

IN THE HAMILTON CIRCUIT/SUPERIOR COURTS
STATE OF INDIANA

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V.
COOPER WILLIAM KING

CASE NUMBER: 2023-21122

AFFIDAVIT FOR PROBABLE CAUSE

Comes now Detective Trevor A. Schmidt, who hereby swears upon an oath, deposes and says:

1. I am a Law Enforcement Officer with the Noblesville Police Department.
2. I am filing this affidavit for probable cause in support of the charges of Rape, IC 35-42-4-1, and Sexual Battery, IC 35-42-4-8, against Cooper William King, a white/male, DOB: 12/20/2004, height 6'0", weight 220, with brown hair and blue eyes.
3. On 07/07/2023, Noblesville Police Officer Nick Beeson took a report from Victim, the Victim/witness of this offense, whom I believe to be a credible source of information as a cooperative citizen informant, or the Victim of a crime and I have no information that casts doubt upon credibility.
4. Victim is an eighteen-year-old female who recently graduated from Hamilton Southeastern High School. Victim is currently enrolled as a full-time college student.
5. Victim came to the Noblesville Police Department on 07/07/2023 to report a rape. Victim stated that on 07/04/2023, she was in a residence in the 11300 block of Pegasus Drive, in Noblesville, Indiana. At the residence that evening, there was underage drinking going on and Victim participated in drinking alcohol.
6. Victim stated at one point she was intoxicated from alcohol and went to lay down in an upstairs bedroom. Victim stated she fell asleep and when she woke up, at around midnight, Cooper King was in the same bed as her. Victim stated she and King were the only ones in the bedroom. Victim described King as a good friend from school and that he had been over to her house several times and knew her family quite well.
7. Victim stated that while in the bed, King lifted her dress and touched her breasts and buttocks. Victim stated King performed oral sex on her. Victim explained that while King was performing oral sex on her, he told her, "You'll like it, you'll be fine," and "You taste so good."

8. Victim stated she kept saying, “No,” and attempted to close her legs. Victim stated that she could barely move due to the level of intoxication that she was at. Victim stated she did not want any part of a sexual interaction with King. Victim stated that King began to take off her underwear. Victim stated that she kept feeling like she was going to throw up, was confused, and was unsure as to what was really going on.
9. Victim stated that at one point she had also woke up to King’s fingers inside of her vagina.
10. Victim stated King took off Victim’s underwear and put his penis in her vagina. Victim stated King did not wear a condom.
11. Victim explained that she could barely move due to the level of intoxication that she was at. Victim stated she kept feeling like she was going to throw up, was confused, and was unsure as to what was really going on. Victim explained, “He put it in me and just kept going and I didn’t know what to do.”
12. Victim stated none of the sexual acts King performed on her were consensual. She reiterated that she told King several times “No,” and was attempting to close her legs when he was performing sexual acts on her.
13. Victim was able to provide Officers with a photograph of Cooper King. In the photograph, King was wearing a white t-shirt that said, “Never Done Anal” written in marker.
14. Victim went to the hospital and had a Sexual Assault Kit completed: Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit, Serial # IN23-10299, Lot No: 23047INSP.
15. Victim’s clothes she was wearing during the sexual assault were collected and of the collected clothing DNA Swabs were taken of a blue dress, a pair of underwear, and a black bra.
16. Noblesville Police Officers assisted Detectives with a consent search of the Pegasus Drive residence where the sexual assault occurred. Resident Raygan Roberts reported that except for a pillowcase on the bed, she had already washed all the bedding that was on the bed in the bedroom Victim had slept in the morning of July 5. Detectives collected the pillowcase from this bedroom that had been unwashed. Detectives searched the bathroom that was adjacent to the bedroom for a condom but did not locate one.

17. Resident Carter Cunningham provided detectives with RING doorbell camera footage from July 4th and July 5th. Noblesville Police Detective Schmidt reviewed the RING camera footage and observed Cooper King arrived at the residence at 7:03pm on July 4th. Victim arrived later the same day at 10:09pm. King left the next morning at 6:08am and Victim left at 8:14am.
18. Detective Schmidt interviewed Madeline Grater. Madeline stated her mother drove her, Cooper King, and her friend, King David, to the house party in Noblesville on July 4th. Madeline stated she went downstairs to go to bed on the couch at around 3:00am. Madeline said when she went downstairs, Cooper King was lying next to Victim in the bed in the upstairs guest room. Madeline stated when she opened the door to check on them, the lights were off, and Cooper King sat up and looked at her and laid back down, but Victim didn't move. Madeline said Victim appeared to be asleep.
19. Madeline stated that before they went to the party, she and Cooper King went to the CVS in Pendleton at around 6:00pm to get snacks. Madeline stated Cooper King bought condoms at the CVS.
20. Detective Schmidt went to the CVS in Pendleton to review the security video. Reviewing the video, Detective Schmidt observed Cooper King make a purchase at the self-checkout register at approximately 6:02pm. King and Madeline exit the store at approximately 6:05pm. The security video was collected as evidence.
21. Detective Schmidt interviewed Kaylha Parrish. Parrish stated she was at the July 4th house party with Victim and Cooper King. Parrish stated at around 1:00am or 2:00am, Victim came to her and told her she was ready for bed. Parrish stated she walked with Victim to the upstairs bedroom, and Victim laid down in bed on her own. Parrish said she went downstairs to look for her phone charger. When she came back upstairs to check on Victim, Cooper King was in the bed with Victim. Victim was awake and was on her phone. Parrish went to bed in an adjacent upstairs bedroom.
22. Detective Schmidt interviewed Raygan Roberts. Raygan stated on July 5th, Cooper King and Victim slept in the same bed from around 12:00am to 6:00am. Raygan stated before she went to bed that morning at around 2:00am or 3:00am, she checked

- on Victim and Cooper King. Raygan stated Victim and King were both asleep. Victim was not under any covers, but King was. Both were clothed.
23. Victim stated that Cooper King currently lives with his parents in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and is attending college at Western Kentucky University. Using Police investigative resources, Detective Schmidt was able to identify an address for William King, the father of Cooper King. The address is 1469 Southern Sky Cir. Bowling Green, KY 42104.
 24. On 08/24/2023, Detective Schmidt and Detective Foust drove to the Warren County Sheriff's Office in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and met with Detective Sergeant Evan Cook. Cook assisted with applying for a search warrant for Cooper King's DNA buccal swab through the Warren County, Kentucky prosecuting attorney's office.
 25. The search warrant for King's DNA buccal swab was granted. It is documented under Warren County Prosecutor's Office Case No. 23-CAO-277. That afternoon, at approximately 2:15pm, Detective Schmidt, Detective Foust, Detective Sergeant Cook, and two uniformed patrol officers with Western Kentucky University Police Department contacted Cooper King while King was in line to order food at the campus dining hall.
 26. Detective Schmidt spoke with King at the dining hall and informed him of the search warrant for his DNA buccal swab and informed him of the nature of the investigation. King agreed to a police interview which was done in a private room at the dining hall. Detective Schmidt read King his Miranda Warning from a department form and King stated he understood his rights and agreed to answer questions.
 27. Detective Sergeant Cook with Warren County Sheriff's Office executed the search warrant and took the DNA buccal swabs from King without incident. The DNA buccal swabs were packaged as evidence and checked into the property room at the Warren County Sheriff's Office.
 28. During the interview with Cooper King, King stated he did attend the house party on Pegasus Drive in Noblesville on July 4th and spent the night in the same bed as Victim. King stated that he and Victim were the only ones who slept in the bed and in the bedroom that morning.
 29. King denied having sexual intercourse with Victim, denied performing oral sex on Victim, denied putting his fingers in Victim's vagina, and denied touching her breasts or butt or vaginal area in a sexual manner or at all. King stated that he and Victim

- were cuddling in bed for only a few minutes, but it wasn't sexual at all, and King stated he started to get sick and had to get out of bed to throw up in the bathroom.
30. King stated he was very intoxicated that evening at the house party. He stated he brought a bottle of Jack Daniels whisky and drank it all in mixed drinks. King explained he also smoked marijuana at the house party.
 31. King stated he brought condoms to the party and always carries one in his wallet.
 32. Detective Schmidt asked King if it was possible that he does not remember having sex with Victim without her consent due to the level of intoxication he was at. King stated he did not think so because there were moments from the night that were "fuzzy," but no moments where he could not remember what had happened. King explained that he would remember if he had sex with someone.
 33. King stated his DNA should not match to Victim's sexual assault kit and should not match to Victim's underwear or clothing that were collected and submitted to the crime lab for analysis.
 34. On 08/25/2023, Detective Schmidt and Detective Foust took possession of King's DNA buccal swabs from the Warren County Sheriff's Office Property Room. The DNA buccal swabs were vouchered as evidence in the Noblesville Police Department Property Room.
 35. Cooper King's DNA buccal swabs will be sent to the crime lab for comparison and analysis.

All of the above events occurred in Hamilton County, Indiana, except where specifically noted.

I swear under the penalties of perjury as specified by IC 35-44.1-2-1, that the foregoing representations are true.

Date: Wednesday, September 6, 2023

/s/ Trevor A. Schmidt

Detective Trevor A. Schmidt
Noblesville Police Department