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CASE #: 26-1-03125-4 KNT

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON,)
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) Plaintiff,)
) v.) No. 26-1-03125-4 KNT
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) KASIM KONE,) INFORMATION
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) Defendant.)
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I, Leesa Manion, Prosecuting Attorney for King County in the name and by the authority of the State of Washington, do accuse KASIM KONE of the following crime[s]: **Murder In The First Degree**, committed as follows:

Count 1 Murder In The First Degree

That the defendant KASIM KONE in King County, Washington, on or about August 2, 2026, with premeditated intent to cause the death of another person, did cause the death of T.A. (07/25/2009), a human being, who died on or about August 2, 2026;

Contrary to RCW 9A.32.030(1)(a), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Washington.

And further do allege the defendant, KASIM KONE at said time of being armed with a 9mm, a firearm as defined in RCW 9.41.010, under the authority of RCW 9.94A.533(3).

LEESA MANION (she/her)
Prosecuting Attorney



By: Christopher Anderson, WSBA
#35206

CAUSE NO. 26-1-03125-4 KNT

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY CASE SUMMARY AND REQUEST FOR BAIL AND/OR
CONDITIONS OF RELEASE

The State incorporates by reference the Certification for Determination of Probable Cause prepared by Sergeant Peter J Cougan of the King County Sheriff's Office for case number C26021579.

Kasim Kone was agitated because his friends were unable to find his residence based on his verbal directions. He said that he was "too high" several times and began acting aggressive. After the driver was unable find his residence he was so frustrated when the the vehicle stopped at 216th and Military Rd., Kasim jumped out. Several of his friends in the car tried got out as well and tried to convince him to get back in, but he refused. Eventually T.V. (DOB 07/25/2009), said that he would walk with him to his house which was within a mile or two of their location. Everyone else got back in the vehicle and left the scene. Kasim's friends eventually drove to Kone's residence and discovered that T.V. was not with him and that Kasim was no longer wearing his blue hoodie and did not answer when they asked him where T.V. was.

T.V. is sixteen years old and was discovered deceased on the side of the road less than a quarter mile from the intersection of 216th and Military Rd. S. with two bullet holes. One in the shoulder that traveled from left to right and another in his forehead with the bullet fragment found compressed between T.V.'s hoodie and the pavement. Indicating that he had been lying on his back on the ground when he was shot in the head. There are also several unfired rounds a few

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2 feet North of T.V.'s body indicating that Kasim cleared the gun after firing the first shot and
3 firing into T.V.'s head after while he was on the ground. The firearm was tested by a Detective,
4 and it jammed after firing a single round and had to be cleared before it could fire a second time.
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6 Kasim discarded the gun approximately 10 yards from T.V's body in blackberry bushes and the
7 sweatshirt with blood stains was discarded in the road 70 yards South of the body. The defendant
8 provided a statement to police that he was on drugs and he remembers walking with T.V. and
9 that he had a firearm, but when he returned to his residence he did not have his firearm and did
10 not know what happened to T.V. although he admitted that he remembers a "body on the
11 ground."
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13 The defendant is likely to commit a violent offense and a likely failure to appear.
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15 The State requests bail at the amount of \$2,000,000.00.

16 Signed and dated by me this 5th day of August, 2026.
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CERTIFICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE

That **Peter Cougan** is a **Detective** with the King County Sheriff's Office and has reviewed the investigation conducted in the King County Sheriff's Office under case number; **C26021579**.

There is probable cause to believe that **Kasim Kone (DOB 12/01/2006)** committed the crime of: **Murder in The First Degree, RCW 9A.32.030**; on **August 2, 2026** within the City of **SeaTac**, County of King, State of Washington.

This belief is predicated on the following facts and circumstances:

On 08/02/2026 at 2332 hrs The King County Sheriff's Office Communications Center received a 911 call from Jaabir Khalif. Khalif reported that he was driving southbound on Military RD S between S 228 and S 229 ST when he located an individual whom he believed needed emergency assistance.

KCSO deputies and Kent Police Department officers were dispatched to the location and arrived at approximately 2338 hrs and located a Pacific Islander male laying on the west shoulder just a few feet off the roadway, deceased. Sgt. Paul of KCSO was among those who responded and said that he observed an injury to the back of the subject's head consistent with a gunshot wound, as well as a second injury on the subject's right shoulder consistent with a gunshot wound. He also observed three, unfired 9mm cartridges laying on the shoulder of the roadway within a few feet of the deceased subject. No other people were in the immediate area, and no firearm was found by responding deputies. A single fired 9mm casing was later found a few feet away from the deceased subject.

