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**KENT COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

MURDER FIRST DEGREE - PREMEDIATED

DEFENDANT: Timothy Allen Dawson
 RACE: White
 SEX: Male
 DOB: 08-21-1976
 DATE OF COMPLAINT: 12-12-2004
 COMPLAINT NUMBER: 2004-78717

ELEMENTS OF CRIME:

The defendant did deliberately, with the intent to kill and with premeditation, kill and murder one Julia Marie Dawson; contrary to MCL 750.316; MSA 28.548.

PROBABLE CAUSE TO ARREST DEFENDANT:

On December 12, 2004 at 5:40 am, Timothy Dawson called police to report that his wife, Julia Dawson, had not returned from shopping. Officer Wawrzyniak (Sparta Police Department) responded to the scene and took a missing person report. Wawrzyniak noticed a large area of carpeting in front of the side door had been cleaned. He also observed a carpet cleaner in the same room and the water reservoir on the counter with dirty water in it. Timothy Dawson reported that he had cleaned the carpet with bleach and water and not the carpet cleaning products he had in his home. Investigators have found through past experience that bleach can be used to clean up crime scenes of blood, urine, and feces.

Earlier in the morning (1:36 am), Wawrzyniak had observed a suspicious vehicle parked a few blocks away from the Dawson residence in Balyeat Park. The vehicle was a Green Dodge Caravan registered to Timothy Dawson. The vehicle was locked and no one was in or around the vehicle. Julia's purse and wallet were found inside the vehicle. Lying on the front seat; Investigator's found a gas can, lighter, and a hand held spotlight. These items were determined to be owned by Mr. Dawson. Gasoline and a lighter are commonly used to burn or destroy items including clothing and other forms of evidence. Julia Dawson was discovered without clothing several weeks later. Mr. Dawson reported that they had three sets of keys to Julia's van. All three sets of keys to the vehicle were later located. Two in the Dawson residence; and one in Tim's work vehicle.

Timothy Dawson reported that he, Julia, and their 18 month old son Alex had run errands on December 11, 2004, and returned home around 12:30pm. Tim stated that he and Julia ate leftover Subway sandwiches for lunch. At Julia's autopsy, [REDACTED] Investigators spoke with Subway employees and learned that on December 10, 2004, that bread, meat, lettuce, and shredded carrots were available for sandwiches.

Tim's mother, Susan Dawson, had called and spoke to Julia around 3:15 pm. Julia had stated that she was going shopping to buy Tim a chair for Christmas. Tim stated that after the phone calls; he and Julia got into an argument about Amy Hinkley (Mr. Dawson's ex-wife). The argument lasted about 15 minutes. Julia then asked Tim to go shopping with her. Tim had too many things going on and stayed home with Alex. Tim fell asleep on the couch around 4:00 pm and awoke at 5:30 pm to find Julia had left to go shopping. Tim stated that he expected Julia home around 10 pm. Tim became worried when Julia had



