

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT
OF INITIAL PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION
PURSUANT TO (M.R.Crim.P. 4(A))**

I, Benjamin Hanzel, being a duly sworn and deposed Maine State Police Detective, state the following:

I am employed as a detective with the Maine State Police and currently assigned to the Major Crimes Unit, Southern Field Division. I am a sworn law enforcement officer and a 2018 graduate of the Maine State Police Academy. I have served as primary and co-primary investigator in numerous complex death cases to include suicides, homicides, and gross sexual assaults.

The following facts and circumstances lead this affiant to believe that **MARCEL LAGRANGE** (date of birth 02/16/1999) committed two counts of the crime of Murder 17-A M.R.S. Sec. 201 in the Town of Westbrook, Maine, on or about June 19, 2023:

1. On 06/19/2023 at approximately 2028hrs Westbrook Sergeant Tim Morrell was on routine patrol in Westbrook. Sgt. Morrell was driving down Mechanic Street and was turning onto Main Street when he described hearing what he thought were fireworks. Sgt. Morell stated as he continued down Main Street, he continued to hear the "fireworks", which he realized were gunshots. Sgt. Morrell turned down Bridge Street and observed a black male shooting at a female in the rear parking lot behind Portland Pie. Sgt. Morrell stated the male had his hair in dreadlocks and was wearing a light-colored camouflage top. Portland Pie is located at 869 Main Street in Westbrook.
2. Sgt. Morrell got out of his cruiser and began a foot pursuit with the male. The male ran towards Portland Pie and as he rounded the corner down the alley/road towards Main Street. Sgt. Morrell returned to his cruiser and then observed the same black male running down Main Street in front of Portland Pie and then continued down Main Street. The black male continued down Main Street and began assaulting a male in a parking lot beyond the intersection of Main and Bridge Street. The male, being assaulted, was later identified as FREDERICK ROUKEY (DOB 01/09/1948). While the black male was assaulting Frederick Roukey, Sgt. Morrell and Westbrook PD Sgt. Smith gave the black male verbal commands to stop and the black male stopped assaulting Frederick and continued to flee on foot.
3. The black male attempted to make entry into an apartment located at 901 Main Street where he was subdued and taken into custody by 3 civilians and multiple Westbrook Officers as well as a Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Deputy. The black male who was taken into custody was positively identified by Sgt. Morrell as the male he had observed shooting the

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female in the parking lot behind Portland Pie. The male who was taken into custody was positively identified as MARCEL LAGRANGE (DOB 02/16/1999) by officers on scene due to numerous previous interactions. During the altercation with the civilians at 901 Main Street, one of the civilians took a firearm from Marcell's hand and threw it. The firearm was later seized as evidence.

4. Officers responded to the parking lot behind Portland Pie and located a male inside a vehicle and a female on the ground in the parking lot. Both individuals were later pronounced dead at the scene. Both individuals appeared to have suffered from gunshot wounds. The male was positively identified as MICHAEL HAYTER (DOB 12/19/1981) and the female was positively identified as BRITTNEY COCKRELL (DOB 12/10/1986). There were also two children seated in the rear seats of the vehicle, behind Michael and Brittney. They were identified as MAYSON HAYTER (DOB 04/27/2012) and MATTIE HAYTER. Mattie's DOB is believed to be 02/06/2017.

5. Marcel was transported to Cumberland County Jail and charged with two counts of murder. Marcel was later interviewed by Maine State Police Detective Conner Walton and Maine State Police Detective Corporal Lenny Bolton. During the interview Marcel stated he shot two individuals inside a vehicle and the individuals inside the car got out of the car.

6. Both Mayson and Mattie were transported to Westbrook PD where they were later interviewed by Westbrook Detective Brady Coulombe who is a certified CAC interviewer. I observed the interviews as they were being conducted. Mayson stated he and his sister Mattie had gone with their parents Michael and Brittney to the boardwalk near the river to go for a walk. Mayson stated when they got back to their car a black male who he had never seen before appeared out of nowhere and shot his dad, Michael. Mayson stated he observed a gash in his dad's neck and there was a large amount of blood inside the car. Mayson stated mom, Brittney got out of the car and started running away and the black male came up to his window and attempted to shoot him, but Mayson ducked down and was not shot. Mayson stated he was sitting in the second row of the car on the driver's side.

7. Mattie stated she had been sitting in the second row of the car on the passenger side behind her mother. Mattie stated she had been sitting in the car and black male with black hair who she had never seen before came up to the car and shot her dad, Michael. Mattie stated her mom, Brittney got out of the car and was running, screaming, and pointing. Mattie stated the black male was wearing black pants and yellow or green colored top.

8. Maine State Police Evidence Response Technicians responded to the scene and collected multiple 10mm shell casings behind 869 Main Street in Westbrook the firearm that had been taken from Marcel was collected as well and it was a Glock 10mm bearing serial number ZPG-479.

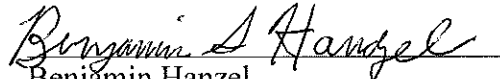
9. On 06/20/2023 an autopsy was conducted at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiners in Augusta. I was informed that Michael Hayter had gunshot wounds to his neck, cheek, and chest area. Michael's cause of death was determined to be by gunshot wounds and the manner of death was ruled a homicide. On the same date an autopsy was conducted on

BRITTNEY COCKRELL. Brittney had two gunshot wounds to her chest area, one gunshot wound to her left arm, and one gunshot wound in her hip/thigh area. The cause of death was ruled to be gunshots and the manner of death was ruled a homicide.

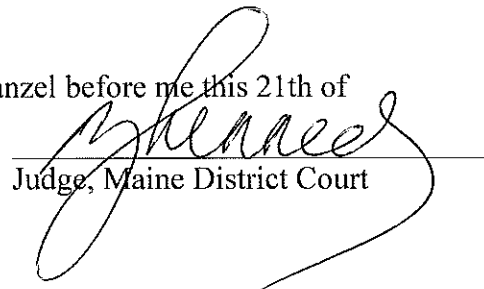
10. On 06/20/2023 I reviewed security footage that had been provided to the Westbrook Police Department from Portland Pie. The video shows the male who was later identified as Marcel Lagrange loiter in the area of the car for several minutes that Michael, Brittney, and the two children were inside of. Marcel walks away from the car and after a few seconds walks directly to the driver's side of the vehicle near the front window. Marcel stands at the driver's side for a few seconds and then Brittney exits the vehicle from the passenger side. Brittney attempts to flee and runs away from Marcel. Brittney runs to the driver's side of the vehicle and goes out of view. Marcel walks to the driver's side of the vehicle and appears to stand over Brittney for a second. Marcel then starts to walk away from the vehicle heading away from Main Street. As Marcel begins to walk away, the video captures Sgt. Morrell exit his cruiser and confront Marcel.

In light of all the above stated facts, your affiant has probable cause to believe that Marcel Lagrange has committed two counts of the crime of Murder in violation of 17-A M.R.S. Sec 201.

I, Benjamin Hanzel, depose and swear, upon information and belief, that all of the information contained within this Probable Cause Affidavit is both truthful and accurate to the best of my knowledge.


Benjamin Hanzel
Detective, Maine State Police

Subscribed and sworn to by Detective Benjamin Hanzel before me this 21th of
June, 2023.


Judge, Maine District Court