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STATE OF INDIANA, COUNTY OF MARION, SS:

## PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

Defendant Name: William Jerome Armstrong

Arresting Officer / ID: Roberto Santiago/44971

On February 18, 2025, at approximately 1629 hours Lawrence Police Department Officer Roberto Santiago was patrolling the area of 10735 Pendleton Pike. Officer Santiago observed a white Ford Explorer bearing Indiana license plate 608HW illegally parked in the emergency fire lane at the Walmart located at 10735 Pendleton Pike. Officer Santiago drove by the vehicle and observed a black male in the driver seat of the vehicle. Officer Santiago then turned his fully marked City of Lawrence patrol commission vehicle around and got behind the white Ford Explorer. Immediately as Officer Santiago was turning around and positioning his patrol vehicle behind the white Ford Explorer the black male in the driver seat got out of the Ford Explorer and aggressively approached Officer Santiago with his fist balled up and asked Officer Santiago did he have a problem. Officer Santiago then determined based on the male's aggressive behavior to radio LPD Dispatch and have Dispatch site Officer Santiago out on an ordinance violation and start another Officer for back up. Officer Morgan Lowe responded and advised he was enroute.

Officer Santiago then told the male suspect to not run up on and approach Officers aggressive, and the male suspect became hostile and argumentative with Officer Santiago. Officer Santiago advised the male suspect to go stand by the back of his vehicle, because Officer Santiago did not want the male to get back in the white Ford Explorer due to the Officer safety risk of a lethal weapon being in the vehicle and the unknown male retrieving it and harming Officer Santiago while he was by himself waiting for his backup to arrive. Officer Santiago also asked the unknown male suspect for his identification because he was now legally being detained to address the issue of violating the City of Lawrence local ordinance for restricted parking in a fire lane (reference ordinance code 3-2-4-17). The unknown male suspect told Officer Santiago no and based off his quick disgruntle response Officer Santiago could tell the male did not and would not want to identify himself. Officer Santiago then went to get back in his patrol vehicle to run the license plate on the vehicle and import the BMV return information. As Officer Santiago was trying to run the license plate the unknown male suspect again aggressively approached Officer Santiago while he was potentially trapped in his police vehicle. Officer Santiago had to again get out of his police vehicle for his own safety and address the unknown male suspect for his aggressive behavior approaching Officer Santiago when he already advised him to wait by the rear of his Ford Explorer. At that point based on the unknown male's hostile and aggressive behavior, Officer Santiago radioed his backup and advised him to step it up and get to the scene quick because the unknown male was being too hostile and unco-operative.

While Officer Lowe was responding emergent to assist and back up Officer Santiago, Officer Lowe advised he was involved in a very minor property damage accident. Officer Lowe's statement is as follows:

Officer Lowe of the Lawrence Police Department was traveling westbound on Pendleton Pike approaching the intersection of Sunnyside Road with his emergency lights and siren activated due to Officer Santiago requesting an additional unit to drive emergent to his location. As Officer Lowe neared the the intersection of Sunnyside Road, he observed a white Ford Expedition in the rightmost lane of westbound of travel on Pendleton Pike and a dark colored Acura SUV in the leftmost lane of westbound travel. As Officer Lowe neared the two stopped vehicles they pulled to the edges of their respective lanes of travel - creating ample space for Officer Lowe to position his patrol vehicle in between the two vehicles and clear the intersection. Officer Lowe slowed his speed significantly to clear the intersection with due regard for the safety of all on the roadway. As Officer Lowe proceeded through the space between the Ford Expedition and the Acura SUV in the middle of the westbound roadway, the driver of the Ford Expedition made a last second steering adjustment and canted her front wheels to the left - narrowing the space that initially existed for Officer Lowe to proceed between the two vehicles in a safe manner. As Officer Lowe began to drive between the two vehicles, he observed the Ford Expedition move towards him as he drove his patrol vehicle through space

between the Acura SUV and Ford Expedition. As Officer Lowe proceeded through the intersection of Sunnyside Road traveling westbound, he heard a scraping sound as his passenger side rearview mirror struck the driver side rearview mirror of the Ford Expedition. Officer Lowe proceeded emergent through the intersection to the Walmart parking lot just west of the intersection of Sunnyside Road to assist Officer Santiago. A few moments later, Sergeant Stuart Bishop arrived on scene. Officer Lowe immediately notified Sergeant Bishop that a bystander's sideview mirror had struck his passenger side rearview mirror in the intersection of Pendleton Pike and Sunnyside Road. As Officer Lowe explained this to Sergeant Bishop, a female approached, identified herself as Jada Webster via her Indiana Learner's Permit, and stated that she was operating the Ford Expedition whose sideview mirror had damage from striking Officer Lowe's patrol vehicle's passenger side mirror. Officer Lowe collected Jada Webster's contact information and provided her with an incident number. Officer Lowe took photographs of the damage to Jada Webster's Ford Expedition and his patrol vehicle with his BodyWorn camera. Jada Webster informed Officer Lowe that she intended to go to a junkyard to purchase a replacement mirror because she had just purchased the Ford Expedition and was unsure if she had activated her insurance policy for it yet. Jada Webster explained that she would not file a claim for the minor damage to her Ford Expedition.

Once Officer Lowe arrived on scene to assist Officer Santiago, Officer Santiago decided to detain the unknown male suspect for Officer safety due to his hostility and unco-operative. Officer Santiago advised the unknown male to turn around and cuff up and the unknown male suspect told Officer Santiago no he is not turning around and cuffing up. Officer Santiago to the unknown male suspect to turn around again and the suspect still did not comply. Due to the tense and rapidly evolving situation, Officer Santiago and Officer Lowe then positioned themselves to try and control the unknown suspect's hands and handcuff him, and the unknown male suspect immediately snatched his hands away from Officers and began fighting and resisting. The unknown male suspect pushed and grabbed Officers multiple times, and also closed fist punched Officer Santiago in his right face cheek causing pain and discomfort and Officer Lowe in his left face cheek causing pain and discomfort. The unknown male suspect then pushed Officer Lowe away from him and proceeded to grapple with Officer Santiago. While the unknown male suspect and Officer Santiago were tussling, the unknown male suspect got Officer Santiago off balance and proceeded to hip toss Officer Santiago to the ground causing pain, discomfort, lacerations, and abrasions to Officer Santiago chin, neck, right hand and left hand. Once on the ground Officer Santiago was able to get to his feet and get on the back of the unknown male suspect. While Officer Santiago was trying to get on top of the unknown male suspect, Office Lowe deployed his department issued taser (serial #: X12007H72) with taser cartridge serial #: C410C480D. Officer Lowe advised due to the unknown male suspect having multiple thick layers of clothing on the taser deployment was not very successful. Officer Lowe then advised he proceeded to drive stun the unknown male suspect with his department issued taser and the drive stun taser deployment technique had some effectiveness on the unknown male suspect. Officer Santiago continued to wrestle with the unknown male suspect and try to get control of his hands. Officer Santiago advised the unknown male suspect to put his hands behind his back and the unknown male suspect did not comply and instead tried to push up and get Officer Santiago off his back. Officer Santiago then administered several closed fist punch strikes to the unknown male suspects head and upper torso while giving the unknown male suspect numerous and continuous commands to put his hands behind his back. The unknown male suspect still did not comply, and Officer Santiago could feel the unknown male suspect tensing and trying to use his strength to get Officer Santiago off of him and get back to his feet and potential start fist punching Officers again. Officer Santiago did not feel safe or comfortable enough to give up his positioning over the unknown male suspect because the known extreme threat to Officer safety the unknown male suspect just displayed by fighting, punching, and taking down Officers on scene. After the several closed fist punch strikes Officer Santiago administered and the numerous commands to put his hands behind his back, the unknown male suspect finally gave up and put his hands in the small of his lower back. At which point Officer Santiago determined it was safe enough to change position and handcuff the unknown male suspect.

Once successfully detained into handcuffs, Officer Santiago searched the unknown male suspect incident to arrest, and did not locate any form of identification on the unknown male suspect. Officer Santiago then asked the unknown male suspect again for his name and identity, and the unknown male suspect told Officer Santiago to fuck off. At that point Lawrence Police Department Sergeant Stuart Bishop, Sergeant Doug Roskowski, Officer Andrew Thorup, Officer Ryan Musson, Officer Auston Rollings, Officer Cameron Peach, and Officer Joshua Patterson arrived on scene to assist. While all Officers were on scene trying to assist in the

incident the unknown male suspect made numerous threat statements to all the Officers on scene body worn camera devices about getting out of jail, shooting and killing all the cops on scene. The unknown male suspect also threatened numerous times to get together a group of people he knows and finding all the Officers on scene and shooting and killing them.

Finally, after numerous attempts by multiple different Officers, Sergeant Bishop was able to get the unknown male suspect to give his identity, and the male was finally identified as William Jerome Armstrong. Sergeant Bishop also had LFD Medic 40 respond to the scene to check on William Jerome Armstrong and Officer Santiago.

William Jerome Armstrong was then placed under arrest for Battery Against Law Enforcement Officer with Injury, Battery Against Law Enforcement, Resisting Law Enforcement Officer with Injury, Intimidation on a Law Enforcement Officer (times eight), and Resisting Law Enforcement. Lawrence Police Department Officer Spencer Clark then responded to the scene to assist with transporting William Jerome Armstrong to the Marion County CJC Adult Intake.

Officer Thorup and Officer Lowe collected photos of the incident with their body worn camera devices. Walmart Asset Protection Employee Jerry advised he saved a copy of the incident, and it is available upon request.

The white Ford Explorer was towed to and by Zores Towing. While conducting an inventory of the Ford Explorer, Officer Thorup and Officer Patterson located a black CZ Scorpion 9 x 19mm AR style rifle with serial #: F404252 on the rear passenger seat. Photos were collected and the firearm was confiscated and entered into the LPD Property room for safekeeping.

Body worn camera footage available.

All events occurred in Marion County, State of Indiana.

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

**/s/ Roberto Santiago**

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Law Enforcement Officer