

FILED
09-18-2023
Clerk of Circuit Court
Waukesha County
2023CF001438

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WAUKESHA COUNTY

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Plaintiff,

vs.

Matthew E Pahl
1831 S West Ave, #3
Waukesha, WI 53189
DOB: 06/11/1968
Sex/Race: M/W
Eye Color: Brown
Hair Color: Blonde
Height: 5 ft 9 in
Weight: 185 lbs
Alias:

Defendant.

DA Case No.: 2022WK005615
Assigned DA/ADA: Jack A. Pitzo
Agency Case No.: W22063959
Court Case No.:
ATN:

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

The undersigned, of the Waukesha County District Attorney's Office, being first duly sworn on oath, upon information and belief, states that:

Count 1: FIRST DEGREE INTENTIONAL HOMICIDE

The above-named defendant on or about Tuesday, August 23, 2022, in the Town of Delafield, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, did cause the death of Victim A, with intent to kill that person, contrary to sec. 940.01(1)(a), 939.50(3)(a) Wis. Stats., a Class A Felony, and upon conviction shall be sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Count 2: HIDING A CORPSE

The above-named defendant on or about Tuesday, August 23, 2022, in the Town of Delafield, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, did hide a corpse with the intent to conceal a crime, contrary to sec. 940.11(2), 939.50(3)(f) Wis. Stats., a Class F Felony, and upon conviction may be fined not more than Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), or imprisoned not more than twelve (12) years and six (6) months, or both.

PROBABLE CAUSE:

And prays that the defendant be dealt with according to law; that the basis for complainant's charge of such offense is: upon a review of the investigative reports of Detective Fredericks and Detective Plennes of the Waukesha Sheriff's department, which are believed to be truthful and reliable in this instance. Said reports indicate:

Initial Investigation

STATE OF WISCONSIN - VS - Matthew E Pahl

On September 9, 2022, at approximately 10:54 am, Waukesha County Communications Center received a call from Findorf Construction employees working in the area of N15 W28300 Golf Road, located in the Town of Delafield, regarding a deceased person. The workers stated the deceased person was located in a wooded area just east of the listed address. Deputy Frank Frascello responded to the location and met with the three construction workers.

Deputy Frascello stated he was advised that the construction workers were posting, "No Trespassing" signs on the property to the east of N15 W28300 Golf Road when they observed what they believed to be a deceased person lying in the wooded area on the property. Deputy Frascello stated that he was escorted to the area by one of the workers and confirmed that there was a deceased person lying in the woods.

Numerous other Detectives with the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department responded to the area. Detectives found the Victim was located north of Golf Road in the wooded area, approximately 5 feet from the tree line. The deceased person was positioned with their arms near their head and their shirt pulled up. The deceased person was in an accelerated state of decomposition; however, it was determined that the deceased person was a female. A search of the area was conducted and the unidentified female did not have a purse, wallet, cell phone, or identification of any kind.

Identification of Victim A

On Saturday September 10, 2022, Dr. Shiel of the Waukesha County Medical Examiner's Office conducted an autopsy of the unidentified female. During the course of the autopsy, it was determined that the unidentified female had a tattoo of a blue and green rose along with a tribal/barb wire band located on her upper left arm. The unidentified female also had a tattoo of a "J" on the inside of her right ankle. Dr. Shiel located a partial bridge in the mouth of the decedent, located on the lower left side of her jaw. Dr. Shiel advised that the partial bridge contained the markings of "S P 6 5". Dr. Shiel also advised that the decedent had a surgical pin located in her right wrist from a previous medical procedure. Dr. Shiel advised that the decedent was approximately 5'2" to 5'6" tall. Dr. Shiel advised that the unidentified female was "middle aged". The unidentified female was also wearing a white in color ring, containing a square light green in color stone surrounded by smaller white in color stones. Dr. Shiel advised that based upon the preliminary results, she believed the unidentified female had been deceased between one week and one month.

Using the information obtained from the autopsy and other law enforcement resources, Detectives were able to determine that the unidentified deceased female was Victim A. Detective Brian Fredericks responded to the last known address associated with Victim A on September 12, 2022. Detective Plennes and Detective Fredericks made contact with Victim B and Victim C (Victim A's parents). Detective Fredericks provided Victim B with a photograph of Victim A's shoes and ring and Victim B confirmed the identification of Victim A.

