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FROM:

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State Police Detective Unit - Plymouth County District Attorney

SUBJECT:

(Probable Cause Arrest Report)

Suspect: Latarsha Sanders DOB: 08/09/1974

Charge: Chapter 265 Section 1 Murder (Two Counts)

- 1. On Tuesday, February 5, 2018, at approximately 1230 hours, I was notified by Sergeant Donald Short Plymouth SPDU of a possible homicide in the city of Brockton, MA. Sergeant Short advised me that the Brockton Police Department had two juvenile victims located in the third floor apartment of # 245/247 Prospect Street, Brockton, MA. Sergeant Short advised me that the apartment that the victims were located in was being secured by Officer Slattery of the Brockton Police Department. Trooper Paul MacDonald advised me that Brockton Firefighter Paul Abanse determined the victim deceased, the same date, at approximately 1230 hours. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner was contacted by Sergeant James Rudolph Plymouth SPDU and Doctor Hart accepted the case.
- 2. On Monday, February 5, 2018, at approximately 1207 hours, Officer Gaucher of the Brockton Police Department was assigned overtime, to the CW sector, 0800-1600Hrs when Officer Gaucher was dispatched to 245/247 Prospect St. on a report of a party laid out in front of the house. BPD dispatch related the ambulance had also been dispatched.
- 3. Upon arrival, Officer Gaucher found the ambulance was already on scene and had a female (now known as Ms. Latarsha Sanders DOB; 08-09-74) on their stretcher with a blanket over her. The female was uncooperative with the EMS personnel as she would not make a statement to them and began to scream uncontrollably and flail her arms and

hands around in the air above her, pushing the blanket back. She was then moved to the ambulance by the ambulance personnel.

- 4. Officer Gaucher was approached by the second floor neighbor (now known as Mr. Tony Rucker) who informed me he was approached by Ms. Latarsha Sanders in the common hallway. He claimed she was hysterical and threw her arms and body weight on him. Ms. Latarsha Sanders is a large frame, heavy set female. Mr. Rucker explained he had trouble trying to hold her up. She eventually went to the ground and Mr. Rucker called 911. A check with BPD dispatch revealed there were two callers to BPD reporting this incident, a neighbor and a passing motorist.
- 5. Mr. Rucker explained to me he believed Ms. Sanders did have a child home with her upstairs, but he and his wife (Ms. Tyeshia Rucker) were willing to watch the child until the older children returned home from school. Officer Gaucher explained to him, that Officer Gaucher appreciated his help but had to verify the welfare of the child. Officer Gaucher then asked if they cared for their neighbor's children in the past and he replied; "Yes. Every once in a while we do."
- 6. Mr. Rucker and Officer Gaucher then walked upstairs to the third floor where he pushed open the door and stopped before entering to point out this is how he found the apartment door open earlier when he was there. Mr. Rucker pointed out he had found this third floor apartment door open with the resident's cat standing in the door way. Mr. Rucker then led Officer Gaucher into this apartment to a small rear bedroom (north side of apt.) where Mr. Rucker pulled a blanket off from a small child laying in the bed. Mr. Rucker then began to scream and ran out of the bedroom, past Officer Gaucher as Officer Gaucher was standing in the doorway of the bedroom. Mr. Rucker then began to scream ("Oh my god!", repeatedly), crying and shaking uncontrollably. Officer Gaucher ordered Mr. Rucker to go down stairs and tell the EMS personnel Officer Gaucher needed them upstairs right away!! Officer Gaucher attempted to use his portable radio to call for further assistance, but had to wait for the air to clear. Mr. Rucker had returned to this apartment as Officer Gaucher was talking on his radio and informed Officer Gaucher the EMS personnel had already left the scene. Officer Gaucher then requested BPD dispatch to have EMS personnel return to the scene ASAP for an unconscious child.
- 7. Upon further examination of this child (believed to be a black male approximately 4 years of age), Officer Gaucher could see his eyes were partially open and he appeared deceased as he had several cuts on his face and a large bandage on his neck. Officer Gaucher gloved up and could not locate any pulse on the child.
- 8. Detectives William Devine and Timothy Donahue had arrived on scene within a minute. Det. Devine asked if Officer Gaucher had cleared the rest of the house yet and Officer Gaucher told him he had not. Det. Devine then located the second victim (another child, believed to be a black male approx. 8 years of age) in a side bedroom on the west side of house. This child also appeared deceased as he too was cut up and had a large hole on the side of his neck. By this time, the Brockton Fire had returned to the

scene and Fire Fighter Paul Albanese did confirm the deaths of these two children at 1230 PM.

- 9. Officer Gaucher had prior dealings with this Sanders family on 04-19-17, see BPD call # 17-37306 & a BHA pre-eviction conference after this date, due to Officer Gauchers regular assignment as a community police officer, in which he is assigned as a liaison to the Brockton Housing Authority. The BHA had requested Officer Gaucher conduct a housing investigation due to their belief of an illegal resident at this third floor apartment.
- 10. Today (02-05-18), Officer Gaucher contacted the BHA off-site property manager (Ms. Margaret Pauline) who did provide Officer Gaucher with the following information for the individuals who are currently listed on the BHA lease for this third floor apartment; Ms. Latarsha Sanders dob 08-09-74, Kadeem Sanders-Alfred dob 02-13-99, Tamia Sanders-Brito dob 09-25-02, Edson Brito dob 03-19-09, & Lason Brito dob 08-16-12.
- 11. After being relieved from this scene by (Sgt. Khoury), Officer Gaucher stopped by the second floor apartment (door was open) where Officer Gaucher spoke briefly with Mr. Rucker. Mr. Rucker was obviously still emotionally upset and introduced Officer Gaucher to his 4 yr old son. Mr. Rucker stated to me; "You are my witness. I could never hurt a child, like mine." Officer Gaucher thanked him for his help.
- 12. On Monday February 05, 2018 Detective Devine was working the 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. shift for the Brockton Police Department. At approximately 1220 hours Detective Tim Donahue and Detective Devine responded to 245/247 Prospect St. 3rd floor Brockton. Officer Gaucher was calling for assistance and requesting an ambulance at the residence.
- 13. upon arrival Detective Devine entered the apartment using the side door located on the east side of the home. Detective Devine observed Officer Gaucher inside the apartment with witness, Tony Rucker. Officer Gaucher was inside a bedroom and relayed that he had a child victim. Detective Devine proceeded to clear the rest of the apartment and observed another child on the floor of different bedroom. This bedroom is located on the west side of the residence. The child had its head and torso covered in bed sheets with the child's legs exposed. Detective Devine removed the bed sheets from the child's head and checked for a pulse. The child appeared deceased and Detective Devine was unable to locate a pulse. While observing the child Detective Devine noticed that the child had severe lacerations on and around its neck and torso.
- 14. On February 5, 2018, at approximately 1300 hours, Detective Ernest Bell of the Brockton Police Department and Trooper Shaun Bellao conducted an interview of Latarsha L. Sanders (DOB: 08/09/1974, 245/247 Prospect Street, 3rd Floor, Brockton, MA) at the Good Samaritan hospital. Ms. Sanders had been admitted as a patient prior to our arrival. Below is a summary of the interview which was audio recorded and is not intended to be verbatim. Please refer to the audio file for further details.

- Detective Bell and Trooper Shaun Bellao then read Ms. Sanders her Miranda rights. Ms. Sanders then stated that she understood her rights and agreed to speak to Detective Bell and Trooper Bellao without a lawyer present. Ms. Sanders then stated that she had 3 sons and that they all live with her at 245/247 Prospect Street. Ms. Sanders stated Kadeem Sanders, Tamila Sanders, Edson aka "Marlon", and later stated her son Lason. Ms. Sanders then stated Kadeem's father who was identified as Ixer Alfred (DOB: 01/08/75) also stays in the house. Trooper Bellao asked Ms. Sanders who was \n the house with her and she stated Kadeem and his father. Ms. Sanders stated no one else was in the house with them. Ms. Sanders kept stating Kadeem and his father were in the house today. Ms. Sanders stated that they slept in the house that night. Ms. Sanders stated no one else was in the house today. Ms. Sanders stated that her head hurts and stated that she was hit in the head by Kadeem and his father. Ms. Sanders continued to state Kadeem and his father. Ms. Sanders was asked what time that happened she stated she didn't know yesterday. She stated Kadeem's father's number was in her phone. She then gave us her passcode to her phone (3199). They then asked her what happened to Marlon and Lason. She stated she didn't know. She stated that she wasn't home. She again stated that they hit her in the head. She stated that she was not in the house today and was just driving around. She then stated that she went to the police station like 4 times because she though that someone was following her. She stated that she drives a green Volkswagen and that Kadeem's father drives a silver Mercedes. Ms. Sanders state that she last saw Marlon and Lason last night at approximately 10 o'clock in the house. She stated Kadeem and his father were with them. She stated that Kadeem and his father come whenever they want and has a key to the apartment. She then stated that Kadeem's father punched her in the head because he wants the tax money for the kids. Ms. Sanders stated that Edson "Marlon" and Lason where in the house during the fight. She stated she only went into the house after to go pee. She was then asked why she was so upset when she went into the house today. She initially stated that she didn't see the kids in the house today. She then stated that she was upset because Lason was in his bed. She stated that he wouldn't wake up. She stated that she tried to wake him up and saw blood on his hands and clothes. She again stated she tried to wake up Lason. Ms. Sanders then stated that Edson was in his room and tried to wake him up and wouldn't wake up. She stated that he had blood on his hands. She stated that Edson was in his bed. Trooper Bellao then asked her if she used a key to get in the house and she stated that the door was open. Trooper Bellao then asked if she called to check on her kids at all. She stated "No" that her phone would not work. She then stated we could find Kadeem on North Warren Avenue. She was then asked about his father and she stated he could be found at 260 Fountain Street D8, Fall River. Ms. Sanders stated that she has not spoken to him today. Ms. Sanders stated that Kadeem lived with his girlfriend on North Warren Avenue.
- 16. Ms. Sanders again stated that she did not talk to Kadeem or his father today. She stated that Edson and Lason go to the Angelo school in Brockton and that they take the bus. She stated that their father takes them to the bus stop. She again stated that she did not know what happened to them. She stated that Kadeem's father made threats in the past to kill her and the children. She stated that he has hit them in the past. She then stated that he has a weapon which she stated was a big knife. Trooper Bellao then asked

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her if she was in the apartment when something happened last night. She stated that Kadeem and his father where in there doing whatever they wanted to do. She stated that Kadeem's father was beating up Marlon and Lason. She stated that he had a knife and she tried to stop them. She stated that she saw Kadeem's father stab them all over. Ms. Sanders then stated that Kadeem and his father stabbed them. She then stated that she saw Kadeem stab Marlon. She then stated this happened around 10 pm last night. She stated she didn't call the police because he wouldn't let her. She stated that she didn't call the police because she was scared because people where following her. She then stated that she went to the police station but did not go in. At this time Sergeant James Rudolph entered the room to observe the interview.

- 17. Ms. Sanders then again stated that she Kadeem Stated Marlon and Kadeem's father stabbed Lason. She stated that she actually saw it and they used a kitchen knife. She stated that she did not get any wounds or scratches from the fight trying to stop them from stabbing the children. Trooper Bellao then asked her to see her hands and arms. At this time Trooper Bellao did not see any cuts scratches or abrasions. She stated that Kadeem's father hit her in the head with a frying pan. She stated that he was laughing. She stated that he stated to her he wanted them dead but not her because he was mad at her. She stated that he doesn't like them because they are not his kids. She stated that they are Edson Brito's kids.
- Ms. Sanders stated that Kadeem's father comes up to the house all the time. She 18. then stated that Kadeem was wearing a gray and red hoodie sweatshirt. She stated that it was more red than gray. She stated that it was a Champion sweatshirt and he was wearing regular gray sweatpants. She stated that she could not remember the type of shoes but he wears Air Jordan's. She then stated that Ixer was wearing big nappy dreads but could not remember what type of clothes he was wearing. Trooper Bellao then asked her if she hit the children at all, and stated no. Trooper Bellao then asked her if she stabbed the children and she stated no. She stated that the children were screaming. She stated that the kids were up playing games when this happened. She was then asked about the time frame and we used the Super Bowl as a reference. She stated that she left the house before the Super Bowl was over. Trooper Bellao then asked if Ixer and Kadeem were drinking last night. She stated they were acting like they were drinking and they had red eyes. She stated that they smoke Marijuana all the time. At this time we briefly stepped out the room. They then reentered the room and ended the interview at this time. Latarsha was then cleared and released from the hospital shortly after. Trooper Bellao then spoke to Doctor DeeDee who treated Ms. Sanders and he stated that there was medically nothing wrong with her and did not see a reason to keep her in the hospital. Officer Steven Pierce of the Brockton Police Department then transported Ms. Sanders to the Brockton Police Department to be further interviewed. Trooper Bellao then collected Ms. Sanders clothing that were already placed in a bag by hospital staff. Inside the bag also contained Ms. Sander's cell phone.
- 19. A secondary interview was conducted in the interview room at the Brockton police department by Detective Santiago Cirino and Trooper Shaun Bellao. This interview was recorded and is available on DVD. Prior to beginning the interview, Ms.

Sanders was advised of her rights per Miranda and she signed the waiver form indicating that she understood her rights as explained to her by this officer. Ms. Sanders was also asked if she consumed any drugs or alcohol on this date. Ms. Sanders responded that she did not consume any drugs or alcohol but did tell the officers that she took a sleeping aid which she identified as an Ambien pill and which she stated that she took at 0100 hours. As the officers proceeded to interview Ms. Sanders, she presented the officers with a series of events which resulted in the in the deaths of her children. As Ms. Sanders proceeded to relay to the officers what happened to her children, she stated she was at home the previous evening with her sons who she identified as Lason and Edson. Ms. Sanders also stated that Kadeem and Ixer were also at the house which she identified the address as 245/247 Prospect Street; 3rd floor, in the city of Brockton. As Ms. Sanders proceeded to identify her relationship with Leixer, she stated they were friends and did not have a romantic relationship with him. Ms. Sanders indicated that Leixer does not spend the night at the residence.

- 20. As the officers spoke of her son Kadeem, she indicated that her son does not reside at the residence on a full time basis and that he sleeps there occasionally; but that he spends time at his girlfriend's house on N. Warren Ave. This female she identified as Ines Pires. When Ms. Sanders was asked what time Kadeem came over to her house, she stated he arrived there at 2220 hours. As she attempted to continue to relay the series of events to the officers, she faded and closed her eyes and could barely stay awake. Ms. Sanders then indicated that Kadeem arrived at her residence at approximately 2030 hours. The officers then asked her if the football was game on when he arrived at the house. Ms. Sanders then responded to the officers that she wasn't watching the football game and that the television was just on in the house.
- 21. When she was asked what time Leixer came over the house, she indicated that both Kadeem and Leixer came over together. When she was asked why they came over the house, she replied that they came over to kill her. Ms. Sanders asked if the men came over uninvited, she replied that they did. Ms. Sanders indicated that they were all having a good time when they arrived at the house. Ms. Sanders advised that the children were asleep during this time when the men came over. As she was relaying the series of events, she again had to be asked to wake up by the officers. During this portion of the interview, Ms. Sanders described how she observed one of the men walking and then described how one of the men grabbed a knife and told her that she had to watch as they stabbed her children. As she continued to speak, she then described that they were dancing at the party. When she was asked if she got into a fight with the men, she replied Kadeem broke her door. She described how Kadeem broke her door with his fist. Ms. Sanders then stated that when Kadeem gets mad that's what he does. When she was asked why Kadeem got mad last night, she faded off and did not respond immediately but then stated that the argument was a result of the income tax and Leixer wanted the children for his income tax.
- 22. Ms. Sanders then stated that Kadeem was trying to stop her from going to her father. She then described that Kadeem broke her door. She stated that Ixer and his father were walking around with heavy feet. When Ms. Sanders was asked again why Kadeem

was mad, she replied it was because of some paperwork which she was unable to describe the contents which led him to become upset.

- As she continued to fade and fall sleep, Trooper Bellao again attempted to get her to focus while telling her that she needed to tell the officers what happened and that it was her kids that we were talking about. When she was asked to tell the officers what happened, she replied they did not like her. She then stated that they were stabbing her kids and they forced her to watch. When she was asked why they would do something like that, she stated that's what people do.
- 24. When she was asked if she stabbed the children, she denied that she did. When she was asked why she stabbed the children, she responded that she did not stab her children. Ms. Sanders then described that she heard a knock on the door and went and answered the door. She then described that Kadeem was at her house with a bag of Doritos. When she stated again that they were holding her down as they were stabbing her children, Detective Cirino asked what she did to protect her children when this was going on. Ms. Sanders stated that she was fighting for her children and tried to get them away from them. As Trooper Bellao and Detective Cirino continued to listen to the stories, Ms. Sanders kept telling the officers stories which involved other people while telling the officers that she did not stab her children. As the officers continued to try and reason with Ms. Sanders this went on for an additional twenty minutes. As they continued to interview Ms. Sanders, she stated that she would tell the officers what happened. She then identified a party that was supposed to happen but did not. Ms. Sanders stated this party was involving a male named Ronald who lives on a street behind hers. Ms. Sanders then stated that there was supposed to be party at her house but as she relayed the story it didn't make sense and she was falling asleep as she told her story. Ms. Sanders kept telling the officers stories about what happened to the children without admitting that she was the person responsible for stabbing her children. When she was asked to do the right thing for her babies, she stated that it was a ritual and then identified that Leixer and his father were there for the ritual. Ms. Sanders then recanted and stated that they were not at the house.
- 25. As Trooper Bellao asked Ms. Sanders why she stabbed Marlon, she responded it was because of the voodoo stuff. Ms. Sanders was then stopped and told to tell the officers the truth as she was headed down the same road of denial and responsibility. As she continued to describe the ritual, she stated Shalea, (later learned to be the daughter of Ms. Sanders) wanted a little blood. Ms. Sanders was then told that her sister was not at the house. As she continued to tell a series of untruthful statements, she again stated that it was part of a ritual.
- 26. As the officers continued to interview her in regards to the ritual, Ms. Sanders stated that no one was supposed to get hurt and then admitted that she only killed one baby. Ms. Sanders admitted that she stabbed Marlon first. She stated she stabbed him on his legs and chest with a kitchen knife. This stabbing she stated occurred in the kitchen of the home. When she was asked how many times she stabbed him she could not say, but stated it was more than once. When she was asked what she did after she stabbed Marlon,

she responded that she ran. When asked where she ran to, she responded to the cashier. Ms. Sanders then stated she stabbed Marlon because they made her do it. When she was confronted about who was in the house, she admitted that she was home with her children and no one else was home.

- 27. As the officers continued to inquire about the stabbings, Ms. Sanders also admitted to stabbing Lason in the stomach and that blood got on his legs. When she was asked if she used the same knife, she mumbled a response. When asked why she stabbed Lason, she responded because she failed with Marlon. When she was asked how many times she stabbed Lason, she responded she did not know. She stated she stabbed Lason on the chest. When she was asked what happened next, she stated she got a phone call. As she was explaining this phone call, she was falling asleep and had to be awakened by the officers.
- As Ms. Sanders proceeded to detail Lason's stabbing, she explained the ritual and that it came out wrong because the first one failed and for that reason she had to move on to the second child; because she failed the first time. When asked what she did after she stabbed the second child, she responded she felt bad about what she did. When this officer asked if she cleaned up after the stabbing, Ms. Sanders advised the officers that she wanted to put the children on the bed and fix them up. When she was asked if she stabbed the children in their beds, she replied she stabbed them when they were standing up. Ms. Sanders then advised she put the children on the bed. Which she described the bed and they appeared to be bunk beds with one child on the top and the other on the bottom.
- 29. When she was asked if she tried to get the children help after she stabbed them, she responded she wrapped one of the children in a heating pad. When she was asked if she called for an ambulance, she stated she went downstairs and a neighbor called for help. This call for an ambulance on Monday, February 05, 2018 was called for her. When she was asked if the babies were screaming when she stabbed them, she responded they did not. When she was asked if she cleaned up, she responded that she mopped the floor.
- 30. As the officers continued to speak with her, she was asked to describe the clothing she wore when she stabbed her children. Ms. Sanders then described that she had on Gray sweatpants and a white shirt. When she was asked if she got any blood on herself, she responded not that she knows of. When she was asked where she put the knife she used, she stated it was in the sink in the kitchen. When asked what she normally uses the knife for, she replied for the pot roast. Ms. Sanders was then asked if she used the same knife to stab both the children to which she responded she did.
- 31. At the conclusion of the interview Ms. Sander's hands were swabbed for the presence of blood by State Police Chemist Jessica Leger. Ms. Sander's hands tested positive for blood. Ms. Sanders was taken into custody by Detective Santiago Cirino of the Brockton Police Department. Ms. Sanders was taken down to the Brockton Police Departments booking area, where she was processed and booked in the standard manner.

In addition she had major case photographs and finger printing done by Trooper Lance Melo.

- 32. On Monday, February 05, 2018, at approximately 1319 hours, Trooper Jason Abramoski was requested by Sergeant Donald Short (PLY-SPDU) to report 295 Belmont St. #3 Brockton to assist with a homicide investigation that occurred at 247 Prospect St. in the city of Brockton, MA. Upon arrival Trooper Abramoski met with Detective Joe Cumming (BPD) and conducted an interview with Shalea Sanders (Date of Birth: 5/1/1990) 295 Belmont St. #3 Brockton, MA Phone: (508) 521-7606. Shaela explained that at approximately 1100 hours, her mother (Latasha Sanders) arrived at her apartment with her sister (Tamia Sanders). Latasha began an altercation with Shalea regarding her past and left abruptly by herself. Latasha did not say where she was going. Shalea did not elaborate on Latasha's mental health.
- 33. On Monday, February 05, 2018, at approximately 1330 hours, Trooper Paul MacDonald (SPDU-Plymouth County) was directed to Brewster EMS by Sergeant Short. Sergeant Short advised Trooper MacDonald that the victims' mother, Latarsha Sanders, DOB: 8/9/74, 245 Prospect Street Apartment 3 Brockton, had been transported from 245/247 Prospect Street to Good Samaritan Hospital by personnel from Brewster EMS.
- 34. Trooper MacDonald arrived at Brewster EMS' facility located at 225 N. Montello Street at approximately 1340 hours (February 5, 2018). Advanced EMT David McCloud, DOB: 1/21/67, 508-484-350, and Paramedic Thomas Bibby, DOB: 9/5/64, 774-222-5113, greeted Trooper MacDonald and identified themselves as the personnel who had treated Ms. Sanders.
- 35. Advanced EMT McCloud began the conversation by saying he and Paramedic Bibby were dispatched to 245/247 Prospect Street at 1212 hours (on the same date) for a report of a female party possibly having a seizure. Upon arrival, Advanced EMT McCloud and Paramedic Bibby were flagged down and directed to a side staircase at 245/247 Prospect Street where they discovered the victim. Both Advanced EMT McCloud and Paramedic Bibby stated the victim wasn't having a seizure, but believed she was having a psychiatric episode. When asked what was going on, Ms. Landers said "Kadeem" (her son) and his dad were trying to killer her but didn't say anything else. Furthermore, Advanced EMT McCloud recalled hearing someone on scene say the victim "in to voodoo". However, he couldn't remember who said it. Ms. Landers was subsequently transported to Good Samaritan Hospital for a psychiatric evaluation.
- 36. Advanced EMT McCloud added that during transport to Good Samaritan Hospital Ms. Sanders again said "Kadeem" and his dad were trying to kill her. Additionally, Advanced EMT McCloud heard dispatch send another ambulance to the location they had just left for a child needing CPR. After hearing the second call to the location, he asked Ms. Sanders if she had any young children, and she said yes, she had three. When asked how old her young children were, Ms. Landers said, "Eight (8), five (5), and I don't know." Finally, Advanced EMT McCloud and Paramedic Bibby said Ms. Sanders muttered inaudibly a few times, but nothing that they could understand while they drove

to the hospital; before she was transferred (without incident) to medical staff at Good Samaritan Hospital.

- 37. On Monday, February 05, 2018, at approximately 1330 hours, Trooper Abramoski and Detective Cummings conducted an interview with Tamia Sanders (Date of Birth: 9/25/2002). Tamia stated that her mother, (Latasha) brought her to her grandmother's home located in Randolph on Saturday and she was supposed to pick Tamia back up on Sunday. Latasha arrived today, (2/5/18) at approximately 1100 hours. Tamia described Latasha as acting crazy and attacking her grandmother. Latasha then drove Tamia to Shalea's house where she began an altercation. Tamia did not elaborate on Latasha's mental health.
- 38. On Monday, February 5, 2018, at approximately 1335 hours, Trooper Abramoski and Detective Cummings conducted an interview with Shalea's boyfriend, Jamal Belle (Date of Birth5/7/1984) Phone: (603) 507-5269. Jamal stated that he was at Neighborhood Healthcare when Latasha arrived at his apartment and he did not see her. Jamal described Latasha as an evil and angry person, but initially did not elaborate on her mental wellbeing.
- 39. On Monday, February 05, 2018, at approximately 1350 hours, Earline Sanders (Date of Birth 4/6/1955) arrived at the apartment. Earline was identified as the grandmother of the victims and is Latasha's biological mother. Upon her arrival, the family began reading the Brockton Enterprise article on the investigation and the family was advised of the death of the victim's. The family became extremely emotional and uncontrollable after learning about the deaths. The family began yelling statements in regard to Latasha's mental health and stating that Latasha committed the crime. Investigators learned that Earline had personal contact with Latasha over the weekend and specific knowledge in regard to her mental wellbeing. Jamal then stated that Latasha was mental and crazy. Jamal explained that on one occasion, Latasha brought all of her children to Rhode Island in her car and got into an accident. During that time she was ranting about the "illuminati". Earline agreed to an interview and was then transported to the Brockton PD by Trooper Abramoski.
- 40. On Monday, February 05, 2018, at approximately 1320 hours, Trooper Sean Finn was directed by Sergeant Donald Short to interview a black male that identified himself as Kadeem Sanders-Alfred (DOB: 02/13/1999). Kadeem was initially observed by investigators when he approached 245/247 Prospect Street, identified himself, and informed investigators that he resided on the third floor of apartment. Kadeem initially questioned why investigators were at his house and was informed that police responded to the address as part of a death investigation.
- 41. Once informed of the death investigation, Kadeem became visibly upset and requested additional information. Kadeem also became uncooperative with the investigation and walked away from the scene refusing to speak to investigators. After several minutes of refusing to provide investigators with information regarding the investigation. Kadeem was transported to the Brockton Police Department, by Sergeant

Scott Dunn and Trooper Sean Finn. While in the backseat of the unmarked Massachusetts State Police cruiser, Kadeem provided the following statement.

- 42. According to Kadeem, the last time he was inside the residence of 245/247 Prospect Street, was on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Kadeem explained that, when he was there on Saturday, his mother, his two brothers, and his sister were present. Kadeem stated that his father, who was later identified as Ixer, picked Kadeem up at the residence. Kadeem explained that, when he was at the residence, the vibe was "normal", with no issued of noteworthiness.
- 43. Kadeem explained that he was kicked out of the house approximately one month ago. Kadeem explained that he was kicked out due to a dispute over money with his mother. Kadeem explained that his mother felt that Kadeem did not pay her enough for rent/gas money, and Kadeem was ultimately asked to leave the residence. Kadeem explained that, although he was kicked out of the apartment, he would periodically stop by the residence to check in on his family and to retrieve some of his belongings. According to Kadeem, despite being kicked out, his mother allowed him to come to the residence and his mother would also frequently contact Kadeem to check on him.
- 44. Kadeem explained that he last spoke to a member of the residence approximately four days ago. Kadeem explained that he spoke to his sister, Tamia, and everything seemed normal.
- 45. During the initial interview, Kadeem was informed that the death investigation was of his two younger brothers. Kadeem was asked to provide information regarding the care taking of his brothers. According to Kadeem, his mother was the primary caretaker of both of his brothers. However, Kadeem stated that he and his sister, Tamia, would watch the children when required to do so. Kadeem explained that he had never seen domestic violence at the residence. Specifically, Kadeem stated that he never saw his two brothers physically assaulted by any caretaker.
- 46. On Monday, February 05, 2018, at approximately 1400 hours, Trooper Abramoski and Detective Joe Cummings (BPD) conducted an interview with Earline Sanders (Date of Birth: 4/6/1955) Address: 507 Decell Dr. Randolph, MA Phone: (857) 312-9482 / (781) 885-0564. The interview was conducted at the Brockton PD in Interview Room #2. (The following interview is a summary of facts and is not to be interpreted as verbatim.) Earline described Latasha as mentally unstable and crazy. Latasha began her obsession with the Illuminati theory two years ago from a YouTube video. Since then, Latasha has been obsessed with the ideation, rituals, and numbers regarding the "Illuminati" as well as sacrifices. Latasha appeared to suffer from a mental illness, but has refused any sort of treatment. Latasha's mental status has declined over the past couple of years. Earline described Latasha as paranoid and obsessed with the "Illuminati". Latasha has also been spying on her neighbors with a baby monitor.
- a.) On Friday 2/2/18, at approximately 2200 hours, Latasha arrived at (Earline Sanders) home. Latasha was present with her two son's (Marlon and Lason). Latasha

was acting deranged and talking about the "Illuminati" and making statements that, "the devil has you" and "you're all sleeping". Latasha began accusing Earline for killing her father and that stating that "church is the devil". Latasha said that she could not stand her son (Kadeem) anymore and threatened to kill him and put his body into the freezer. Earline described Latasha as staring blankly through her. Latasha then left the house with the children. Earline then contacted her granddaughter (Tamia Sanders) and warned her that her mother (Latasha) was acting crazy again.

- b.) On Saturday, 2/3/18, on or about the afternoon, Latasha returned to Earline's house with Marlon, Lason and Tamia. Latasha was acting crazy again talking about the "illuminati" and accusing Earline for killing her grandfather. Latasha was also stating that the Illuminati was telling her to kill (Kadeem) so she could give the heart to her dying father, who was sick in the hospital with a heart a condition. Latasha began talking about sacrificing humans in order to move up in the world. During that time, Marlon and Lason were not feeling well. Marlon was on a liquid diet and could not digest solid food. Earline stated that Latasha was continuously acting crazy, standing behind her and starring at her. Latasha stated that she was going to take Marlon and Lason to the hospital and left the home leaving Tamia with Earline. Latasha was supposed to pick up Tamia on Sunday, but never showed up. Earline attempted to call and text Latasha numerous times with no response.
- c.) On Monday, February 05, 2018, at approximately 1030-1100 hours, Latasha showed up at Earline's house and began ringing the doorbell. Earline described Latasha as "out of it", "zombie like" with black glassy eyes. Latasha was disheveled, wearing a gray sweat suit and sneakers. Latasha immediately began accusing Earline of killing her father and smacked her in the face. Tamia had to physically separate Latasha and Earline. The Randolph police were then notified of the altercation by management. Earline asked Latasha where the boys were. Latasha yelled to her, "none of your fucking business" and "you killed my father".
- 47. At the conclusion of the interview, Trooper Abramoski and Detective Cummings informed Earline of the death of Lason and Marlon. Trooper Abramoski asked Earline if she could think of anyone that would want to hurt the children. Earline immediately responded that, "No one else would do this, but her." Interview concluded.
- 48. On Monday, February 05, 2018, at approximately 1430 hours, a second interview was conducted with Kadeem Sanders-Alfred, in an interview room within the Criminal Investigations Division of the Brockton Police Department. The interview was conducted by Trooper Sean Finn and Detective Christopher McDermott, of the Brockton Police Department. During the interview, Detective McDermott read Kadeem his Miranda rights, which were read verbatim from a Massachusetts Department of State Police Miranda Rights Warning and Waiver form. After being read his rights, Kadeem stated that he understood his rights and he agreed to speak to investigators. However, Kadeem refused to sign the aforementioned waiver form. The interview was audio and video recorded. The following is a summary of the interview and should not be interpreted as verbatim.

- 49. During the interview, Kadeem provided additional information which was left out of the previous interview. Kadeem explained that he and his family have resided at 247 Prospect Street for approximately five or six years. Kadeem stated that the following people reside at the apartment: Kadeem's mother, identified as Latarsha Sanders, Kadeem's sister, identified as Tamia Sanders-Verito, and his two brothers (the victims). Kadeem stated that Latarsha was a stay-at-home mother and was the primary caretaker of the aforementioned children.
- 50. Kadeem explained, once again, that the last time he was physically inside 245/247 Prospect Street was on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Kadeem explained that he was picked up by his father on that occasion. Kadeem explained that he was also picked up by his father, on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, at 245/247 Prospect Street. Kadeem explained that he would get picked up at this location by his father; however, he did not actually enter the residence on that occasion. Kadeem explained that he stayed with his father, at his father's residence in Fall River, from Tuesday, January 30, 2018 until Thursday, February 1, 2018.
- 51. Kadeem explained that he no longer had a key to his mother's apartment, which he explained as a result from the dispute he and his mother had. Kadeem further explained that, since being kicked out of the apartment, he has spent nights with his girlfriend, who he later identified as Ines Jessica Pires. Specifically, Kadeem stated that he spent Sunday night at Ines' house, on 427 Warren Avenue, Apartment 3FN, in the city of Brockton. Kadeem explained that he was at Ines' house all day on Sunday, February 4, 2018. According to Kadeem, Ines' mother, brother, sister, cousin, and Ines' daughter were present on Sunday. Kadeem stated that his girlfriend's family would confirm that he was at the house for the entirety of the day, specifically the evening hours.
- 52. Kadeem also explained that he remained at Ines' house for the majority of Monday, February 05, 2018. Kadeem eventually explained that the only time he exited the house was to smoke marijuana and listen to music at a nearby park. Kadeem explained that, at some point during the day, he received Facebook messages from a friend, later identified as "Jason". Kadeem explained that the texts he received were regarding police activity at Kadeem's house (245/247 Prospect Street). Kadeem stated that he was informed, by Jason, that "mad police" were at his house and it appeared that the house was being "raided".
- 53. Kadeem explained that, once he was advised of the police activity at his mother's home, he ran to 245/247 Prospect Street. Kadeem explained that, while running to Prospect Street, he received several phone calls from his two sisters. Kadeem further explained that, upon arrival at 245/247 Prospect Street, he was met by investigators, which was previously explained in the above interview.
- 54. Kadeem later provided his cell phone to Trooper Sean Finn and agreed to have investigators examine his cell phone. Prior to being provided with Kadeem's cell phone, Kadeem filled out a Massachusetts State Police Permission to Search form, which was

read verbatim to him by Trooper Finn. After receiving his authorization, Kadeem showed Trooper Finn and Detective McDermott the aforementioned text messages and calls that he previously explained to investigators. The cellphone was later forensically downloaded by Trooper Frank Driscoll.

- 55. When questioned further regarding the family dynamic, Kadeem stated that, to the best of his knowledge, none of his family members had mental health issues. Kadeem explained that he did not believe that the issue between he and his mother was that serious. Kadeem further explained that, since being kicked out of the house, Kadeem had been over his mother's apartment approximately ten times. Kadeem explained that the vibe was always "normal".
- 56. Toward the end of the interview, Kadeem was informed by investigators that his mother accused Kadeem as being the murderer of the two children. Once being informed of what investigators were told, Kadeem became increasingly upset over the loss of his two brothers. Kadeem was adamant that he was not involved, nor did he have any knowledge of, the killing of his two brothers. Kadeem explained that he loved his brothers and felt like he had a close relationship with them. Kadeem further explained that, whenever he was with the two victims, he would play games with them and have fun. Kadeem was adamant that investigators would not find any DNA or any other evidence, which would tie him to the murders. When questioned, Kadeem was unable to explain why his mother would accuse him of such a heinous act.
- 57. On Monday, February 6, 2018 at approximately 1448 hours, Sergeant Scott Dunn and Trooper Michael DiMarzio arrived at 427 Warren Ave Apt. #3FN to speak Ines Pires, DOB: 07/01/00, Phone: 508-232-5227. Ines Pires has been identified as the girlfriend of Kadeem Sanders-Alfred, DOB: 02/13/99. Ines Pires was located within apartment #3FN with several family members. She advised Sergeant Dunn and Trooper DiMarzio that she did not know why they were there. When asked if she had a boyfriend, she stated that she did not. She advised that she has a friend named "Kadeem" that has been staying with her in her bedroom for the past one and a half months. Ines stated that her friend Kadeem moved in to her apartment around December 11, 2017 because he was having problems with his mother and she had kicked him out. . Ines stated that she went to bed last evening at approximately 2000 hours, in a different room than Kadeem but saw him at approximately 0500 hours, in her bedroom. Ines advised that Kadeem stayed in her room last night and she believes he left the apartment on today's date between 1130 and 1200 hours. She stated that Kadeem keeps several belongings in her room. She was not sure where he was going but added that she believe it was unusual for him that he would have just left the apartment while she was taking a shower. Ines stated that Kadeem was upset and had been texting with her on Snapchat. When asked to see the text thread between her and Kadeem she said she erased it. Ines advised that Kadeem told her in text that "If I make it back". She continued to say that Kadeem appeared to be upset but he would not tell her why. When she later texted him around 1300 hours on today's date, Kadeem never responded. Ines identified Kadeem's phone number as 508-232-1126. When asked if Ines knew or had any idea why Kadeem would be upset, she stated "his mom" and told us that the mother is delusional and would

be the only reason he would be upset. Ines stated that after Kadeem was kicked out of his mother's house and she turned his bedroom into a playroom for his two younger siblings and rented another room in the apartment out to an unknown person. Ines stated that Kadeem never left the apartment last night between the hours of 2000 and 1130 hours on today's date. Other people home within the apartment last evening were her siblings, Chantel Pires, Jose Pires and her Cousin Jasaila Llyod. Ines advised that if Kadeem was not staying with her at any given point in time, he would go to a friend named "Jason" in Fall River or to his dad's house. Ines believes that Kadeem went to his mother's house on Prospect Street yesterday to help her with something for the two younger siblings and got back to her apartment yesterday around 1700-1800 hours.

- 58. Ines then gave verbal consent to show her text messages between her and Kadeem to Sergeant Dunn. Within her text thread a conversation between Kadeem and Ines was observed and it was apparent that Kadeem was upset and distraught regarding an unknown matter on today's date. One of the texts read, "Come talk to me" (Ines) and Kadeem responded "If I make it". Ines has signed a consent to search granting permission to have her phone analyzed and documented. The black Samsung cellular phone belonging to Ines Pires has been transferred to Trooper Frank Driscoll.
- 59. On Monday, February 6, 2018 at approximately 1527 hours, Sergeant Dunn and Trooper DiMarzio conducted an interview with Jasaila Llyod, DOB: 01/17/99, Phone: 727-906-2765. Jasaila advised that she got home to the apartment last evening after work at approximately 2310 hours. She stated that Kadeem came into the kitchen around 2330 hours and then he went out the door sometime between then and midnight. She never saw Kadeem but he would have been the only one leaving when she heard the door. She didn't speak with Kadeem that night at all. Jasaila told us that Ines brought the baby into the kitchen around 0100 hours.
- 60. On Monday, February 05, 2018, at approximately 1550 hours, Trooper Lance Melo, of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Scene Services Section, digitally photographed Kadeem, after Kadeem consenting to such. At approximately 1554 hours, Chemist Jessica Leger, of the Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory, tested for the presence of blood on Kadeem's hand. This was also done after consent was given by Kadeem. It should be noted that Kadeem did not have any visible injuries to his hands or face. Also, there was no presence of blood on Kadeem's hands.
- 61. At the conclusion of the interview, Kadeem was driven to his girlfriend's house, located at 427 Warren Avenue, in Brockton. Kadeem was issued a summons to appear at Brockton Superior Court to provide testimony regarding the grand jury investigation of the aforementioned homicide.
- 62. On Monday, February 5, 2018, 1700 hours, Brockton Police Detective Christopher McDermott and Trooper Paul MacDonald (SPDU-Plymouth) interviewed Ixer Alfred, DOB: 1/8/75, 260 Fountain Street D8 Fall River, 857-236-9778, at the Brockton Police Department. Mr. Alfred has a son, Kadeem, with Ms. Sanders. Ms. Sanders also made statements that Mr. Alfred (and Kadeem) was trying to kill her.

- Mr. Alfred stated he dated Ms. Sanders for approximately two (2) years "around 1998", and they had a child together. He said he didn't live with her, but split time at her house and at his aunt's house on Newbury Street (Brockton) when they dated. Mr. Alfred added the relationship ended when Ms. Sanders slapped him and broke all the windows in his car after demanding he take a "sickle cell test". After the incident, Mr. Alfred ended the relationship because "she had anger issues". Since the termination of the relationship, they have only communicated about their child; which Mr. Alfred said usually resulted in fights about money and (claiming the child on) taxes. He added they hadn't talked or seen each other since their son graduated from high school.
- When asked about his whereabouts this past weekend, February 3rd and 4th, Mr. 64. Alfred said he had picked his son up on Warren Avenue (Brockton) and gone to his Aunt's house in Roslindale to move furniture. Mr. Alfred believed he picked his son up at approximately 1030 hours (February 3) and returned him to his mother's house at approximately 1630 hours (February 3). After dropping his son off in Brockton, Mr. Alfred said he went to his home in Fall River where he stayed with his wife and daughter for the remainder of the weekend. Mr. Alfred said he hadn't gone into Ms. Sanders' home at any point.
- 65. Finally, Mr. Alfred consented to having his cell phone searched/downloaded after being advised of his rights. He was also provided a Massachusetts State Police Permission to Search Form, which he read, said he understood, and signed. Mr. Alfred's phone was later transferred to Trooper Frank Driscoll for analysis. The phone was unable to be downloaded and there was nothing of evidentiary value discovered.
- 66. Ms. Sanders is currently being held at the Brockton Police Department pending her arraignment at the Brockton District Court on Tuesday, February 6, 2018.

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