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PINE BLUFF POLICE DEPARTMENT
DETECTIVE DIVISION
PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

Suspect's Name: Lacrystal Matthews

Offense: 5-10-102 Murder 1st Degree

Date & Time of Offense: June 14, 2025 @ 1434 hours

Affiant's Name: Detective Ryan Edwards #6470

Your affiant, a certified law enforcement officer, has obtained information regarding the suspect(s) and the crime(s) listed above. The following is a summary of that information:

On June 14, 2025, at approximately 1434 hours, Officer J. Anderson was dispatched to 4600 Dollarway Road (Sun Bridge Inn), Room 107, regarding an unresponsive infant. Upon arrival, Officer Anderson observed Lacrystal Matthews visibly distraught, with a small child crying on the floor and an infant, later identified as Kalay James, unresponsive on the bed. Officer Anderson began CPR until the fire department arrived. EASI transported Kalay to Jefferson Regional Medical Center, where Dr. Saba pronounced her deceased at 1558 hours.

Mrs. Matthews stated that she had returned from Simmons Bank with her uncle and found Kalay unresponsive upon removing her from the car seat. During the investigation, medical staff observed multiple injuries consistent with child abuse and neglect, including multiple bruises in various stages of healing, blood exiting from Kalay's rectal area, rashes on her neck and vaginal area, and severe signs of malnourishment.

At approximately 1828 hours, Detective R. Edwards read Ms. Matthews her Miranda Rights, which she acknowledged and signed. Ms. Matthews initially denied any injuries, claiming bruising may have resulted from CPR. She later stated that her one-year-old daughter may have caused the bruises by hitting and kicking Kalay in the past. Throughout the interview, Ms. Matthews showed little

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emotion and no remorse. She was subsequently transported to the Dub Brassell Detention Center and booked for Murder in the First Degree

Your affiant affirms that the information contained in this statement is true and correct to the best of his/her knowledge.

Ryan Edwards #6470 — Detective Ryan Edwards #6470

6-15-25 — Date