

IN THE JUSTICE COURT  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF GALLATIN, MONTANA

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THE STATE OF MONTANA,  
Plaintiff,

Cause No.

vs.

**AFFIDAVIT AND ORDER  
RE: PROBABLE CAUSE**

Jake William Collins,  
Defendant,

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STATE OF MONTANA)

(ss

County of Gallatin)

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. I, **Dan Mayland**, am a Detective Deputy Sheriff with the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office, Gallatin County, Montana.
2. On January 02, 2017 at 2000 hours, the defendant was arrested for the charge(s) of:

**MCA 45-5-102 Deliberate Homicide**

3. The undersigned believes that there is probable cause to charge the defendant with said charge(s) because:

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On January 02, 2017 your Affiant was on shift working in the Detective Division of the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office. Your Affiant is aware that Deputy Erin Taylor was dispatched to a report of a missing person at approximately 0842 hours. Your Affiant is aware the reporting party, Marjie McGivern had called to report her daughter, Crystal Rianna Collins DOB 06/28/1984 hereafter referred to as the Victim as a missing person. Your Affiant is aware Deputy Taylor contacted McGivern and took her statement.

Deputy Taylor informed your Affiant of the missing person report. Your Affiant advised Deputy Taylor to contact the Victims husband, Jake William Collins DOB 02/10/1984 hereafter referred to as the defendant, and to get a statement from him about the possible whereabouts of the Victim.

Your Affiant is aware the Defendant came to the Law and Justice Center and provided a statement to Deputy Taylor. Deputy Taylor informed your Affiant the Defendant indicated he and the Victim had gone to a New Year's Party at an address in Four Corners around 8 pm on December 31, 2016. Deputy Taylor informed your Affiant the couple left the party intoxicated in separate vehicles. The Defendant

reported they got into a brief dispute about the Victim driving intoxicated. The Defendant reported he and his brother-in-law left the residence and went to pick up his daughter who was babysitting at the brother-in-laws house. The Defendant reports the Victim left shortly after them, passing them on the roadway and losing control of her vehicle resulting in a slide-off minor motor vehicle accident. The Defendant reports they continued to the brother-in-laws residence which was nearby to pick up the daughter and then returned to the slide-off to pick up the Victim. The Defendant reports his brother-in-law drove the Victim and their daughter back to their residence at 20 Eastwood Drive in Bozeman, Montana. This address lies wholly within Gallatin County Montana.

The Defendant reported he followed the Victim and her brother home in their suburban; the same vehicle the Victim had slide off the road in. The Defendant reported they got into a physical dispute once back at their residence which resulted in the Victim leaving the residence on foot. The Defendant reported he hadn't seen or heard from the Defendant since she left early that morning at approximately 0400 hours.

Deputy Taylor informed your Affiant he interviewed the brother-in-law and got a similar report of the events reported by the Defendant prior to dropping them off. Deputy Taylor informed your Affiant the Victim's cellular telephone, purse and wallet was reported to be at 20 Eastwood Drive.

Your Affiant and Deputy Taylor responded to the residence to further investigate the Victim's disappearance and to gather additional information from the Defendant. Your Affiant and Deputy Taylor learned the Defendant had gone to Butte, Montana to take the children to the reporting party's residence. Your Affiant and Deputy Taylor began interviewing neighbors and children who had stayed the night for a sleep over at the Victim's residence. Your Affiant asked Deputy Taylor to contact the Defendant and ask him to come back to the Law and Justice Center for further questioning when he arrived back in town.

At approximately 1700 hours your Affiant met the Defendant who was waiting in the Lobby of the Law and Justice Center. At Approximately 1706 hours Your Affiant took a statement from the Defendant. The statement was both video and audio recorded. Your Affiant advised the Defendant your Affiant need to ask him some additional questions about the disappearance of his wife. Your Affiant advised the Defendant he was free to leave at any time. Your Affiant read the Defendant his Miranda rights. The Defendant indicated he understood his rights and he agreed to speak to your Affiant without counsel present. The Defendant signed a Miranda Waiver waiving his right to counsel. Deputy Erin Taylor was present.

Your Affiant asked the Defendant to tell your Affiant about everything that transpired from the evening of December 31, 2016 until the morning of January 01, 2017. The Defendant provided a similar statement to the one he provided Deputy Taylor.

The Defendant reported a physical altercation that took place in the bedroom of the residence shortly after they arrived home from the New Year's Party. The Defendant reported his three children along with two neighborhood children were sleeping in the living room of the residence. The Defendant

admitted he had physically struck the Defendant before she eventually left the residence. The Defendant's account of the physical altercation was very vague and lacked important details.

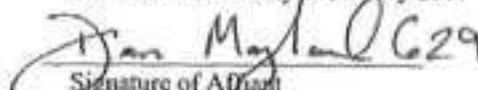
Your Affiant was aware from interviews your Affiant and Deputy Taylor had conducted in this investigation that some of the information the Defendant provided was incorrect and inconsistent. Your Affiant confronted the Defendant with the inconsistencies and asked him again to recount what transpired during the physical altercation.

The Defendant admitted he struck the Victim several times with a closed fist. The Defendant then admitted that he killed the Victim in the bedroom of their residence. The Defendant stated, "it wasn't self-defense. She deserves justice." The Defendant admitted in a drunken fit of rage he struck the Victim in the head with a large cast iron frying pan while she laid on their bed. The Defendant provided additional intimate details of the murder including cleaning up the crime scene and attempting to dispose of the Victim's body. The Defendant provided your Affiant with the location of the Victims body and the attempted methods of her disposal.


Your Affiant had a marked Patrol unit securing the residence located at 20 Eastwood Dr. Your Affiant asked Detective Sgt. Jeremy Kopp and a patrol unit to respond to the reported location of the Victim. Sgt. Kopp informed your Affiant he located the Victim exactly where the Defendant provided. Sgt. Kopp informed your Affiant the details of the victim's location matched exactly to those the Defendant provided.

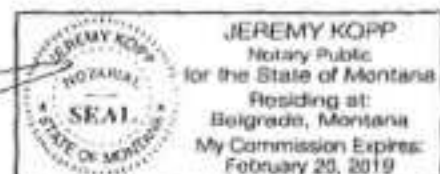
At approximately 2000 hours the Defendant was placed under arrest for the listed offense of 45-5-102, **Deliberate homicide** for knowingly and purposefully causing the death of the Victim. He was transported to the Gallatin County Detention Center where he was held on no bond.

DATED this 03<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2017

  
Signature of Affiant  
Deputy Dan Mayland 629

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 2017

  
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR MONTANA



**ORDER**

Upon reading the foregoing Affidavit

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT probable cause **is found** to charge the above-named defendant with the following charges:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT probable cause **is not found** to charge the above-named defendant with the following charges:

DAVID this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017 at \_\_\_\_\_, Arizona.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE