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CRYSTAL KAY ROTRAMEL
W/F; DOB: XX-XX-1986
SSN: XXX-XX-3147
LEO CASE # 17C008132
KDAR #3087F1759288

BY **SEDGWICK COUNTY**

CLERK OF DIST COURT
18TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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BY

I, Christian Cory #1927, of lawful age, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and state:

Your Affiant is a Detective with the Wichita Police Department (WPD), and in that capacity was assigned the follow-up investigation of WPD case 17C008132. This incident occurred on **February 5, 2017** in Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas. The identity of all individuals referenced herein are known to your Affiant. However, many individuals are referenced by initials only as Affiant believes that revealing their full names would jeopardize the safety or well-being of these witnesses. Revealing the full identity of all individuals referenced herein could also risk the destruction of evidence. After speaking with persons involved and reading the reports of the officers involved, your Affiant has learned the following information.

On February 5, 2017 at 1132 hours, WPD Officers were dispatched to a report of a shooting Kellogg and Meridian in Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas. Upon arrival, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Deputy J. Maness #D1786, the first to arrive, located a shooting victim, Richard J. Hamm, Jr., in the front passenger seat of a grey 2017 Nissan Rogue with Kansas tag 234FTW. Along with the shooting victim Deputy Maness located Crystal Rotramel. Crystal told Deputy Maness that Hamm was going to throw her out of the car and didn't know how the gun went off. Crystal said they had left their shared residence that is known to law enforcement. Hamm was pronounced dead at the scene by Sedgwick County EMS.

Detective Schomaker #2046 interviewed JKC who was in a vehicle with her boyfriend, TCC. They were east bound on Kellogg Drive approaching Meridian when they observed the Grey colored Nissan Rogue stopped on the on ramp for east bound Kellogg. JKC observed a W/F, later identified as Crystal Rotramel, shouting for help and asking people to call 911. JKC exited her vehicle and approached Crystal Rotramel who continued asking for help and for someone to call 911. Crystal Rotramel then started saying, "He's shot, he's shot, he's shot!" JKC asked Crystal Rotramel who shot him and she made the comment, "I told him I'd shoot him if he didn't leave me alone, so I shot him." Police then arrived a short time later.

Det. Balthazor #2163 contacted LW. LW said she was turning eastbound onto Kellogg from southbound Meridian when she observed a sport utility vehicle stopped. While driving by, LW heard a female yell for help then say she just shot her husband please call 911 two times.

Det. Relph #1280 spoke with IQB. IQB stated he was south on Meridian when he saw a female asking to please call an ambulance, indicating her boyfriend needed help. IQB said the



female told him that she shot him and they were having domestic issues and he wouldn't leave her alone.

Det. Relph spoke with JW. JW said that he was with LW at Kellogg and Meridian when he observed a female waving her arms. JW said the female said to call the cops and "I shot him" two times. JW said he then drove by with LW.

Officers were sent to the known residence of Rotramel and Hamm. Upon arrival, they located an open front door. The officers conducted a welfare check on the residence to ensure no one else was injured inside of the residence. Officer Phillips #2281 stated that while clearing the residence, signs of a disturbance were observed. He stated that just inside the front door there is a hallway with a two foot wide wood table that had broken glass on the table and floor just below the table. There was a brown liquid, possibly coffee, on the wall behind the shelf. Laying in the front yard was an Apple brand cellular telephone that was face down. In the street in front of the residence, there was a multi-colored coin purse, a broken iPod and a broken piece from a metal watch.

Detective Schomaker and your Affiant conducted a post Miranda interview with Crystal who reported she has been with Richard for approximately six months and during that time he has physically abused and threatened her many times. Crystal woke up and sent a text message to her son on the morning of 2-5-17. Richard started accusing her of cheating in him so she told him she was done with the relationship and was going back to her husband. Crystal stated after the fight, she began packing her things into her vehicle. During the time Crystal was packing her things into the vehicle, Richard attempted to physically restrain her however she got away from him and went to her vehicle. The last items Crystal grabbed was a handgun that she bought approximately two months ago and a jacket of Richard's that he was wearing when he committed a crime approximately a week prior. Crystal stated when she bought the gun she fired it and was instructed. Crystal said she knew she was supposed to keep her finger off the trigger and on the side of the gun, showing Detective Schomaker and your Affiant. Crystal ran to the vehicle and unlocked it causing all of the doors to unlock. She got into the vehicle and so did Richard. Crystal stated she started to drive off north on Meridian at a high rate of speed with the gun in the driver's door pocket. While she was driving Richard told her to give him the jacket and he would get out of the vehicle. Crystal said she threw the jacket out of the window and Richard became angry. Richard told her he was going to push her out of the vehicle and even reached over approximately two times trying to open her door. Crystal said she grabbed the gun with her left hand and held it in the air threatening to shoot him if he didn't stop. Richard told her to shoot him multiple times and kept pushing her towards the door. When they arrived at Kellogg and Meridian, she conducted a u-turn to get onto Kellogg and Richard put the car in park while she was driving causing the vehicle to stop. Right after the vehicle stopped, she heard a shot and observed Richard with a gunshot wound to his head. Crystal did not remember pointing the gun at Richard or having her finger on the trigger when Richard was shot.


Your Affiant spoke with KS. KS said that she was northbound on Meridian approaching McCormick at 11:35 AM. KS said she observed a vehicle behind her driving erratically pulling right "on her bumper," then slowing down. She knew it was a female driving and believed the passenger was a male. She said she could see the passenger leaning over to the driver's side. KS

said when both vehicles made it to Kellogg the other vehicle made a u-turn and went back south under Kellogg and she continued northbound. KS said she was on the phone with a friend and the time of her phone call was 11:35 AM.

The body of Richard Hamm was transported to the Sedgwick County Regional Forensic Science Center, where an autopsy was conducted by Dr. T. Gorrill, M.D., Ph.D. Dr. Gorrill listed the cause of death as gunshot wound to the neck. Dr. Gorrill listed the manner of death as homicide.

CSI responded to the scene took photographs and collected evidence.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.


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Christian Cory #1927, AFFIANT

SUBSCRIBE AND SWORN to before me on this 10th day of August 2017.


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