

State of Indiana)

In The Vigo Superior Court Division 3

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County of Vigo)

Cause No. 84D03-2610-MR-

State of Indiana

Affidavit Of Probable Cause

vs.

For An Arrest Warrant

Reese Jordan Williams

2405 S 9th St

Terre Haute, IN 47802-3607

DOB: 12 January 1985

SSN: XXX-XX-8997

Det. Kenneth Murphy states that he believes and has good cause to believe that on or about 31 August 2025, at 2405 S 9th St, Terre Haute, in Vigo County, Indiana, Reese Williams committed the crimes of Murder, Voluntary Manslaughter, Aggravated Battery and Battery with a Deadly Weapon. Such belief is based on the following:

1. Affiant is a regular member of the Terre Haute Police Department, being duly sworn on 15 September 2000 and is currently assigned to the Violent Crimes Unit in the Criminal Investigation Division.
2. ~~REDACTED~~
3. Affiant learned the following from the original report written by Officer Harden #339: Officer Harden #339 was dispatched to the area of S 9th St and Voorhees St in regard to a gunshot wound. While in route Central Dispatch advised medics would be heading to Terre Haute Regional Hospital. I then went to Regional Hospital and spoke with Brooke Tussey and Nathaniel Tryon. They stated that they had just left the Trans-Care building, and were in route to Regional Hospital for a transport when a male flagged them down. Nathaniel stated this male told them there was an unconscious male at the intersection of S 9th and Voorhees St. Nathaniel stated upon arrival to the area another male showed them where Elijah was laying. Brooke described this male as a white male with long brown scruffy hair and had multiple tattoos. Nathaniel stated they initially believed Elijah was struck by a car due to how he was lying face down. He said once they rolled Elijah onto his back, they could see a gunshot wound to his chest. Brooke stated the male with tattoos told her that he was in his residence when he saw Elijah running up his driveway, and then collapse. He said Elijah then got up began running the opposite direction, and collapsed again.
4. Affiant learned the following from the report written by Officer Hooks #333: Patrolman J. Hooks was dispatched to the area of S 9th and Voorhees St for a gunshot wound. When I arrived in the area, I observed a Trans-Care ambulance on the corner. I approached and observed the paramedics were giving aid to a white male. Medics advised that they believed the male they were treating sustained a gunshot wound to his chest. I observed the male, later identified as Elijah Oglesby, with what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the center of his chest. Medics advised they would be transporting Elijah to Terre Haute Regional Hospital.

Elijah was located in the front yard of the residence on the southwest corner. I observed what appeared to be several blood drops at the base of the steps at that residence, 2405 S 9th St.

5. Affiant learned the following from the report written by Officer Slankard #338: Officer Slankard #338, was dispatched to the intersection of S 9th St and Voorhees St in reference to a gunshot wound. Once on scene, I entered the ambulance and saw the male was conscious, and screaming "I am alive, I am alive" while attempting to remove the oxygen mask from his face. I observed the male to have a single gunshot wound to the center of his chest, along with blood coming out of his mouth. I then exited the ambulance, where I observed officers speaking with Reese Williams at 2405 S 9th St. The victim was at that residence at some point due to them locating drops of blood on the concrete pad at the bottom of the stairs to the front porch. I then put crime scene tape around the entire property. Once I completed placing crime scene tape around the property, I began speaking to Anjie Anderson. She said she was in the backyard of her residence, 2404 S 8th St, when she heard a male yelling "I don't know what is wrong with him". Anjie stated she observed a white male wearing a gray shirt pacing back and forth in front of the bushes of 2405 S 9th St while holding his hands as if they were wrapped around his head. Anjie stated she then walked into the alleyway behind her residence, walked out to Voorhees St, and observed a male laying face down in the middle of Voorhees St. She said a Trans-Care ambulance then arrived on scene. When asking Anjie about the male wearing a gray shirt, she stated she did not know where he went. I spoke to Anjie again who advised she believes the male she observed wearing the gray shirt was the same male who was laying in the middle of Voorhees St. Officer Hooks informed me that he located an address for the victim, Elijah Oglesby. Officer Hooks and I then went to that residence at 2217 S 7th. Officer Hooks remained at the front of the residence while I went to the back of the residence. Once I was in the backyard, a gray Chrysler 300 pulled into the alleyway and a woman walked into the backyard and identified herself as Bobbie Pearce. I informed Bobbie why officers were at the residence, and that Elijah was located near S 9th and Voorhees St with a gunshot wound to the chest. I informed Bobbie that he was with a male named Reese Williams. Bobbie advised that Elijah and Reese are "enemies". I asked why she would say that, to which Bobbie stated approximately 6-7 months ago, Reese had set Elijah's vehicle on fire. Bobbie advised she did not think that Elijah and Reese would "hang out" with each other. I then asked Bobbie when and where she last saw Elijah, where she advised on today's date at approximately 1000hrs, she saw him at 2217 S 7th St. Bobbie advised she had spoken with Elijah, and that she left the residence at approximately 1030hrs. She said when she last spoke to Elijah, he seemed normal and stated he "planned on cleaning the house today". I asked Bobbie if the front door was wide open when she left and she stated "no".
6. Affiant learned the following from the report written by Officer Funkhouser #332: Officer J. Funkhouser #332, responded to 9th and Voorhees St. in reference to a gunshot wound. Upon my arrival I observed a Trans-Care ambulance was on scene and Officer Hooks #338 was standing at the back door of the ambulance. I saw a male, later identified as Elijah Oglesby, on the cot inside the ambulance. I observed a hole that appeared to be a gunshot wound in the upper left side of Elijah's chest. I then exited the ambulance to begin speaking with individuals in the area to determine if there were any witnesses to what had happened. I spoke to Troy and Lana Jackson who reside at 808 Voorhees St. Troy stated that he had gone out to his truck and heard talking coming from the area just to the south of his home. Troy stated that it possibly sounded like someone was fighting due to past issues at the 2505 S 9th Street. Troy stated that he then heard someone saying "I don't know what is wrong with him". Troy stated he then went back inside his home, at which time he looked out and saw Elijah laying in the tree row

near the sidewalk, just north of 2505 S 9th Street. Troy then stated that he noticed the "kid who lives there", Reese Williams, possibly on the phone outside. Troy stated that a Trans-Care ambulance then arrived on scene and began tending to Elijah. Neither Troy or Lana heard a gunshot. I then assisted Officer Gardocki #315 in placing Reese in the rear of his patrol car to separate him from the incident. Reese was adamant that he lock his front door because he did not trust officers. I told Reese that he needed to come with us immediately, thus his front door remained unlocked. Once Reese was placed in Officer Gardocki's patrol car I assisted Officer Gardocki and Sgt. Kurdalak #217 in conducting a protective sweep of the inside of 2505 S 9th Street to ensure that there was no one inside that had been shot and in need of immediate medical attention.

7. Affiant learned the following from the report written by Officer Kurdalak #217: I arrived to 2405 S. 9th St for a gunshot wound victim. Trans-Care Ambulance called dispatch and advised they were driving through the area when they were flagged down regarding a white male on the ground face down. Trans-Care provided the male immediate medical attention and when they rolled him over, they saw a gunshot wound to the upper left chest. The victim, Elijah Oglesby, was in the back of the ambulance and within a few minutes of my arrival, the ambulance sped off towards Regional Hospital. Patrolmen were speaking with the resident of the house, Reese Williams. Elijah had collapsed in his front yard. Reese said that Elijah had arrived outside his door and that he was speaking to him. Reese said he didn't notice a hole in his chest or any blood, and then Elijah fell down, got back up, and fell down again. Reese was detained for an investigation and secured in the back seat of a patrol vehicle. Myself and other Patrolmen cleared Reese's house to ensure that there were no more people inside. Officers did not locate anyone, and then immediately backed out of the residence. Officers noticed a few drops of blood on the sidewalk near the front porch of the residence, but did not observe any firearms, bullet casings, or projectiles. Reese refused to sign a consent to search to have the scene processed.
8. Affiant learned the following from the report written by Officer Gardocki #315: Officer D. Gardocki #315, was dispatched to the area of S 9th and Voorhees St where Trans-Care was already on the scene treating a male with a gunshot wound. I was the first Officer at the scene, and the male victim later identified as Elijah Oglesby, was already in the ambulance being treated by the medics. I located a male on the porch of 2405 S 9th St who identified himself as Reese Williams. I immediately pat Reese down for weapons, and did not locate any on his person. Reese said his friend Elijah showed up. He advised Elijah walked up to his front porch from the alley. Reese said he did not notice anything different about Elijah and advised he was talking to him normally. Reese did advise Elijah was "walking a little funny" but he did not think anything of it and Elijah was actively drinking a beer. Reese said while they were talking, Elijah all of a sudden fell over in his front yard. He said Elijah then got up, but then fell again. Elijah advised he then called us and the medics showed up. Reese advised he did not notice any blood on Elijah and had no clue he had been shot. Due to Reese being the last person to see Elijah before he was located with a gunshot wound, he was detained and placed in the back of my patrol car. Myself, Officer Funkhouser #332 and Sgt. Kurdalak #217 then cleared the residence for any other potential victims to which none were found. Officers did locate drops of blood at the bottom of the front steps of the porch. Officers did not locate any blood anywhere else. This led Officers to believe the shooting happened in the area where the blood was located and that Reese was not being completely honest with us. Officers then asked Reese for consent to search his home for any possible weapons, to which he refused and told us to get a search warrant. Sgt. Loudermilk #203, and Detectives Ralston

#223 and Murphy #189 arrived and took over the scene. Lt. Funkhouser #177 also arrived as a technician to process the scene after a search warrant was obtained.

9. Affiant learned the following from the action taking written by Sgt. Loudermilk #203: I was called out to a subject who had been shot at 9th and Voorhees. When I arrived, patrol advised that they had the homeowner of the property where the subject was shot in their patrol car. I went over and spoke to him and asked him what had happened. Reese Williams advised me that he had returned home on his bicycle and Elijah Oglesby was walking up his driveway drinking a beer. He advised they began to speak and then Elijah started acting weird. Reese said they spoke briefly at which time the victim began to act weird and he fell over. He said he didn't appear to be shot and he did not see any blood at all. He said he then called 911 and medics showed up.
10. Affiant was called to 2405 S 9th St in reference to a male, Elijah Oglesby who had been shot in the chest. When I arrived, I went to 2404 S 9th St and spoke to Lea Hamblen. The house is across from 2405 S 9th. It also has a Ring doorbell. Lea said it only captures video to the sidewalk in front of her house. Lea said on today's date she did not see or hear anything at 2405 S 9th. She said a couple weeks ago that she did see Reese arguing with Beth Oglesby, Elijah's wife. She said they were arguing about Reese burning her and Eli's vehicle up. She said Beth told him that they would get him for burning their vehicle and Reese said, "Not if I get you first".
11. Affiant then went to 2309 S 9th with Det. Ralston #225 and we spoke to Jacob Creasey. Jacob said he heard a couple pops, like a firecracker south of his house about five minutes before he saw the ambulance at the end of the street.
12. Affiant then went to 2404 S 8th St with Det. Ralston and we spoke to Anjie Anderson. She said she knows Reese and did hear loud talking coming from his house. Anjie said she was outside because she was having a yard sale when she heard the talking. She said when she looked over at Reese's house there was a guy laying just off of the front porch steps. Anjie said the guy stood up, then spun in a circle, one or two times and then fell into the bushes. She said the male then walked north in the yard before falling by the road. She said Reese was walking behind the male and was on the phone with what she thought was 911 because she heard him say he didn't know what was wrong with the guy. Anjie said she never heard a gunshot.
13. A search warrant was issued for Reese's home since he would not consent to have the crime scene processed. I went in the home with Lt. Funkhouser #177 to start the search. As soon as I walked through the front door there is a chair sitting next to the door. There was a pile of clothes on the chair. Under the clothes I found a tin full of pellets.
14. Affiant met Reese who was in Interview Room 5. I told Reese I wanted to speak with him about what happened today at his home. Reese stated he didn't know what happened today and would not cooperate in anyway with the police.
15. On 1 September 2025, affiant learned from the autopsy done at Terre Haute Regional Hospital, that Elijah had been shot and killed with a pellet gun. Affiant was also told that Elijah could not have lived long after being shot and whatever happened to him happened right there.
16. On 2 September 2025, affiant received the video from the Trans-Care Ambulance. When the

ambulance pulls up you can see Elijah lying motionless close to Voorhees, but still in the yard of 2405 S 9th St. You can also see Reese in the yard pacing back and forth on the phone.

17. A second search warrant was executed at 2405 S 9th St. Officers located a male named Donny Campas sitting on a couch behind the house. Donny said that he had been there awhile waiting on Reese and he didn't know where Reese was. There was no answer at the door and entry was made through a door on the northside of the house. Reese was located hiding behind a false wall above the refrigerator in the kitchen. No pellet guns were located, but his phone was located in his bedroom and confiscated by Det. Gibbs. Also collected was a pop-up target on the roof. While we were there, Reese was talking to Sgt. Loudermilk #203, Det. Piety #167 and Det. Ralston when I walked out of the house. Reese stated he did use the pop-up target for practice with his pellet gun, but that he got rid of the pellet gun and no longer has it. Reese also said that he was friends with Elijah again even after the burning of the vehicle. He said they had worked things out and were on good terms now. Reese said he went to a yard sale at the church at S 7th and Voorhees St just a few days ago and saw Elijah and his mother there. He said he spoke to both of them and everything was fine.
18. Affiant learned from Sgt. Loudermilk that when Reese was detained, he asked if he would speak with him about what had happened to Elijah Oglesby 3 days prior. Reese said that he was around his front porch area and Elijah came through his back yard, entering from the alley. He said that Elijah was drinking a beer and they had a conversation about a bicycle and Elijah was drinking a beer. He said a short time after, Elijah began to stumble around and fell by the porch area. Reese said he did not know what was wrong with him but he called 911.
19. Kaleb Williams came to the police department and gave a recorded statement to Det. Richardson #193. Kaleb said on 31 August 2025 he was with his girlfriend, Taylor Pesavento and they were driving eastbound on Voorhees St. Kaleb said as he was driving the car at S 9th and Voorhees when he saw a male walking in the yard of the house on the southwest corner. He said the male collapsed near the road, so he stopped his car to help. Kaleb said both he and Taylor got out of the car and were checking on the male that was facedown in the yard. He said he heard someone freaking out and thinks it was the homeowner. Kaleb said that the guy came from the front porch of the house. Kaleb said that the male was on the phone, but he didn't know who he was talking too. He said he told Taylor to get her phone and call 911. Kaleb said that as Taylor was getting her phone, he saw an ambulance driving down Voorhees towards them. He said he flagged the ambulance down and pointed at the male laying next to the road and the ambulance stopped and immediately rendered medical care to the male. Kaleb said the male that collapsed was walking away from the front of the home where the guy that was on the phone. He said the guy pacing back and forth on the phone was a tall skinny white guy and looked like a tweaker. He said he was covered in tattoos and had long dreadlocks. Kaleb said he was pacing back and forth way too hard to be normal. Kaleb said he wanted to help the guy on the ground, but didn't want to go anywhere near the other guy. Kaleb said he did hear the homeowner say into the phone that the victim "Dropped, got up and dropped again." Kaleb said he never heard the victim say anything. He said the victim seemed out cold the whole time after he collapsed. He said once the victim was loaded in the ambulance he got back in his car and left.
20. On 3 September 2025, affiant and Det. Piety interviewed Bethany Oglesby, the ex-wife of Elijah. She said Eli and Reese grew up together. Beth said she had broken up with Eli once, but they were trying to work things out and were living together at 2217 S 7th St. She said they

broke up for good on 3 March 2025 after Reese burned their vehicle up. She said on 2 March 2025, she got into an argument with Eli and he went out drinking with Reese. She said Eli told her he went to sleep in one of the basement rooms. She said Eli told her he woke up to Reese pacing back and forth talking to himself and he smelled like gas. Reese then asked Eli why his car was on fire. She said Eli ran to their house, woke her up and told her about the car. Beth said she ran to Reese's and saw the car burning. Beth said with Reese burning their car and Eli not wanting to prosecute Reese, destroyed their relationship. She said later she went to Reese's and confronted him about burning their vehicle. Beth said she had a baseball bat so Reese came outside with a huge machete and was swinging it at her. Beth said she used her phone and recorded some of the argument where she confronts Reese about burning their car. She said Reese told her Eli burned his own car because he hated her. Beth said Eli wouldn't have burned his own car with his own children's stuff in it. She said Reese also told her that he was friends and talking to Eli again. She said she asked Eli about that and he told her "Hell no, he had not talked to Reese." Beth said she didn't know of any communication at all between Elijah and Reese since the car was burned. Beth said on another day before the arson to their car Eli was at Reese's house and that she stopped in to see him and they got into a fight. She said Reese came outside with a large gun. Beth said Reese pointed the gun at her and told her to leave or he was going to shoot her. Beth said she knows Eli used to buy meth from Reese because Reese is a dealer. She said Eli was taking and passing his drug screens so she knows he had been clean. Beth said she thinks Eli went to Reese's house to confront him about paying him back from burning their car. She said Reese probably used the rifle he pointed at her and shot Eli with it.

21. On 9 September 2025, affiant had Bethany's phone downloaded. I found the video on Bethany's phone that had her and Reese arguing about the arson to her vehicle. The video shows Reese with the machete, but he has it at his side. He does say that he did not burn the vehicle, Elijah did because he hated Bethany.
22. Affiant took a recorded interview from Elijah's mother, Bobbie Pearce. Bobbie said she did go to a yard sale over the Labor Day weekend at a church. She said it was at St. Margaret Mary's Church just down the block. Bobbie said she went to the yard sale with her son Elijah. She said while they were there Elijah came up to her and said they had to leave immediately because he seen Reese. Bobbie said she never saw Reese because they left so fast. Bobbie said Elijah never spoke to Reese while they were there, and would not never speak to him. She said they had not spoken since Reese burned Elijah's car and Elijah has never forgiven him.
23. On 16 September 2025, Kristen Rowlett came to the police department and I took a recorded statement from her. She said she use to date Reese and they have a child together. Kristen also said she did use to live at 2405 S 9th St with Reese. Kristen said she knew that Reese and Elijah were very close friends and had been for a long time. She said they grew up together and went to school together. Kristen said Elijah was at the house all the time. She said she was at the house on 3 March 2025, when Elijah's car burnt up. Kristen said she was asleep, but woke up when the fire department arrived. She said when she asked Reese about the fire, he told her Elijah burnt his own car. Kristen said that didn't make sense though because after the fire they were no longer friends and Elijah never came back to the house. Kristen said she knew of the pop-up target on the roof, but never actually saw Reese shooting at it with the pellet gun. She said she never even saw the pellet gun, but knew he had it. Kristen said she moved out and hasn't had much communication with Reese since. She said Reese doesn't have much to do with his son.

24. On 30 September 2025, affiant received the autopsy report from the coroner's office. The cause of death was listed as a penetrating pellet chest injury and the manner of death was undetermined.
25. On 22 September 2026, affiant received the report back from the FBI Lab on the analysis they did on the pellet removed from Elijah and the can of Blue Bomber 22cal pellets located in Reese's front room. The pellet recovered from Elijah was fired from a rifled barrel with twelve lands/grooves with a right-hand twist. The pellet removed from Elijah is the weight and design and physically consistent with the tin of pellets. They are both hardened lead alloys with similar composition and manufacturing marks.
26. On 2 October 2026, affiant learned that, Gamo .22cal air rifles use barrels that have twelve lands/grooves and a right-hand twist, the same as the markings on the pellet recovered from Elijah. I also learned that the Gamo Blue Bomber pellets are promoted as hunting pellets.

Affiant believes the aforementioned persons spoke from personal knowledge and observation. Their demeanor in speaking did not indicate in any manner that they may be fabricating their stories (except where noted). Wherefore, affiant requests a warrant for the arrest of Reese Jordan Williams: M/W DOB: 12 January 1985 SSN: XXX-XX-8997 HEIGHT: 6'4 WEIGHT: 225 HAIR: Brown EYES: Brown.

Pursuant to IC 35-34-1-2.4, I affirm, under penalty for perjury as specified by IC 35-44.1-2-1, that the foregoing representations are true.

Dated: 5 October 2026

**/s/ Kenny Murphy
Detective
Terre Haute Police Department**