

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF PORTER)

SS. **FILED** IN THE PORTER SUPERIOR COURT
IN OPEN COURT CONTINUOUS TERM, 2017

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STATE OF INDIANA

VS.

CHRISTOPHER M. DILLARD

William E. Miller
JUDGE PORTER SUPERIOR COURT CAUSE NO.
64D02-1704-MR-3918

ORDER

Comes now the State of Indiana by the Prosecuting Attorney for the 67th Judicial Circuit of Indiana, and files Information charging the defendant with the crimes of:

COUNT I MURDER, a FELONY

Along with an Affidavit to show probable cause for the Issuance of an Arrest Warrant.

Information examined and approved. Court finds that probable cause exists for the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of the defendant.

Clerk ordered to issue a warrant for the arrest of the defendant to the Sheriff of Porter County, returnable forthwith.

Bond set at: \$

No Bond

William E. Miller
JUDGE, PORTER SUPERIOR COURT

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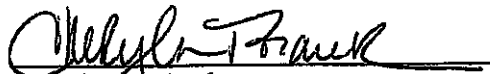
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MURDER [a FELONY]
I.C. 35-42-1-1

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Chief David Cincoski, Chesterton Police Department, swears under the penalties of perjury as specified under I.C. 35-44-2-1 that the following representations are true: that Christopher M. Dillard did on or about the 19th day of April, 2017, in the County of Porter, State of Indiana, knowingly or intentionally kill another human being, to-wit: Nicole Gland, contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.


Chief David Cincoski

Approved by the Porter County Prosecutor Brian T. Gensel by


Cheryl M. Polarek
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
67th Judicial Circuit of Indiana

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AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE
AND FOR THE ISSUANCE OF AN ARREST WARRANT

Chief David Cincoski, Chesterton Police Department, swears under penalties of perjury as specified in I.C. 32-44-2-1, that the following representations are true:

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I am a duly sworn law enforcement officer with the Chesterton Police Department and have held such position throughout the course of this investigation.

On Wednesday, April 19, 2017, at approximately 9:10am, our department got a call from an employee of the Chesterton Tribune located on Calumet Avenue of a woman slumped over the wheel of a vehicle next to a dumpster behind the business. He checked the female and found her to have no pulse and then called 911. Officers arrived and found a young, white female in a silver 2009 Ford Escape slumped over the wheel leaning towards the center console of the vehicle with evident trauma wounds to the back of her neck, readily apparent to be stab / puncture wounds, and blood down her back. She was cold to the touch. EMS arrived on scene and found her to be deceased. Officers of the Chesterton Police Department on scene called for additional units, including myself and other Detectives who responded to the area of the 100 block of Lois Lane, which is directly behind the businesses of the Chesterton Tribune and the Upper Deck Lounge. The car was in park with the engine off, but the key(s) to the vehicle were not located and no purse or cell phone was located in the car. The victim is later identified as Nicole Gland, who worked as a bartender at the Upper Deck Lounge, and who worked

the prior evening, leaving the business at approximately 2:51am. An investigation ensued, and ultimately I received a call from the Hobart Police Chief of Detectives James Gonzalez indicating that his department had taken a report a couple of days prior from [REDACTED] regarding unauthorized control of her vehicle. In that report, [REDACTED] reported that her live-in boyfriend / common law husband of eighteen (18) years, Christopher M. Dillard, had taken her vehicle, a 1997 black Ford Ranger truck, without her permission. On Wednesday, April 19, 2017, upon learning of the news article involving the young woman found outside the Upper Deck Lounge, [REDACTED] called the Hobart Police back, indicating Dillard was also an employee of the Upper Deck Lounge and she recently noticed one knife missing from her butcher block. An officer was sent to the residence of [REDACTED] to interview her and she apprised us of the report she made regarding her truck being taken by Dillard and him not returning home since. At that time, Detective Nick Brown took into evidence the butcher block of [REDACTED] and any remaining knives.

Christopher M. Dillard was located at a business in Hobart, Indiana by the Hobart Police Department and Dillard was in possession of the 1997 black Ford Ranger owned by [REDACTED]. The truck was impounded and Dillard was brought back to the Chesterton Police Department. At that time, I began an interview with Dillard as to his whereabouts on the evening of April 18th and the early morning hours of the 19th. He indicated to me that he had been "partying rough" for the last two days. He responded to the Upper Deck Lounge, where he works as a bouncer, at 11:30pm on April 18, 2017, not to work, but for the purpose of delivering cocaine and marijuana to Nicole Gland, based on a previously arranged plan. He stated that he entered the bar and retrieved her vehicle key from her and went outside to her car to place the drugs underneath the driver's front seat. He then indicated that as he was sitting in the passenger seat, he snorted a line of cocaine using a compact disc from her vehicle to place the cocaine on and used either a razor blade or his drivers license to cut a line of cocaine. From other interviews in this investigation, it was learned that Nicole Gland never locked her vehicle as one of the locks is broken and not functioning. Dillard continued that after snorting the line of cocaine, he got out of her vehicle, shut the door, did not lock the car, but returned the vehicle key up to Nicole working in the bar. He then left the Upper Deck Lounge and

reportedly went to another bar located in Chesterton and is unclear how long he remained there. He believed he was there for a couple of hours but not late enough for "last call." He then went to an undisclosed location in Portage intending to receive a supply of drugs for his own personal use or sale. Dillard indicated that he didn't purchase the drugs but was "fronted" the drugs for payment at a later date. Dillard would not name his supplier, nor provide us a location of the sale, other than a location on U.S. 20 in Portage near a McDonald's, indicating the supplier was a "bad person." He indicated that upon returning to his truck from the drug deal, he found that a small amount of cash and his cell phone was stolen. Later in the interview when asked, Dillard stated that he wasn't certain when or how he lost his cell phone nor how much cash was stolen. He then began to answer my questions saying things were "hazy" and "I don't know" and "I don't remember." It is determined that around 6:53 am, Dillard placed a call from a casino boat in Gary to [REDACTED] telling her "I really fucked up. I don't think you'll take me back." From this point, Dillard didn't know where he was, as everything was "hazy." The last destination he recalled being was sleeping at a lake front park in Hobart.

In my interview with Dillard, he indicated that he took the one knife from the butcher block approximately two months ago and that he needed it for protection and kept it stored on the floor by the driver's side door of the truck. It is learned that the vehicle belongs to [REDACTED] and is driven by [REDACTED], not Dillard. When asked what happened to the knife, Dillard said he didn't know but that the knife fell out of the truck at some point, indicating it could have been today or it could have been a week ago. When confronted about inconsistencies with his answers, Dillard would either respond "I don't know" or ask "what did I tell you last time." When pressed for answers, he would indicate that things were hazy from "partying rough."

Dillard stated to me that he changed his clothes sometime during the daylight hours of April 19th after leaving the casino; however, he could not articulate why he changed his clothes. Prior to changing clothes, he reported that he was wearing blue jeans, one long-sleeved pullover shirt over another long-sleeved pullover shirt, socks and shoes. He stated the clothes were left on the floor in the garage in the residence he shared with [REDACTED] in Hobart. Officers were sent to that residence and did not locate any clothing in the garage. During my interview, he indicated that the clothing he had on is

the clothing that he changed into, which was basketball type athletic shorts instead of the blue jeans, same socks, sandals, but removing the outer long-sleeved pullover shirt.

On April 20, 2017, while still at the Chesterton Police Department, Christopher M. Dillard requested and was allowed to meet with [REDACTED] in a recorded interview room. Dillard told [REDACTED] that he "I killed that girl, I didn't mean to." He indicated to her that the drugs had a hold of him. The remaining conversation centered around whether [REDACTED] would wait for him and stay by his side. At one point, he asked her to marry him and then laughed. He also told her that he owed a drug dealer \$400 for some cocaine that in was in a cigarette pack inside of the 1997 black Ford Ranger that he had been driving.

Upon [REDACTED] leaving the interview room, I re-entered the interview room with Dillard, and asked him to confirm with me that he had requested to speak with me again, after speaking with [REDACTED]. I asked him what he wanted to talk to me about and he stated to me that he wanted to confess. Upon presenting him with a waiver of rights form as required, he asked if he could think about it, ultimately not speaking with me any further about the crime.

I believe Detective Nick Brown, [REDACTED] and to be credible and reliable because they advised me of matters within their own personal knowledge, and because they cooperated with me during the course of my investigation, and because the information provided by them has been confirmed and corroborated by other evidence in this case.

I believe Christopher M. Dillard to be, in part, credible and reliable because he provided me with information that was confirmed and corroborated independently of his statements and he spoke against his own penal interest.

By reason of the above, I have cause to request the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of **Christopher M. Dillard** for Murder, a Felony, one (1) count.

Further your affiant sayeth not.

I have read the above and it is true.



Chief David Cincoski

Deputy Prosecutor

Subscribed to and sworn to before me, a Notary Public, this 21st day of April, 2017.