

DEFENDANT: Brian Crossman Jr.
DOB: 11/02/2001 AGE: 22
ADDRESS:

ARRAIGNMENT DATE:
SA CASE ID.: 24-15884
ASSIGNED SA: Ian C. Sullivan
ASSIGNED CO-COUNSEL: Daron L. Raleigh
POLICE DEPT.: VSP-Major Crimes Unit
INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Det. Sgt. Tyson
Kinney
VICTIM ADVOCATE: Shea Kennedy
INCIDENT NO.: 24B4005755

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT
RUTLAND UNIT

STATE OF VERMONT

CRIMINAL DIVISION

v.

DOCKET NO.

BRIAN CROSSMAN JR.

INFORMATION BY STATE'S ATTORNEY

By the authority of the State of Vermont, the State's Attorney for Rutland County, upon the oath of office charges:

COUNT 1 OF 3

CHARGE CODE: 13V2311 | CODE ID: 372 | OFFENSE CLASS: F

CHARGE NAME: MURDER-AGG

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Penalty: Imprisoned for life and for no lesser term without the possibility of parole.

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Against the peace and dignity of the State.

DATED: September 20, 2024



Ian C. Sullivan
State's Attorney

This information has been presented to me and I have found probable cause.

DATED: 9/20/2024



Superior Court Judge

The State moves this Honorable Court to hold the defendant without bail until trial, pursuant to 13 V.S.A. 7553.



AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

NOW COMES Detective Sergeant Tyson Kinney, Vermont State Police, affiant, being duly sworn and on oath, deposes and says he has probable cause to believe that **Brian Crossman Jr. (DOB: 11/02/2001)** has committed the offense of, **Aggravated Murder (3-counts)**, a violation of **Title 13** Vermont Statutes Annotated section **2311 (3)**.

I, Detective Sergeant Tyson Kinney, am now and have been a full-time certified police officer in the State of Vermont since July of 2006. I am currently a full-time employee of the Vermont State Police, being presently assigned to the Major Crime Unit.

This affidavit is based upon my personal knowledge, my review of documents and other evidence, and my conversations with other law enforcement officers. Because this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause, it does not include all the facts I have learned during my investigation and is a case synopsis. Where the contents of documents and the actions, statements, and conversations of others are reported herein, they are reported in substance and in part, except where otherwise indicated.

1. The Vermont State Police ("VSP") is conducting a criminal investigation regarding violations of Title 13, Vermont States Annotated, Section 2301, Murder. Specifically, this investigation concerns the September 15, 2024, shooting death of three individuals at 2733 VT Route 133, Pawlet Vermont, County of Rutland.
2. For purposes of this affidavit, Erica Pawlusiak was identified as the female decedent. She was also identified as Erica Crossman and the wife of one of the male decedents, Brian Crossman Sr. When referring to Pawlusiak, the name of Crossman will be used (with the exception of Section 3.0 of this affidavit).

Section 1.0- September 15, 2024

3. On September 15, 2024, at approximately 0352 hours, Brian Crossman Jr. (DOB 11/02/2001), hereinafter referred to as Crossman Jr., contacted the Vermont State Police and reported he located three family members with apparent gunshot wounds in their home located at 2733 VT Route 133, Pawlet Vermont. Crossman Jr. advised he observed several shotguns on the floor of the residence covered in blood.
4. Vermont State Police Corporal Joseph Duca responded to the incident. Det Sgt. James Vooris spoke with Corporal Duca and learned the following. Corporal Duca spoke with Crossman Jr. on the phone and he reported that he had located his family deceased at their residence. Crossman Jr. agreed to meet Corporal Duca at the Wells Village School.



5. Corporal Duca advised when he arrived at the Wells Village School he observed a male, later identified as Crossman Jr., outside a vehicle. Duca observed Crossman Jr.'s shirt and pants covered in what appeared to be a red brown stain (RBS), consistent with blood.
6. Crossman Jr. was asked what occurred and he advised that he had left the residence around midnight to go for a walk. When he returned from his walk he located his family dead. Crossman Jr. reported he attempted to drag his father, later identified as Brian Crossman Sr. (DOB: 07/16/1978), hereinafter referred to as Crossman Sr., outside the residence which is why he was covered in blood. Corporal Duca asked Crossman Jr. how many people were in the residence and Crossman Jr. reported there were three individuals deceased in the residence.
7. The Granville New York Police Department and Troopers from the New York State Police (NYSP) responded to assist responding Vermont State Police Troopers. NYSP Troopers stayed with Crossman Jr. near the Wells Village School while Corporal Duca and Granville PD officers responded to 2733 VT Route 133, Pawlet Vermont to locate the other decedents.
8. Upon arrival Corporal Duca observed an open door with a UTV style vehicle backed up to the door. Outside this door, Corporal Duca observed a deceased male. This male was later identified as Crossman Sr. Corporal Duca observed a significant amount of blood inside the doorway and what appeared to be a semi-automatic pistol on the floor inside the doorway.
9. Corporal Duca and Granville PD officers entered the residence through a separate door away from Crossman Sr. and Trooper Duca observed several shotguns, including one on the couch and one on the kitchen table. As Corporal Duca continued in the residence he observed a significant amount of blood and bodily fluid throughout the residence. Corporal Duca reported he observed what appeared to be several 20-gauge spent cartridge casings, including one in a downstairs bedroom and one in an upstairs bedroom.
10. Corporal Duca advised he observed several additional shotguns in a downstairs bedroom. In an adjacent downstairs bedroom, Corporal Duca located a deceased female, later identified as Erica Crossman (DOB: 04/30/1983), who was laying nude on a bed. In an upstairs bedroom, Duca observed what he believed was a juvenile male, later identified Juvenile CT (DOB: 12/10/2010), deceased on the floor. In the same bedroom Duca observed an open gun cabinet and what appeared to be an additional shotgun on the floor.
11. Corporal Duca advised there were two pick-up trucks at the residence, including a 2017 Toyota Tundra, black in color bearing Vermont truck registration 383A685 and a 2016 Ford truck, bearing Vermont truck registration 279A755. Corporal Duca also located an additional firearm outside in a grassy area adjacent to the residence.



12. On September 15, 2024, I received a written report of Tpr. Ryan Gardner. I have reviewed the written report and learned Tpr. Gardner responded to the Wells Village School and met with NYSP Troopers and Crossman Jr. Tpr. Gardner spoke with Crossman Jr. and inquired what was going on. Crossman Jr. advised he found his family dead. He advised that he was staying at the residence but had gone for a walk at night as he usually does. He did not know what time he left but it was dark and he was gone for a few hours. He advised his father owns a large amount of property and he had been walking on it looking at deer. When he returned, he found his father, stepmother, and stepbrother deceased. He advised that he attempted to get his father into a side by side and drive him to his grandmother's house across the street to notify her. He advised he changed his mind about this and only dragged his father outside. He advised he attempted to call 911 several times but was unable to. Crossman Jr. advised he had changed his clothing and there was additional bloody clothing at the residence.
13. Additionally, I had occasion to review Tpr. Gardner's body worn camera which was recording during his interaction with Crossman Jr. Upon reviewing the camera footage, I noted that in addition to Crossman Jr. stating he went for a walk at midnight, he stated "Sometimes I'm gone for hours on end. I just like to put my headphones on [hand gestures to show putting on his headphones], walk around town, and, and just listen to music, listen to podcasts. It's kind of like a, I vibe with myself or whatever you call it." At one point, Crossman Jr. said he was not injured and asked, "So, what's gonna happen, am I gonna like go to the hospital or go to jail or am I gonna go with my aunt or just go home?"
14. On September 15, 2024, after Crossman Sr., E. Crossman and Juvenile CT were located Crossman Jr. was transported to the Vermont State Police- Rutland Barracks and his cell phone was seized.
15. After Crossman Jr. was transported to the Vermont State Police- Rutland Barracks, Detectives attempted to interview Crossman Jr. Crossman Jr. advised he did not want to speak to investigators without a lawyer present. No questions were asked of Crossman Jr.
16. The Vermont State Police- Crime Scene Search Team (CSST) responded to the residence of 2733 VT-133 and began processing the scene.

