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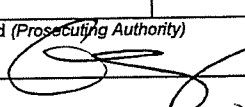
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Disposition date
Agency number CSP0600

JD-CR-71 Rev. 3-11
Police Case number
?200400655

Agency name
Department of Emergency Services/Public Protection

Title, Allegation and Counts

State of Connecticut vs. (Name of accused) COKER, Derion		Residence (Town) of accused Pawtucket, RI	Docket number
Address 285 Pawtucket Ave. Pawtucket, RI 02860		Date of birth 03/09/1994	The undersigned Prosecuting Authority of the Superior Court of the State of Connecticut charges that:
To be held at (Town) Norwich	Geographical area number 21	Court date	
Count One — Did commit the offense of: Operating Under the Influence of Drugs and/or Alcohol			
At (Town) Montville	On or about (Date) 09/16/2022	In violation of General Statute number 14-227a	
Count Two — Did commit the offense of: Manslaughter 2nd Degree With a Motor Vehicle			
At (Town) Montville	On or about (Date) 09/16/2022	In violation of General Statute number 53a-56b	
Count Three — Did commit the offense of: Manslaughter 2nd Degree With a Motor Vehicle			
At (Town) Montville	On or about (Date) 09/16/2022	In violation of General Statute number 53a-56b	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> See other sheet for additional counts		Date 5/16/23	Signed (Prosecuting Authority) 

Court Action

Defendant advised of rights before plea

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Count	Plea date	Plea	Plea withdrawn		Verdict finding	Fine	Remit	Additional disposition
			Date	New plea				
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2						\$	\$	
3						\$	\$	

Date	Other Court Action	Judge

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Prosecutor on original disposition	Reporter/monitor on original disposition	Signed (Clerk)	Signed (Judge)
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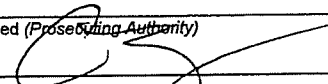
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Additional Counts

Count Four — Did commit the offense of:			Continued to	Purpose	Reason
Evading Responsibility in Crash Resulting in Death					
At (Town) Montville	On or about (Date) 09/16/2022	In violation of General Statute number 14-224(a)			
Count Five — Did commit the offense of:					
Evading Responsibility in Crash Resulting in Death					
At (Town) Montville	On or about (Date) 09/16/2022	In violation of General Statute number 14-224(a)			
Count Six — Did commit the offense of:					
Failure to Maintain Established Lane					
At (Town) Montville	On or about (Date) 09/16/2022	In violation of General Statute number 14-236			
Count Seven — Did commit the offense of:					
At (Town)	On or about (Date)	In violation of General Statute number			
Count Eight — Did commit the offense of:					
At (Town)	On or about (Date)	In violation of General Statute number			

Signed (Prosecuting Authority)



Printed name of Prosecuting Authority

Scott

Date signed

5/16/23

Additional Court Action

Count	Plea date	Plea	Plea withdrawn		Verdict finding	Fine	Remit	Additional disposition
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<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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Application For Arrest Warrant

To: A Judge of the Superior Court

The undersigned hereby applies for a warrant for the arrest of the above-named accused on the basis of the facts set forth in the: Affidavit Below. Affidavit(s) Attached.

Date 5/16/23	Signed (Prosecuting authority) 	Type/print name of prosecuting authority Scott
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Affidavit

The undersigned affiant, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. That, Affiant #1, Trooper Ryan Meakem #674 is a member of the Connecticut State Police Department and has been a member of said department since October 2018. At all pertinent times mentioned herein, this Affiant was acting in his official capacity as a member of said department assigned to Troop E, Montville. The following facts and circumstances are stated from personal knowledge, observation and investigation, as well as information received from, and the investigative efforts of, other law enforcement officers acting in their official capacity.
2. That on September 16, 2022 at approximately 2324 hours, Affiant Meakem and several other on-duty Troop E personnel, along with Montville Police and Fire Departments were dispatched to I-395 northbound, north of Exit 9 in Montville, CT, for 911 reports of a serious motor vehicle crash involving two pedestrians.
3. That upon Affiant Meakem's arrival, he observed several vehicles parked in the right shoulder and two victims lying face down in the right travel lane. Both victims showed obvious signs of fatal injuries and neither had a pulse. Victim #1 was identified as a 33 year old white female (DOB 09/21/1988). Victim #2 was identified as a 17 year old white male (DOB 02/27/2005). Both victims were pronounced dead on scene by Paramedic Toledo-Quinones () at 2340 hours.
4. That Affiant Meakem observed a 2002 blue Lexus ES300 bearing a misuse CT Registration AH92088 parked in the right shoulder behind a 2008 white Buick Enclave bearing CT Registration AP78833. The Lexus ES300 sustained heavy left side damage and the Buick Enclave sustained moderate left side damage. Victim #1 and #2 were approximately 100 feet north of the vehicles. Victim #3, a 21 year old white male (DOB 12/24/2000), Witness #1, a 20 year old white female (DOB 10/17/2001), and Victim #4, a 17 year old black male (DOB 04/12/2005), were standing near the Lexus ES300 and Buick Enclave in the right shoulder. The Lexus ES300 was not registered but owned by Victim #3. The Buick Enclave was registered to Victim #1.

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Jurat Subscribed and sworn to, before me, on (Date) 5/12/2023	Signed (Judge/Clerk, Commissioner of Superior Court, Notary Public)

Finding

The foregoing Application for an arrest warrant, and affidavit(s) attached to said Application, having been submitted to and considered by the undersigned, the undersigned finds from said affidavit(s) that there is probable cause to believe that an offense has been committed and that the accused committed it and, therefore, that probable cause exists for the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of the above-named accused.

Date and Signature 	Signed at (City or town) Norwich	On (Date) 5/16/23	Signed (Judge/Judge Trial Referee) 	Name of Judge/Judge Trial Referee J. PAPANSTAVROS
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5. That Affiant Meakem spoke with three witnesses, herein referred to as Witness #1, Victim #3, and Victim #4. After speaking with said witnesses, the following information was obtained about the collision, including but not limited to: The Lexus ES300 was broken down in the right shoulder and the Buick Enclave was parked a few feet in front of it to provide assistance. Four pedestrians were standing outside of their vehicles. A third vehicle, later determined to be a Volkswagen Passat, was traveling northbound and crossed over the white fog line into the right shoulder, striking the Lexus ES300, two victims, and then the Buick Enclave. Victim #3 and Victim #4 were struck by the Lexus ES300 as a result of the collision. Victim #3 sustained minor facial lacerations and Victim #4 complained of back pain. Affiant Meakem observed the Lexus ES300 and the Buick Enclave between the white fog line and guardrail, completely in the right shoulder. Affiant Meakem did not observe any tire marks to include skid marks or evidence of emergency braking leading up to the two vehicles in the right shoulder.

6. That Officer Weyel #EC53, of the Montville Police Department, made contact with a Volkswagen Passat a few hundred feet north of the crash scene. Officer Weyel also made contact with the registered owner and operator, who was identified by his Rhode Island driver's license () as Derion COKER (DOB 03/09/1994). COKER stated to Officer Weyel that he had struck the two pedestrians and vehicles. In a supplemental report for this collision investigation, Officer Weyel stated the following: "As I approached the vehicles that were pulled over, a thin, light skinned black male was walking towards me. I instructed him to stay where he was and I asked him how he was involved. The male stated that "they were in the middle of the street, I drove past and I hit them." The male stated that he saw them on the side of the road and then someone stepped out in front of his vehicle. I asked the male what his name was and he stated, "Derion." I had Derion sit on the guardrail and I asked if he was hurt at all. Derion stated that he was "fine." Derion stated that as he was driving up the road he did see two people on the side of the road and as he passed, someone stepped out and he couldn't react fast enough. Derion started to get emotional. I requested Sgt Pagan over the radio to come to my location. I advised Derion that I was a Montville Town Police Officer and that this took place on the highway so he will have to speak with a State Trooper. Derion's immediate response to that was "I had a drink." I asked Derion how much and he stated he had 2 beers. Derion stated he had his first beer when the comedy show at the casino started which he said was around 7:30pm. Derion stated that he had 2 Corona's at the show. I asked Derion if he could take a guess at what time he thought it currently was. Derion stated "10, 9:30, something like that." (the current time when this question was asked was 2337 hours) I asked Derion when he believes he had the last beer. Derion stated at least an hour and a half ago. Sgt Pagan then arrived at my location, I introduced her to Derion and relayed Derion's involvement to her. Sgt Pagan requested EMS check on Derion at this time. During my interaction with Derion, he did not appear to have slurred speech and I did not detect an odor of an alcoholic beverage."

