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SAGADAHOC, ss.**

**UNIFIED CRIMINAL DOCKET
CRIMINAL ACTION
DOCKET NO. ___**

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**PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT IN
SUPPORT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

JOSEPH M. EATON

I, Hugh I. Landry, a detective with the Maine State Police, having been duly sworn state under oath that there is probable cause to believe Joseph M. Eaton (DOB 2/7/1989) has committed the offense(s) of Murder in violation of 17-A M.R.S. § 201(1)(A), the facts and circumstance which lead your affiant to believe this are as follows:

1. On April 18th, 2023, at approximately 9:21AM the Sagadahoc County Sheriff's Department responded to a call reporting a deceased man at the residence of 1459 Augusta Rd Bowdoin, Maine. The Sagadahoc Sheriff's Office, Deputy Al Huntington, arrived at the scene at 9:40AM and met with, Lisa Shea (DOB 01/23/1957) at the above residence. The Sagadahoc County Sheriff's department eventually requested the assistance of the Maine State Police Major Crimes Unit. The Sagadahoc County Sheriff's department remained on scene with Lisa until the Maine State Police Major Crimes Unit arrived on scene.

2. Det. Cpl. Marc Ferreira arrived at the residence at approximately 10:50AM and met with SSO Lt. Brian Quinn. Lt. Quinn directed Det. Cpl. Ferreira towards the female on scene, Lisa Shea. Prior to meeting with Lisa, Lt. Quinn advised Det. Cpl. Ferreira that they had four deceased victims at the residence. He stated that during a search of the home they discovered three victims inside the home and one victim outside the residence. Lt. Quinn advised that the victims had been covered up and that they had also located a dog that was deceased as well.

3. Det. Cpl. Ferreira located Lisa Shea, the sister to the female that lives at the above residence, Patricia Eger (DOB 06/20/60). Lisa we went over the past few days leading up to the discovery she had made this morning. Lisa said she had arrived in Maine on Easter (4/9) and had stayed with her sister, Patricia, and her brother-in-law, Robert Eger (DOB 05/13/50) up until April 13th. Lisa said she left on the morning of 4/13 so that David Eaton (DOB 06/21/56) and Cynthia Eaton

(DOB 03/07/60) could stay there as they awaited the arrival of their son, Joseph Eaton, from prison. Lisa said she had stayed with her son in Hallowell after she left the above address and had returned today to gather a sweatshirt she had left behind. Lisa had sent a text to her sister Patricia at approximately 08:30AM this morning letting her know that she would be by the residence around 9:00AM. Lisa said she did not get a response back from Patricia. Lisa said she arrived at 1459 Augusta Rd. Bowdoin, Maine this morning at approximately 09:07AM. Lisa said she walked up to the door of the residence and observed two drops of blood on the front steps. Lisa opened the door and yelled but no one answered. Lisa said she entered the home and could see broken glass and blood on the floor. She observed a body in the area of the kitchen covered by a towel. She lifted the towel and observed who she believed was Robert Eger. She said she could not be certain because Robert looked similar to David Eaton. She said she felt it was Robert because she had remembered seeing Robert wear the shirt before that the deceased male was wearing. She observed several firearms laying out inside the home and stated that there were bullet holes everywhere. Lisa said she observed drag marks that led towards another area of the home. Lisa said she followed the drag marks for a short distance but did not pursue them to the source. Lisa exited the residence and remained on scene until authorities arrived.

4. Det. Cpl. Ferreira asked Lisa whom she had expected to be at the residence. Lisa said she was aware of the two homeowners Robert and her sister Patricia. She said that David and Cynthia Eaton should also be at the residence. She also expected David and Cynthia's son, Joseph Eaton, to be at the home as well. Lisa said that she was unable to find Joseph at the property and was only aware of the one male whom she thought was Robert in the kitchen area. To her knowledge, Patricia, Cynthia, Joseph and David were unaccounted for. Lisa did mention that she was unaware if any vehicles were missing from the property.

5. Det. Nicholas Gleeson, under the authority of the OCME, went inside to gather scene photographs. I learned from Det. Gleeson that there was a note on the kitchen island that stated someone had been molested and that there was nothing done about it. The note mentioned someone being freed of pain and that the writer of the note wanted a new life. The note was not written to anyone nor was it signed by anyone.

6. On April 18th, at 1028 hours the Augusta Regional Communications Center (RCC) received a 911 call where the caller stated she was passing someone on interstate 295 and a male started shooting at her vehicle. At 1029 hours the RCC received information that three individuals had been shot on interstate 295 to include Justin Halsey (DOB: 11/23/1993), Paige Halsey (DOB: 11/23/1997) and Sean Halsey (DOB: 08/30/1971) who all were later transported to Maine Medical Center in Portland.

7. On April 18th, at 1048 hours Dean Rybolt (DOB:6-8-1980) called the RCC and stated there was a suspicious male at exit 15 southbound of interstate 295 standing in the middle of the road waving his hands with what appeared to be blood on him.

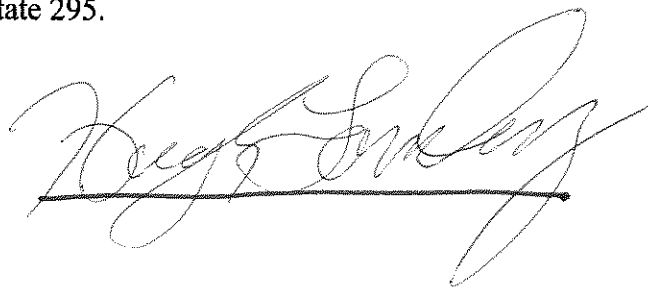
8. On April 18th, at 1049 hours Tr. Robert Flynn located the male individual, later identified as Joseph Eaton (DOB: 02/07/1989), and took him into custody. Joseph was transported to the Yarmouth Police Department. The vehicle believed to be operated by Joseph Eaton was a gray Buick Encore bearing Florida registration 09BWBT. The vehicle was later towed from the area and secured in the Maine State Police Garage in South Portland. A registration check on the vehicle showed that it was registered to Hertz Vehicles LLC.

10. On April 18th, at 1350 Det. Blake Conrad contacted Hertz Vehicle Rentals to inquire about the rental information on Florida registration 09BWBT. Det. Conrad spoke with C. Dinh who provided the rental information on the vehicle. The vehicle was rented to David Eaton (6/21/1956) of Ocala, Florida. The vehicle was rented on 4/16/2023 at Portland International Airport in Maine and was due to be returned 4/22/2023.

11. On April 18th, at 1401 hours, Det. Reid Bond conducted a phone interview with Rose Clayton (DOB: 12-11-2001). Rose stated that earlier in the day she was traveling south on interstate 295 when she observed four vehicles stopped on the shoulder of the interstate which she thought was weird. Rose stated that she was traveling to an appointment in Falmouth and as she began to take exit 15, she observed a small gray vehicle stop extremely fast, a stocky man with short or no hair exited the driver's door of vehicle and point a handgun at her. Rose stated that she did not believe there were any occupants other than the one man in the gray vehicle.

12. On April 18th, I viewed the Buick Encore bearing Florida registration plate 09BWBT while located on the exit ramp of exit 15 southbound of interstate 295 and observed multiple small caliber and large caliber cartridge casings inside the passenger side of the Buick.

13. On April 18th, Det. Leonard Bolton and I interviewed Joseph Eaton at the Portland Police Department and Joseph admitted to shooting the four deceased individuals at 1459 Augusta Rd in Bowdoin, whom he stated were his parents and family friends, and Joseph admitted to shooting at a vehicle while traveling southbound on interstate 295.



Sworn to me this 19th day of April 2023.


Admin. Clerk