

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR
POWESHIEK COUNTY

This Complaint and Affidavit is to be:

- Filed with Court Clerk (cc: CA)
- Submitted to County Attorney
- Filed with JCO - Defendant is a Juvenile

Agency Case Number: **SOI20180294**

Arrest Date: **08/21/2018**

THE STATE OF IOWA

VS.

OFFENDER

Last RIVERA		First CRISTHIAN		Middle BAHENA		Suffix	
Address				City		State	Zip Code
DL#	State NO	DL Class	DL Endorsements	DL Restrictions			
Date of Birth 06/11/1994	Gender MALE	Race UNKNOWN - U		Ethnicity HISPANIC ORIGIN - H			
Height 5' 06"	Weight 130 LBS	Eye Color BROWN - BRO		Hair Color BLACK - BLK			

OFFENSE

State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County <input type="checkbox"/>	Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Code Section 707.2(1)(A)	Crime Description MURDER IN THE 1ST DEGREE		Speed	in	Zone
Class FELA		Serious P.I. <input type="checkbox"/>	Fatal Accident <input type="checkbox"/>	Civil Damage Assessment <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>			
Location Type 13 - HIGHWAY/ROAD/ALLEY								
Literal Description 1900 BLOCK 385TH AVE								
Address 1900 BLOCK 385TH AVE			City BROOKLYN			State IA	Zip Code 52211	
Is Date and Time of Incident Known? NO		Incident Date or Low Range 07/18/2018		Upper Date Range 07/18/2018		Incident Time or Low Range 19:45		Upper Time Range 20:28

STATUS OF OFFENDER/JUVENILE

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TAKEN INTO CUSTODY	CUSTODY	<input type="checkbox"/> SUMMONS TO APPEAR (Citation Issued)
<input type="checkbox"/> WARRANT REQUESTED	<input type="checkbox"/> NO CONTACT ORDER REQUESTED	<input type="checkbox"/> RELEASED TO PARENT/GUARDIAN

NARRATIVE

Narrative of Offense Committed

On or about the above stated date and time, the Defendant did having malice aforethought, willfully, deliberately, and with premeditation kill Mollie Cecelia Tibbetts. ___

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF IOWA, POWESHIEK COUNTY

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, state that all facts contained in this Complaint and Affidavit, known by me or told to me by other reliable persons form the basis for my belief that the defendant committed this crime

State all facts and persons relied upon supporting elements of alleged crime

On 7/19/2018 Mollie Tibbetts [DOB 05/08/98] was reported as a missing person to the Poweshiek County Sheriff's Office. Shortly after Tibbetts was reported missing video footage was collected from an area on the east side of Brooklyn, Poweshiek County, Iowa. The video was from the evening of July 18, 2018. After review of the video it was determined that Mollie Tibbetts was running near the area of Boundary and Middle Streets when a dark-colored Chevy Malibu was in the same vicinity. The dark colored Chevy malibu can be seen numerous times driving back and forth in the area. It was determined through other investigation that the dark-colored Chevy Malibu was connected to Christian Rivera. Rivera was then questioned by law enforcement about the disappearance of Tibbetts on 8/20/2018. Rivera admitted to making contact with a female running in Brooklyn and that he pursued her in his vehicle in an area east of Brooklyn, Poweshiek County, Iowa. Defendant Rivera stated he parked the vehicle, got out and was running behind her and along side of her. Rivera stated she grabbed her phone and said "Im gonna call the police". Rivera said he then panicked and got mad and that he then "blocked" his "memory" which is what he does when he gets very upset and doesn't remember anything after that until he came to at an intersection. Rivera stated he then made a u-turn, drove back to an entrance to a field and then drove into a driveway to a cornfield. He noticed there was an ear piece from headphones in his lap and that is how he realized he put her in the trunk. He went to get her out of the trunk and he noticed blood on the side of her head. The Defendant Rivera described the female's clothing, that she was wearing including an ear phone or head phone set. and The defendant further described during the interview that he dragged Tibbetts on foot from his vehicle to a secluded location in a cornfield. Rivera described he put her over his shoulder and took her about 20 meters into the cornfield and he left her covered in some corn leaves and that he left her there, face up. The Defendant was able to use his phone to determine the route he traveled from Brooklyn. Rivera then later guided law enforcement to her location from memory. Law enforcement located the remains of a deceased female in the area Rivera took them to. The physical surroundings of her location and other factors at the scene matched his earlier physical description of the area as that where he placed her body. Based on the interview with Rivera, the clothing found at the scene where the body was located and tentative identification by the medical examiner based on information about certain articles of her clothing, the deceased female is Mollie Tibbetts.

Steve Kivi

KIVI, STEVE


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Signature of Complainant or Officer, Officer Name & Number

GENERAL PROBABLE CAUSE

Defendant Implicated		
03 - ADMISSION/STATEMENTS, 09 - NEAR SCENE OF CRIME, 13 - CAUSED PERSONAL INJURY		
Operating Motor Vehicle in County	Other Physical Evidence	Attempted To Inflict Injury

STATE OF IOWA, POWESHIEK COUNTY

	Subscribed and sworn to before me by the person(s) signing the Complaint and Affidavit(s) on 08/21/2018	
	Notary Name	MATTHEW M MASCHMANN Signature of Verifying Party
	Commission Number	M762216
	My Commission Expires	03/16/2019
		<input type="checkbox"/> Peace Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notary <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecuting Attorney