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7. That COKER did not appear injured but was transported to William W. Backus Hospital for evaluation. Affiant Meakem responded to Backus Hospital and interviewed COKER. COKER stated that he was not sure what happened. He stated, "I saw the cars, I saw them, then I saw people". COKER continued to state that he knew he must have crossed over the white fog line, but he doesn't remember why or how. COKER admitted to having two beers at the comedy show at Mohegan, one when he arrived at around 7:00 PM and another around 9:30 PM. Throughout Affiant Meakem's interaction with COKER, he observed COKER to have puffy, red, teary eyes with normal pupils. COKER was wearing a face covering, but Affiant Meakem had his lowered beneath his nose throughout the interaction. Affiant Meakem did not detect the smell associated with consuming an alcoholic beverage as COKER spoke. Affiant Meakem also observed COKER to be covered in a blood like substance but did not appear to have any lacerations.

8. That on 09/17/2022 at approximately 0135 hours, COKER knowingly, willingly and voluntarily signed a Consent to Search and Examine Evidence for his silver 2014 Volkswagen Passat bearing RI Registration _____ witnessed by Affiant Meakem. At approximately 0150 hours, COKER's black _____ was seized from his person at Backus Hospital. At approximately 0150 hours, COKER knowingly, willingly and voluntarily signed a Consent to Search and Examine Evidence (DPS-167-C) for his _____ witnessed by Affiant Meakem. COKER stated he understood that he could withdraw his consent at any time by contacting the Connecticut State Police Troop E in Montville, CT.

9. That Detectives from the CSP Collision Analysis and Reconstruction Squad (C.A.R.S.) responded to the scene and advised there was evidence indicating that the Volkswagen Passat had crossed over the white fog line prior to the collision with the vehicles and pedestrians.

10. That on 09/21/2022, a Detective from Eastern District Major Crime Squad completed a download of the contents of COKER's _____. That said download included but was not limited to the following: On 09/16/2022, starting at approximately 2240 hours, a series of events from COKER's _____ were revealed as the following:

--At approximately 2240 hours, a text message from COKER's _____ was sent: "Im in ct rn just left a lil comedy show im lit rn. ♂ im boutta have to focus super hard to get home".

--At approximately 2316 hours, the _____ is opened and an address of _____ is searched.

--At approximately 2328 hours, a text message from COKER's _____ was sent: "I said I love her and I'm so sorry these people got in the middle of the street I didn't mean to do it".

11. That on 09/22/2022, surveillance footage was received from Mohegan Sun of COKER's time spent

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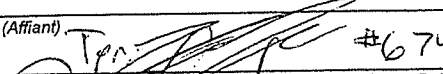
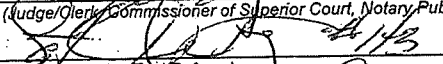
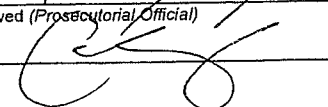

