

IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT
STATE OF INDIANA

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V.

CAUSE NO. _____

Elijah Earl

AFFIDAVIT FOR PROBABLE CAUSE

Comes now Taylor McCorkle, who hereby swears upon his oath, deposes and says:

1. I am a Law Enforcement Officer with the Westfield Police Department.
2. I am filing this affidavit for probable cause in support of the charges of Attempted Murder; Criminal Recklessness with a Deadly Weapon; Criminal Mischief; Unlawful Carrying of a Firearm; Dangerous Possession of a Firearm; Pointing a Firearm, and Possession of a Firearm by a Prohibited Person against Elijah Earl, a white, male, DOB: 10/04/2006, SSN: _____, height 5'9", weight 150 lbs, with brown hair and green eyes.

3. On Sunday, 11/05/2023, at approximately 18:29 hours, Westfield Police responded to an incident listed originally as a “shots fired” dispatched call, at the Pacers Athletic Center (PAC), (200 E 186th St, Suite A, Westfield, IN, 46074). Multiple officers arrived on scene in response to this critical incident. Officer Mathioudakis arrived on scene first, as the primary case officer. The first witness of the incident that Officer Mathioudakis interacted with was later identified as Todd Zimmerman. Zimmerman is also the individual who called 911 after hearing what sounded like gun shots or fireworks while he was in the parking lot. Zimmerman stated that he heard “it” on “that side of the parking lot”, pointing west of his location in the parking lot of the PAC. Officer Mathioudakis and Zimmerman then both looked over and saw two additional witnesses waving them over. Two additional witnesses, (later identified as Ronald Clark and Minor Witness 1, age 17 years, describe an individual shooting a gun, while standing in the parking lot near a parking row. Officer Mathioudakis immediately noticed damage in multiple vehicles and located a shell casing on the ground, in the parking lot, in the area of the witness description. Officer Mathioudakis believed the shell casing to be a 9MM casing, which was later confirmed.

4. Clark and MW1 stated they saw an individual standing near and in-between parked vehicles in a centrally located parking row, holding a handgun, pointed south, shooting multiple times. Each of these two witnesses stated that there were possibly two juvenile males involved. MW1’s initial comment to Officer Mathioudakis was as follows, “I was just on the phone with dispatch..he...it was right here so you could probably find casings”. Officer Mathioudakis then asked if he was shooting at someone, and she replied, “Yeah”, and then directed Officer Mathioudakis to a spot in between cars, in a parking row, and said “He was shooting out this way”, pointing toward the south. Clark then stated, “He was right here, I was sitting in this truck right there...(pointing across the driving aisle to the parking row west of where he was standing)...he was right here shooting”. Clark continued by stating, “He shot three shots from right

here”. As Officer Mathioudakis is walking through the parking lot, someone can be heard in his audio/video recording saying, “I think they were shooting at a white pick-up truck”. Clark stated that a juvenile with a backpack and a basketball ran inside the PAC after the incident occurred, and then “the one that shot”, (suspect), ran in the direction he was pointing, which was east in the parking lot. At the same time, MW1, confirmed with Clark in regards to the direction of travel that the suspect ran, also pointing east in the parking lot. Clark then described the individual with the backpack that he saw “looked small”, possibly 12-13 years old. MW1 then stated, “the white boy...I mean he looked like he was about my age”. Officer Mathioudakis then had any witnesses nearby remain by his patrol vehicle for the time being. WPD Officers then began securing the scene.

5. Three 9MM shell casings were located within the vicinity of the parking lot where the shooting occurred according to the witness statements. Four unoccupied vehicles were identified as damaged as a result of the shooting. The vehicles damaged are as follows:

A. Vehicle 1: Black, 2022 BMW X5 with license plate DP51. This vehicle had what appeared to be bullet holes through the front driver and passenger side windows. This vehicle is registered to Ronald Stiver. This vehicle was not drivable due to the significant damage noted to the windows as well as the glass fragments throughout the inside of the vehicle. Paddack’s Towing later responded to the scene and towed the vehicle. The damage to this vehicle is estimated in excess of \$750.

B. Vehicle 2: Silver, 2019 Ford Fusion with license plate CHA709. This vehicle had what appeared to be marks from where a bullet had hit the top of its vehicle and bounced off. There was a clear indentation as well as the paint transfer from where the bullet had struck the vehicle. This vehicle is registered to Benjamin Butwin. The damage to this vehicle is estimated to be under \$750.