Victim B and Victim C indicated that Victim A lived with her long-term boyfriend identified as Matthew Pahl, hereinafter referred to as the defendant. Victim B and Victim C stated that they do not get along with the defendant nor do they like him or maintain a relationship with him. Victim B and Victim C stated that Victim A and the defendant have been in an on and off

STATE OF WISCONSIN - VS - Matthew E Pahl

again relationship for over twenty years. They further advised that the last time either of them had seen or spoken with Victim A was approximately three weeks ago. They stated that Victim A and the defendant do have an adult daughter together, who currently resides out of state and was identified as Victim D.

Victim B and C stated that Victim A normally resides with the defendant together at the defendant's apartment in the City of Waukesha. Victim B identified the apartment building as the Willow Park Apartments, located at 1001 Delafield Street in the City of Waukesha. They did state that Victim A was not on the lease. Victim B and Victim C stated that Victim A did not have any friends that they were aware of. They stated that Victim A was a very private person and both Victim A and the defendant stayed to themselves. Victim B stated that she believed that Victim A and the defendant had some domestic violence issues. Victim B stated that she never observed any marks on Victim A, however she believed that the defendant "knocked her around". Victim B and Victim C further stated that Victim A would never leave the house without a purse or backpack. They stated Victim A would always have her phone with her, and identification. They further stated that Victim A does have a tablet and uses Facebook. They identified Victim A's Facebook profile and further stated that they have communicated with Victim A through Facebook in the past. Victim B and Victim C advised that Victim A did not have a vehicle.

While at the residence, Victim B escorted Detective Fredericks to Victim A's bedroom, which still contained some clothing and some other personal effects. Detective Fredericks located an old cell phone and a daily planner book belonging to Victim A.

Detectives reviewed the daily planner book that belonged to Victim A that they had recovered from Victim B's home. The planner contained notes and monthly calendars beginning in June of 2021. Detective Plennes located the following entries: July 7, 2021 "Horrible fucking Day!"; July 8, 2021, stating, "another depressing & physically abusing day. I think he likes to do it even though he says he doesn't" "HATe my Life!"; July 9, 2021 - "Go home power washed instead & got hit hard which left a nice mark on my chest", "got a nice scar along w/ it". There are additional entries contained within this planner consisting of similar information alleging physical and emotional abuse.

Detectives also reviewed some of the contents of a cell phone that formerly belonged to Victim A that she stopped using around February 2022. On the cell phone are multiple pictures from the year 2021 of Victim A with a bruised and swollen eye as well as a red mark on her breast. Detective Fredericks responded to the area of the Willow Park Apartments, located at 1001 Delafield Street in the City of Waukesha, and located a Gray Toyota Tacoma with a silver truck bed cap with no windows parked in the lot with Wisconsin registration plate NG8825. Through further investigation, it was learned that this vehicle was the vehicle used by the defendant. Additionally, it was learned that the defendant and Victim A resided together in Apartment 317 at the Willow Park Apartments located at 1001 Delafield Street. Despite the fact that the defendant and Victim A lived together, the defendant never reported her missing between August 23, 2022 and his first contact with law enforcement on September 17, 2022.

Review of Surveillance Video

Through further investigation, Detectives learned that the Willow Park apartment complex had cameras that recorded the entrances and exits of the building, as well as two common areas.

STATE OF WISCONSIN - VS - Matthew E Pahl

In reviewing the footage from these cameras, Victim A was observed exiting the apartment complex on August 23, 2022, at approximately 8:39 am wearing a black t-shirt, blue jeans with a tear in the knee, New Balance tennis shoes, and carrying a black purse with silver colored metal links and chains, a large pink water bottle, and a plastic bag with unknown contents. Victim A's outfit matches the clothes she was wearing when her body was discovered. The footage also shows the defendant exiting the building at approximately 8:40 am. The defendant was wearing a light-colored grey t-shirt, camouflage shorts, blue/orange tennis shoes and tall black socks. The defendant's Toyota Tacoma was observed driving in the parking lot at approximately 8:43 am. At approximately 11:03 am, the defendant's Toyota Tacoma was observed driving in the parking lot of the complex through the window of an entry door. At 11:14 am, the defendant enters the apartment building carrying a large pink water bottle, believed to be the same water bottle Victim A previously left the building with, along with a blue folder, a black cell phone clipped to his right-side shorts pocket, and unknown items in his left shorts pocket.

Detectives further observed the defendant walking on the sidewalk via the security camera footage, empty-handed at approximately 12:20 pm that day. At this time, the defendant was wearing a different colored shirt.

Detectives observed the defendant enter the building alone at approximately 12:29 pm. Detectives stated the defendant was carrying a plastic shopping bag containing Victim A's black purse. Detective Seitz observed that the same metal links/chains from Victim A's purse can be seen in the plastic shopping bag as the defendant enters.