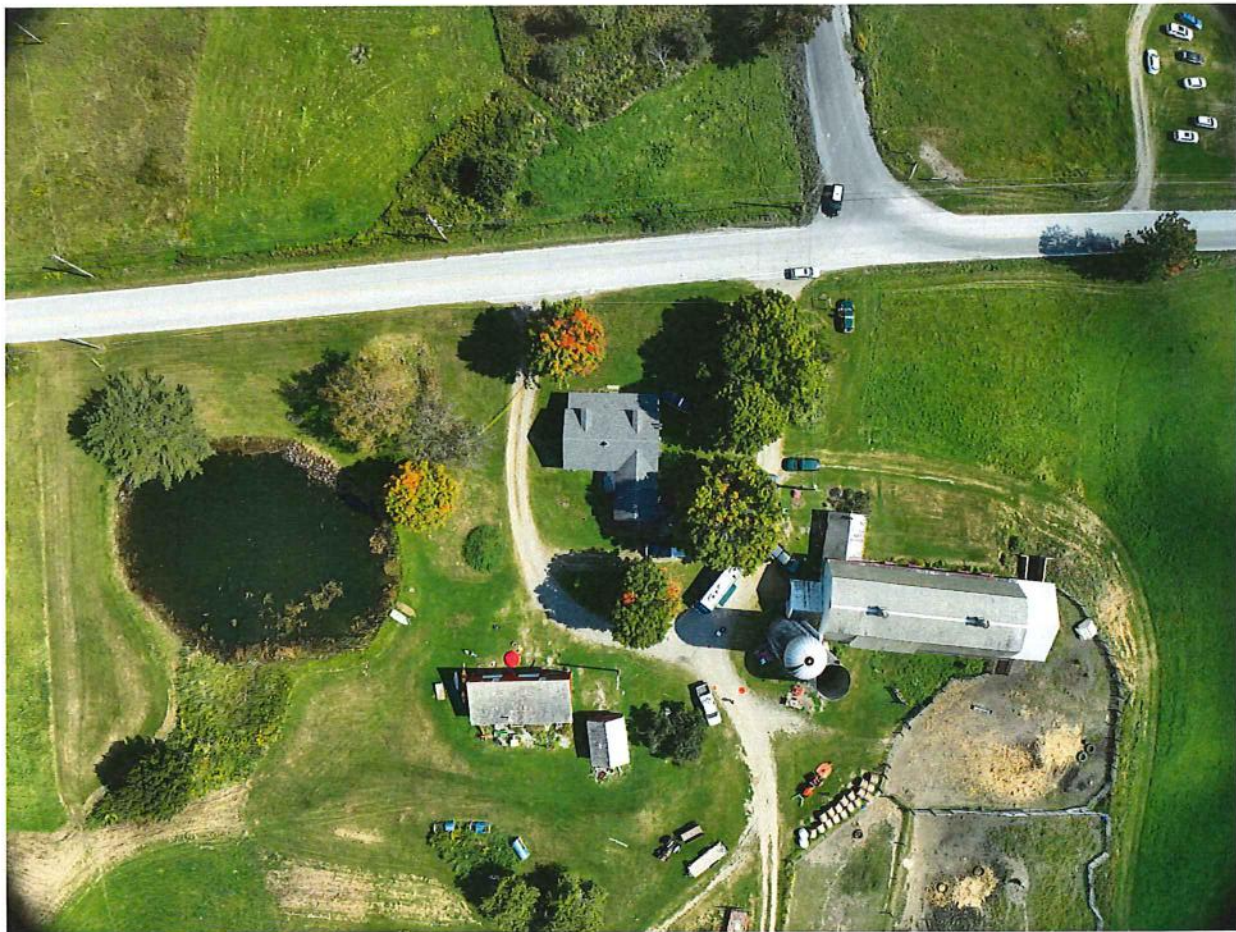
Section 2.0- Crime Scene Search Team

17. Upon arriving, CSST began processing the exterior and interior of the residence. The below sub-sections do not encompass all evidence seized during processing and are being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause.



18. Within this section of the report, there are references to pooling, transfer and droplets of RBS. RBS is defined as red brown stains. The term pooling is a term used to describe the accumulation of RBS. Transfer is defined as RBS moving from one location to another after contact. Droplets are defined as RBS falling from a location and landing on another.

(Section 2.1) Exterior of Residence



19. The residence of 2733 VT-133, Pawlet, Vermont is a white multi-story, single family farm house positioned on the west side of VT-133. The residence is positioned directly across the street from the intersection of VT-133 and Kelly Hill Road.

20. CSST located a deceased male subject (later identified as Crossman Sr.) lying on his back directly in front of the mudroom entrance door. Crossman Sr. had a gunshot injury to his head and other gunshot injuries to his body.



21. A Can-Am utility vehicle was located backed up in close proximity to the mudroom entrance door. The rear of the utility vehicle was positioned approximately three feet from the mudroom entrance door. Crossman Sr. was in between the rear of the utility vehicle and the mudroom entrance door. A large amount of RBS transfer was located on the exterior side of the mudroom entrance door. RBS transfer was located on the utility vehicle tailgate, driver's side floorboard and steering wheel.
22. What appeared to be yellow paint transfer was located on the exterior of the mudroom entrance door threshold.
23. On the east side of and directly next to the utility vehicle was a yellow pull-behind wagon that was tipped over on its side. Located within the tire treads of this pull-behind wagon was what appeared to be RBS and biological matter. There was also what appeared to be RBS on the bottom side of the yellow cart. This pull-behind wagon had a hitch consistent with one that would be attached to a utility vehicle and/or tractor.
24. CSST members located a camouflage shotgun lying in the grass near the chicken coop. The location of this shotgun was west of the residence on the opposite side of the residence and off to the side of a white truck displaying Green Mountain Power on the front doors.

(Section 2.2) **Mudroom**

25. The mudroom of the residence was located on the west side of the property. This mudroom had an entrance/exit door leading to the yard. Crossman Sr. was located outside of this doorway. The mudroom opens to the kitchen. There was a bench and area rug in the mudroom.
26. A large amount of RBS pooling and transfer was present throughout the entire mudroom. The mudroom area rug and surrounding hardwood floor was soaked with RBS. There was RBS spatter along the west wall, RBS transfer on the threshold and interior side of the exterior door.
27. Bedding material, including a down feather bed comforter and bed sheets, was on the area rug. There was a large amount of RBS on these items.
28. A black Glock 43 semi-automatic 9-millimeter handgun was sitting on the area rug. On the slide, frame and grip of the firearm was what appeared to be RBS.
29. On the area rug, near the open kitchen doorway a Ford baseball type hat was located. CSST members located what appeared to be shot shell components including felt



wadding and loose shot pellets inside the hat. Additionally, shot shell wadding and loose shot pellets were also located on the floor of the mudroom.

