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AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ARREST

In The Matter Of: **TIMOTHY JOHN NEAL**

W/M

AGE: 39

Re: Request for Magistrates Determination for Probable Cause for Warrant of Arrest for the Defendant on the following charges:

**MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, A CLASS "Y" FELONY IN VIOLATION OF A.C.A. 5-10-102(a)(2)(c)(1)
(2 COUNTS)**

THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING DULY SWORN, FOR HIS AFFIDAVIT FOR PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ARREST, DEPOSES AND SAYS:

On April 15, 2025, Detective Bobby Tate of the Independence County Sheriff's Department was requested to go to 1666 Old Camp Rd. to investigate the finding of two deceased individuals inside the residence. The original call for service was a welfare check on a Patricia Anderson. The complainant Paula Gavin stated to Central Dispatch that she had not had any contact with Patricia in a week.

Sergeant Zach Spohr and Deputy Joe Shaw arrived on scene and discovered a foul smell on the exterior of the residence. Deputies then found the front door of the residence was unlocked so they made entry and discovered a decomposing body in the bed of the east bedroom and another decomposing body in the kitchen floor. The body located in the kitchen area was lying face up, wearing a grayish purple in color floral design shirt with no pants. The body located in the east bedroom bed was covered with a yellow blanket and blue blanket with a cellphone on the left side. The cellphone was attached to the charging cord with the cord lying over the top of the body and blankets.

On the West side of the property were two campers and one camper in the back yard. Deputies began clearing the campers to ensure no other persons were on scene. Deputies located a male subject who was identified as Timothy Neal inside the West most camper. Timothy was informed of the reason for law enforcement being on the property, which he stated that he was unaware of the deceased individuals. Timothy stated that the last contact he had with residence of the mobile home was approximately three days ago. Timothy identified the two deceased as possibly Patricia Anderson and Teresa Owens who were the only occupants of the residence.

Photographs, audio recordings, video recordings, both of deceased bodies, and other evidence were collected from the single wide mobile home. Independence County Coroner

Randall Crabtree then took possession of the bodies. The deceased bodies were submitted to the Arkansas State Crime Lab for positive identification and to determine cause of death.

On April 16, 2025, Detective Tate spoke with Kim Wann who advised that she stopped by the residence at 1666 Old Camp Rd on April 12, 2025, at approximately 9:30 pm to check on Patricia at the request of Paula Gavin. Kim advised that she knocked several times on the door but did not get an answer. Kim stated that she did attempt to open the door to the residence but found that it was locked.

On April 17, 2025, Detective Tate received a phone call from the Medical Examiner at the Arkansas State Crime Lab. The Medical Examiner stated that he had determined that both Teresa and Patricia died due to blunt force trauma to the head. Detective Tate prepared another search warrant for the residence at 1666 Old Camp Rd which was granted and signed by Honorable Judge Chaney Taylor.

During the course of the investigation, Lieutenant Zach Rawlins was able to get a water usage report for 1666 Old Camp Rd. from Rock-Moore Public Water Authority which showed a large spike in water usage on April 13, 2025. The spike in water usage started on April 13th at 1:00 pm and continued until 8:00 pm the water usage then returned to normal usage.

While on scene of the search warrant, contact was made with Timothy at the camper he was in the day of the initial call. Timothy was asked to come to the Sheriff's Office for an interview in which he complied. After Timothy was read his Miranda rights and agreed to answer questions without an attorney, he then denied any involvement with the deaths. Timothy claimed that he had been living in the camper for approximately a week and had not had any contact with the victims for three days due to him being asleep the entire time. Timothy stated that he does not have running water or electricity in the camper and showers inside the mobile home. When asked where he uses the restroom Timothy stated that he uses the one in the camper.

On April 22, 2025, all the evidence collected was submitted to the Arkansas State Crime Lab for examination.

On April 30, 2025, Detective Tate prepared a second search warrant for the camper being occupied by Timothy. During the execution of the search warrant it was discovered that the camper was cluttered with items such as trash, food products and drinks. The bed was laid flat with no blankets or pillows on it.