Detectives reviewed the surveillance footage from the apartment complex between August 23, 2022 and September 13, 2022, and Victim A is never seen again after she leaves with the defendant on August 23, 2022.

On Friday September 16, 2022, Detectives placed a phone call to Victim A's cellular device. Detectives stated that Victim A's cellular device rang multiple times until the automated voicemail message was heard. Based on this information, Victim A's cellular device was still powered on. Had Victim A's cellular device been powered off, Victim A's cellular device would not have rung and would have gone straight to the automated voicemail message. This call was placed a full week after Victim A's decomposed body was discovered, and twenty-four days after Victim A is last seen on apartment surveillance.

Cell phone records

Detectives prepared a warrant for the phone records of Victim A, and it was signed by a Waukesha County Judge. The records were obtained from T-Mobile and analyzed by Detective David Schroeder of the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department. Detective Schroeder indicates the following:

- On 08/23/2022, from approximately 0000 to 0846 hours, Victim A's cellular device was near 1001 Delafield Street. At approximately 0846 hours, Victim A's cellular device begins to move. Victim A's cellular device takes a general route of northbound Delafield Street to westbound Northview Road to northbound Grandview Boulevard. Victim A's

STATE OF WISCONSIN - VS - Matthew E Pahl

cellular device stays in the area of Grandview Boulevard and I-94 from approximately 0852 to 0913 hours.

- Detective Schroeder stated based on video surveillance from Kwik Trip, Victim A is observed entering the Kwik Trip, located at 2001 Golf Road, at approximately 8:53 am. Victim A exits a dark-colored Toyota Tacoma, which has a cab and a type of silver rack mounted above the cab. Victim A was the passenger of this truck. Victim A purchases some products from Kwik Trip and then exits the store and re-enters the Toyota Tacoma as the front passenger. At approximately 0911 hours, the Toyota Tacoma is observed exiting the Kwik Trip parking lot and traveling west on Golf Road.
- At approximately 0915 hours, Victim A's cellular device is near Golf Road and Prospect Avenue. Victim A's cellular device then remains near N15 W28300 Golf Road from approximately 0915 to 1053 hours. This is the area where her body is later found by law enforcement on 9/9/22.
- On 8/23/22, from approximately 1053 hours to 1104 hours, Victim A's cellular device travels back to 1001 Delafield Street. The general route Victim A's cellular device takes is eastbound I-94 to southbound Grandview Boulevard, to eastbound Northview Road, to southbound Delafield Street, to 1001 Delafield Street. The defendant is then seen on surveillance video entering the apartment complex alone at 1104 hours.
- Victim A's cell phone remains at the residence between 8/23 and 9/1.
- On 9/1/22, 9/2/22 and 9/4 Victim A's cellphone leaves the apartment complex on Delafield Street for some time. At approximately the same times that Victim A's cell phone leaves and returns to the apartment complex on those days, the defendant is seen on surveillance footage leaving and returning as well. At no time is Victim A seen on surveillance video during those two days.
- While there are some lengths of time without any location data, it does not appear Victim A's cellular device leaves the area of 1001 Delafield Street for the remainder of the records obtained, with the last record being 09/14/2022 at approximately 1857 hours.
- Detective Schroeder could also tell in reviewing the cell phone records that there were several times that Victim A's voicemails were being checked. This occurred after 8/23/22 when Victim A was last seen and after 9/9/22 when Victim A's body was discovered.

Residential Search Warrant

On September 17, 2022, Detectives executed a search warrant for 1001 Delafield St Apt 317, Waukesha, WI. During the search of the residence law enforcement located Victim A's cell phone. Also located in the residence was Victim A's pink water bottle and black purse that she left the apartment with on August 23rd, 2022. Detectives located Victim A's wallet and banking cards in her purse. Investigation showed that her cards had not been used after 8/23/22. There were other items of evidentiary value seized during the execution of the search warrant, including the defendant's Toyota Tacoma.

Interview with the Defendant

The defendant was taken into custody on September 17, 2022, was read his constitutional rights and agreed to waive the same. The defendant was asked the last time he had seen Victim A and he said he did not know the last time he saw her, and said that it was weeks ago.

STATE OF WISCONSIN - VS - Matthew E Pahl

The defendant continued stating that he was feeling sick to his stomach and he had a bad feeling. Detectives attempted to clarify when he last saw Victim A, and the defendant stated he could not recall the exact time he last saw her. The defendant then claimed that Victim A was threatening suicide all of the time and that really got to him. The defendant informed detectives that he had a child in common with Victim A identified as Victim D, but stated that he had not spoken with her recently. The defendant said the last time he spoke with Victim D was in July or August of 2022.

The defendant claimed that earlier that summer while Victim A had been in the Wisconsin Dells with her family, that Victim A went out into the woods and they had to find her in the woods. Detectives attempted to confirm this information with both Victim A's family and law enforcement, and found no evidence that this incident occurred as the defendant claimed. The defendant was again asked about the last time he saw Victim A, and he stated that it had been longer than a couple weeks but didn't remember exactly where he saw her last. The defendant then stated, "Why, where is she?" Detectives indicated to the defendant that Victim A was missing. The defendant said he heard something on social media that there had been an abduction in Delafield in the last few days. The defendant said he didn't talk to Victim A's family and that the only person he talks to is Victim D. During the interview the defendant said, "Now I'm really worried. I actually wanted to call the parents, and I was also thinking about coming in and making some type of report, but with all the things that have happened to me in the past, I started thinking, well, right away, you know."

The defendant then said the last time he saw Victim A was around the time they went out to look at purchasing beds, somewhere in the middle of the previous month of August. When Detectives tried to narrow down the time frame, the defendant said, "Here's the thing, when I really got worried, and didn't understand what was going on is she put her purse in the back of my truck, in the backseat. And um, I took it out, but I didn't notice that the purse was there until I went to the car wash and cleaned...I didn't notice the purse because I had...I just threw a bunch of shit in the back of my seat, bags and clothes, stuff." The defendant was asked what the purse looked like, and he again stated he only saw the purse about one week ago while at the car wash. The defendant said he took out the car mats and started cleaning, at which time he saw her purse. The defendant said "That's when I started thinking, well this is strange, but she's done that before. She's left with her purse...behind. She also left, uh, so I'm thinking well ok the purse is there, she's got her phone. She should be ok. So, um, then I notice when I get home whenever, uh, after I found the purse, that she left her phone and the iPad at my apartment." The defendant told the detectives that Victim A's phone was still on and that he looked for messages on it but couldn't call Victim A because he had the phone at his residence.

Detectives again asked the defendant about his activities around the time that he last saw Victim A. The defendant reiterated that he and Victim A went shopping for mattresses at different locations. The defendant confirmed they purchased a mattress but it was unclear where the purchase occurred. The defendant said after buying the mattress both he and Victim A returned to his apartment where they spent the night and that the next day they went somewhere. The defendant then said "I believe that's the day she...I believe that's the day she took off. I believe that's the day she took off, and I thought well, that's nothing new because she'd done this, she calls her mom."

STATE OF WISCONSIN - VS - Matthew E Pahl

The defendant later clarified that he and Victim A went to Orthopedic Associates the last time that he saw her. The defendant then interrupted and said that he had an appointment there on 9/9/22 and that there was a huge crime scene and started asking questions about what happened there. The defendant eventually stated that when he went into his appointment Victim A stayed in the truck, and when he came back to his truck she was gone. The defendant said that Victim A gave him no indication that she was planning to leave or that she wouldn't be there when he returned. The defendant said he thought it was just another time that Victim A called her mom to pick her up, even though he had her phone. The defendant was asked if he tried to call Victim A and he said he couldn't because she left the phone at the house. The defendant claimed that he drove up and down looking for her. The defendant then interrupted and said, "No, I knew, um, I knew that she didn't have her phone that time before I went in because I, I said, I said...I'll text you or something, and she's like, oh no I forgot my phone. I thought that was really strange. But that wasn't unusual either, I mean she, she's left her phone behind, sometimes she brings her iPad...I just went in, I came out...and she was gone."

Detectives asked the defendant about him looking for Victim A and the defendant said "Yeah, I was thinking about maybe she took a walk up the street, um...maybe she called her mom, maybe she was just venting because she's had a habit of this in the past, to run off to the woods, call her mom, uh, do stuff like that." The defendant was asked if he contacted Victim A's mom to see if they were together and the defendant said they don't talk. The defendant was asked if Victim A had attempted any contact with him since his appointment and he stated "no, no, no, I, I, uh, I'm not a social media person, but uh, since the, since the iPad was at the house, I, I, did look on social media. I did see, I did look to see if she was active, maybe she used her mom's phone or whatever."

The defendant was asked how long after he last saw Victim A did he use the car wash. The defendant was asked to describe finding Victim A's purse in the back of the truck while at the car wash. The defendant said "I didn't know, um the phone, the iPad and the phone wasn't that strange, but, and she's walked away before without her phone, and used other people's phones. So, but, with the new phone, when I did see it, I thought that was kinda odd, and then when I did use the car wash, I thought it was really odd that the purse was in the back, in the backseat of my truck, and she had, her wallet was in there, I looked, her wallet was in there" The defendant claimed that he didn't see the purse in his truck until he washed the truck at least two weeks after the last time he saw her on 8/23/22. Detectives confirmed that the defendant cleaned his truck at a car wash on September 6, 2022.

The defendant further stated that he also found a note in his truck at the same time. The defendant stated that the note was a note from Victim A and that he found it underneath the floor mat of his truck. The defendant stated that Victim A did not threaten her life in the note but stated that she hated her life, her parents, him and everybody. The defendant stated that he showed this note to his father, Marvin Pahl, and his father told him it was a cry for help. The defendant stated that after he found the note he put the note back in his truck where he found it under the floor mat.

Detectives confronted the defendant with surveillance photos from his apartment complex which showed the defendant entering his apartment on 8/23/22 at 12:30pm with a plastic bag that contained Victim A's purse. The defendant denied that the item in the bag was in fact

STATE OF WISCONSIN - VS - Matthew E Pahl

Victim A's purse and said it was his clothes. Detectives also explained that they knew that Victim A took her phone with her to the appointment that day and that the phone returned to the apartment with him. The defendant then said, "I have nothing to do with what happened to her...so that purse, that purse, and water bottle ain't shit...ok it's not going to prove anything, it's not gonna prove or disprove anything."

Interviews with Marvin Pahl

On September 17, 2022 Detectives Schwartz and Stilling conducted an interview with Marvin Pahl and his wife Kathleen Pahl at their residence located in Jackson, Wisconsin. During this interview, Marvin Pahl was asked if he had seen or read any letter that Victim A had left in Pahl's truck. Marvin stated that he did not physically see a letter of any type that was written by Victim A, and further stated that Pahl did not show Marvin Pahl any type of letter.

On October 14, 2022, Detective Plennes and Detective Fredericks interviewed Marvin Pahl at his residence in Jackson, Wisconsin. During this interview, Marvin Pahl asked if Detectives had found the note. Marvin Pahl was asked about what he was referring to and he stated, "There was a suicide note" and further stated, "I saw it myself." Marvin Pahl advised that the defendant told him he found the note while he was at the car wash. Marvin Pahl stated that the defendant showed him the note while they were driving in the defendant's truck. Marvin was unable to recall what color paper the note was written on. Detective Plennes provided Marvin Pahl a picture of the note that was located in the defendant's truck under the floor mat and Marvin Pahl stated that he did not recall the note being written on yellow paper. Marvin Pahl reviewed the photograph of the note and ultimately stated that there must be a different note. Marvin Pahl was asked why he denied seeing a note previously when detectives met with him on September 17, 2022. Marvin Pahl stated that the detectives asked him about a "letter" and this was a note. Marvin Pahl was asked why he had not brought this up to Detective Fredericks when they had previously spoken on the phone and he stated that he didn't think about it. Marvin Pahl further stated that he had spent the night at Pahl's apartment on September 9, 2022 and returned home to his residence in Jackson, Wisconsin, on September 10, 2022 after watching the Wisconsin Badgers game with the defendant. Marvin Pahl stated that he and Pahl had a good relationship and further stated that they could go weeks or months without talking to each other.

A review of the cell phone records for both the defendant and Marvin Pahl show that between June 1, 2022 and August 25, 2022 there is only one call lasting 19 seconds between the two individuals. Between August 26, 2022 and September 17, 2022 there were a total of 15 telephone calls between the two. Location data shows that the defendant traveled to Jackson, Wisconsin, where Marvin Pahl lives three times between 9/9/22 and 9/15/22.

Cadaver K-9 Sniff

On September 19, 2022, with the assistance of the Racine County Sheriff's Office, a cadaver dog was brought to the Sheriff's department impound lot to observe the defendant's vehicle. The K9 was identified as Raven, who is a certified Cadaver K9.

At approximately 0925hrs K9 Raven and Investigator Willis entered the search area at the west service door at approximately 0926hrs. Investigator Willis placed K9 Raven in a sit in the

STATE OF WISCONSIN - VS - Matthew E Pahl

threshold of the west service door, unclipped her from her harness, and gave her the command to freely search for the odor of decomposing human remains.

As K9 Raven searched toward the north along the west side, her nose passed the defendant's Toyota Tacoma rear bumper and tailgate. Investigator Willis observed a clear change of behavior from K9 Raven, and the dog hit on the defendant's car.

