

COMPLAINT

STATE OF IOWA, COUNTY OF GRUNDY

STATE OF IOWA
Vs

Before (Judge, Magistrate): _____
Criminal Case No : _____
DCI Case #: _____

#: _____

Michael Thomas Lang, DOB: _____ RACE: W, SEX: M SSN: _____

The Defendant is accused of the crime of MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, in that the defendant on or about April 9th, 2021, in Grundy County, did :

Willfully, deliberately, and with premeditation kill Jim Smith.

in violation of: 707.2, (a class A felony) Code of Iowa

STATE OF IOWA,
COUNTY OF DELAWARE, SS.

I, the undersigned, being first duly sworn and under oath, state that the following facts known by me or told to me by other reliable person form the basis for my belief that Michael Lang, the Defendant committed the crime charged:

On or about April 9th, 2021, Michael Thomas Lang did commit murder in the 1st degree by willfully, deliberately, and with premeditation kill Iowa State Patrol Sgt. James Smith.

On Friday, April 9th, at approximately 7:22 p.m., Grundy Center Police attempted to conduct a traffic stop on Lang, within Grundy Center City limits. Lang fled from Grundy Center Police and he was chased to an area southeast of town. Lang pulled over on 250th Avenue, exited his vehicle and assaulted the Grundy Center Police Officer who chased him. During the assault, Lang yelled, "shoot me" multiple times to the Officer. Lang disarmed the officer of his Taser, removed his radio and put the Officer in a chokehold.

Law enforcement responded to the area of the assault. A Grundy County Deputy arrived on scene and witnessed the Officer recovering from the assault and Lang in the area of the Officer's patrol vehicle. The Deputy drew his weapon and gave commands to Lang to put his hands up. Lang did not comply, stating, "Come get me," and subsequently got into his vehicle and fled the area.

The Deputy pursued Lang back into Grundy Center but lost sight of him. The Deputy went to Lang's residence located at 305 G Avenue, saw Lang's vehicle parked in the driveway, and Lang walking into the residence through the garage.

The Deputy requested assistance from other law enforcement officers. Responding law enforcement set up a perimeter around the house. Lang's father arrived at the house and

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advised law enforcement that Lang had multiple firearms inside the residence, including a .410 shotgun.

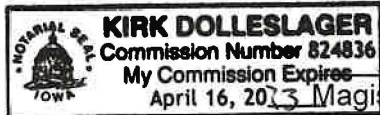
At approximately 8:55 p.m., Sgt. Smith, three additional ISP Troopers, and a Hardin County Sheriff's Deputy K-9 unit made entry into the residence through the door of the garage leading into the residence. Prior to entering the residence, Sgt. Smith and the entry team verbally identified themselves as law enforcement. They also announced that they would send in a K-9. As Sgt. Smith and the entry team began to clear the upstairs of the residence, Sgt. Smith was hit by gunfire coming from inside the residence. After Sgt. Smith was shot, members of the entry team observed Lang emerge from the doorway holding a black pump action shotgun.

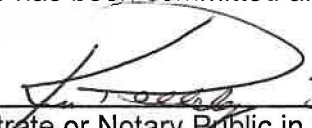
Two members of the entry team retreated into the basement while other members of the entry team pulled Sgt. Smith from the residence. Lang then barricaded himself inside the residence and refused to come out. Members of the entry team that remained in the basement stated that Lang made several statements about having shot Sgt. Smith and expressed a desire to shoot more police officers. Lang remained barricaded inside the residence for several hours.

At approximately 11:50 p.m., an ISP Tactical Team attempted to make entry into the residence with a wheeled armored personnel carrier. During the entry, Lang shot multiple rounds at the personnel carrier. Lang was subsequently taken into custody by ISP Tactical Team members.


Signature
SCOTT REGEN I-168

Subscribed and sworn to before me by the said, SCOTT REGEN, on 4/10/21, Complaint and Affidavit filed and probable cause found that the offense has been committed and that Defendant committed it.




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Magistrate or Notary Public in the State of Iowa

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