



PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT



September 21, 2017

I, Dep. Rowdy Douglas, a Deputy with the Texas County Sheriff's Office, upon my oath, and under penalties of perjury, state as follows:

I have probable cause to believe that VRBA, ANDREW, D.O.B 04/17/1999 , Social Security # _____, committed one or more criminal offenses.:

MURDER (F A) 1ST DEGREE/NONFAM/WEAPON 565.02 Charge Code 1002104

ARMED (F) CRIMINAL ACTION 571.015 Charge Code 3101099

ABANDONMENT OF A CORPSE 194425 Charge Code

The Facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On September 14, 2017, I received a missing persons report regarding a white male identified as Joseph M. Steinfeld. Steinfeld's family had reported that no one has seen him or heard from him since approximately September 1, 2017. Steinfeld's family stated that the last people to be with Joseph were Briana Calderas, Andrew Vrba, and Isis Schauer. The family had made contact with the subjects and believed that they were being lied to about Joseph's whereabouts. On September 20, 2017, I located Vrba and Schauer at 319 Chestnut Street, Houston, Missouri. I brought both subjects to the Texas County Sheriff's Office for an interview. During the interview with Isis Schauer she denied any knowledge of Joseph Steinfeld's whereabouts. Schauer stated that Steinfeld had been in a physical altercation with Vrba on September 3, 2017. Schauer stated that after the altercation Steinfeld left the Malberg Road residence and no one has seen him since. While speaking with Schauer I asked for consent to search the content of her cell phone. Schauer granted me consent. While reviewing some Facebook messages I observed a conversation between Schauer and Vrba. In her phone, Vrba is named "Puddin", and the Facebook messages with "Puddin" are linked to Andrew Vrba's Facebook account. On September 8, 2017, at approximately 1019 hours, I observed several messages from Vrba's Facebook to Schauer that stated, "Sam is asking me about Joey what do I say ??", "Babe what did you do??!?!", "You were supposed to stick to the story", "You even gave her a date ?????", "Nevermind I heard what you did good job", then at approximately 1053 hours, Vrba wrote, "Why Why ??", "We had everything planned out", "quit talking to Sam". Then at approximately 1119 hours, "Tell b to check the ladder", to which Schauer replied, "okay", Vrba replied "why did you tell Sam something else", Schauer stated, "I'm sorry but I thought it's was more believe able". I asked Schauer what she and Vrba were referring to in the conversation. Schauer stated she did not know and couldn't remember what the conversation was about. We ended the interview with Schauer a short time later, and went to interview Vrba. I read Vrba his Miranda rights, which he stated he understood and wanted to speak with me. I told Vrba that we had just spoke with his girlfriend for over an hour and I wanted to know the truth about Steinfeld's disappearance. Vrba then admitted that he killed Steinfeld and burned his body in the yard of 14551 Malberg Road. Vrba stated that he had to kill Steinfeld , and he planned to do so by poisoning him, but Steinfeld would not drink the poison so he used a knife instead. Vrba then went into detail on how he stabbed Steinfeld in the living room area of the residence. Vrba stated that after Steinfeld was dead he, Schauer, and Calderas wrapped up Steinfeld's body and took him outside. He stated that they then burned Steinfeld's body. Vrba stated that Schauer and Calderas both

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went to the Houston and Mountain Grove Wal-Mart stores to buy items to aid the burning of the body. Vrba also admitted that some of the bones were placed into a garbage bag and the bag was placed in a chicken coop near the residence. After speaking to Vrba I applied for a search warrant for the residence located at 14551 Malberg Road, Cabool, Missouri, and was granted the warrant. During execution of the search warrant numerous human bones were located in a burn pile next to the residence. A garbage bag was located in a chicken coop next to the residence, and inside the bag were numerous human bones and burnt trash. While searching the inside of the residence we located what appeared to be blood stains on the living room carpet. After removing the carpet we observed blood on the underlayment and the sub floor of the residence. We also located a floor cleaner in the living room and it appeared that someone attempted to clean the carpet with various types of cleaners. After the search warrant I conducted an interview with Briana Calderas. While speaking with Calderas she admitted that Steinfeld was killed at her residence, and that she helped Vrba burn the body. Calderas stated that she did not want Steinfeld killed. Schauer and Vrba's statements contradicted that, and they stated Calderas did want Steinfeld killed, and even mentioned it several days prior to Steinfeld's death. Calderas was able to tell us where the knife that killed Steinfeld was located along with Steinfeld's cell phone that she hid in the residence. Calderas also admitted to helping drag the body outside of the residence and to going with Schauer to purchase items used in burning the body. While speaking with both Calderas and Schauer they both stated that Vrba told them that he had gouged Steinfeld's eyes out and stabbed him in the penis multiple times, and that he had bragged about the murder and went into detail on how the murder took place.

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