C. Vehicle 3: Gray, 2023 Hyundai Palisade with license plate 925CLL. This vehicle had what appeared to be marks from where a bullet had ricocheted and hit the front passenger side of the vehicle. This vehicle is registered to Gregory Jack. The damage to this vehicle is estimated to be under \$750.

D. Vehicle 4: Dark Blue, 2023 Mazda 3 with license plate 519DGX. This vehicle had what appeared to be a bullet hole in the front windshield and hood area. This vehicle is registered to Ashley Keedy. The damage to this vehicle is estimated in excess of \$750.

7. Detective Sergeant Marlow conducted interviews of Clark and MW1, recorded on Officer Mathioudakis' body camera. The interview of MW1 is summarized as follows by Detective Sergeant Marlow:

A. "I then spoke with MW1. She was sitting in a car with her boyfriend. MW1 is 17 and her mother's is named Tanysha Lipman. MW1 stated that she was parked and had just entered the car. MW1 stated she heard a bit of commotion going on after a game as they sat in the car waiting for her boyfriend to start to play. She described a white kid wearing black jeans, black shirt with some white on the shirt, and a black puffy coat, and black short hair. MW1 thought the kid to be 16 or 17 years of age. The puffer coat kid was talking crap at the kids in all black with colorful splats on them. The kids in all black were headed towards their cars. MW1 said the puffer jacket kid shot three rounds, starting from the West and moving to the East. MW1 stated that the shots went to the South / Southwest of the parking lot. MW1 stated she saw flashes from the gun but could not identify the gun color. MW1 stated she saw a white car that in the area of where the gun was shot at, and that white car left as soon as the shots were fired. She believes that there were 3 or 4 persons in that car including two children. The puffy coat kid said "We can get about that" and that was all that MW1 was able to hear during the argument. After the statement was made, the puffy coat kid pulled the gun out."

B. "MW1's boyfriend's cousin's grandpa, Ron Clark was interviewed next. Ron was sitting in his truck on his iPad and he heard 3 total shots. Ron believes that the shooter shot from the West and moved East. The first shot went to an unknown direction. The shot caused Ron to look up. The next shots went towards the South / Southwest and South. Ron believes that there was a younger kid with the shooter. The shooter was a 5'6 white male and the other little white kid, was shorter than the shooter, and had a backpack with him and ran back towards the building. Another black male got out of his car when Ron exited his vehicle and the black male, who is unidentified, stated that he believed that it was his kids' coach in the white truck that left the area. The black male believed that the white truck was the target of the shooting. Ron did not see the white truck. The handgun was described as a dark handgun."

C. I then spoke with Damone Eubanks. He identified himself as the main coach of one of the teams involved. He stated he was not at the Pacers Center when the incident occurred and his Coach "BG" (later identified as Bryant Green) was at the game. Mr. Eubanks gave me the contact information for Coach BG and I asked the detectives that were searching for witness/suspects to go to see Coach BG at this home address. He drives the white truck and it was believed he was the person shot at.

8. As a result of the information Detective Sergeant Marlow gathered, it was determined that one of the victims of the crime was an assistant coach for the basketball team "Blackout", who just played a game against "Outlaws" at the PAC. "Blackout" was wearing mostly black jerseys and "Outlaws" were wearing multi-colored jerseys. The assistant coach of "Blackout" was identified by the head coach / program director (Damone Eubank) as "BG". Detectives Zosso, Carter, and I were out at Eubank's address at the time, speaking with his wife. We confirmed with her as well that "BG" is the assistant coach of "Blackout" and was now identified as Bryant Green. Detective Sergeant Marlow was able to provide an address for Green. Green was spoken with by myself, Detective Carter, and Detective Zosso. A summary of his statement is as follows:

A. Bryant Green stated that he was coaching at the PAC this evening, as described above. Green stated during the game there was some tension between the two teams. After the game ended, the two teams shook hands, and Green continued to notice tension between the two teams. Green stated he was going to wait for that team ("Outlaws") to leave before he left the facility with his family. He stated that multiple people associated with the "Outlaws" team walked over to the exit door, near Court 1, and were grouped up talking to each other. Then they came back inside and walked over toward the bleacher side of Court 1. Green described being on that same side of the court at that time. When he noticed the "Outlaws" team wasn't leaving yet, he decided to go ahead and leave with his family. Green then describes that when he got out to his truck, (a white, GMC Sierra), "all of the sudden three people just come out". He described these individuals as follows:

- Caucasian male that was sitting at score table during the game with Green's wife, identified as Jasmine Green.