Defendant's medical records

Detectives learned that on 8/23/22 the defendant had a 9:15 am appointment at Orthopedic Associates and the defendant checked in at 9:34 am. The defendant checked in for appointments on 8/26/22, 8/30/22, 9/3/22, 9/6/22 and 9/9/22. Of note, at his appointment on 9/9/22, the defendant noticed a large law enforcement presence in the field adjacent to Orthopedic Associates, as the Sheriff's department had been there investigating the decomposing body located by construction crews.

Skype Records

Detectives reviewed the forensic download of the defendant's cellular telephone associated with T-Mobile telephone number 262-666-3639. Detectives noted that the defendant frequently utilized the Skype application as a means of communication. Detectives observed two ongoing Skype conversations between the defendant and two individuals believed to be Filipino females. The first Skype conversation of importance is with the Skype account identified with the username "Mejyn". This account will further be referred to as the Mejyn account.

The first documented contact with the "Mejyn" account on the defendant's cellular device is dated August 29, 2021. The defendant and the "Mejyn" account maintain an ongoing conversation through September 17, 2022, and converse on a regular basis. The conversations are sexual in nature at times the defendant and the "Mejyn" account discuss being in a relationship together, and the defendant indicates that he wants to move to the Philippines, and they will be together.

On August 24, 2022, the Defendant states, "I'm really worried about something but I can't tell you through text it's not about me though". The "Mejyn" account asks for more information and the defendant eventually states, "Can't text certain things watching about drug cartel". On August 25, the defendant sends a message to the "Mejyn" account "...I'm really worried about somebody in my circle." Later that same day he says "...I'm getting even more worried." On August 26, the defendant says, "I woke up with bad feeling...". On September 1 the defendant discusses with "Mejyn" buying a one-way airplane ticket from Chicago to Manila and she agrees to help him secure an airplane ticket.

On September 9, 2022, at 2:55 pm the defendant writes, "Okay because I'm sorry I can't explain this but I'm going to have to delete your contacts so just keep it up and I'll have to get a hold of you but you can try when you're done". Their conversation continues and the "Mejyn" account asks, "Does it relates to matter you've been worried?" The defendant and the "Mejyn" account have a seven minute and twenty-five second voice conversation at 3:47 pm. After the voice conversation, the "Mejyn" account sends, "Normijyn Desierto Phase 1, B10 L7 2nd St.

STATE OF WISCONSIN - VS - Matthew E Pahl

Golden Hills village Panacan Davao City". Detectives believe this is the name and address of the user of the "Mejyn" account. It should be noted that Victim A's body was found on September 9, 2022, and the last day Victim A was seen alive was August 23, 2022.

T

he second Skype conversation of importance occurred between the defendant and an account identified with the user name of "beautiful disaster". This account will further be referred to as the "beautiful disaster" account and this is a different user as the "Mejyn" account.

The Defendant and the "beautiful disaster" account maintain an ongoing conversation between April 18, 2021 and September 17, 2022, and converse on a regular basis. The conversations are sexual in nature and the defendant frequently discusses purchasing land in the Philippines and traveling to the area. The conversations indicate that the defendant and the user of the "beautiful disaster" account plan to have a relationship when the defendant comes to the Philippines. Throughout the conversations the defendant and the "beautiful disaster" account are making plans for their future.

On September 9, 2022, at 3:55 pm the defendant writes, "Hun call me quick". The defendant and the "beautiful disaster" account have a fourteen minute and ten second call at 4:11 p.m. At 5:27 pm, the "beautiful disaster" account sent, "Sherlyn m valente Blk 5 samagta floodway dalanghita st. Brgy san juan taytay rizal" and later sends, "Zip code: 1920". Per Google this zip code is associated with an area in the Philippines. There are several voice calls on September 9, 2022 between the two users.

The conversation continues and on September 11, 2022 at 3:49 pm the defendant writes, "I'm going to delete this text after I tell you something but I really shouldn't text it". The conversation continues and the defendant writes, "I hope to make it through tomorrow nothing stupid happens". The defendant later states in the conversation, "I had a long talk dad...we will be ready". "Beautiful disaster" responds, "Thats great...remember, if youll be invited for interrogation or anything ..remain calm bcoz you can think better when youre calm.." The defendant later stated, "the family called someone and said nobody has seen her!"... "Or heard". It should be noted that Victim A's body was found on September 9, 2022, and the last day Victim A was seen alive was August 23, 2022.

Web History

A review of the defendant's cell phone revealed the defendant visited the following websites.