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from arrival to departure of Mohegan Sun. Affiant Meakem reviewed said footage and observed the following, consistent with the Mohegan Tribal footage report: COKER arrives in the River View Garage in his Volkswagen Passat at 1850 hours and parks on level 2. COKER then enters Mohegan Sun and walks to the Hash House bar where a bartender approaches him with a stout glass bottle in his right hand and the bottle has a long neck. Brown liquid can be seen sloshing around in it as the bartender walks to him. COKER is handed one small circular "shot" type glass containing a brown liquid. Coker consumed one small sip, then the remainder of the liquid. Once finished, he places the empty "shot" glass on the bar top. This occurs at approximately 1904 hours (Drink 1). COKER then enters the Arena for the Daniel Tosh comedy show at 1925 hours and approaches a concession stand. From there a server reaches into a refrigerator and retrieves a tall aluminum bottle with a screw top. COKER is then asked to show identification and pays for the drink with a debit/credit card. Once the transaction is done, the server unscrews the bottle and hands it to COKER. From the camera, you can see a white froth in the mouth of the bottle. Red cursive writing can be seen on the aluminum bottle, with a large cursive C visible, followed by two O's. This drink is readily identifiable as Coors Light beer, based on the packaging. (Drink 2). At approximately 2013 hours, COKER exits the arena and approaches another concession stand. He surrenders his ID and pays a server, which prompts another one further behind the stand to begin making him a drink. The server scoops ice into a plastic cup and retrieves a long neck, glass bottle from a central display stand. The server turns the bottle over and pours liquid into the plastic cup. The server places the glass bottle back and reaches into a metal tray area beneath the bar and then tops off the drink. Once the server is done, she hands COKER a plastic cup with a pink in color liquid inside. He sips it from a straw as he walks away from the concession stand. (Drink 3). At approximately 2103 hours, COKER approaches another concession stand and a tall aluminum colored bottle is retrieved from a refrigerator and placed next to the server. COKER puts his debit/credit card into a card reader to pay and briefly flashes his identification. The server then unscrews the aluminum colored bottle and hands it to COKER. A dark, amber colored liquid can be seen in the mouth of the bottle and it appears identical to the Coors Light consumed by COKER earlier in the night. (Drink 4). At approximately 2218 hours, COKER enters Bow & Arrow bar and approaches the bar counter. He surrenders ID to a bartender and then gives her what appears to be, based on all the other footage, his debit/credit card. The bartender walks off camera with the card and when she reappears, she is holding a small glass with brown liquid in it. She stops at a row of taps all labeled with name brand beer names and places a pint glass under a white tap with a Blue Moon label on it. Blue Moon is a name brand alcoholic beer. She fills the pint glass to the top with an orange colored liquid and thick, white foamy head. She re-approaches COKER and places the small glass with a brown liquid in and the full pint glass in front of him. After some conversing, COKER takes the small glass of brown liquid into his mouth with one gulp, while tilting his head back. Once he is done, he takes a large sip of the orange liquid with the foamy white head in the pint glass. COKER looks like he is going to leave the bar area with the pint glass but asks the bartender something. She then takes the glass from him and dumps the remainder of the pint glass out. (Drink 5). COKER then leaves the area. Throughout

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COKER's time at Mohegan Sun, he was not seen consuming any food. COKER is seen going into the wrong garage, Indian Summer, at approximately 2251 hours. At approximately 2257 hours, COKER is seen exiting through the Riverview Garage and arriving at his Volkswagen Passat at approximately 2300 hours. COKER's vehicle does not move until 2315 hours, when it is seen exiting its parking spot. COKER's Volkswagen Passat is seen taking an exaggerated, jerky right turn down a row with parking spots on each side. Most every parking space is full. The Passat can be seen driving slowly and drifting heavily towards the left, or oncoming side of the row. The Passat slowly corrects to the center of the row and overall, the path of travel looks like an exaggerated "S", failing to stay to the right as is typical in parking garages. COKER's Volkswagen Passat is seen leaving the Riverview Garage at 2317 hours. As COKER's Volkswagen Passat is traveling on the straightaway, one-way exit, it is seen slowly drifting over the white fog line on the right shoulder by approximately two feet, before a sudden correction back into the lane.

12. That on 09/22/2022 at approximately 1630 hours, Affiant Meakem conducted a vehicle search for COKER's silver 2014 Volkswagen Passat bearing RI Registration in the Garage of Troop E in Montville. Throughout the course of the inventory, the following three items were seized as evidence:


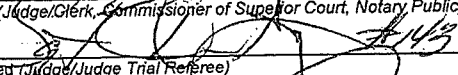
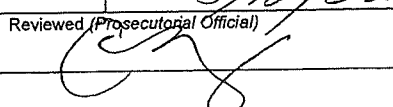
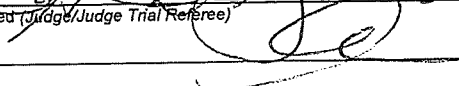
- One (1) package of RAW rolling papers
- One (1) package of Game Black Sweets cigarillos
- One (1) black cupholder ashtray containing two (2) roaches of marijuana blunts

That was submitted to the Connecticut State Police Laboratory for testing and that said analysis is pending.