Through examination of court filings, it was discovered that Timothy Neal was on the waiting list to be admitted to the Arkansas State Hospital from an Independence County District Court case. The Arkansas State Hospital was contacted and inquired about placement for Timothy. The Arkansas State Hospital responded saying they did not have an available bed at the time and placed Timothy on a waiting list. Timothy stayed in the custody of the

Independence County Jail from the day of his arrest to July 31, 2024. While in custody at the Independence County Jail, Timothy did receive mental health treatments, but was not compliant or cooperative. On July 31, 2024, Timothy was released from the Independence County Jail to the custody of Teresa Owens. Timothy was court ordered to attend treatments with Arisa Health while waiting on an available bed at the Arkansas State Hospital. During the time Timothy was ordered to attend treatment at Arisa Health he missed multiple appointments. It was documented that on September 11, 2024, Timothy did attend his scheduled appointment where he became angry and threatening to the therapist. Timothy was scheduled to attend an appointment at Arisa Health in Searcy on April 8, 2025, but failed to show up.

On August 19, 2026, Chief Deputy Aaron Moody and Detective Bobby Tate transported Timothy to the Independence County Sheriff's Office where he was interviewed by Arkansas State Police Investigator Mike McNeill. Prior to the interview Timothy was read the Miranda warning which Timothy stated he understood and agreed to answer questions without a lawyer present. During the interview Investigator McNeill asked Timothy why he had moved to the camper from the mobile home. Timothy stated that he wanted to move to his camper but couldn't due to the lights not working. Investigator McNeill then asked Timothy how he had electricity in the camper he was staying in, Timothy stated that he ran an extension cord from the house. Investigator McNeill brought up the fact that no extension cord was found to be hooked up the camper during the investigation and asked about the candle being burnt on the stove of the camper. Timothy then recanted his statement and advised that the candle is what he was using for light.

Investigator McNeill also questioned Timothy on the last time that he had spoken with Teresa and Patricia. Timothy advised that last time he spoke to Teresa, he woke up from sleeping on the couch in the living room of the mobile home. Timothy advised that was three days prior to law enforcement waking him in the camper. It should be noted that law enforcement first made contact with Timothy on April 15, 2025.

During this investigation it is believed that both Teresa and Patricia were murdered on April 8, 2025 due to data extracted from Teresa Owens cell phone. The extracted data shows constant conversation with multiple persons via text and Facebook Messenger up to approximately 2:30 pm on April 8, 2025. After the date and time all conversations from Teresa stop.

Investigator McNeill then asked Timothy about his court ordered appointment at Arisa Health on April 8, 2025 at 1:00 pm that he did not show up to, Timothy admitted to getting into an argument with Teresa about going to the appointment because he believed it was about an old driving on suspended license charge that he had got.

On August 21, 2026, Detective Bobby Tate prepared search warrants for the financial accounts of Teresa and Patricia. The account at Citizens bank in the name of Patricia Anderson showed the last transactions occurred on April 7, 2025. The account at FNBC Bank in the name of Teresa Owens showed the last transaction occurred on April 7, 2025.

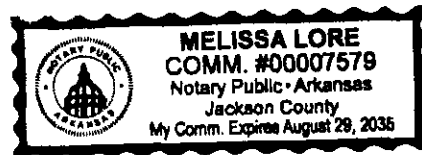
On behalf of the Independence County Sheriff's Office, Detective Bobby Tate is asking for warrant for the arrest of Timothy John Neal for two (2) counts of Murder in the First Degree.

Det. Bobby Tate
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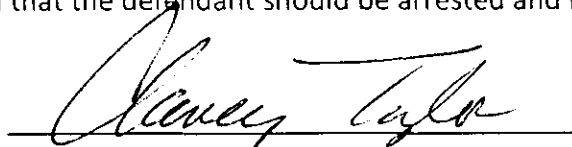
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME THIS 13 DAY OF October, 2026
Melissa Lore
JUDGE, NOTARY PUBLIC OR CLERK

My Commission Expires: 8/29/2035



FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ARREST

I hereby find that the foregoing sworn Affidavit demonstrates reasonable and probable cause for the issuance of a warrant of arrest for the defendant for the charges listed in the attached information and that the defendant should be arrested and bound over for trial.


JUDGE

Dated and signed this 14 day of October, 2026