- Player from the "Outlaws" that was trying to fight a player from Green's team

- One additional player from "Outlaws".

Green describes the white male as walking with his hands by his waist, and then Green hurried into his vehicle, (the white truck), with his family. He stated the three individuals started backing up as he was hurrying into his truck, and they ran behind some cars. Green stated, "Once I got in my truck, all you hear is doot doot doot doot, (imitating gun shot sounds)". Green stated he then immediately exited the parking lot and left the area. Green stated right before he got into his truck, as he noticed the individuals interacting with him, he said, "Hey we not doing all that...we just trying to leave".

Green explains that he was parked near the third parking row from the west, towards the back (south) of the parking lot, close to 186th Street. Green then describes a minor verbal altercation with these three individuals as Green is telling them he is just trying to leave, just prior to him getting into his truck. Green then describes again how the white male began reaching in his jacket, and then started back pedaling near some other vehicles. Green describes the primary suspect again as a "Caucasian guy" wearing a blue or dark jacket. Green then stated again that it was the white male that was sitting next to Green's wife at the score table during the game. Green then describes one of the other black males as having hair in some form of pony tail and then another light-skinned black male with dreadlocks hanging down, (both of which were players for the "Outlaws"). Green confirmed that he saw the white male reaching into his jacket just prior to leaving the parking lot, as they were involved in a verbal altercation. Green described the white male as being older than the players who were 12-13, potentially believing the white male to be 17-20. Green stated the suspect had a buzz cut haircut, weighing approximately 140lbs, slightly shorter than Green who is approximately 5'11". Green stated his vehicle was not struck by any of the bullets fired from the suspect.

A subsequent investigation into further details revealed that Green was parked on the south side of the PAC parking lot, in a parking row to the east of the PAC entrance. During the verbal altercation between Green and the white male suspect, (later identified as Elijah Earl), Green stated the suspect was standing/walking one parking row west of where Green was parked, just across the aisle from Green's truck, (approximately 15 yards away). During this verbal altercation with the suspect, Green's family was already inside their truck. When Green noticed the suspect back pedaling, while reaching into his jacket, Green got in his truck and drove out of his parking spot. Green drove westbound, along the southern most driving aisle of the parking lot, toward the

southwest exit of the PAC parking lot, which is when he also heard multiple gun shots. Based on Green's description of his and the suspect's locations during this incident, and the location the shell casings were located, the suspect would have been within approximately 40-50 yards from Green when shooting multiple rounds to the south/southwest toward the direction in which Green was exiting the parking lot, due to Green's evasive driving maneuvers.

Green's wife, Jasmine Green, stated she was with Bryant Green, as well as their two children, when they were attempting to get into their truck during this altercation. Jasmine stated that she did not get a name of the white male from the score table, but she was sitting next to him during the game. Jasmine identified him as the individual who appeared to be reaching for a gun in his jacket before they left the parking lot. Jasmine also stated that she believed the three kids were possibly targeting their son, Minor Victim 1 (MV1). MV1 texted another player on the "Outlaws" team, identified as Minor Witness 2 (MW2), after they left the parking lot. Jasmine explained that MV1 goes to school at Belzer Middle School, (Lawrence, IN), with many of the "Outlaws" players, including MW2. The text conversation, post-incident, between MV1 and MW2 was transcribed by Detective Carter as follows:

- MV1: "MW2 why was your teammates shooting at my car"
- MW2: "bc he wanted smoke witchu"
- MW2: "wtf happened"
- MW2: "them niggas"
- MV1: "I almost died nigga"
- MV1: "they got my mama dukes crying hard"
- MW2: "FUCK"
- MV1: "Bro its cool"
- MW2: "I'm sorry cous that shit got outta hand"
- MV1: "its cool bro see you at school"

9. On Monday, 11/06/2023, Detective Carter spoke with a parent of a team member from the "Blackout" team who stated she witnessed part of the incident and had information to provide. This conversation is summarized by Detective Carter as follows:

"Around 9:30am I received a call from Siera Parks. She stated that there was a verbal altercation, described as a "scuffle" on the court and the game was called with 15 seconds left. Parks

confirmed that Bryant instructed the team to stay back and let the other team exit. Parks stated she and her fiancé and their three children exited the Pacers Center behind two black males and what she described as a mixed female. Parks reported seeing the three individuals meet and speak with the white male, whom had been previously sitting at the score table, and two black males, whom she reported as playing for the Outlaws. Parks stated they started walking in between cars and hears the white male yell to the black male wearing a white tank top, "Go get BG." Parks stated this is when the white male shot the gun. Parks explained that she had never been close enough to the gun to see the "fire come out of it" and advised she grabbed her children and shielded them with her body in fear that the shooting would continue.

Parks advised the white male ran in between cars after firing the gun. Parks stated she got her children in their vehicle and her fiancé went back inside the center to check on the team. Parks's fiancé advised he told the Outlaws Coach (described as a black male wearing a tan and white rhinestone jacket) and advised his team was uninvolved and all inside. Parks's fiancé reported seeing the white male, whom they observed discharge the firearm, standing behind the coach."

A subsequent investigation into further details revealed that Parks was approximately four parking stalls north, (approximately 15 yards), of the white male suspect, (later identified as Elijah Earl), at the time of the shooting. Parks reported seeing the suspect facing a southward direction as he was shooting. Parks also advised she saw Green's white truck pulling out of a parking stall on the south end of the PAC parking lot as the shooting began. Parks believed the suspect to be shooting at Green.

10. On Monday, 11/06/2023, I went to the PAC to attempt to find additional video of the white male suspect during the time frame of this incident. PAC official Braden Heil stated that the only video they had inside was the court cameras which captured the game and events after the game near Court 1. He then also stated that The Recovery Room Westfield will have access to the cameras in the entrance of the PAC.

11. I then met with Konstantin Komarovskiy, "Konnie", who is an employee of The Recovery Room Westfield, (200 E 186th St, Suite A, Westfield, IN, 46074). He was able to access the camera located in that entry way, leading into the PAC gyms. At approximately 18:23 hours, the white male suspect can be seen by the exit doors with a black male in a red coat and head cover, as well as a black male player for the "Outlaws" with a white tank top on. At approximately 18:26, Bryant Green can be seen leaving with

his family, (including Jasmine Green, MV1 and MV2). At approximately 18:27, the white male suspect can be seen leaving the exit door of the PAC as well. At approximately 18:28, a sound resembling gun shots can be heard possibly three or four times. Immediately following this, at approximately 18:29, the black male in the white tank top, among multiple other juveniles can be seen running inside the PAC. While they are running inside, someone can be heard yelling "BG". Within the same minute, the white male suspect can then be seen entering the PAC with an unknown race female, and two other black males, holding his waistband. These individuals can be heard laughing as they go inside the PAC. At approximately 18:30, the white male suspect comes back out into the entryway of the PAC, along with a few other adults, one of which is the black male with the red coat and red head covering. While standing in the doorway, the white male suspect can be heard speaking with someone. Some of the conversation is hard to hear, but the white male suspect can be heard describing an altercation and then stating, "that other coach from that other team". The video footage from the inside of the PAC, recorded from Court 1, also shows the white male suspect walking around holding his waistband.

12. I also conducted several follow up attempts with coaches and player parents associated with the "Outlaws" team. Two coaches were identified for the "Outlaws" team as Amber Hudgins and Deonndre Andrew. On 11/06/2023, neither of these coaches could identify the white male at the score table initially.

13. On Tuesday morning, 11/07/2023, I received a return call from Hudgins. I asked her about the white male from the score table. She stated he arrived to the game with a black male, who stated his name was "Sherman". She described Sherman as wearing a red coat and red head covering. Hudgins also mentioned that the player named Minor Witness 3 arrived with "Sherman" as well. Hudgins did not know the name of the white male suspect or of the black male with the tank top on. She believed the black male with the tank top also arrived with "Sherman".

14. On Tuesday, 11/07/2023, I looked back at the roster list that Deonndre Andrew submitted to me for the "Outlaws" team. I found a phone number associated with the name for MW3 and MW4. Through a CLEAR search, I discovered this phone number is associated with Sherman Weston, from Indianapolis, IN. A vehicle registered to this individual is a gray, Chevrolet Tahoe, with license plate CW5823. Per a search of the Automated License Plate Reader System (ALPRS), this vehicle can be seen traveling northbound on US 31 at approximately 16:53 hours on 11/05/2023, and then again southbound on US 31 at approximately 18:43 hours. Both of these time frames match an arrival just prior to the game and an exit just after the game ends.

15. On Tuesday, 11/07/2023, Detective Carter conducted a follow up investigation into the above referenced information. A summary of this follow up by Detective Carter goes as follows:

A. "On 11/7/2023 Detective McCorkle provided me with the BMV return for a Sherman Trask-Nicolie Weston. Weston is believed to be the black male wearing a red jacket and red bandana in the surveillance footage from the Pacers Center. It was told to Detective McCorkle that the suspect rode with Weston along with a few other players. A 2016 Gray Chevrolet Tahoe bearing IN license Plate #CW5823 was located as a registered vehicle of Weston's according to open-source data.

Automated License Plate Readers Capture the aforementioned license plate north bound on US 31 and 106th Street exit Ramp on 11/5/2023 at 16:53:46 hours. The plate is captured again on 11/5/2023 traveling south bound at US 31 and 146th Street at 18:43:33 hours.

I located a Facebook Profile by the name "Mustafa Weston." The profile picture depicts an adult black male wearing a red zip-up hoodie and a red bandana. The image matches the description and image provided by the BMV return for Sherman.

An image was located on Weston's Facebook Profile taken on 7/22/2023. The image depicts Weston with his arm around a white male. The male is wearing a black bandana, white T-Shirt, denim shorts, and white tennis shoes. The male has a tattoo on his right hand and on the interior of his left forearm. The male matches the description of the white male suspect. The two males are standing next to the Chevy Tahoe and IN license Plate #CW582 is visible. The caption reads, "My son got swag @b4mforever16."

There is not a Facebook account tagged but the username, "b4mforever16" was tagged. It was located on Instagram. The account is private but the profile image matches the description of the white male suspect. A preservation request was sent for the Instagram account through Facebook's Law Enforcement Portal."

16. On Tuesday, 11/07/2023, I contacted the phone number associated with MW3 and MW4, from the "Outlaws" basketball team, at approximately 15:00 hours. This phone number was provided by the coach, Deonndre Andrew. I called and spoke with a male who identified himself as Sherman Weston. I informed him I was seeking follow up information from an incident that occurred the other night. Sherman then informed me that he knew what I was talking about, being the incident at the PAC. I asked Sherman who he brought there that night, and he

said his “three sons”. I asked for their names and he stated they were as follows, MW3, MW4, and Elijah Earl. Sherman stated that he knew what happened that night. I then asked him to explain. He stated that MW3 and MW4 were playing on the basketball team, (“Outlaws”), and Elijah was sitting at the score table during the game. Sherman stated after the game ended, Elijah and one of his other sons went outside the PAC. He stated they then came back inside the PAC, claiming the opposite team’s coach, Bryant, shot at them before getting into a white pickup truck. I asked Sherman if he would be willing to come to the Westfield Police Department, along with his three sons, for interviews in regards to this incident. He originally stated he was unsure whether or not he would be able to make it up tonight or not.

17. A search of Elijah Earl, via Facebook, shows a profile named Elijah Earl with a profile picture matching that of the suspect description and appearance. This profile also lists a city of Indianapolis, IN. In this profile picture the male resembling the suspect, with profile name Elijah Earl, is holding what appears to be a rifle, pointing it at the camera. Also, visible in his waistband is the handgrip of a handgun, which appears to be clipped to his belt. It should also be noted that this profile matches the pictures described above in paragraph 15. In the Facebook photo described in paragraph 15, Elijah can be seen with what appears to be the handgrip of a handgun sticking out of his right pocket. This appears to match the handgrip that is exposed in the waistband of the profile picture for the Facebook named Elijah Earl as well. Both the Instagram account and Facebook account believed to be associated to Elijah shows the same bio, “3/6/16 *heart emoji* and B4M.”

18. I contacted Marion County Juvenile Probation to request information associated with the name Elijah Earl. I was informed that Elijah’s date of birth is 10/04/2006.

19. On Tuesday, 11/07/2023, I received a phone call from Sherman at approximately 19:00 hours. He stated that he would be willing to bring his sons to the Westfield Police Department for an interview. It was then determined that we would meet at the Westfield Police Department at or near approximately 19:30 - 20:00 hours. Sherman was going to drive up with his three sons, as described above, including Elijah. Just prior to meeting with them, I completed search warrants for Elijah and Sherman’s home address in the 2900 block of N Delaware St, Indianapolis, IN, Sherman’s registered vehicle which is a gray, Chevrolet Tahoe with license plate CW5823, and Elijah Earl’s person, to include belongings and buccal swab.

20. At approximately 20:00 hours, I began conducting an interview with Sherman and Elijah. I read the Juvenile and Parent advisement and waiver of rights aloud to them and then asked if they understood these rights, and they said yes. I then exited the room and removed the Body Worn Camera from the room as well to allow them a time of meaningful consultation. Below is summary of my interview with Elijah and Sherman, which was recorded via Axon and L3 camera systems:

A. A few moments later, Sherman knocked on the door. I opened the door and they stated they were ready to speak. I then clarified again that they understood these rights and they verbally acknowledged that they

were willing to speak. I then asked them to explain the events that occurred the other night at the PAC, starting before, during, and after their visit to the PAC. Sherman stated that he would explain what he knew first. Sherman then stated that they went to the PAC for his sons' basketball game. During the game, one of his sons, MW3, was "getting into it" with the son of the other team's coach, "number 12", (Bryant and MV1), naming them team "Blackout". Sherman described it as trash talk but explained that the tensions were high, and that MW3 was playing better than MV1. Sherman said toward the end of the game, MW3 and MV1 were continuing to have issues on the court, and each of them were told to sit the bench after being separated by the referee. Sherman then said once the game ended, his sons, to include Elijah, were ready to leave and wanted to go out to their car, (which is already identified as a gray, Chevrolet Tahoe with license plate CW5823). Sherman said he was talking with some of the other parents from his team, identified as "Outlaws", and allowed the sons to go out to the car while he continued talking. Sherman said not long after his sons went out into the parking lot, they came running back inside the PAC, and immediately told him "they shooting outside...they shooting outside". Sherman said as the father of the three boys, he and other parents decided to go out to the parking lot to see what was going on, for the protection of their children. Sherman said while he was in the parking lot, an unknown black male, in the passenger seat of a vehicle was near the front entrance of the PAC. This male told Sherman someone was just shooting a gun out in the parking lot, but the male did not see who did it. Sherman said he told the male his kids were "the ones getting shot at", and that the male stated he heard "boom, boom, boom...and it sounded like some big shit". Sherman said the male said he saw a white truck speed off just after hearing the gun shots. Sherman said fans of the opposing team, "Blackout", were saying "it was the Outlaws". Sherman was questioning how this could be possible because most of the team was inside the PAC and any of them that were outside were only kids. He said none of the kids would have had any guns. Shortly after this, Sherman said once the "Outlaws" team and parents were accounted for, they left the PAC, and headed home. He did explain that he was parked near the south end of the parking lot, (near 186th Street), and to a row to the left (east) of the entrance doors.

B. I then asked Elijah to explain his view of this incident. Elijah stated that he was watching the basketball game and saw the tension between his brother, MW3, and MV1. He said after the game ended, he and his brothers wanted to go out to the car, so they headed out to the parking lot. I then asked for Elijah to clarify what he was doing during the game. He stated he was sitting at the score table, next to the wife of the opposing team's coach, Jasmine. While going out to their car, Elijah said the coach from the other team, (Bryant Green), was walking out in the parking lot with his wife and son. Elijah said as they got closer to Green, Green turned to them and said "Don't come over here on no bullshit, I'll spray that bitch down". Elijah said he and his brothers then started moving in between vehicles in a parking row, in what he described as an attempt to avoid further interaction with Green. Elijah then explained that they were moving in between vehicles to move to a different driving aisle, to walk around Green. Elijah was unable to provide any reason as to why Green made this comment to him and his brothers. He then said that all of the sudden, as Green was getting into his truck and leaving, he heard multiple gun shots go off.

He and his brothers then ran back inside the PAC and immediately told Sherman what happened. I then asked if Elijah saw who was actually shooting the gun, and he said no. He did not see Green or anyone else physically shoot or brandish a gun. I then asked Elijah to explain again his movements going in between vehicles after having the interaction with Green. I provided him with a piece of paper and pen and had him draw this out. Elijah explained that he and his brothers moved in a direction sideways from the driving aisle they were in, through a row of cars, and into a different driving aisle, after interacting with Green. He stated he then heard gun shots, and ran back inside the PAC with his brothers. Elijah stated that shortly after this, they left the PAC and headed home. Elijah did not have any other details to add in his recounting of this incident. I then briefly exited the interview room.

C. When I returned to the interview room, I then explained to Sherman and Elijah, that multiple other witnesses described a white male, matching Elijah's description and appearance, as the individual who was shooting a handgun in the parking lot of the PAC, (as described above in previous paragraphs). Elijah denied that it was him and Sherman stated they do not own any guns. I then asked if they keep any guns in their vehicle, house, or anywhere else, and Sherman said no. I then asked Elijah if he has ever owned, shot, or handled a gun before. He said he has shot one before a long time ago. Elijah denied owning any guns when asked. I then showed Elijah and Sherman a screen shot photo of Elijah's Facebook profile picture, described above in paragraph 17. He confirmed that was him in the photo. I asked him about the gun he is seen holding. He stated it is a rifle but does not belong to him. He claimed the photo was from a long time ago. I then asked him about the handgun that is seen clipped onto his belt, around his waistband, in the same photo. He said it was a "9". I then confirmed that he meant 9MM, and he nodded his head in agreement. I asked who that belonged to and he said it belonged to a friend. Sherman said he did not know anything about Elijah owning or having possession of any of these guns. I then continued this conversation and asked for Elijah to explain why other witnesses pointed to him as the suspect. He did not have an explanation for this, and continued to say he did not have a gun or shoot a gun. I then showed Elijah and Sherman the photo of them together described in paragraph 15A. I asked him about what appears to be a handgun sticking out of his right pants pocket in the photo. He stated that it was his handgun. I asked him where he got it, and he said "the streets". Elijah claimed he has not had a handgun since living in Indianapolis, and that these photos were from when he lived in Atlanta. I asked Elijah if he has ever been in trouble for anything involving guns before, and he initially said no. Sherman then said, "yes you have". Elijah then stated that he did get charged with possessing a handgun in Atlanta, sometime over a year ago. I asked Elijah if he had any handguns now, or had any friends that had handguns, and he said no. He said the handgun he used to have, a 9MM, was seized by police in Atlanta.

I then explained to Elijah that the movements he describes making, while moving between cars, matches the other witness statements, as they described him moving that way while shooting the gun. I also explained that based on the investigation conducted on scene, the bullets that were fired into the damaged vehicles in the parking lot appeared to be shot from the north of the parking lot toward the south. Elijah's

description of Bryant shooting at him would have resulted in bullets being shot from the south of the parking lot toward the north. They did not have any comments about this information. I then continued to ask Elijah whether or not he or anyone else at the PAC associated with him had a gun at any point in time, and he said no. Elijah had no explanation as to why other witnesses would have identified a person matching his description as the shooter. Sherman reiterated that he was not outside so he did not know what happened directly with the shooting incident in the parking lot. He then asked Elijah if he would like to speak with a lawyer, to which Elijah nodded in agreement. I then ended the interview with Elijah and Sherman.

21. I briefly left the interview room, before returning with three signed search warrants, (as described in paragraph 19). I then read through each of these search warrants with Elijah and Sherman. Sherman understood this process and was completely cooperative during this entire interaction. After reading each of the search warrants to Sherman, he provided me with his vehicle keys. He stated he did not have a house key but he did provide me with his wife's phone number, which I relayed to detectives near the home address. Detective Sergeant Marlow then conducted a search of his vehicle, and collected a buccal swab from Elijah. Detectives Carter, Zosso, Berns, and Detective Lieutenant Dine conducted the search warrant of the home address with IMPD assistance. Two black handguns were seized from the home address.

All of the above occurred in Hamilton County, Indiana, except where specifically noted.

I hereby swear that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Dated: 11/07/2023

/s/ Taylor McCorkle
Detective Taylor McCorkle