30. In between the Ford hat and the entrance/exit door, a red metal hitch pin was located on the hardwood floor. This pin is consistent with a pin used to attach a pull-behind wagon to a utility vehicle or other lawn equipment.
31. A brown woman's purse was discovered on the bench within the mudroom. A single shotgun pellet was found embedded within the side of the purse.

(Section 2.3) **Kitchen**

32. The kitchen of the residence was located in between the mudroom and the living room. Within the kitchen on the north side a staircase leads to a single bedroom on the second floor. This bedroom was directly above the kitchen and mudroom of the residence.
33. A wooden island was positioned in the center of the kitchen. On the west side wall of the kitchen a stove and countertop were located. This wall is the same wall separating the mudroom from the kitchen.
34. On the north side of the kitchen wall is the sink. On the south side wall of the kitchen was a small wooden kitchen table. This wooden table was directly underneath the south side bay window.
35. On the east side wall of the kitchen is a refrigerator and countertop with cabinets. This wall separates the kitchen from the living room area of the residence. In between the east side wall and wooden kitchen island, CSST located numerous droplets of blood on the hardwood floor.
36. The kitchen area contained the most RBS pooling within the residence. The majority of this RBS appeared to be in a relatively straight pathway between the living room and mudroom. The RBS located in this section of the kitchen appeared to be smeared/transferred the entire length of the room between the mudroom and living room area. This smearing was consistent with a drag pattern.
37. Within the kitchen area multiple shot shell fragments were located along the floor. Three projectile strikes were located in the hardwood floor of the kitchen near the mudroom. Two of these strikes appeared to have an east to west. The third projectile strike had a directionality pattern nearly straight down.
38. A spent shotgun shell casing was located on the floor underneath the wooden kitchen island. This shotgun shell was identified as a red, 12-gauge, 3.5", #6 shot.



39. A box of Winchester 20 gauge, 2-3/4", #7 1/2 shot with what appeared to be RBS was located on the countertop near the refrigerator. Contained inside this box of ammunition were: (4) 20-gauge, Winchester Longbeard XR, 3", #6 shot; (12) 20-gauge, Winchester AA Supersport, 2-3/4", #7 1/2 shot; (1) 12-gauge, 2-3/4", 7 1/8 oz., #8 shot.
40. A blue Makita battery operated chainsaw was located on the kitchen counter near the stove. The chainsaw's controls and handle contained RBS and a fingerprint could be observed within the RBS. The bar of the chain extended over the previously cooked baking sheet indicating it had not been on the counter when dinner was made.
41. A small blue suitcase was located in near the entryway from the kitchen to the dining area of the living room. The exterior of the blue suitcase appeared to contain RBS transfer. This suitcase was consistent with a suitcase as having been packed by C. Bassett which is described later in this affidavit. Upon searching the inside of the suitcase, it appeared the clothing was clean from having RBS transfer on it. The clothing inside was also consistent with the same size worn by someone described as 6'4" tall and 340 lbs.

(Section 2.4) **Living room**

42. The living room area is an open-concept type room. The west side of the room contained a large wooden table and chairs and was identified as the dining area of the living room, while the east side of the room consists of a sitting area with couches, chairs and a woodstove. These two areas of the living room are separated by support posts in the middle of the room.
43. A Mossberg 12-gauge shotgun was located on the large wooden table in the dining area. Inside the chamber of this firearm was a fired red Winchester Double X, 12-gauge, 3 1/2" shotgun shell. An additional fired red Winchester Double X, 12-gauge, 3 1/2" shotgun shell was located on a plate on the large wooden table.
44. On the floor in the dining area, multiple shoe tread pattern imprints were observed. These imprints appeared to have been caused by someone walking through RBS and tracking it throughout the residence.
45. The sitting area side of the living room contained a couch. A Remington 11-87, 12-gauge shotgun was located on one of the couch cushions. This firearm appeared to have a malfunction – a fired shot shell was stuck in the action. This shell was not able to be extracted by Crime Scene Search Team members. This shotgun was seized and sent to the Vermont Forensic Laboratory to be properly unloaded. The shell jammed in the action was identified as a fired red Winchester Double X, 12-gauge, 3 1/2" shotgun shell. This malfunction likely occurred because the shell was too long for the shotgun.



46. Also on the couch was a dark colored polo shirt that contained RBS. This shirt size was consistent with Crossman Jr.'s clothing size.
47. The smoke detector for the living room was located on the floor of the sitting area of the living room. It was broken.
48. Next to the east side stairway was a table containing a box of Winchester Double X, 12-gauge, 3 1/2" shotgun shells. This ammunition matched the fired ammunition from the Mossberg shotgun located on the table of the dining area, the ammunition jammed in the Remington that was on the couch, and the fired shot shell on the plate. At the base of the table, on the floor, was what appeared to be (2) foot imprints in RBS. These prints appeared to be made by a subject who was either barefoot or wearing socks because the toes of the foot were clearly visible in the RBS.
49. Also within the same area numerous shoe tread imprints were observed. These shoe imprints appeared consistent with the other shoe tread imprints located throughout the residence.

(Section 2.5) **Master Bedroom**

50. The master bedroom was located on the first floor on the northeast side. This bedroom contains an entrance door leading from the sitting area of the living room and a second entrance door on the west side leading to the gun room. Within this bedroom a bed was located positioned with the headboard against the west wall, and a dresser located at the foot of the bed against the east wall. Two nightstands were located on each side of the bed.
51. Erica Pawlusiak's body was located on the right side of the bed in a supine position. She was completely nude and her legs were spread apart. Her head was positioned facing to her left side. She appeared to have a gunshot wound to the left side of her head. There were no bedsheets or comforter on the bed. It is believed this missing linen is the linen that had been found in the mudroom. The bed pillows were along the headboard. There was RBS pooling located on the pillows on the left side of the bed. This was not consistent with the location of the female, as she was positioned on the other side of the bed.
52. A fired 20-gauge Winchester shot shell was located on the floor of the bedroom near the left nightstand.
53. A bottle of Suave body/face wash containing RBS was located on the left nightstand as noted above.



54. A suspected shot shell fragment was located on the floor in the northeast corner of the bedroom near a wicker basket.
55. A pile of clothes was located on the floor on the left side of the bed. These clothes were individually inspected and identified as:
- a. (1)- Pair of Arizona Blue Jean pants, size 48x34. Within the front right pocket of the pants, (2) unfired Winchester Double X, 12-gauge, 3 1/2" shotgun shells were located. These unfired shotgun cartridges were identical to the fired shot shells located within the living room. These shotgun shells appeared to be clean from having any RBS located on the.
 - b. (1)- Blue long sleeve shirt containing RBS- size 4XL
 - c. (1)- Pair of athletic shorts containing RBS- size 3XL
 - d. (1)- Pair of grey underwear containing RBS
 - e. This clothing size is consistent with being worn by a subject who sized is described as 6'4" tall and 340 lbs.

(Section 2.6) **Gun Room**

56. The room identified as the gun room was adjacent to the bedroom. This gun room was located on the opposite side of the west wall of the master bedroom. Within this room were one firearm safe and two firearm cabinets and numerous other firearms. The larger of the two firearm cabinets was identified as a wooden firearm cabinet with glass doors. One of the keyed glass doors was found to be ajar and it appeared multiple firearms were missing from the firearm slots within the safe. The key to this firearm cabinet was found still within the lock of the bottom cabinet of the safe. This cabinet contained numerous ammunition containers. This assorted ammunition matched the ammunition that was discovered to have been fired throughout the rest of the residence.
57. On the floor of the gun room in front of the wooden firearm safe was a 20-gauge shotgun. This shotgun's butt stock appeared to have been broken and twisted. A piece was missing. The shotgun was loaded with (2) 20-gauge shotgun cartridges. One round was in the chamber and the other was inside the magazine tube.

(Section 2.7) **First Floor Bathroom**



58. The first-floor bathroom contained an entrance door leading from the gun room and a second entrance door leading to the dining area of the living room. Within the bathroom was a toilet, vanity and a shower stall with shower curtain.
59. Located on the lower portion of the shower curtain near the floor, was a small RBS transfer.

(Section 2.8) **Living Room Stairwell**

60. The living room stairwell begins near the front entrance door in the sitting area of the living room and continues upward to the second floor to an upstairs bedroom, identified as Juvenile CT's bedroom. As the stairs ascend upward, the stairs proceed up (9) steps before reaching a small landing. The stairs then turn south for approximately (5) more steps before the stairway ends. The stairway ends at a second landing at the threshold of Juvenile CT's bedroom.

61. At the top landing of the stairway, a fired Winchester 20-gauge shot shell was located.

(Section 2.9) **Upstairs Bedroom- Juvenile CT**

62. Juvenile CT's bedroom was located on the southeast corner of the second floor of the residence. Inside Juvenile CT's bedroom a bed was positioned along the west side of the north wall. A small table was located in the center of the room and other small tables containing miscellaneous items were positioned along the other walls. At the foot of the bed along the south wall was a television stand and a metal firearm safe. This firearm safe was discovered with the door ajar.

63. The west wall contained what appeared to be a small hatchway accessed by two doors on either side of Juvenile CT's bedroom wall. This hatchway, when opened, provided a small access point leading to an additional spare bedroom accessed from a kitchen stairway.

64. Juvenile CT was located on the floor on the east side of the bed. He was lying face down, slightly on his left side. He appeared to have a gunshot wound to his right calf and also another gunshot wound to the head.

65. A shot shell wadding was located on the floor next to Juvenile CT.

66. A fired Winchester 20-gauge shot shell was located on the floor next to the bed on the east side.

67. A fired Winchester 20-gauge shot shell was located on the bed next to the pillow.



68. A fired Winchester 20-gauge shot shell was located on the floor next to the bed on the west side in between the bed and the west wall.
69. A piece of wood was located on the floor of Juvenile CT's room near the television stand. This piece of wood appeared to be a piece of the missing stock from the broken 20-gauge firearm discovered in the gun room. A second piece of wood, found on the floor near a computer chair, also appeared to be a piece of the broken stock.
70. Multiple miscellaneous shot shell pellets were located throughout the floor of Juvenile CT's room.
71. RBS was located on the inside of the metal firearm safe door which was open near Juvenile CT's head.
72. Suspected shot shell components were located on the floor near the hatchway door on the west wall.
73. A suspected shot shell projectile and shot shell fragments were located on the floor directly next to Juvenile CT's position.

(Section 2.10) **Upstairs Spare Bedroom**

74. The upstairs spare bedroom is accessed from a stairwell leading from the kitchen area. This stairwell also is accessed from the dining area of the living room. Upon reaching the top of the stairs, the upstairs spare bedroom is located on the far west wall. Within the spare bedroom a bed is located against the west wall. A small nightstand on the left side of the bed. At the foot of the bed against the wall separating the spare bedroom from the kitchen stairwell was a wooden dresser.
75. A set of black Beats headphones was located on the bed.
76. Within the dresser of the spare bedroom, a gray woman's bra and a woman's one-piece bathing suit was located in the second drawer of the dresser. The bra size was the same size as bras found downstairs belonging to Pawlusiak. No other clothing was located inside this dresser.
77. Crossman Jr's wallet containing his New York State Learner's permit and other assorted cards depicting his name was found on the nightstand next to the bed.
78. CSST did not locate any RBS within this bedroom.



Section 3.0- Autopsy

79. On September 16, 2024, a post-mortem examination was completed on the older deceased male subject by Dr. Kathleen McCubbin of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Burlington, Vermont. The male subject was positively identified as Brian Crossman Sr. (DOB: 07/16/1978).
80. During the examination, Dr. McCubbin recovered what appeared to be shotgun pellets from Crossman Sr.'s body.
81. Dr. McCubbin classified Crossman Sr.'s immediate cause of death as gunshot wounds of the head and chest. Crossman Sr.'s manner of death was ruled as homicide.
82. On September 16, 2024, a post-mortem examination was completed on the deceased female subject by Dr. Kathleen McCubbin of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Burlington, Vermont. The female subject was positively identified as Erica Pawlusiak (DOB: 04/30/1983).
83. During the examination, Dr. McCubbin recovered what appeared to be small yellow fragments located on Pawlusiak's body. These yellow fragments are consistent with the 20-gauge cartridges and shot shells at the scene. A shot shell wadding and shot pellets were also located.
84. Dr. McCubbin classified Pawlusiak's immediate cause of death as gunshot wound of the head. Pawlusiak's manner of death was ruled as homicide.
85. On September 17, 2024, a post-mortem examination was completed on the deceased child by Dr. Kathleen McCubbin of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Burlington, Vermont. The deceased child was positively identified as Juvenile CT (DOB: 12/10/2010).
86. During the examination, Dr. McCubbin recovered what appeared to be small yellow fragments located on Juvenile CT's body. These yellow fragments are consistent with the 20-gauge cartridges and shot shells at the scene.
87. Dr. McCubbin classified Juvenile CT's immediate cause of death as multiple gunshot wounds. Juvenile CT's manner of death was ruled as homicide.

Section 4.0- Interviews

(Section 4.1) **Interview with Carla Crossman (DOB: 10/07/1950)**



88. On September 15, 2024, at approximately 0741 hours, I conducted an interview with Crossman Sr.'s mother, Carla Crossman (DOB: 10/07/1950) and Crossman's step-brother, Thomas Ayers (DOB: 05/10/1970). C. Crossman stated that Brian Crossman Sr., Erica Crossman and her child, Juvenile CT (also known to C. Crossman as "Tex") all lived at the residence and were the only subjects living in the residence. Crossman Sr.'s other son, Brian Crossman Jr., was staying at the residence for the weekend. Crossman Jr. normally lives in Granville, New York and was visiting for the weekend.
89. The last time C. Crossman last saw Crossman Sr., E. Crossman and Juvenile CT, it was on September 14, 2024, at approximately 2130 hours. Crossman Sr. was last seen wearing a striped shirt and shorts. He was described as having a scruffy beard and dark hair. C. Crossman could not remember what E. Crossman was wearing.
90. C. Crossman explained that she had been at the Tunbridge World's Fair and arrived home later in the evening. Crossman had taken her horses and secured them in the barn. C. Crossman walked across the street to check on the horses and speak to Crossman. When she arrived at the residence, the three came out onto the porch of their residence. Crossman Jr. (also referred to as "Little B") was inside the residence as the group had just finished eating supper.
91. On September 15, 2024, at approximately 0430 hours, C. Crossman recalled her phone ringing. Due to the time of day, she did not answer the call and instead let it go to the answering machine. She later dialed *69 to identify the number that had called, she recalled it having a 955 area code.
92. At approximately 0435 hours, C. Crossman's phone rang again. This time C. Crossman believed something was strange and answered the phone. She identified the other party as Crossman Jr.'s biological mother, Crystal Bassett. Bassett asked her if she knew what was going on and told her Crossman Jr. may have been apprehended in Wells, Vermont.
93. As C. Crossman was on the phone with Bassett, she looked out the window and noticed what appeared to be blue emergency lights approaching. She told Bassett she would call her back and ended the phone call with Bassett.
94. Crossman Jr. was stated to have a troubled relationship with Crossman Sr. due to Crossman Jr.'s mental health and learning disability.
95. C. Crossman described Crossman Jr. as never fitting in with others since he was little. He never had any friends and didn't socialize with anyone else.
96. Crossman Jr. and E. Crossman appeared to have a good relationship with each other.