8/26/22

- 7:31 am Waukesha County Obituaries/gmtoday.com
- 7:32 am Search results for [Victim A]/gmtoday.com

8/28/22

- 7:30 am Waukesha County Obituaries/gmtoday.com
- 7:31 am Waukesha County Obituaries/gmtoday.com
- 7:32 am Search results for [Victim A]/gmtoday.com

8/29/22

- 9:38 am Waukesha County Obituaries/gmtoday.com
- 9:39 am Search results for [Victim A]/gmtoday.com

8/31/22

STATE OF WISCONSIN - VS - Matthew E Pahl

- 10:26 am Waukesha County Obituaries/gmtoday.com
- 10:27 am Search results for [Victim A]/gmtoday.com

9/1/22

- Compare cheap flights and book airline tickets everywhere

9/3/22

- 6:19 pm Waukesha County Obituaries/gmtoday.com
- 6:19 pm search results for [Victim A]/gmtoday.com

9/10/22

- 9:43 am Waukesha County Obituaries/gmtoday.com
- 9:43 am search results for [Victim A]/gmtoday.com
- 9:43 am Dead body found by construction crew in Delafield/gmtoday.com

9/11/22

- 12:20 pm Waukesha County Obituaries/gmtoday.com
- 12:20 pm search results for [Victim A]/gmtoday.com
- 12:20 pm Dead body found by construction crew in Delafield/gmtoday.com

9/12/22

- 6 searches for obituaries
- 2 searches for [Victim A]/gmtoday.com
- 1 search for Dead body found by construction crew in Delafield/gmtoday.com

9/13/22

- 11 searches for obituaries
- 1 search for [Victim A]/gmtoday.com
- 1 search for dead body found by construction crew in delafield/gmtoday.com

9/14/22

- 2:33 pm Waukesha County obituaries/gmtoday.com
- 2:22pm search results for [Victim A]/gmtoday.com

9/15/22

- 10:03 am Waukesha County Obituaries/gmtoday.com
- 10:03 am search results for [Victim A]/gmtoday.com
- 10:03 am Dead body found by construction crew in Delafield/gmtoday.com
- 5:32 pm Waukesha County Obituaries/gmtoday.com
- 5:32 pm search results for [Victim A]/gmtoday.com

9/16/22

- 11:58 am Waukesha County Obituaries/gmtoday.com
- 11:58 am search results for [Victim A]/gmtoday.com
- 11:58 am dead body found by construction crew in delafield/gmtoday.com
- 11:59 am search results for [Victim A]/gmtoday.com
- 1:16 pm Waukesha County Obituaries/gmtoday.com
- 1:16 pm search results for [Victim A]/gmtoday.com
- 5:54 pm Waukesha County Obituaries/gmtoday.com
- 5:54 pm search results for [Victim A]/gmtoday.com

9/17/22

- 12:15 pm Waukesha County Obituaries/gmtoday.com
- 12:15 pm search results for [Victim A]/gmtoday.com
- 12:22 pm dead body found by construction crew in delafield/gmtoday.com
- 12:23 pm Thelen Funeral Services-Funeral home in North Prairie
- 12:24 pm Waukesha County Obituaries/gmtoday.com
- 12:24 pm search results for [Victim A]/gmtoday.com

STATE OF WISCONSIN - VS - Matthew E Pahl

- 12:25 pm search results for [Victim A]/gmtoday.com
- 12:26 pm Thelen Funeral Services-Funeral home in North Prairie
- 12:27 pm Waukesha County Obituaries/gmtoday.com
- 12:27 pm Waukesha County Obituaries/gmtoday.com

Police Scanner Application

A review of the defendant's phone demonstrated that between 8/21/22 and 9/17/22 when law enforcement seized the defendant's phone, the defendant used a police scanner application on his phone. Between August 21 and August 25 the application is brought to focus a total of 7 times. Between August 26 and August 30, the application is brought to focus 50 times. On August 31 the application was brought to focus 31 times. Between September 1 and September 8 the application is brought to focus 40 times. On September 9, the day law enforcement located Victim A's body, the application was brought to focus 66 times. On September 10, the application was brought to focus 23 times. On September 11, the application was brought to focus 8 times. On September 12, the application was brought to focus 18 times. On September 13, the application was brought to focus 23 times. On September 14, the application was brought to focus 30 times. On September 15, the application was brought to focus 27 times. On September 16, the application was brought to focus 13 times. On September 17, the application was brought to focus 8 times.

Autopsy

An Autopsy was performed on Victim A by the Waukesha County Medical Examiner's Office. Dr. Shiel observed that Victim A's body was in an advanced stage of decomposition and there was very little soft tissue remaining. Dr. Shiel opined that Victim A died on August 23, 2022; the cause and manner of death were not able to be determined given the significant decomposition that had occurred between August 23, 2022, and when Victim A's body was found on September 9, 2022.

Summary

On the morning of August 23, 2022, Victim A is seen on video leaving the apartment with the defendant that they both share. Victim A never returns to the apartment. A short time later Victim A was seen on surveillance video exiting the Kwik Trip on 2001 Golf Road in Pewaukee at 8:53 am, and entering the defendant's Toyota Tacoma Truck. This is the last time Victim A is seen alive. The truck is seen leaving the Kwik Trip parking lot at 9:11 am. Cell phone records for both the defendant and Victim A show the cell phones traveling westbound on Golf Road and arrive in the area of Orthopedic Associates around 9:15 am. The defendant checks into his appointment at 9:34 am, leaving 16 unaccounted minutes for the defendant. Victim A's body was found on September 9, 2022 in a tree line just north of an empty field immediately east of Orthopedic Associates.

On 8/23/22 at 10:53 am Victim A's phone, along with the defendant's phone, begin traveling back to the defendant's apartment on 1001 Delafield Street. At approximately 11:03 am the defendant's truck is seen on surveillance video entering the parking lot. At 11:14 am the defendant is observed entering the apartment complex alone, carrying the pink water bottle

STATE OF WISCONSIN - VS - Matthew E Pahl

that Victim A was seen leaving the apartment with earlier that same morning. This water bottle was found in the defendant's apartment during the residential search warrant. At 12:29 pm the defendant is seen carrying a plastic shopping bag containing Victim A's black purse with the same links and chains that Victim A was carrying when she left the apartment earlier that morning. This purse was located in the defendant's apartment during the residential search warrant, and her wallet was found within the purse. Detectives determined that Victim A's banking cards were not used after 8/23/22.

Between August 23, 2022 and September 12, 2022 Victim A was never reported as missing. Between September 9 and September 12, law enforcement did not know the identity of the deceased body found. Law enforcement identified the body as that of Victim A on September 12, 2022. Law enforcement never disclosed the identity of the body found in the tree line near Orthopedic Associates. The defendant began searching for an obituary for Victim A on August 26, 2022, 15 days before Victim A's body is located and 18 days before law enforcement knew the identity of the deceased. An autopsy confirmed that Victim A died on August 23, 2022.

The defendant has communications with two females in the Philippines; these conversations indicate an ongoing relationship with both women in addition to his relationship with Victim A. In these conversations, both before Victim A's death, and after, the defendant expresses his desire to move to the Philippines. The defendant has voice calls with both of the females in addition to the text messages. On August 24, 2022, the defendant begins telling "Mejyn" on Skype that he is worried about something but cannot text about it. On the 24th, 25th and 26th the defendant continues to tell "Mejyn" he is worried about someone in his circle but will not specify in the text messages. On August 26, 2022, the defendant begins searching for Victim A's obituary.

On August 30, 2022, the defendant receives two text messages from Victim A's cell phone with YouTube links and both messages show as deleted. The defendant never responds to these messages to check on Victim A's welfare. During the time that these messages were sent from Victim A's phone to the Defendant's phone, Victim A's phone's location plots to the defendant's apartment at 1001 Delafield. Victim A's cellphone was located at the defendant's residence during the search warrant on September 17, 2022. On two occasions after Victim A's death the voicemail box on Victim A's phone was checked, and the victim's cell phone was at the defendant's apartment during these times. All of the cell phone activity on Victim A's phone occurring after August 23, 2022, would have been completed by another individual, as Victim A was deceased after that date. As stated above, the defendant had access to the cell phone as it was recovered from his apartment.

The defendant repeatedly launches or brings to focus the police scanner application to monitor law enforcement's activity, particularly on the day Victim A's body was located (September 9) and the days between her body being located and the defendant being brought in for questioning (September 9-17).

On September 11, 2022, the defendant and "beautiful disaster" communicate and she tells the defendant that he will be called in for questioning and to remain calm. At that time it is clear from the defendant's web searches and his observations of law enforcement's presence at the crime scene on September 9th that the defendant knows Victim A is deceased. Law

STATE OF WISCONSIN - VS - Matthew E Pahl

enforcement does not know the identity of the body found in the woods until September 12, 2022.

Based on the foregoing, the complainant believes this complaint to be true and correct.

KG/JP/hs/jw
EXT=CODE 1

Subscribed and sworn to before me on
09/18/23

Electronically Signed By:

Jack A. Pitzo

Assistant District Attorney

State Bar #: 1099951

Electronically Signed By:

Kristina J. Gordon

Complainant