

STATE OF INDIANA)
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COUNTY OF FLOYD) SS: FLOYD SUPERIOR COURT
CAUSE NO:

STATE OF INDIANA

VS

Defendant: Vance Lee Martin
153 Cherry St
New Albany, IN 47150
07-13-03
REDACTED

AFFIDAVIT FOR PROBABLE CAUSE

Your affiant, Detective Travis Jones, a twenty four year veteran of the New Albany Police Department, currently assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division, swears or affirms that he believes and has good cause to believe that, Vance L. Martin, on or about the 23rd day of March 2021, in Floyd County, State of Indiana, committed the offense of:

Possession of Methamphetamine Level 6 Felony (35-48-4-6.1(a))
Murder (35-42-1-1)
Firearm Enhancement (35-50-2-11)

To wit:

On March 23rd, 2021, at approximately 6:30PM, New Albany Police dispatch received a 911 call from Vance Martin telling them that he had just shot a Hispanic male after the Hispanic male entered his home and tried to rob him. New Albany Police officers were dispatched to 153 Cherry St and found a male deceased from apparent gunshot wounds. A Glock handgun was recovered by officers at the residence.

I, Detective Travis Jones, spoke with Vance Martin and his mother, Merina Martin, in New Albany Criminal Investigations Division. Vance Martin said he was outside his home with his friend, Triston Barrett. They were approached by "Bean", later identified as Joshua Gonzales, outside. Josh Gonzales asked Vance Martin if he had any methamphetamine which Vance Martin replied he did. Vance Martin, Triston Barrett and Joshua Gonzales walked into the living room of 153 Cherry St and Vance

Martin retrieved a small baggie containing methamphetamine. A verbal argument ensued between Vance Martin and Joshua Gonzales and Joshua Gonzales grabbed the baggie of methamphetamine from Vance Martin.

Vance Martin said Joshua Gonzales pulled out a handgun from his waistband and pointed the handgun towards Vance Martin's face. Vance Martin pulled out a Glock handgun from his waistband as Joshua Gonzales pointed his handgun towards him and fired. Vance Martin said he fired his handgun at Joshua Gonzales several times as Vance Martin was falling backwards into a chair. Vance Martin said he fired the last round into the side of Joshua Gonzales head while Joshua Gonzales' head was slumped over on or near his lap.

Vance Martin said the methamphetamine belonged to him and he had four more grams of methamphetamine in Merina Martin's Chevy S-10.

I spoke with Triston Barrett and his father, Stephen Barrett, in New Albany Criminal Investigations Division. Triston Barrett said he was visiting Vance Martin at 153 Cherry St when they were approached by "Bean", Josh Gonzales, outside. Joshua Gonzales asked Vance Martin if he had any methamphetamine. They went inside of 153 Cherry St and Vance Martin gave Joshua Gonzales a small baggie of methamphetamine. Triston Barrett said Joshua Gonzales became angry, pulled out a handgun and demanded Vance Martin to give him his handgun, money and any other methamphetamine. Joshua Gonzales fired one round towards Vance Martin. Vance Martin fired his handgun at Joshua Gonzales several times, including at Joshua Gonzales head.

Triston Barrett said Vance Martin told him that he had sold methamphetamine to two to three persons prior to his arrival at Vance Martin's residence.

Crime Scene Investigator Michelle Gilbert found a small clear plastic bag containing a crystal, in appearance, like substance in the hand of Josh Gonzales. The crystal-like substance, including the plastic bag, weighed approximately 1.4 grams and tested positive for methamphetamine.

On March 24th, 2021, an autopsy was performed on Joshua Gonzales. Three gunshot wounds were identified in Joshua Gonzales head, at least two at close contact.

I affirm under penalty of perjury as specified by I.C. 35-44-2-1, that the foregoing Representations are true.

Dated: _____

3-25-21



Affiant, Travis Jones