At approximately 0030 hrs three people on foot approached the deputies at the crime scene from the south and stated that they were trying to find their missing friend, "Tau." The individuals were identified as Adrianna O Wittschiebe (DOB 07/06/2009), Ayuba D Dukuly (DOB 01/08/2009), and Aujhe A Finley (DOB 04/23/2008). The three initially stated that they were looking for Tau, who they said had exited the vehicle for unknown reasons at S 216 and Military RD S around 2300 hrs, and that they had not seen him since. They showed deputies a photograph of Tau, and the deputies confirmed that he was the deceased person. At that point in time the three subjects claimed to not know anything else about what had happened to Tau.

Members of the KSCO Major Crimes Unit began to arrive around 0045 hrs, Det. Ben Blakeman, Det. Christine Parks, and Det. Mo Gluaymai were the first on scene and each interviewed one of the people who had arrived on scene; Det. Blakeman interviewed Adrianna; Det. Parks interviewed Ayuba; and Det. Gluaymai interviewed Sofia.

Adrianna told Det. Blakeman that she had lied to the deputies about what had happened to Tau and stated that she wanted to tell him the whole truth. Adrianna said that on 08/02/2026, at approximately 1900 hrs

she drove with her friend Sofia Southcenter Mall. While there Adrianna received a phone call from her friend, Ayuba, asking if she would come pick him up and a few friends from the Popeye's in Kent. He told her that he was with two others, later positively identified as Kasim Kone (DOB 12/01/2006) and Tagaloa Tau L Vataumalo (DOB 07/25/2009), both of whom Adrianna knows. She and Sofia picked up Ayuba and his friends and the six of them drove in Adrianna's car to the Panda Express near Southcenter Mall. Adrianna stated that she and Sofia got food at Panda Express while the four male subjects stayed in the parking lot where Adrianna observed them drinking "lean" (which I know to be a slang term for Codeine cough syrup) and smoking marijuana. She believes that Kasim consumed mushrooms during that point in time. After Adrianna and Sofia finished their food, she said they went to the nearby McDonalds with Tau, Auje, and Kasim while Ayuba stayed behind on a phone call.

While at the McDonalds or just as they started to walk back to the car, Kasim received a phone call from his mother, who told him that he needed to come home. Adrianna stated that Kasim started to act really weird, and appeared to be "tweaking", and said out loud, "I'm too high" several times. The five subjects walked back to the Panda Express and Kasim kept saying that he needed to go home right away and that Adrianna needed to drive him home.

When they returned to Adrianna's vehicle, Kasim demanded that he be allowed to drive the car as he wanted to get home as soon as possible. Adrianna stated that he began to yell and act aggressively and that she became afraid of him, as she had known him to always carry a firearm and believed that he had it on his person during this incident. She described the firearm as being a two-tone handgun and stated that she most recently saw the firearm two days ago, in his possession.

Adrianna refused to let Kasim drive and he demanded that he be allowed to sit in the front passenger seat, which she allowed. Adrianna had been to Kasim's house before but did not know how to get there from the Panda Express so Kasim tried to give her verbal instructions, but they were confusing as he appeared to be very high and was angry and yelling at her. She became lost but eventually arrived at the intersection of S 216 and Military RD S in SeaTac. Adrianna said Kasim exited the vehicle while the light was red, stating that he was mad and that he would get an Uber to pick him up. This confused Adrianna as she knew by then that they were only a few miles from his house. He began to walk southbound. She and others tried to get him to get back in the car, but he refused and eventually Tau stated that he would walk with Kasim back to Kasim's house and that everyone else should get back in the car. Everyone else did and Adrianna drove away, last seeing Kasim and Tau walking southbound on the shoulder of Military Road S. She believes it was around

2315 hrs. She then drove to Kasim's house and dropped off Ayuba and Aujhe, as they were staying with Kasim. She then drove with Sofia back to Sofia's house.

At 0006 hrs Adrianna received a phone call from Ayuba who said that Kasim had just returned home, by himself, and that he would not say where Tau was or what had happened to him. Ayuba was very concerned for Tau's safety and asked Adrianna to come pick him up so that they could go look for him. This phone call occurred approximately 34 minutes after KCSO received the 911 call from Khalif. Adrianna and Sofia then drove to Kasim's house and picked up Ayuba, who told them to drive north on Military Road S, where they eventually observed KCSO deputies at the crime scene.

Adrianna did not know Kasim's address but was able to show the house to Det. Blakeman on Google Maps, and pointed to the single-family home at 3529 Jeffrey RD, Kent, King County WA. Adrianna stated that she and Ayuba believe that Kasim shot and killed Tau, although she does not know why he would do so, other than that he was high on drugs. Ayuba told her when she picked him up that Kasim and Aujhe were still inside of the home. Sofia and Ayuba were interviewed by other KCSO Detectives and corroborated the information provided by Adrianna, although Ayuba denied having any knowledge of Kasim possessing a firearm. Ayuba stated that during the incident, Kasim was wearing a bright blue hooded sweatshirt with "Spider" written in yellow above a black spider web design on the chest, and that when Kasim returned home after midnight, he was no longer wearing the sweatshirt.

At 0310 hrs, Det. Parks located a bright blue hooded sweatshirt with a spider web design on the chest, on the west shoulder of Military Road S approximately 70 to 100 yards south of where Tau's remains were located. I observed the sweatshirt and saw stains on the stomach area consistent with blood stains. Adrianna and Ayuba both stated that Kasim has also been wearing teal green shorts and bright green shoes.

At approximately 0405 hrs KCSO deputies surrounded Kasim's residence and he immediately exited the home via the front door and was taken into custody without incident. Det. Blakeman petitioned for and was granted search warrant 26-0-62528-2, signed by the Honorable King County Superior Court Judge Nicole Phelps, authorizing KCSO to search the residence for evidence related to this investigation. Inside detectives found green striped shoes consistent with the designs provided by witnesses along with Kasim's cellphone, but no firearms were located in the home.

Det. Blakeman and I interviewed Kasim at SeaTac City Hall, Det. Blakeman informed Kasim that the room was under audio and video recording and read Kasim a Miranda Warning from a department issued card. Kasim said that he understood and agreed to speak with us. During the interview Kasim stated that he did not have a complete recollection of the day (Sunday) due to his use of drugs, saying that he ingested mushrooms, marijuana, methamphetamine, Xanax, and lean. He said that he recalled being with Tau, whom he referred to as "Taj," but does not know what happened to him. He remembered getting out of the vehicle, "four minutes from my house" and deciding to walk home instead of ride in the car. He said the last memory he had of Tau was of Tau running up to him after he exited the vehicle, and that Tau walked with him. He said that once he got home Tau was no longer with him and people at the house were asking where Tau had gone. He said that he began to try and recall what happened and initially told us that he had an image in his head of Tau lying on concrete but later changed it to "someone" being down on the pavement. He told us that he owned a gun that he described as a Glock 17, 9mm that was two-tone and had a black extended magazine interested in it, consistent with Adrianna's description of the firearm she had previously seen in Kasim's possession. He said that he is not lawfully allowed to own a gun but "acquired it" for protection. He told us that he had the gun with him "the whole day" (Sunday) but that once he got home, he no longer had it. He said that he does not know where the gun went but believes it to be somewhere near where he was dropped off by Addrianna. Det. Blakeman told Kasim that he believed that he (Kasim) shot Tau, Kasim said this was not a surprise to him, and did not deny this but said that he does not have a memory of doing so. Kasim told us he was wearing the same shorts as he had one, but had changed his shoes, and had been wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt with "spider" written on it but took it off at some point and no longer knew where it was. After our interview Kasim was transported to the King County Jail by Dep. Mowbray, where he was booked for Investigation of Murder.

At 0840 hrs the King County Medical Examiner's Office Investigator Moreno responded to the scene under their case number, 26-2061. Inv. Moreno conducted an initial processing of Tau's remains and found evidence consistent with Tau being shot in the shoulder and the head, the shot to the head entering Tau's forehead and exiting the back. Det. Parks and Det. Gluaymai were on scene during Inv. Moreno's initial processing and when Inv. Moreno moved Tau's body they found a single projectile, consistent with a 9mm projectile, underneath Tau's head between his head and the pavement. The projectile was caught in hood of Tau's sweatshirt and was flattened to the point that Inv. Moreno believed the pavement was the backstop, consistent with an execution style gun shot to Tau's head as he lay on the ground in the supine position.

Det. Blakeman returned to the scene and assisted with the ongoing evidence search. Detectives were in the process of cutting back the overgrowth of blackberry bushes and weeds along the west side of Military RD S when Det. Blakeman located a firearm in the bushes about 15-20 feet south of where Tau's remains were located. The firearm was consistent in appearance to the firearm Adrianna reported having seen in Kasim's possession, as well as what Kasim described to me and Det. Blakeman. The firearm, a pistol, was chambered in 9mm, with a slide a lighter color than the black frame that appeared to be 3D printed, containing no apparent serial number, with an extended magazine containing live 9mm ammunition inserted.

Det. Blakeman later test fired the 9mm pistol successfully at the Washington State Patrol Crime Lab in Seattle and acquired the test fired casing as well as the casing recovered from the scene, establishing a "warm" lead, providing an initial indication that the recovered casing at the scene and test fired casing both came from the pistol recovered at the scene. Det. Blakeman noted that the pistol failed to fire twice during his test firing at the range, leaving a small indent on the primer of two separate 9mm cartridges that did not result in the cartridge firing. This may explain the three live cartridges recovered from the scene being cartridges that did not fire, requiring Kasim to eject them from the firearm in effort to successfully shoot the firearm when he shot Tau. Based on this evidence, along with the shot to Tau's head appearing to be stopped by the pavement, and the apparent direction of the shot being from the front of Tau's head to the back of his head, the injury consistent with this shot being fired after the shot to Tau's torso and being an execution shot.

Video collected by Det. Thompson from River Ridge Elementary located north of the scene at 22420 Military RD S shows Kasim and Tau walking together south along Military RD at 2319 hrs. Video from the Poulsbo RV located south of the scene at 23031 Military RD S shows Kasim walking alone at 2326 hrs, detectives were unable to locate video capturing the area where Tau's body was located.

This document was submitted to the Prosecutor through the Prosecutor by Karpel External View Portal system under GR 30 and LGR 30.

Electronically signed the Certification for Determination of Probable Cause under the laws of the State of Washington, I certify that the forgoing is true and correct. Signed and dated by me this **4th** day of **August, 2026** at Renton, Washington.

Signed by: Detective Peter Cougan
Signature/97600 – King County Sheriff's Office

SUPERFORM

ARREST INFORMATION		
DATE & TIME OF VIOLATION 8/3/2026 7:41:00 AM	CRIMINAL TRAFFIC CITATION ATTACHED? ☐ YES ☐ NO	ACCOMPLICES
DATE OF ARREST/TIME 8/3/2026 6:55:00 AM	ARREST LOCATION 3529 JEFFREY RD KENT, WA 98032	

SUSPECT INFORMATION									
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE/JR, SR, 1st, 2nd)					DOB		ALIAS, NICKNAMES		
KONE, KASIM					12/1/2006		KASSIM KONE		
ARMED/DANGEROUS		IDENTITY IN DOUBT?		CITIZENSHIP					
☐ YES ☐ NO		☐ YES ☐ NO							
PHYSICAL DETAILS									
SEX	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	SKIN TONE	RACE	EYE	HAIR	SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS, DEFORMITIES		
M	5'11	160		B	BRO	BLK			
IDENTIFICATION DETAILS									
UCN			PRIOR BA #	AFIS #	FBI #	STATE ID #	DRIVERS LICENSE #	STATE	SSN
11996858									
RESIDENCE						EMPLOYMENT / SCHOOL			
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS						EMPLOYER, SCHOOL (ADDRESS, SHOP/UNION NUMBER)			
3529 S 239TH ST, APT M28 KENT, WA 98032									
RESIDENCE PHONE						BUSINESS PHONE		OCCUPATION	
(206) 426-0821									
EMERGENCY CONTACT									
PERSON TO BE CONTACTED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY				RELATIONSHIP		ADDRESS			PHONE

CHARGE INFORMATION			
OFFENSE	RCW / ORD#	COURT / CAUSE #	CITATION #
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WARRANT / OTHER				
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PROPERTY INFORMATION		
LIST VALUABLE ITEMS OR PROPERTY LEFT FOR ARRESTEE AT JAIL		
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TOTAL CASH OF ARRESTEE \$0.00	WAS CASH TAKEN INTO EVIDENCE? ☐ YES ☐ NO AMOUNT: \$0.00	SIGNATURE OF JAIL STAFF RECEIVING ITEMS / SERIAL #

OFFICER INFORMATION		
ARRESTING OFFICER / SERIAL # Cogan, Peter J 76600	TRANSPORTING OFFICER / SERIAL #	SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE / SERIAL #
SUPERFORM COMPLETED BY (SIGNATURE/SERIAL #)	CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (NAME / SERIAL # / PHONE)	

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