13. That on 01/27/2023, Detective Gorski #935 of the Connecticut State Police Collision Analysis Reconstruction Squad concluded his investigation into this collision. That, in the Collision Analysis Supplemental Report, Detective Gorski reported the following: "Based on my training, experience and the evidence located during the investigation, I conclude that the Lexus ES300 was disabled and parked within the shoulder near the conclusion of the acceleration lane from Route 2A. The left rear tire from the Lexus ES300 was located approximately (1) one foot (9) nine inches, east of the fog line, within the shoulder. The width of the right lane/acceleration lane from Route 2A at the first area of impact was approximately (23) twenty-three feet (5) five inches."

14. "The Buick Enclave was parked in front of the Lexus ES300 within the shoulder to assist with the disabled vehicle. The left front tire from the Buick Enclave was located approximately (1) one foot, east of the fog line, within the shoulder with the hazard lamps illuminated. Battery jumper cables were located under the closed hood of the Lexus ES300 and the other end of the cables were located near the left rear of the Buick Enclave. During the post collision vehicle inspection, the Lexus ES300 fan would constantly run when power was supplied. The vehicle would start but would not remain on."

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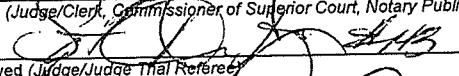
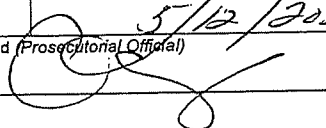
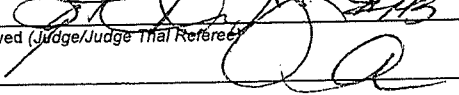
15. "The Volkswagen Passat was traveling within the right lane/acceleration lane from Route 2A at a speed between 44MPH and 50MPH. The right side of the Volkswagen Passat encroached into the shoulder and the right front of the Volkswagen Passat struck the left rear of the Lexus ES300. The right front tire of the Volkswagen Passat was encroached approximately (1) one foot (7) seven inches, east of the fog line, within the shoulder which was identified during the impact with the Lexus ES300."

16. "The left rear wheel of the Lexus ES300 separated from its mount. The right front wheel assembly from the Volkswagen Passat was also separated from the vehicle. The right front wheel assembly from the Volkswagen Passat continued in a northerly direction within the shoulder and came to final rest within the shoulder near the left front wheel of the Lexus ES300. Following the impact between the Volkswagen Passat and the Lexus ES300, the Lexus ES300 was pushed in a northerly direction and came to an uncontrolled final rest within the shoulder facing in a northwesterly direction. The front of the Lexus ES300 subsequently came to rest against the rear of the Buick Enclave."

17. "Following the impact between the Volkswagen Passat and the Lexus ES300, the Volkswagen Passat continued in a northwesterly direction with the right portion of the vehicle within the shoulder. The Volkswagen Passat struck Victim #1 before striking Victim #2. The damage profile of the Volkswagen Passat indicates that Victim #1 was struck approximately (1) one foot (3) three inches from the right edge, toward the center of the vehicle. The damage profile of the Volkswagen Passat indicates that Victim #2 was struck approximately (2) two feet (7) seven inches from the right edge, toward the center of the vehicle. Victim #1 experienced a wrap kinematic trajectory. Victim #1 separated from the Volkswagen Passat and was projected in a northwesterly direction within the right lane. Victim #1 came to final rest in the prone position within the right lane with her head facing in a northerly direction and her feet facing in a southerly direction. In a motor vehicle versus pedestrian collision, one of the objectives of the collision analysis is to determine the vehicle's impact speed. The total throw distance that the pedestrian, Victim #1, traveled from the area of impact between the Volkswagen Passat and Lexus ES300 to her final resting position was approximately 123 feet. This speed analysis was completed to determine if the Volkswagen Passat was traveling at an excessive speed prior to the initial impact. Although the exact location of Victim #1 is unknown, vehicle speed would be lower if she was struck north of this location. Victim #2 experienced a roof vault kinematic trajectory. Victim #2 separated from the Volkswagen Passat and was projected in a northwesterly direction within the right lane. Victim #2 came to final rest in the prone position within the right lane with his head facing in a northwesterly direction and his feet facing in a southeasterly direction. Physical evidence at the scene indicates that Victim #2 was dragged from his original final rest at the area of a blood-like substance to his final rest position."

