

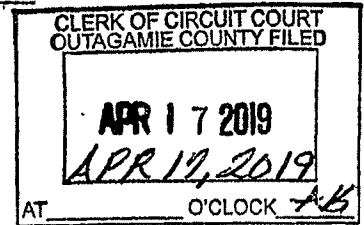
STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

OUTAGAMIE COUNTY

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF SEARCH WARRANT

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
OUTAGAMIE COUNTY) SS



WHEREAS, Sgt. Patrick Griesbach of the Grand Chute Police Department has this day complained to the said court upon oath that on the 16th day of April, 2019 in said County in and upon certain premises in the Outagamie County Jail, 320 S. Walnut St., City of Appleton, Outagamie County, Wisconsin, and more particularly described as follows:

Alexander M. Kraus (M/W DOB: 03/18/2002)

there are now located and concealed certain things, to-wit:

Buccal swabs of Alexander M. Kraus which are suitable for DNA testing,

Fingerprint and palm print impressions from the left and right hand Alexander M. Kraus which are suitable for latent print comparisons.

which things were used in the commission of, or may constitute the evidence of a crime of **First Degree Intentional Homicide**, to-wit: Violation(s) of Wisconsin Statute 940.01(1)(a).

The facts tending to establish the ground for issuing a search warrant are as follows:

Affiant, being duly sworn on oath, states as follows:

Your affiant has been a police officer since 2001 and employed in that capacity with the Grand Chute Police Department since 2003. Since 2015 your affiant has been assigned to investigations for the Grand Chute police Department and the Lake Winnebago Area Metropolitan Enforcement Group-Drug Unit. Your affiant's responsibilities include the investigation of criminal activity in and around Outagamie County, Wisconsin, including drug investigations Winnebago County, Calumet County, and Fond du Lac County as a member of the Lake Winnebago Drug Unit.

Your affiant has been directly involved in the investigation and arrest of individuals in violation of Chapter 940 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Based upon the information described below, I submit probable cause exists to believe the DNA and fingerprints of Alexander M. Kraus contain evidence of various criminal activity in violation of Wisconsin Statute 940.01(1)(a).

I make this affidavit upon my personal observations as well as the observations of the officers identified herein, who are deemed reliable as they are sworn police officers. Alexander Kraus is presumed truthful and reliable as he makes statements against his penal interest. Alexander Kraus is presumed truthful and reliable as he makes statements against his penal interest.

Initial Response

On April 14, 2019, at approximately 1135 hrs. Officer Maas of the Grand Chute Police Department was dispatched to 4300 W. Edgewood Dr. in the Town of Grand Chute, Outagamie County, State of Wisconsin for a welfare check. He reports Outagamie County Dispatch advised there was a male on 911 saying he had just killed his grandparents and needed to be arrested by the police.

Off. Maas was advised the address was the home of Dennis and Letha Kraus and the male caller was identified Alexander M Kraus. Upon further reports, Off. Maas was advised by Dispatch that Alexander had told them he shot his grandparents. Alexander stated he had been there since Saturday morning.

Entry Into and Search of the Residence

Lt. Renkas reports he entered the residence through the open garage door and which lead to a down stairs. He reports he went into a bedroom on the south side of the residence and a shotgun with a knife taped to the end of the barrel and a knife sheath on the bed.

Lt. Renkas reports as he entered the living area and looked around the corner into the kitchen area he observed a female, later identified as Letha G. Kraus laying on top of what appeared to be a male, later identified as Dennis L. Kraus. The female appeared to have a gunshot wound to her head. Lt. Renkas stated neither of the victims exhibited any sort of movement or signs of life.

Cpl. Gollner reports shot gun shells on the ground and a knife that was in front of the kitchen area. She also reports there was one fired Super X 20 gauge shotgun shell which was on the carpet near the knife in the living room; another fired Super X 20 gauge shotgun shell was located and collected underneath the kitchen table which was located in the living room and two empty boxes of Hornady SST 12 gauge slugs that were on top of the kitchen table.

Off. Shepherd reports he observed there was a shotgun shell loaded in the chamber, which was identified as a yellow Hornaday 12 gauge shotgun slug.

Off. Shepherd reports on top of the bed in the bedroom was a grey and blue Nike camouflage patterned backpack with a red folder inside. Inside the folder Off. Shepherd observed several pages containing Alexander's typed out plans for killing his grandparents. Also located inside the backpack was a book in the front pocket of the backpack about an executioner. Underneath the backpack, Off. Shepherd located a pair of foam earplugs which may have fallen out of the backpack when he picked it up. Off. Shepherd reports a black leather jacket was located on the kitchen counter and inside the wallet was a Wisconsin Driver's License and two student identification cards belonging to Alexander Kraus, as well as five \$20 bills. Also located in the basement bedroom was a Lenovo Chromebook with "N" logo on the front. Neenah District property # 2018006635; FCC ID: TLZ-CM389NF; listed as Grand Chute Police Department

evidence number 6 which is now located in a secure evidence area at the Grand Chute Police Department located at 1900 W. Grand Chute Blvd., Town of Grand Chute, Outagamie County, Wisconsin.

In the upstairs bedroom, Off. Shepherd noticed there was a shotgun on the bed along with two gun cases and ammunition, there was a large amount of various ammunition on the floor, and several more guns located in a gun cabinet.

Interview with Alexander Kraus

Detective Sergeant Griesbach conducted a mirandized interview with Alexander at the Grand Chute Police Department. Detective Griesbach stated Alexander told him he shot his grandparents with a 20 gauge pump action shotgun with slugs. Alexander stated he stayed overnight at his grandparents the previous evening. Alexander stated he shot his grandfather in the head first and then tried to shoot his grandmother in the head. He said this was documented in an essay which he typed up on his Google Drive account on his computer. Alexander also said he was wearing a black leather jacket during the shooting and then took it off. Alexander said the hunting knife in the kitchen was on his person but he took it off before he stepped outside to meet with police. Alexander said there is a 12 gauge shotgun that's in the house. Alexander stated he had an iPhone 6 that he left at his grandparents.

Autopsy Findings

On Monday, April 15, 2019 autopsies were performed on Dennis Kraus and Letha Kraus at the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office by Dr. P. Douglas Kelley. Dr. Kelley's provisional autopsy findings for Dennis Kraus indicated he died from a gunshot wound to the head (shotgun). Dr. Kelley's provisional autopsy findings for Letha indicated she died of two gunshot wounds to the head and one gunshot wound to the right distal forearm.

Your affiant reports that obtaining DNA from Alexander M. Kraus, by having him submit to a buccal swab, which involves collecting cells from the inside of both cheeks of the subject will provide a DNA sample, can then be compared to the samples obtained evidence collected, including the 20 gauge shotgun, which was located at 4300 W. Edgewood Dr., Town of Grand Chute, Outagamie County, WI. Your affiant reports that obtaining fingerprint and palm print impressions can be compared to latent impressions obtained from evidence collected, including the 20 gauge shotgun, which was located at 4300 W. Edgewood Dr., Town of Grand Chute, Outagamie County, WI.

Wherefore, your affiant prays that a search warrant be issued to search said person for said materials, including but not limited to taking a buccal swab from said person, to have said materials analyzed for DNA and/or fingerprint comparison, and to safely keep the material seized so long as necessary for the purpose of being produced as evidence on any trial or until further order of the court. Should said person refuse to voluntarily provide a buccal swab and fingerprint impressions, your affiant seeks authorization to use reasonable force to obtain said sample and impressions or to obtain a blood sample by trained medical personnel.



Affiant – Sgt. Patrick Griesbach

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 16th day
of April 2019.



Judge/Court Commissioner of Circuit Court
Outagamie County, Wisconsin

Grand Chute Police Department

WARRANT RETURN of OFFICER

COPY



Grand Chute Incident Number: G19006912

STATE OF WISCONSINBRANCH VOUTAGAMIE COUNTY

I hereby certify that by virtue of the within warrant, I searched the within named premises and found the following items: (*Attach Additional Documentation if Necessary*)

- Two (2) buccal swabs collected from Alexander M. Kraus, M/W
DOB: 03/18/2002
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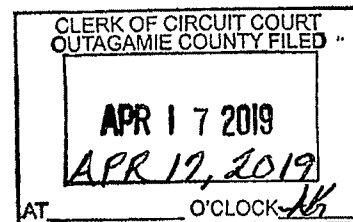
And have the same now in my possession subject to the direction of the court.

Dated this 17th day of April, 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrick Griesbach".

Det. Sgt. Patrick Griesbach

Grand Chute Police Department



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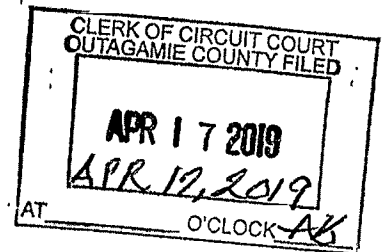
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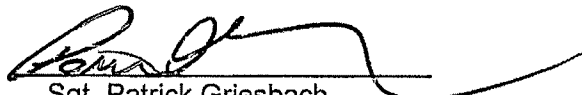
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Dated this 16th day of April, 2019.



Judge/Court Commissioner of Circuit Court
Outagamie County, Wisconsin

ENDORSEMENT Received by Inv. Griesbach on this 16th day of April, 2019, at a.m./p.m. 1635



Sgt. Patrick Griesbach