

## Narrative

In accordance with State Law the County Attorney's Office has determined that juvenile names can not be released to the public.

Will you mention a Juvenile Name: Yes  No

Arresting Agency Case Number: 2007-606

I, Detective Scott Robinson, A duly sworn Police Officer, for the City of Lafayette, County of Boulder, State of Colorado, will detail the arrest of Bryan Kavin Grove (DOB 05-19-89), a Juvenile, for the crime of Murder in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree.

On February 27, 2007 at approximately 2215 hours, ~~Boulder Regional Communications Center~~ received an anonymous call from a person who stated that he was told that Bryan Grove killed his girlfriend Tess's mother and that she is wrapped in a blanket in the trunk of a vehicle in the garage. The caller stated that this occurred about three weeks ago when Groves got into an argument with her, tried to suffocate her, and stabbed her instead. The caller said that they are going to possibly take the body to Wyoming this weekend. The caller stated that they also threatened to kill him if he told anyone. The caller gave directions to and through the Beacon Hill subdivision, in the City of Lafayette, giving the description of a blue house with a Honda Civic and an Acura parked out front with a silver Subaru parked in the garage.

On February 28, 2007 at approximately 0015 hours, I received a call from Lafayette Police Department Detective Sergeant Gene McCausey who told me that there was a possible homicide and that three juveniles were at the police department and asked if I could respond to assist.

Officer Herrero responded to the location of 705 Brome Place, in the City of Lafayette, County of Boulder, State of Colorado, where Sgt. Dobbs had located a vehicle that registered to Linda Damm. (The Affiant contacted Sgt. Dobbs who confirmed that he was told by Officer Molander that the residence that they were looking for was near Vetch Circle, had light blue trim and there was an Acura parked in front. The girlfriend that was named in the anonymous call to dispatch was named Tess. Sgt. Dobbs recalled that he had previous dealings with a juvenile named Toss and that her mother was Linda Damm and that they lived few houses off of Vetch Circle on Brome Place. Sgt. Dobbs responded to that location and located a dark colored Acura two door bearing Colorado license plate 144N2S. This vehicle registered to Linda Louise Damm at 705 Brome Place.)

Officer Herrero said that when he initially arrived at the residence he spoke with a juvenile who he identified as Bryan Grove. Grove told Officer Herrera conflicting statements as to the whereabouts of Linda Damm. He stated that he had seen her earlier that day at around 6:00 PM and they had asked each other how their day was. Mr. Groves also stated that she was wearing a grey hoodie and that she had left on foot. He later told Officer Herrera that she was inside the residence with his best friend.

Officer Herrero also spoke to Tess Amanda Damm, date of birth July 16, 1991. Tess told Officer Herrera that her mother has not been at home for the past three weeks. She said that her mother would be home before Tess' court appearance on April 2, 2007. Officer Herrera stated that he asked Tess if her mother was okay. Tess stated "I didn't do anything, it

wasn't me" and told him that she just wanted to hug her boyfriend, Bryan Grove. Officer Herrera told her that she couldn't do that right now and had her sit in a patrol vehicle due to the cold weather. (at approximately 0030 hours, the temperature was 32 degrees Fahrenheit.) Officer Herrera stated that when he had her sit in the vehicle, she stated "You guys know what happened to her, don't you?" Officer Herrera told her that he did not know what happened and Tess told him that she would talk to him, but not anyone else because she trusted him. Officer Herrera did not ask Tess any questions. Tess said that she wanted to tell him something and said "I left because I could not be there." She went on to say that "I was riding around in the Acura and they stabbed her and the body is in the trunk of the silver Subaru." Tess stated that they told her that they covered her with blankets.

Officer Molander arrived at the residence and spoke with Jared Russell Cole Smith, date of birth June 13, 1990. He stated "I know what happened. I got to get this stuff off my chest." Officer Molander stated that he interrupted him and even raised his voice in telling Jared that he needed to have his parents contacted before he was interviewed. Jared insisted that he did not want his mother to be there when he was interviewed because it would break her heart but that he needed to get it off his chest. Officer Molander told him again that his mother needed to be notified but Jared told him the following. He stated that he knew that Tess' mother was stabbed but that he was out in the car with Tess and had nothing to do with it. He stated that Bryan had stabbed her four times in the neck and that this occurred in the upstairs bedroom. Jared stated that Bryan needed help to wrap her up and to take her downstairs. He said that he closed his eyes and they wrapped her up, took her downstairs and put her in the trunk.

Once I arrived at the police department, I spoke with Kenneth Grove, Bryan Grove's father. Kenneth stated he knew Linda Damm and that she didn't really like having his 17 year old son, Bryan, and her 15 year old daughter, Tess, living together in their house. Linda knew Tess would probably leave without Bryan around, so she allowed him to stay. Kenneth said he had not spoken with Linda in about three weeks. He stated that he and Bryan visited a Tech school in Florida about one and one half weeks ago, and that the entire time they were there, Bryan and Tess were on the cell phone the with each other. He said Tess didn't want Bryan to go on the trip, and she seemed scared without him. Kenneth stated that he was at the 705 Bromo Pl. residence two nights ago and asked where Linda was. Tess stated that she was in Denver. Kenneth stated that he was getting more suspicious every day and that he thought no one was telling him the truth. He said he thought about calling the police because he was concerned about where Linda was. He stated "I don't know if they did something to her" or if she was just missing. He said it seemed like Bryan and Tess had just "set up house" at Linda's home the past few weeks and she hasn't been around. Kenneth stated that Bryan told him tonight, "I'll tell you the truth - she's been missing for three weeks." Bryan told him that she just left and had not been seen for three weeks. I explained that I wanted to speak with Bryan and find out what the truth was. I advised Kenneth of Miranda with a waiver form and explained to him that he had the right to be present during the interview. Kenneth waived his right to be present and consented to the interview by signing and completing the form in writing.

Before starting a videotaped interview with Bryan Grove, I advised him of Miranda and explained the waiver form. Bryan stated he understood and waived Miranda and agreed to speak with me about the investigation. Bryan completed and signed the waiver form. During the interview with Bryan, he initially stuck with the story that Linda Damm was just missing. After a few minutes, Bryan agreed to tell me the truth and stated the following: He said that approximately three weeks ago, Tess and Jared drove around while he stayed home to go to bed early because he had job interviews the next

day. Linda was home as well. He and Linda got into a verbal argument. Linda claimed he was the problem between her and Tess and that he was causing all of the stress in the house. He argued that alcohol was her problem and it was causing all of the problems in the house. Bryan explained that he was upset and couldn't take anymore negative comments from Linda. He said that the next thing she better say needed to be something positive or an apology. Instead, she said that if Tess hadn't been born, none of this would have happened, meaning Bryan living in her home. Bryan said that Linda then told him that she wouldn't have "this black guy hanging all over me." Those statements escalated the argument to the point where he grabbed Linda's throat and restrained her against the wall in her bedroom. While he restrained her, she was able to fight back and hit him once in the head. Bryan said he then forced her down to the bed face down. Her upper body was on the bed, while her lower body was off the foot of the bed, on the floor. He then got on top of her from behind and placed her into a choke hold with his arm around her neck. Bryan demonstrated a wrestling move that is consistent with a rear naked choke hold where his upper arm and lower arm press on either side of the neck. She tried to fight him off, but she eventually went unconscious. Once unconscious, he rolled her over onto her back and pulled her completely up on the bed. Bryan said Linda was still breathing, so he picked up a smaller Harley Davidson knife and stabbed Linda's neck so deep that the knife disappeared far enough that he couldn't remove it. She was still breathing, so he got a larger kitchen-type knife and stabbed her multiple times in the neck. He also twisted the knife around in a grinding motion to cause more damage. Her mouth was still open, so he plunged the knife into her mouth to the back of her throat until she stopped breathing. He described the mattress as being very bloody and that he would be able to tell exactly where the stabbing took place on the bed.

Bryan said Linda's body was then wrapped up in blankets and placed into the back of the Subaru inside the garage. Bryan stated that he could not remember what he did with the larger knife but thought that it may be with the body in the car. He said if it is not there, it is somewhere in the residence. At one point, Bryan thought about cutting the body up to make it easier to get rid of, so there is a large cut in Linda's right thigh to the bone where he tried to cut her leg off.

Bryan stated that about two and one half weeks ago, he drove the Subaru with the body to the Cemetery off of Baseline Road, near Now Vista High School in Boulder, Colorado. Bryan said he dug a grave approximately two feet deep and three by four feet wide. When he placed the body into the grave, the Harley Davidson knife fell out of her body. The grave was not large enough, so he put the body back into the Subaru and took it back to the residence. He put the Harley Davidson knife into a pocket of his big baggy black jeans located in his and Tess' room at the residence. The videotape of the interview was placed into evidence at the Lafayette Police Department.

Detective Thatcher interviewed Jared at the police department. Jared stated he, Tess and Bryan went to an IHOP restaurant before the murder. Tess and Bryan talked about how much they hated Linda. When driving home from the restaurant, Bryan told Tess that he could take care of Linda for her. He asked Tess if she wanted him to take care of Linda and Tess said yes. Once they arrived back at Tess' home, Bryan got out and told the others that he'd call them when it was okay for them to come back. After awhile, Bryan called and said he needed Jared there with him. Once Jared went back, Bryan told him that he killed Linda. Jared said he didn't want to be involved. Bryan told him that he was already involved. Jared then helped Bryan move the body to the Subaru. The knife was wrapped up in a sheet with the body.

Tess later confirmed that she, Bryan and Jared went to an IHOP restaurant in Westminster in the evening of 02-03-07. They discussed how much she hated her mother. Bryan stated he could take care of the problem, insinuating he could kill her. They left the restaurant sometime in the early morning of 02-04-07, possibly around 3:00 AM. They drove back to her home and dropped Bryan off. Bryan told them not to come back until he called them. Jared and Tess drove around while Bryan committed the murder of Linda.

End of report.

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