

STATE OF INDIANA
MARION COUNTY, ss:

IN THE MARION SUPERIOR COURT
CRIMINAL DIVISION

Cause No: 49

STATE OF INDIANA)

INFORMATION

vs.)

COUNT I

)

MURDER

)

I.C. 35-42-1-1(1)

Peter Van Bawi Lian A/Male
DOB 7/18/1997

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On this date, the undersigned Deputy Prosecuting Attorney of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, being duly sworn on his/her oath (or having affirmed), says that in Marion County, Indiana

COUNT I

On or about December 23, 2018, PETER VAN BAWI LIAN did knowingly kill another human being, to-wit: KHUANG PAR;

all of which is contrary to statute and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

January 2, 2019

Date

TERRY R. CURRY

Marion County Prosecutor
19th Judicial Circuit

/s/ Larry Sells

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

State's Witnesses:

AFFIDAVIT FOR PROBABLE CAUSE

STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF MARION, SS:

Christopher Craighill swears (affirms) that:

On December 23, 2018 at about 10:14 a.m., Officer Kelli Cohan of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department received a run to 325 Teddy Lane on a report of a body in a suitcase in a dumpster. Upon arrival, Officer Cohan was met by CB who lives at 325 Teddy Lane apartment # [REDACTED] and advised that an unknown homeless white female notified him there was a dead body in a suitcase in the dumpster at the end of Teddy Lane. CB said that he walked to that location and inside the dumpster saw a partially unzipped suitcase containing what appeared to be a body. He called 911.

Officer Cohan observed the body in the suitcase and called for homicide. I responded along with other homicide detectives. At my request, Crime lab responded. Crime Scene Specialist (CSS) Samantha Kistner processed the scene and photographed and collected evidence.

The body in the suitcase was that of a deceased female identified through fingerprints as Khuang Par, A/F DOB 11/10/1991.

The suitcase was black with gray handles and labeled with the brand name "Giordano". Initials appeared to be written on the handle of the suitcase with a black marker but then scribbled over with blue ink. By the suitcase, was a black and silver combination lock which appeared to have been broken off the eye of the zipper. One side of the suitcase had been unzipped.

While at the scene, I was notified that the homeless white female had returned. She told me she saw the suitcase as she was placing an Aldi's shopping bag in the dumpster. She said she did not open it, but did reach inside and touch what she believed was a body. She then knocked on Mr. Buford's door and told him what she had found.

I learned through my investigation that Ms. Par had been a victim of domestic abuse in Colorado Springs, CO. A protective order had been issued on December 3, 2018 under cause number D0212018Cr007307-005 protecting Ms. Par from a Peter Van Bawi Lian A/M DOB 07/18/1997. Mr. Lian had been arrested on November 30, 2018 by Colorado Springs Police Department for the charges of assault in the second degree, class four felony, and menacing, class three misdemeanor. As stated in the Colorado Springs Police Department report case report number 2018-0004459, Ms. Par told the Colorado police officers investigating this incident that she and Peter Bawi Lian were arguing about her going back to Indiana. A physical altercation ensued and

I swear (affirm), under penalty of perjury as specified by IC 35-44.1-2-1, that the foregoing representations are true.

/s/ Christopher Craighill

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Peter began to choke her with one hand around the neck then both hands around her neck. The report documents that Ms. Par tried to pry Peter's hands away, but she was unable to do so.

The report states Officers with the Colorado Springs Police Department then interviewed Peter Lian. Mr. Lian said during an argument with Par he grabbed her by the neck with his right hand and applied pressure. The report states that Lian told Officers he released pressure from around Par's neck and before she could walk out of the door, he yelled, "I'm going to kill you", in her native language Burmese.

Records confirm Peter Lian is from Indianapolis, and his parents still live here. In October 2018, he was stationed permanently at Fort Carson Army Base in Colorado Springs, CO. Lian listed a 317-523-████ cell phone number with family and Fort Carson.

Mr. Z, who is Ms. Par's brother-in-law, brought Ms. Par back to Indianapolis on December 1, 2018. Ms. Par brought all her belongings back with her. According to TZ, Ms. Par's sister, Peter Lian continued to contact Ms. Par after she had returned to Indianapolis. He even arranged for her to obtain another cell phone. TZ also believes Mr. Lian has friends in Indianapolis that may have communicated with Ms. Par on his behalf.

Last evening, December 22, 2018 Ms. Par was seen leaving her residence at 2:00pm in her white Toyota bearing Indiana plate 670TRN, VIN 4T1BF1FKXGU123924. ST, Par's best friend, and TZ tried multiple times that evening to contact Ms. Par at her cell phone number of 850-292-5449, but did not receive a response until approximately 9:12 p.m. TZ received a text message to family at that time from cell number 850-292-████ stating Ms. Par was going to Michigan. TZ does not believe the text was from Khuang Par. TZ did not know where Ms. Par's vehicle was located.

On December 24, 2018, I attended Khuang Par's autopsy performed by Dr. Mirfrida Gellar. Dr. Gellar noted trauma to the left and right side of Khuang Par's neck and hemorrhage in her eyes and determined Khuang Par's manner of death to be Homicide. Dr Guellar also observed blood in Ms. Par's anus.

Peter Lian is a full-time soldier in the army and is stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colorado. After his arrest on November 30, 2018, he was required to leave his residence at 1704 Lorraine Street Apt █ in Colorado Springs, CO due to the protective order being placed on him for the incident involving Khuang Par. He then moved into the barracks Building █, room █ at Fort Carson.

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Lian was last seen at the base on Friday December 21, 2018 at approximately 7:00pm. Lian was due back on base December 26, 2018 for morning formation. He failed to show for formation. Special Agent Kyle Tompkins, Fort Carson Criminal Investigation Division (CID), advised that Lian was determined to be AWOL and there is currently an active warrant in NCIC for Lian for Military Desertion filed 12/26/2018 under agency case number 18226002 with nationwide extradition.

On December 27, 2018, Special Agent Kyle Tompkins advised that his unit had served a Federal search warrant on Lian's barracks room at Fort Carson. During the search of Lian's room, Agent Tompkins located a black sided, gray handled suitcase. The brand of the suitcase was Giordano. Also located was a black and silver combination lock. This suitcase and combination lock match the suitcase and combination lock recovered with Par's body in the suitcase in the dumpster.

On December 27, 2018, I received T-Mobile phone records for Peter Van Bwai Lian listing his cell phone as 317-523-██████. The records indicate on December 22, 2018 multiple calls were made from Lian's number (317-523-██████) to Ms. Khuang Par's phone number (850-292-██████). Calls had also been placed from Lian's number to Par's number on Friday December 21, 2018.

According to flight records, Lian departed from Colorado Springs Airport on United Airlines flight 5292 at 9:20 a.m. MST on December 22, 2018 and arrived in Chicago's O'Hare International Airport at 12:54 p.m. CST, He then departed on that date from Chicago O'Hare airport on United Flight 4844 to Indianapolis leaving Chicago at 2:00 p.m. CST and arriving Indianapolis 4:09 p.m. EST.

According to Peter Lian's phone records, on December 22, 2018 Lian received a phone call from Ms.Par's cell phone (850-292-██████) at 4:07 p.m.; this call is coming off a cell tower at the Indianapolis International Airport.

On December 28, 2018, I viewed video of the CVS Pharmacy at 7930 S. Madison Ave., Indianapolis. The video showed at approximately 4:56 p.m. on December 22, 2018 Lian driving South on Madison Ave. in a white Toyota 4 door Camry, pulling into the parking lot and entering the CVS. He is wearing a black and gray hooded sweatshirt. He has the sweatshirt unzipped revealing a red T-shirt underneath.

At approximately 5:01 p.m. on December 22, 2018 Lian can be seen on video making a Point of Sale(POS) purchase at the front register of the CVS and then going to the ATM next to the register where he withdrew \$100.00. Lian then is seen exiting the CVS, going to the white Toyota, opening the driver door and driving away.

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At approximately 9:10 p.m. on December 22, 2018 Lian can be observed on video pulling up to the Speedway Gas Station at 7211 S. Madison Ave. Indianapolis driving the same white Toyota. and parking near the building. The video shows Lian entering the Speedway wearing the same hooded sweatshirt, only this time it's zipped up with the hood on his head. He can be seen selecting items inside the station store and making a POS purchase. He then is seen going over to the ATM inside the store and attempting to withdraw money. At approximately 9:11 p.m. he is observed exiting the station store, entering the driver's side of the Toyota and leaving the Speedway Gas Station.

According to Lian's phone records, an outgoing text was placed from Lian's phone (317-523-████) at approximately 11:39pm. At the time of the text his phone was located at Stop 11/US Hwy 31.

Peter Lian's phone (317-523-7████) was then turned off from December 23, 2018 through December 24, 2018

On December 23, 2018, according to flight records, Peter Lian boarded United Airlines flight 869 at O'Hare International airport in Chicago that departed at 6:30 a.m. CST. He continued this flight through San Francisco to Hong Kong. On December 24, 2018, he boarded Cathay Pacific flight 617 leaving Hong Kong, going to Thailand and arriving at 9:35 p.m. local time.

On December 27, 2018, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Officer Chase Edwards located Ms. Par's white Toyota Camry in the Bradford Trace Apartments across from 17████ Greighton Drive, Indianapolis.

Sgt. M. Prater and I responded to the Greighton Drive address. I requested CSS Mark Wallace respond to photograph and document the car. The Toyota was the same vehicle I observed Peter Lian driving in the video recorded at approximately 4:56 p.m., December 22, 2018 at the CVS, 7930 S. Madison Ave. and in the video recorded at approximately 9:10 p.m. on December 22, 2018 at the Speedway Gas Station, 7211 S. Madison Ave.

Wards Towing towed the Toyota to 2600 S. Harding, Indianapolis, to Animal Care and Control (ACC). Sgt. Prater followed crime lab and the wrecker to ACC.

I wrote and submitted a search warrant for the Toyota. On December 27, 2018. Judge John Boyce granted the warrant.

On December 28, 2018 CSS Samantha Kistner executed the search warrant on the white Toyota at ACC. During the search a white receipt, was located on tray between the front two seats, I swear (affirm), under penalty of perjury as specified by IC 35-44.1-2-1, that the foregoing representations are true.

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possibly containing human blood. CSS Kistner collected the receipt along with other items of potential evidence.

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