how impressed he was with him. He dropped off Abdallah somewhere in downtown Portland. When I asked the caller if he knew where Abdallah lived, he said he did but did not know the name of the street. I asked him if it was next to a large church, and the caller stated that this was correct. The 75 Sherman Street address is across the street from the Sacred heart Catholic Church located at 65 Mellen Street.

Wherefore your affiant (Det. Napijalo) has probable cause to believe Abdallah Al Siraj has committed the crime of murder.

I, Andjelko Napijalo, hereby swear under oath that the information set forth in this affidavit is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, and that I make this oath under pains and penalties of perjury.

Dated: February 18, 2022

Time: 09:30


Andjelko Napijalo
Detective
Portland Police Department

State of Maine
Cumberland, SS.

Personally, appeared before me the above-named Andjelko Napijalo and made an oath as to the truth of the foregoing affidavit signed by Andjelko Napijalo.

Signed and sworn to before me this date, February , 2022.