

No Bail

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF LAKE) ss:

SUPERIOR COURT OF LAKE COUNTY
CRIMINAL DIVISION
CROWN POINT, INDIANA

STATE OF INDIANA)
v.)
DAVID EDWARD MAUST 4/5/54)

CAUSE:

Murder
Mat son 65 yrs

4933 Ash
Hammond, IN

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

Affiant swears or affirms that he believes and has good cause to believe that:

Affiant a police officer for the Hammond Indiana Police Department was assigned the duty of investigating murders occurring in Hammond, Lake County, Indiana.

An examination of the records of said department revealed that on September 10, 2003 [redacted] reported that her 16 year old son James Raganyi was missing. The department had also received a report from [redacted] that her 13 year old son [redacted] a friend of James Raganyi was also missing.

I subsequently spoke with [redacted] who I believe to be truthful and credible because he spoke of facts from within his own personal knowledge and he stated that he and Raganyi and [redacted] had been hanging around with an older man named David over the summer of 2003 and that David had given them money and that [redacted] and James Raganyi would visit David's house which is in the 4900 block of Ash Street, Hammond where David would give them money, beer and marijuana. He further stated that this person's full name was David Maust.

During the further course of my investigation it was determined that David Maust lived in a second floor apartment at 4933 Ash Street in Hammond. A criminal records check on Maust revealed that he was convicted of murdering a 15 year old boy in 1981 in Illinois and that he was also convicted in Texas for committing bodily injury to a child.

I subsequently spoke to [redacted] who I believe to be truthful and credible because he spoke of facts from within his own personal knowledge and he stated that he owns the house located at 4933 Ash Street, Hammond and that the house consists of two apartments and that David Maust rents the one on the second floor.

Detective Charles Myszak of the Hammond police department who I believe to be truthful and credible because he spoke of facts from within his own personal knowledge and he told me that he went with the tenant in the first floor apartment with that tenants permission into the basement of the above mentioned house and discovered a large concrete pad in the southwest corner. [redacted] told me that he did not remember this pad being there and believed that Maust may have poured the concrete pad when he was doing repairs for seepage in the basement. [redacted] could not think of any reason why Maust would have laid such a large concrete pad which was approximately eight feet by five feet and 12 inches thick.

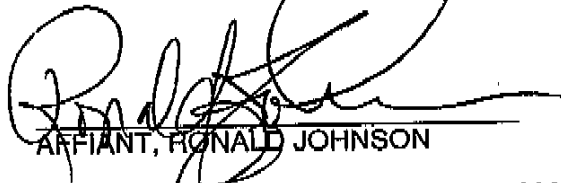
On November 20, 2003 myself and Commander Dale Bock of the Lake County Sheriff's Department went to the basement of the building located at 4933 Ash Street and had consent to search granted by [redacted] Commander Bock brought his service dog which was trained in locating cadavers. The dog showed considerable interest in one end of the concrete pad.

On December 5, 2003 with the consent of [redacted] holes were drilled in the concrete pad and the above mentioned cadaver dog gave a positive response indicating the presence of a cadaver at these holes. On December 9, 2003 the above mentioned concrete pad was opened and two human bodies were discovered wrapped in plastic and secured with cords and tape. On December 10, 2003 a third body was discovered under the concrete pad. All of these bodies were

the bodies of young men. On December 11, 2003 I spoke to Lake County Coroner David Pastrick and he informed me that Doctor Radovich a dental expert had compared dental x-rays provided by the family of James Raganyi's teeth to the teeth found in the first body removed from under the concrete pad at 4933 Ash Street, Hammond, Indiana and determined that the body was that of James Raganyi.

After being advised of his constitutional and civil rights and waiving said rights, David Edward Maust made a written statement in which he stated that on September 10, 2003 he was at his residence at 4933 Ash Street, Hammond, Indiana and that James Raganyi was also there. He further stated that James had been drinking beer and shots and that James had gotten sick and that at approximately 11:45 p.m. he took a rope and put the rope around James' neck and strangled him until he was dead. He further stated that James was then wrapped in a plastic bag and taken to the basement. He further stated that he later put cement over James' body.

I swear, under the penalty for perjury as specified by I.C. 35-44-2-1, that the foregoing is true to the best of my information and belief.



AFFIANT, RONALD JOHNSON

Subscribed and sworn to before me and approved for prosecution on December 11, 2003.

BERNARD A. CARTER
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
VWB



DAVID M MOORE
DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY