

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
IN AND FOR BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA

Palm Bay Police Department
Case No. 26-002282

VS.

LUCAS SANDER JONES

Court Case No.

AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST WARRANT

State of Florida
County of Brevard

BEFORE ME, Detective Sergeant S. Fay ID# 213, a sworn law enforcement officer, personally came Detective H. Branch #268 of the Palm Bay Police Department, who being duly sworn deposes and says: that Affiant has reason to believe and does believe that probable cause exists for the arrest of LUCAS SANDER JONES, WHITE MALE, BORN 3/29/2006, 5'11", ~175 POUNDS, LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 420 WATSON DRIVE, INDIALANTIC, FL 32903-4128, SSN [REDACTED] for a violation of the laws of the State of Florida, to wit: Murder (PBL), contrary to section 782.04(2), Florida Statutes, which occurred at 420 WATSON DRIVE, INDIALANTIC, FL 32903-4128.

THE FACTS tending to establish the grounds for this application and the probable cause of Affiant believing that such facts exist are as follows:

On March 20th, 2026 at approximately 1732 hours victim, Colie Lee Daniel, arrives at 420 Watson Drive, Indialantic, FL in his white Hyundai Elantra 4-door sedan bearing Florida license plate PAM-E86. Daniel is captured on neighborhood surveillance footage arriving and exiting his vehicle.

March 20th, 2026 at approximately 2145 hours, Daniel's parents travel to 420 Watson Drive, Indialantic, FL to see if their son is there. The defendant, Lucas Sander Jones, answers the door and states Daniel is inside, yet refused to allow the parents or Indialantic Police Department inside to check on his welfare. No contact was ever made with Daniel that evening. As law enforcement cleared the residence, a red Honda Accord Hybrid EXL (FL tag FDVX31) arrived with a sole occupant, later identified as, Mishai Burrows. Burrows was told by Jones to just go in and not say anything. The residence at the time law enforcement and victim family members were there was an active crime scene, and Jones was in the process of cleaning up the scene.

At 0229 hours on March 21st, 2026 the red Honda was captured traveling westbound over the Strawbridge Cosway but not returning, however Burrows was inside the residence asleep and was unaware Jones left the house in the middle of the night. It was later learned the location he traveled to were nearby train tracks to drop an evidentiary bag with unknown contents.

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Later in the morning, Indianalantic Police Department arrives at 420 Watson Drive to conduct a welfare check. Jones allows them inside the residence, and no signs of Daniel were observed, however, his vehicle was still parked in front of the address. The appearance of Jones was visibly disheveled, red on the arms and chest, puffiness under his eyes and visible bruising/contusions to his shoulder and neck area.

Shortly after Indianalantic Police Department departs, so does Jones who is accompanied by Burrows. Jones does not have a vehicle and frequently drives Burrows red Honda Accord. Prior to departure, Jones loaded up at least two gray Rubbermaid storage totes and at least one black suitcase into the back seat of Burrows car.

Flock Camera system confirmed the route taken to and from the Compound. Two separate occasions the red Honda was observed entering the Compound and returning to Indianalantic area. Burrows accompanied Jones one occasion and did not on the second. The second occurrence was when Jones travelled to Lowes Home Improvement store to purchase suspected paint and then travelled to the train tracks visited earlier in the day, picking up the bag and dumping it in the Compound area.

On March 22nd, 2026, Daniel's parents reported him missing. Reference Indianalantic Police Department case number 26-00003096. On March 28th, 2026, at approximately 1050 hours, Palm Bay Police officers were dispatched to the area of 1574 Bombardier Blvd reference to a report of an abandoned closed suitcase lying on the ground saturated by vultures. This area is commonly referred to as the "Compound". Officers arrived on scene and discovered a black closed suitcase lying on the ground within the tall grass. Within one of the suitcases was an Amazon package addressed to the defendant, Lucas Sander Jones at his home address of 420 Watson Drive, Indianalantic, FL 32903. Within the suitcases located was partial dismembered remains of a human body.

On March 28th, 2026, at approximately 2100 hours, a search warrant was executed at the defendant's residence located at 420 Watson Dr in Indianalantic. During the execution of the search warrant, evidence was collected to include the seizure of a vehicle used in the commission of the crime, a red Honda Accord Hybrid EXL (FL tag FDVX31).

During the execution of a residential search warrant at 420 Watson Drive in Indianalantic, FL several red droplets and spatter consistent with human blood were found in the residence. Presumptive tests were positive for large amounts of human blood in the hallway and living room as well as in the garage and kitchen area.

On March 30th, 2026, at approximately 1700 hours, Mishai Burrows, girlfriend of Lucas Jones, called detectives and requested to meet at the Palm Bay Police Department main station to provide a statement. Upon her arrival she provided the following sworn statement to Your Affiant and Detective C. Rae ID #249.

Upon Burrows' voluntary arrival at the police department, she was advised again of her Miranda Warnings, in which she waived and wished to continue speaking with detectives. Burrows provided a previous sworn statement following the execution of the first search warrant, which

occurred on March 28th, 2026. However, she recanted her previous statement and wanted to tell detectives the true timeline of events. In a sworn and recorded statement, Mishai Burrows provided the following, in summary.

Burrows stated on March 20th, 2026, she was at her place of employment and throughout the day multiple text messages were exchanged between her and Jones. She described how after a brief phone call with Jones which gave her the sense something was wrong and something bad happened. She was asked by Jones to let him know when she was on her way to the house and also to bring cleaning supplies.

Upon her arrival, Burrows saw police and Colie Daniel's parents at the residence, and before entering the residence, was approached by Jones who told her to just go in and not say anything. When she entered the home via the front entry door she saw black spray paint on the hallway wall, evidence of blood on the floor and in the tile grout and also described seeing red blood stains on Jones' jeans he was wearing.

When Jones re-entered the home he told her, "I killed somebody and cut him up" and she later said Lucas Jones murdered "Colie Lee" (Jones told her his last name after the fact, however, was unable to recall at the time she was speaking with detectives what Colie's last name was). Burrows said Jones told her he murdered him with a baseball bat and cut up his body with a cleaver, a saw, and a knife. He then placed his remains in two separate suitcases and two large Rubbermaid totes. When she arrived at the home on the evening of March 20th, Jones had already cleaned up most of the blood inside of the home, but she still saw blood in the tile grout, the carpet rugs, the baseboards, and the wall outside of his bedroom. She also noticed one tile outside of his bedroom was cracked and dented in the shape of a head.

She recanted her previous statement (obtained on March 28th, 2026) about seeing Daniel alive and advised she never saw him alive and never saw his deceased body either. By the time she came over, he was already dismembered in the totes and suitcases that were in the garage, according to Jones, who wouldn't let her in the garage.

Burrows confirmed Jones was in possession of his cell phone while they travelled to The Compound to dispose of the remains yet verbally told her to turn off her location. She continued to explain and provide further information towards Jones' true motive. The days following from the 20th of March, he told her he killed Daniel because he was a sex offender (Daniel is a registered sex offender) and he wanted to kill him. Burrows was still confused about why Jones did not just call the police if it was an act of self-defense.

She confirmed Jones did act in concerning ways when it came to technology. She explained how he would "hack" her phone and was always using devices to track movement. When asked about the AirTag she confirmed information already obtained of an AirTag being located in Daniel's vehicle. This information was confirmed by more than one credible source to be true.

Burrows doesn't know how Jones met Daniel but knows he had a printed list of nearby sex offenders (Burrows said Jones would have used his gray Apple laptop to search the list and print it out), adding that his mother found the list and threw it away before the first residential search

warrant was executed. Jones also made statements to Burrows about the person he killed lived nearby.

Daniel did reside nearby and was likely on this list of registered sex offenders Jones printed. Burrows further advised from the week following the homicide, Jones coached her and told her what to tell law enforcement, which is why she provided the previous statement. She described how he would conducted research on body language and how to conceal deception. He would remind her frequently how she needed to act, saying things such as how she needed to go to work, conduct her daily routines and act as though everything was normal.

Nevertheless, she provided details about pieces of evidence used during the commission of this crime that law enforcement was unaware of initially, therefore, did not seize during the first residential search warrant. These items include but not limited to carpet rugs, paint used in covering up the walls and baseboards, residential trash cans, drills, plumbing pea-traps and evidence of microscope slides containing biological-matter.

A drill bit was located in a bag along with some of the remains. There was an injury observed consistently with a drill hole, similar in size to the drill bit found in the duffle bag suitcase.

Jones was said to have utilized a steam-cleaner to remove the blood from the grouted tile and other areas covered in blood. Jones concealed blood-soaked towels inside the residential trash can, consistent with disposing of evidence. Jones also traveled to a nearby Lowes to purchase paint March 21st at 1353 hours, which again is consistent with efforts made to conceal or alter visible evidence to the walls and floorboard trim. Detectives also found evidence of and confirmed through sworn statements certain carpeted rugs contained evidence of human blood.

It was learned Jones showered after the cleanup and poured Drano down to the drains to clean out any biological-matter evidence and showed the location of his microscope slides containing the DNA material of the victim, Colie Lee Daniel.

MEDICAL EXAMINER CONFIRMATION OF IDENTITY

On March 31st, 2026, at approximately 1054 hours, Your Affiant was advised of the confirmed identity of the remains located on March 28th, 2026, to be Colie Lee Daniel. Furthermore, the results of the autopsy reflected a manner of death as a homicide and the cause of death is currently undetermined due to the unknown whereabouts of the entirety of Colie Daniel's body. Evidence obtained during the autopsy showed extensive and severe post-traumatic as well as post-mortem injuries indicative of experimental dismemberment, extreme mutilation, consistent with significant force and intentional disfigurement. As stated, the medical examiner ruled the manner of death a homicide, however, the cause of death is unspecified but multiple blunt force injuries to his head and extremities prior to death. Also, his upper extremities had evidence of pre-mortem defensive wounds.


Jones has shown through the evidence obtained he had planned prior acts and made preparations through not only tools but various weapons to carry out the act of murder. He not only had the

opportunity but made deliberate acts before, during and after which is indicative of his conscious decision to kill Colie Lee Daniel.

Based on the above facts, statements and physical evidence provided, your Affiant has probable cause to believe and does believe that the above listed probable cause, all leads to the substantiation that defendant, LUCAS SANDER JONES, has committed a violation of the laws of the State of Florida, to wit: Murder (PBL), contrary to section 782.04(2), Florida Statutes.


Your Affiant, Detective Hailey Branch #268 (hereinafter referred to as Your Affiant) is a sworn Law Enforcement Officer employed by Palm Bay Police Department, certified by the State of Florida Commission of Criminal Justice Standards and Training as the result of her attendance and completion of Equivalency of Training through Eastern Florida State College. Your affiant has served as a Law Enforcement Officer for a total of nine years, with three years within Florida and six years within the State of Colorado, at Colorado Springs Police Department. Currently your affiant is assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division's Major Case Unit and has authored numerous Arrest and Search Warrants throughout her career, as well as continuously attending many advanced training courses, which instill best practices for case preparations, interviews and interrogations, and violent crime investigations.

WHEREAS, your Affiant makes this affidavit and prays for the issuance of an Arrest Warrant with authority to effect the arrest of LUCAS SANDER JONES for the violation of the laws of the State of Florida, to wit: Murder (PBL), contrary to section 782.04(2), Florida Statutes.



Detective H. Branch #268
Palm Bay Police Department
Affiant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 31st DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 2026 BY
Detective Branch #268 (Affiant), WHO IS PERSONALLY KNOWN TO ME.



Detective Sergeant S. Jay ID# 213
SWORN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA