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STATEMENT OF INVESTIGATING OFFICER
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STATE OF WASHINGTON)
COUNTY OF SPOKANE)

REPORT NUMBER: 06-228235

DEFENDANT: Ryan M. Snow, WM, 7/13/83

The undersigned, a law enforcement officer, competent to testify, states as follows:
That he/she believes a crime was committed by the above named
defendant/defendants in the City and County of Spokane, State of Washington,
because:

On 7/29/06 the Spokane Police Department responded to a request from the Spokane Fire Department to assist them at 2711 N. Atlantic, in the City and County of Spokane, State of Washington. Spokane Fire had responded to that scene reference a call of a delusional female. When Fire arrived on scene, they found James Bittick, deceased, with slash wounds to his neck. Ryan Snow, James Bittick's grandson, was sitting on the back porch, a short distance away. Fire and ambulance personnel escorted Ryan Snow to the front yard where they patted him down and found a folding knife slid just inside the waistband of his pants. This knife has a small amount of blood on the blade.

Police transported Ryan Snow to the Public Safety Building Major Crimes Unit. Det. Kip Hollenbeck and Det. Mark Burbridge interviewed Ryan Snow. Det. Hollenbeck read Snow his constitutional rights which he acknowledged and said he would waive. Snow signed that rights card.

Snow initially said his grandfather is manic and when he came over to the house that evening, his grandfather was very animated with him. Snow said he decided to go to Kaylon Gardens for a drink (Kaylon Gardens is a restaurant with a small bar a short distance away.) Snow said when he returned to his grandparents' house, he found his grandfather lying on the ground. Snow said he checked his grandfather, found he was warm and hoped he was still alive.

Detectives pointed out inconsistencies between the homicide scene and Snow's stories. Snow said he is also bipolar and that his grandfather was yelling at him, threatening to put him in an institution. Snow mentioned that his grandfather asked him to get a pop for him. Snow said he retrieved that pop and poured it for his grandfather. Snow said he stood behind his grandfather, took the knife out of his pocket (holding it in his right hand), reached around his grandfather's neck and cut him one time straight across the throat.

Snow said he then went to Kaylon Gardens, where he had a glass of wine. Snow said he called 9-1-1 himself, trying to get medics to take grandma away and put her in a mental institution so she would not see grandpa. Snow said after he cut grandpa's throat, he went into the house to check on grandma.

Snow admitted that he formed intent to kill his grandfather about three minutes before he actually did it. He said he wanted to "send grandpa to a better place." Snow described how he approached his grandmother in the house while his grandfather was sitting out back on the patio. He told his grandmother, "You know the Lord loves you." He gave her a kiss and told her he was going to do something very special for his grandfather. He then walked out onto the back patio with the glass of pop. He handed the pop to his grandfather, stepped behind him and slashed his grandfather's throat.

While processing the crime scene, detectives found that the evidence at the scene and the injuries inflicted on the decedent are consistent with the defendant's confession.

Constance Bittick told investigators that she and victim James Bittick had just arrived home from the lake and began unloading items from their vehicle when they realized their grandson, Ryan Snow, was at the house. James Bittick asked Snow to help unload the items from the vehicle. While James Bittick was out back on the patio, Ryan Snow approached Constance Bittick and said, "Grandma, do you believe in the Lord God?" She told Ryan that she loved him. At that time Ryan said, "I'm going to do something real special for Grandpa." Ryan walked out the back door toward the patio. She said the next thing she knew, approximately ten to fifteen minutes later, medics were knocking on the door. They advised her of the situation.

Your affiant believes probable cause exists to charge Ryan Snow with one count of First Degree Murder.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct. (9A.72.085)

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inmate lobby area of the booking area; that he responded to the area where he observed Snow standing over Adolph; that Snow had one arm around Adolph's neck and was holding her hair with his other hand; that he helped other Corrections Deputies stop the assault and secure Snow in handcuffs.

Corrections Deputy Salisbury can testify that she was working in the booking area of the jail on 07-30-06; that at approximately 0350 hours he heard Corrections Deputy Gee call for assistance in the inmate lobby area of the booking area; that she responded to the area where she observed Snow assaulting Adolph by pulling her hair; that she helped other Corrections Deputies stop the assault and secure Snow in handcuffs.

Corrections Deputy Kindley can testify that he was working in the booking area of the jail on 07-30-06; that at approximately 0350 hours he heard Corrections Deputy Gee call for assistance in the inmate lobby area of the booking area; that he responded to the area where he observed Snow assault Adolph by punching her in the head; that he saw Snow put one arm around Adolph's neck while pulling her hair with his other hand; that he helped other Corrections Deputies stop the assault and secure Snow in handcuffs.

Corrections Sergeant Long can testify that he was working in the booking area of the jail on 07-30-06; that at approximately 0350 hours he heard Corrections Deputy Gee call for assistance in the inmate lobby area of the booking area; that he responded to the area where he observed Snow assaulting Adolph by pulling her hair; that he helped other Corrections Deputies stop the assault and secure Snow in handcuffs.

Corrections Nurse Lundberg can testify that at approximately 0350 hours on 07-30-06 he assessed inmate Ann Adolph for injury following an assault on her in the booking area; that he noted a slightly swollen quarter sized contusion on the back of her head that didn't require any medical treatment.

Deputy Melville can testify that on 07-30-06 he responded to the Spokane County Jail for an assault investigation; that he interviewed the victim and took her statement; that he arrested the suspect for assaulting Ann Adolph.

Detective Hines will testify that this assault investigation was assigned to him on 07-31-06; that this assault occurred in Spokane County Washington; that he prepared this affidavit.

I HEREBY CERTIFY (OR DECLARE) UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT. 9A.72.085

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