97. Crossman Sr. did not have any disagreements with anyone or enemies that C. Crossman knew of.
98. Crossman Sr. and E. Crossman were married in July 2024. C. Crossman stated she had only met E. Crossman approximately a month before they were married, but she suspected they had been dating for some time prior to the marriage.
99. When asked if Crossman Jr. was capable of committing the act, C. Crossman stated he could be and was also proficient with firearms.

(Section 4.2) Interview with Crystal (04/16/1974) and Ernie Bassett (DOB: 05/14/1968)

- 100 On September 15, 2024, at approximately 1205 hours, Det. Tpr. Nick Grimes and I conducted an interview with Crystal Bassett and her husband, Ernest Bassett Jr. at Bassett's residence in Granville, New York
- 101 On the weekend of September 13-15, 2024, C. Bassett and E. Bassett traveled to Buffalo, New York for the weekend and did not want to leave Crossman Jr. alone at their residence for the weekend. It was decided between C. Bassett and Crossman Sr. that Crossman Jr. would stay with Crossman Sr. for the weekend to allow C. Bassett to leave.
- 102 On Friday, September 13, 2024, E. Bassett arrived home at his residence at around 1400 hours. When he arrived, Crossman Jr. was not at the residence and was believed to have been picked up to stay with Crossman Sr. for the weekend. It was not known by either C. Bassett or E. Bassett what time Crossman Jr. left their residence or how he got to Pawlet, Vermont.
- 103 C. Bassett further explained that she had packed a suitcase for Crossman Jr. on the night prior to him leaving so he could take all of his clothes with him when he left. This was identified as a blue hardshell suitcase. It did not have any identifying marks on the suitcase to show it belonged to Crossman Jr.
- 104 C. Bassett stated on the morning of September 15, 2024, she received a text message from her son, Crossman Jr., from phone number 518-232-3559 at 0435 hours. Crossman Jr. stated that something bad had happened, that he loved her, that she would eventually hear about what happened later. Crossman Jr. advised the police were with him at the Wells School and he was being questioned by law enforcement.
- 105 C. Bassett advised after receiving this message she contacted Crossman Jr. directly via cell phone. During this conversation, C. Bassett advised she did not learn any more information from Crossman Jr. who ended the conversation because he was being



told he needed to go. C. Bassett then contacted Crossman Sr.'s family to inquire what occurred. She was not provided any information.

106 When asked about Crossman Jr.'s mental health status, C. Bassett advised Crossman Jr. has mental health disabilities.

107 She recalled an event approximately a month prior to the interview when she, Bassett Jr. and Crossman Jr. were in Atlantic City, New Jersey. During this trip, Crossman Jr. had a mental breakdown and was described as "yelling at himself." When the group returned home, C. Bassett contacted Crossman Jr.'s primary care physician and made an appointment for October 9th, 2024.

108 C. Bassett stated Crossman Jr. had sought treatment from multiple psychiatric doctors over the years. When asked what Crossman Jr. was diagnosed with, C. Bassett advised possibly schizophrenia. Crossman Jr. had also been sought in-patient treatment at multiple mental health rehabilitation facilities in the past.

109 C. Bassett was asked about when she started noticing issues with Crossman Jr. She explained she first began noticing issues with Crossman Jr. when he was approximately three years old. Approximately two years ago, C. Bassett noticed his behavior beginning to escalate. These behaviors included him talking to himself in a way to suggest he was having a conversation with himself in his own mind. Crossman Jr.'s mental stability seemed to ebb and flow with peaks and valleys. He was described as being very erratic one moment and then seeming to "come out of it" a short time later. Crossman Jr. also had issues with certain textures, and they believed he was autistic; however, it was not clear at the time of the interview if he was diagnosed as being autistic.

110 Crossman Jr. was not currently taking any prescribed medication. Crossman Jr. did not like how medication made him feel and due to this, he did not have any current prescribed medication. He used alcohol occasionally and also was believed to smoke marijuana.

111 According to C. Bassett, Crossman Sr. and Crossman Jr. did not have the best of relationships. C. Bassett believed this was due to Crossman Jr.'s mental state which prevented Crossman Sr. from having a "normal" father son relationship. Crossman Jr. had not stayed overnight in Crossman Sr.'s residence in a couple of years. Their relationship largely depended on the day between Crossman Sr. and Crossman Jr. As Crossman Jr. grew up and got older, he began resisting and "talking back" to his father which further complicated the relationship.



112 When asked about Crossman Jr.'s relationship with E. Crossman, C. Bassett stated she had not heard anything negative about E. Crossman. Crossman Jr. had shared with her about a conversation he had with E. Crossman. During this conversation, C. Bassett learned that E. Crossman had a conversation with Crossman Jr. about his experiences at the Granville School. According to C. Bassett, E. Crossman had another child who also had similar cognitive challenges. E. Crossman asked Crossman Jr. about his experiences while she decided if she would transfer her child to the Granville School. This conversation with E. Crossman established a relationship with Crossman Jr. which allowed them to bond. Crossman Jr. enjoyed being around E. Crossman since that conversation.

113 Crossman Jr. was described as being 6'4" tall and 300 pounds. E. Bassett Jr. advised Crossman Jr. also wore a size 10 shoe. Crossman Sr. was described as being 6'4" tall.

114 Crossman Jr. did not have any firearms but used to hunt with his father. The only knife C. Bassett knew he owned was a Leatherman which he normally kept on his dresser in his bedroom.

115 C. Bassett was asked if Crossman Jr. had any routine during the day; specifically, if he went for walks. We were advised he would go through "spurts" of wanting to lose weight. This normally would occur during the Spring and Fall times of the year due to the weather. C. Bassett stated Crossman Jr. did not normally have a routine throughout the day but would normally be in bed around 2200 hours. E. Bassett advised it had been years since Crossman Jr. was known to be taking walks in the middle of the night. It was also unusual for him to be contacting her in the middle of the night.

(Section 4.3) **Interview #1 with Rachael Crossman (DOB: 01/08/2003)**

116 On September 15, 2024, at approximately 1324 hours, Det. Tpr. Nick Grimes and I conducted an interview with Rachael Crossman at Bassett's residence in Granville, New York. During the interview we learned the following:

117 R. Crossman showed us the text messages she exchanged with Crossman Jr. On September 15, 2024 at approximately 0419 hours, Crossman Jr. texted R. Crossman and said "I love you." Shortly after the text message from Crossman Jr., R. Crossman's mother, C. Bassett called her and informed her of something being wrong.

118 R. Crossman then called Crossman Jr. and asked what was going on. Crossman Jr. did not answer the first call from R. Crossman but answered the second. Crossman Jr. stated "Dad died." R. Crossman spoke to Crossman Jr. on the phone for a minute and learned he was at the Wells School parking lot, the police were with him as well as their



“aunt Julie.” Crossman Jr. didn’t want to tell R. Crossman anything because the cops were there and their father was dead. R. Crossman repeatedly asked Crossman Jr. what happened. Crossman Jr. continued to state that “he didn’t know” and he “didn’t want to say anything because the cops are here.”

119 According to R. Crossman, Crossman Jr. was supposed to be staying with their father for the weekend even though Crossman Sr. was on-call for his employer.

120 Crossman Jr. was described as being concerning to R. Crossman. When asked to further clarify what she meant, she typed a message on her cell phone and slid it over to me to read. The message which advised she did not feel comfortable speaking about that topic while others could be listening to her conversation from another room in the residence.

121 Crossman Sr. and Crossman Jr.’s relationship was described as having highs and lows. R. Crossman described Crossman Jr. as being very argumentative and Crossman Sr. felt as though Crossman Jr. did not respect him.

122 She further described an incident that occurred years prior where they had an argument and Crossman Sr. subsequently tackled Crossman Jr.

123 R. Crossman was asked about the firearms in the Crossman Sr. residence. She stated he had a safe, but some of them may not have been locked up. She described these weapons as hunting rifles.

(Section 4.4) **Interview with Julie Appler (DOB: 02/18/1977)**

124 On September 15th, 2024, at approximately 1406 hours, Det. Tpr. Nick Grimes and I spoke with Julie Appler (DOB 07/03/1980) at 29 Elm Street in Granville, NY. Appler is Crossman Jr.’s aunt and is the sister of C. Bassett. During the interview, we learned the following.

125 Appler advised that she received a Facebook message from Crossman Jr. on September 15, 2024 at 0419 hours stating, “I love you.” Appler noted this was odd because they don’t message often, and Crossman Jr. never reaches out at that time. Appler replied and asked if he was “doing well.” Crossman Jr. said he was, “not doing well,” that she “can’t help fix this,” and that his “dad is dead.” Crossman Jr. told Appler he was with the police and said, “idk wtf.”

126 Appler called C. Bassett to find out what was happening, which led to C. Bassett calling Crossman Jr. Appler later sent a message to C. Crossman and C. Crossman called her back. C. Bassett told Appler that Crossman Jr. was at the school in Wells, VT.



Appler and her husband, Christopher Appler (DOB 02/18/1977), drove to the school to meet with Crossman Jr. When they arrived, Crossman Jr. was sitting on the tailgate of a truck, surrounded by three law enforcement Officers (and two police cars). A State Trooper approached Appler and told her that Crossman Jr. was covered in blood and that they were still trying to gather information. She was not allowed to talk with Crossman Jr. at that time. Appler returned to her vehicle with C. Appler.

127 At 0543 hours, Appler received a Facebook call from Crossman Jr. while he was sitting on the tailgate of the truck, asking her if she was going to come over and talk to him. Appler told Crossman Jr. that she was on scene in her vehicle and would be over to talk with him. Appler and C. Appler approached Crossman Jr. and observed him sitting on the tailgate of the truck drinking a beer. Crossman Jr. commented that he felt sick, and the beer was helping him calm down.

128 Crossman Jr. told Appler that he found Crossman Sr. shot in the head and that he tried to bring Crossman Sr. out onto the porch, and load Crossman Sr. into a side-by-side, and bring him over to C. Crossman's residence. Crossman Jr.'s grandmother lives across the street from Crossman Sr. During the conversation, Crossman Jr. mentioned that he saw E. Crossman and Juvenile CT deceased inside the residence however Appler couldn't remember if anything else was said about E. Crossman and/or Juvenile CT. Appler recalled Crossman Jr. making a comment about a smashed shotgun and other firearms inside the residence.

129 Appler asked Crossman Jr. if he had an argument with Crossman Sr. Crossman Jr. responded by asking Appler if she was saying that he "did this." Appler asked Crossman Jr. whose truck he was sitting on. Crossman Jr. told Appler that it was Crossman Sr.'s truck and that he drove the truck to his aunt, Wendy Heald's (DOB 08/09/1969), to try and get cell phone service. Appler wasn't sure how Crossman Jr. ended up at the school. Crossman Jr. stated that he had a good weekend at the Crossman's and that E. Crossman was "great." Officers let Crossman Jr. go to the bathroom off the side of the road so Appler walked back to her vehicle. Appler did not reengage with Crossman Jr.

130 Appler stated Crossman Jr. does not do well in a social environment. Appler advised that Crossman Sr. and Crossman Jr. had an on and off again relationship and does not believe that Crossman Sr. put a lot of effort into a relationship with Crossman Jr.

(Section 4.5) **Interview #2 with Rachael Crossman (DOB: 01/08/2003)**

131 On September 15, 2024, at approximately 1324 hours, I conducted an interview with R. Crossman at C. Crossman's residence to speak with her again about her concerns regarding Crossman Jr.



132 She advised that Crossman Jr. was extremely concerning. Crossman Jr. has expressed extreme forms of aggression toward others in the past and throughout his life.

133 R. Crossman recalled an incident where Crossman Jr. was seated on the porch of his residence in Granville, New York and would make a gun gesture with his hand, point at passing cars, and yell "Bang!" while pretending to shoot the passing cars.

134 Crossman Jr. has always shown an interest in death. Crossman Jr. has tortured frogs and kittens in the past.

135 She also recalled a separate incident in which he contacted family members and alerted them to a death within the family. When family members arrived at the residence to grieve, he told them he was only joking, and the event did not actually happen.

136 R. Crossman's mother, C. Bassett, at one time had a daycare with other children. When Crossman Jr. was younger, he would be aggressive toward other children who were attending daycare. According to R. Crossman, C. Bassett lost customers due to Crossman Jr.'s behavior toward others.

137 R. Crossman believes Crossman Jr. suffers from dissociative identity disorder.

(Section 4.6) **Interview with Robert Taylor Jr (DOB: 10/01/1965)**

138 On September 15th, 2024, at approximately 1010 hours and at 2150 hours, Det. Tpr. Nick Grimes interviewed Robert Taylor Jr. via telephone.

139 Taylor was identified as Crossman Sr.'s friend. Taylor has known Crossman Sr. and Crossman Jr. for several years and advised they would hunt together.

140 Taylor advised that he was brush hogging on Crossman Sr.'s property on Thursday, September 12, 2024 and Friday, September 13, 2024. On Friday, at approximately 1700 hours, Crossman Sr. returned to Crossman Sr.'s residence from picking up Crossman Jr. at C. Bassett's residence in Granville, NY. Taylor noted that Crossman Jr. seemed different and mentioned that Crossman Jr. was tipping his head sideways and laughing (which he had never seen before). He also stated that Crossman Jr. had a "look" in his eyes that looked "right through you." Crossman Jr. commented to Taylor that he was "bored" and that he would "rather go to school" than be at Crossman Sr.'s.

141 While Taylor was at the residence, E. Crossman confided in him that she didn't feel safe with Crossman Jr. at the residence, and that she was afraid to be there alone,



when Crossman Sr. wasn't around. She told Taylor that she was scared because Crossman Sr. was on-call that weekend for Green Mountain Power, and could be called out leaving her alone with Crossman Jr. E. Crossman said she had a pistol, but that she never carried it, and she wasn't sure if she would be able to use it if she needed to. Taylor told E. Crossman to have Crossman Sr. lock up all the guns and Taylor told Crossman Sr. that Erica was uncomfortable with Crossman Jr. being at the residence and the possibility of being alone with him.

142 During the interview, Taylor recalled an incident that occurred three years earlier in September (he initially reported it occurred two years ago) in Easton, New York, where Crossman Sr. was helping him train a "coon dog." As part of the training, Crossman Sr. was helping Taylor load dog food into "fill feeders" that were attached to trees. Crossman Jr. had accompanied Taylor and Crossman Sr., but remained in Taylor's truck. When Taylor and Crossman Sr. came out of the woods, after filling the feeders, Taylor observed that Crossman Jr. was outside of the truck with the door open and window down. Crossman Jr. had obtained the firearm that Taylor kept in his truck and was pointing the firearm directly at them and looking through the scope. Taylor yelled at Crossman Jr. as he approached him, and later discovered that Crossman Jr. had loaded the magazine that Taylor kept in the center console of his truck into the firearm. Taylor confronted Crossman Jr. about the dangers of pointing a firearm at someone. Crossman Jr. initially said he was just looking through the scope but then later stated something to the effect of "one of these days I'm going to kill him." Taylor asked, "Kill who?" and Crossman Jr. replied, "My father."

Section 5.0 Green Mountain Power

143 On September 15, 2024, Vermont State Police contacted Green Mountain Power Inc. to inquire when Crossman was contacted by Green Mountain Power to respond for service calls. It was learned through interviews during this investigation that Crossman was on-call for Green Mountain Power.

144 District Supervisor Chris Gandin was contacted. Gandin researched Green Mountain Power's records and located four calls for service on September 15, 2024. The following notes the time of the call

- 1st call for service- September 14, 2024 at 0925 hours
- 2nd call for service- September 14, 2024 at 1345 hours
- 3rd call for service- September 14, 2024 at 1641 hours
- 4th call for service- September 14, 2024 at 2256 to September 15, 2024 at 0027 hrs.



145 On September 15, 2024, I contacted Eliza Wilcox of Green Mountain Power Inc. to inquire when Crossman Sr.'s truck left the Green Mountain Power Inc.- Poultney Garage. It should be noted, Crossman Sr.'s work truck was wired for GPS data to track the location of the truck and the cycles of the ignition.

146 Wilcox provided information that Crossman Sr.'s vehicle was at the Green Mountain Power Inc.- Poultney Garage, located at 168 York Street, Poultney, Vermont. It was learned on September 15, 2024 at 0028 hours, Crossman Sr's truck was turned on and was parked at the Poultney garage. The truck traveled back to the area of 59 Kelly Hill Road, Poultney, Vermont. The truck ignition was turned off at 0047 hours. For purposes of this report, Kelley Hill Road intersections with Vermont Route 133 directly across the road of Crossman's residence.

(Section 6.0) Brian Crossman Jr.

(Section 6.1) Non-Testimonial Order

147 On September 15, 2024, the Honorable Judge Cortland Corsones signed a Non-Testimonial Order for Crossman Jr. to obtain fingernail scrapings, Photographs of Crossman Jr. and DNA swabs of Crossman Jr. This order was executed on September 15, 2024 by Det. Sgt. Jesse Robson

(Section 6.2) Clothing

148 Crossman Jr. was observed as having a large amount of RBS (believed to be human blood) transfer on his pants and shirt. A photograph depicting Crossman Jr.'s clothing has been included below. This photograph was obtained during the Non-Testimonial Order execution on September 15, 2024, by Det. Sgt. Jesse Robson. All clothing being worn by Crossman Jr. was seized by Vermont State Police for additional testing.



(Section 6.3) Release of Crossman Jr.

149 Once the execution of the Non-Testimonial Order completed, Crossman Jr. was released to the custody of C. Bassett. It is known to this officer at this time, Crossman Jr. was being released to from a residential psychiatric hospital and into the custody of New York State Police for the execution of a New York issued search warrant.

(Section 6.3)_Phone Analysis/Records

150 When Crossman was detained on September 15, 2024, a cell phone was located on his person and seized per this investigation. This phone was identified as a Samsung cell phone bearing model SMG990U2 and IMEI 359043371970234. For purposes of this affidavit, it has been identified as Vermont State Police Evidence- Item #4.



151 A search warrant for item #4 was granted on September 15, 2024 by the Honorable Judge John Valente. Upon the warrant being granted, the cell phone was relayed to the Vermont State Police Technology Investigation Unit for analysis.

(Section 6.4) Phone Extraction Analysis

152 Following the analysis, Vermont State Police Technology Investigation Unit Analyst Zach Nebeker provided the following information. This following is an excerpt of Nebeker's Item 4 Preliminary Device Usage Report. It should be noted this report is not all inclusive of all potential evidence located on the submitted device. It is a synopsis of findings within the limited scope of this examination. A full analysis will be documented in future reports.

153 *Item 4 was a black Samsung SM-G99OU2 and was delivered to the TIU lab on 09.15.2024. Between 09.15.2024 and 09.16.2024 I obtained two device extractions. I processed the data using multiple industry standard tools.*

154 *I observed the associated Google account was crossmanbrian69@gmail.com, and several additional artifacts indicated the device was associated with Brian Crossman Jr.*

155 *The focus of this examination was device activity between 09.14.2024 22:00 hours and 09.15.2024 04:30 hours. Location data recovered from the device indicated the device was in proximity to 2733 Vermont Route 133, Pawlet VT between 09.14.2024 22:00 hours and 09.15.2024 03:29 hours. During this time, the device appeared to be consistently used throughout the night. Device usage included social media, messaging applications, and voice calls. Between 03:25 and 03:35 several calls were placed to 911 which were unanswered.*

156 *There appeared to be two significant gaps in device activity, between 00:30:23 and 01:33:26 hours, and again between 02:08:36 and 03:25:45 hours. Artifacts present at these times did not appear to be user generated and were consistent with a device that was not actively being used. The device's network connection appeared unchanged during these periods.*

157 *At 03:35 the device's location was reported near the intersection of VT-30 and VT-133 and the device appeared to travel northbound on VT-30. An additional call to 911 was placed at 03:44, which was answered (00:21:49 call duration). At 08:05 hours the device appeared in vicinity to Wells Village School in Wells, VT where it remained until after 04:30 hours. Several Facebook Messenger calls and messages were sent and received during this time.*

(Section 6.5) Crossman Jr. Facebook Review



- 158 The device was brought to Det. Sgt. Jeffrey Stephenson at the Rutland State Police barracks who advised it was not compatible with the extraction tools available to him and would need to be brought to Vermont State Police TIU in Waterbury Vermont.
- 159 The device was brought to Vermont State Police TIU. On September 16, 2024, I spoke with analyst Zach Nebeker who advised he obtained an initial extraction of the device and during an initial review of data he observed several items of interest. This included internet search history and what appeared to be Facebook Messenger messages sent from Brian Crossman DOB 11/02/2001's Facebook account to himself. Crossman's Facebook account was identified by account number 100051321453917 and URL: <https://www.facebook.com/brian.crossman.581>.
- 160 The internet search history associated with the Crossman Samsung cell phone included multiple internet searches related to serial killers and unresolved murders. The Facebook Messenger messages of interest that Crossman appeared to send to himself were dated between October 31, 2023, through September 13, 2024. There were additional messages between Crossman Jr., and Crossman Sr., Facebook Messenger accounts. An outgoing Facebook Messenger call from Crossman Jr. to Crossman Sr. was discovered to have occurred on September 15, 2024, at approximately 0021 hours.

(Section 9.0) **Additional Investigative Information**

- 161 On September 15, 2024 at 2334 hours, the Glens Falls Police Department was called for service to respond to the Glens Falls Hospital to assist with a mental health admission. The responding Officer, Samantha McConnell, responded to the hospital to assist. The below information is an excerpt from Ofc. McConnell's report which is included in the casefile for reference.
- 162 *"Upon arrival I observed a male later identified as Brian M. Crossman who was in the parking lot of the hospital with his mother and stepfather. Brian was said to have been involved with a critical incident that occurred in Vermont and I was advised to stay with Brian to assist in the process of getting him admitted to the Hospital. Brian walked into the Hospital on his own and was checked in and later triaged by hospital staff. Hospital staff brought Brian as well as his mother and step father into the quiet room which is inside the emergency room to wait for a room to be prepared. I stayed with Brian in the room and while in the room overheard multiple conversations Brian was having with his mother and step father. Brian continually asked to use his mothers cell phone so that he could look at Facebook. Also Brian asked if the police doing the investigation had video camera footage. Brian's mother stated that she was not sure if they did or not. Brian's response was "if they did I probably wouldn't be here". Also while in the room Brian had asked his mother if he had any marks on his right shoulder or on*



the right side of his neck. Brian pulled down his T- shirt and I did observe redness to the right side of his chest. There was no further explanation to how it occurred. Brian's mother stated that she did not see anything on his neck and the conversation ended. During my time in the room with Brian his expression appeared flat and little emotion was shown besides irritation that he was in the Hospital waiting so long. Brian was able to be admitted to the mental health unit and upon being provided a room fell asleep shortly after getting settled in."

(Section 10.0) **Conclusion**

Based on the aforementioned facts, I believe probable cause exists to show that Brian Crossman Jr. committed the offense of Aggravated Murder, a violation of Title 13, section 2311 (3- counts) in relation to the deaths of Brian Crossman Sr., Erica Pawlusiak and Juvenile CT for the following reasons:

- A. When Crossman Jr. was encountered by responding law enforcement officials, he provided a brief statement. In this statement he advised he had gone for a walk from the residence. He said he didn't recall what time he left, but said it was dark out. He stated he wears his headphones and listens to music and podcasts when he goes for walks. It is unknown based upon Crossman Jr.'s statement where he went for a walk.
 - a. According to cell phone extraction records, Crossman Jr.'s cell phone shows a continuous use pattern on September 14, 2024. On September 15, 2024, there is a gap in use between 0030 hours and 0133 hours. This is significant because it is immediately following the Facebook Messenger call placed from Crossman Jr. to Crossman Sr. via cell phone. This call lasted approximately 40 seconds. At the time of this call, Green Mountain Power truck AVL data showed Crossman Sr. to be at the Green Mountain Power - Poultney Garage. Crossman Sr. left the Poultney Garage at 0028 hours and he arrived home at 0047 hours, within the timeframe of the gap of usage.
 - b. In order for Crossman Jr. to be able to make a Facebook Messenger call, he needed to be connected to a WiFi network signal or in cell coverage area. Crossman Jr. told Tpr. Gardner that he had no cell signal to call 911 after finding the bodies, so he drove to Wells to make the call. This indicates Crossman Jr. was within WiFi range when he called Crossman Sr. earlier.
 - c. A pair of Beat headphones (believed to be Crossman Jr.'s) were located in the upstairs spare bedroom. CSST did not locate any RBS within this bedroom or on the stairwell leading from the kitchen and living room area. Both the kitchen and living room area had a large amount of RBS located throughout the floor in both rooms. If Crossman Jr. had arrived home to locate his family already deceased, he




would have somehow had to place the headphones in the upstairs bedroom without transferring RBS on himself or tracking it throughout this second floor bedroom.

- B. Crossman Jr. advised that he had located Crossman Sr., E. Crossman, and Juvenile CT deceased inside the residence. He also told Troopers that he had changed his clothes while at the residence, prior to attempting to load Crossman Sr. into the utility vehicle to bring to C. Crossman's residence.
- a. Based on evidence at the scene, it is believed Crossman Sr. was killed via a 12-gauge shotgun. E. Crossman and Juvenile CT are believed to have been killed by a 20-gauge shotgun. Some of the ammunition used to shoot Crossman Sr. was identified as Winchester Double X, 12-gauge, 3 1/2" shotgun shells.
 - b. Crossman Jr.'s original set of clothing was located in the master bedroom on the first floor. These clothes contained RBS. Within the pocket of the blue jean pants Crossman Jr. was wearing, (2) unfired Winchester Double X, 12-gauge, 3 1/2" shotgun cartridges were located. Crossman Jr. did not advise law enforcement that he had picked up and placed any unfired shotgun cartridges inside his pockets prior to changing his clothes after discovering his family deceased.
- C. During the execution of the Non-Testimonial Order, Det. Sgt. Jesse Robson and Ofc. McConnell both noticed what appeared to be an injury on Crossman Jr.'s right shoulder area. This injury was described as being red and appeared fresh. This injury's placement is in the direct location where a shooter commonly places the butt of a long gun to fire it. It is known to me that firing 12-gauge, 3 1/2" shotgun cartridges can often cause an injury such as what was observed on Crossman Sr.'s shoulder.
- a. While at the hospital, Crossman Jr. asked his mother if he had an injury to his shoulder and/or neck.
 - b. During a conversation with his mother, Crossman Jr. asked her if law enforcement had surveillance footage of where the incident occurred. When C. Bassett stated she did not know, Crossman Jr. responded, "if they did, I probably wouldn't be here."
- D. During the execution of the Non-Testimonial Order, Crossman Jr.'s clothing was seized. Upon viewing his socks, they were noted to contain RBS. Crossman Jr.'s bare feet also contained RBS, including having a distinguishable RBS sock line on his ankle. It is unclear at this time how Crossman Jr.'s socks obtained RBS if they were inside his shoes.



- a. It appeared as though he possibly changed his clothes in the master bedroom as they were located there. However, the master bedroom floor did not contain RBS on the floor where Crossman Jr.'s clothing was located.
 - b. As CSST examined the living room, at the base of the table on the floor was what appeared to be (2) foot imprints in RBS. These prints appeared to be made by a subject who was either barefoot or wearing socks because the toes of the foot were clearly visible in the RBS.
 - c. On the floor in the dining area, multiple shoe tread pattern imprints were observed. These imprints appeared to have been caused by someone walking through RBS and tracking it throughout the residence.
 - d. While at the State Police Barracks, Crossman Jr.'s clothing was seized, including his black shoes. When comparing the RBS shoe tracks in the living room to the bottom of Crossman Jr.'s shoes, the tread pattern was consistent.
- E. Crossman advised that he was staying at his father's residence but had gone for a walk at night as he usually does. He did not know what time he left but it was dark and he was gone for a few hours. He advised his father owns a large amount of property and he had been walking on it looking at deer. He said, "I'd go up in the meadow and sit. There would be deer in the meadow and I would look at the deer. When they would go away, I'd walk a little more."
- a. It is unknown by law enforcement how Crossman Jr. could see deer in the dark.
- F. Crossman Jr. described having a blue suitcase that he brought with him to Crossman Sr.'s residence. This suitcase was also described as being packed by his mother, C. Bassett prior to him leaving her residence.
- a. It was noted, the clothing inside of the suitcase was clean from RBS. Crossman Jr. stated he had changed his clothing due to the first set being covered in blood. It is not known at this time, how Crossman Jr. was able to retrieve new clothing without transferring RBS to the clothing inside the suitcase. It could indicate the clothing was removed prior to Crossman Jr. handling Crossman Sr.'s body.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on:
This 20th day of September 2024



Notary Public



Affiant

September 20, 2024