18. "If Victim #1 and Victim #2 were struck approximately at the area of impact between the Volkswagen Passat and Lexus ES300, Victim #1 would have been located approximately (5) five

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inches from the edge line, within the shoulder and Victim #2 would have been located approximately (5) five inches from the edge line, within the right lane. As the right portion of the Volkswagen Passat began to enter into the right lane, the right front of the Volkswagen Passat struck the left rear of the Buick Enclave which occurred within the shoulder. Following the impact between the Volkswagen Passat and the Buick Enclave, the Buick Enclave was pushed in a northerly direction approximately (2) two feet (7) seven inches and came to an uncontrolled final rest within the shoulder facing in a northwesterly direction. The front of the Lexus ES300 came to rest against the rear of the Buick Enclave."

19. "If Victim #1 and Victim #2 were struck approximately at the area of impact between the Volkswagen Passat and Buick Enclave, Victim #1 would have been located approximately (8) eight inches from the edge line, within the right lane and Victim #2 would have been located approximately (2) two feet from the edge line, within the right lane. The exact location of Victim #1 and Victim #2 during impact with the Volkswagen Passat is unknown; however, it is known Victim #1 and Victim #2 were struck between the impacts of the Volkswagen Passat with the Lexus ES300 and Buick Enclave. The rear hatch of the Buick Enclave was open at the time of the impacts and there was biological matter on the interior portion of the hatch and left side of the Buick Enclave."

20. "Victim #2 was located within the travel portion of the road at the time of impact with the Volkswagen Passat. However, if Victim #2 was located within the shoulder in the area where the Volkswagen Passat was encroached, he would have still been struck by the vehicle. If Victim #1 was located at the area of impact between the Volkswagen Passat and Lexus ES300, she would have been located within the shoulder. If Victim #1 was located at the area of impact between the Volkswagen Passat and Buick Enclave, she would have been located within the travel portion of the road. Following the impact between the Volkswagen Passat and the Buick Enclave, the Volkswagen Passat began to rotate clockwise while traveling in a northerly then northeasterly direction within the right lane and shoulder. While within the shoulder, the right front and right side of the Volkswagen Passat struck approximately (13) thirteen feet (3) three inches of metal beam guardrail in the roadside. The damaged right front wheel area of the Volkswagen Passat also struck the raised curb in the area of the impact with the metal beam guardrail."

21. "Following the impact with the metal beam guardrail, the Volkswagen Passat was redirected in a northwesterly direction into the right lane, then in a northeasterly direction into the shoulder. While the Volkswagen Passat was traveling in a northwesterly direction within the shoulder, the right side of the vehicle struck the metal beam guardrail within the roadside four more times. The second area of impact between the Volkswagen Passat and the metal beam guardrail was approximately (6) six feet (7) seven inches. The third area of impact between the Volkswagen Passat and the metal beam guardrail was approximately (7) seven feet (5) five inches. The fourth area of impact between the

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Volkswagen Passat and the metal beam guardrail was approximately (12) twelve feet (9) nine inches. The fifth area of impact between the Volkswagen Passat and the metal beam guardrail was approximately (5) five feet (3) three inches. The Volkswagen Passat came to an uncontrolled final rest within the shoulder facing in a northwesterly direction with the right side of the vehicle against the metal beam guardrail. The Volkswagen Passat traveled approximately (886) eight hundred eighty-six feet from the area of impact with the Lexus ES300 to final rest."

22. "Based on the calculated speed of the Volkswagen Passat, the impacts with the vehicles and the metal beam guardrail, and the distance the vehicle travelled, the operator of the Volkswagen Passat continued to accelerate following the initial impact with the Lexus ES300. Two other pedestrians, Victim #3 and Victim #4 were struck subsequent to the Volkswagen Passat's impact with the Lexus ES300 and then with the Buick Enclave. There was no physical evidence at the scene to determine where these impacts occurred."

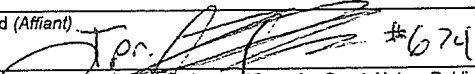
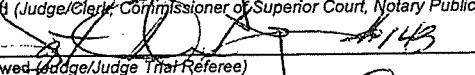
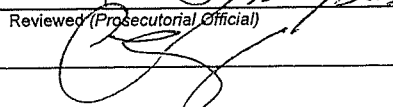
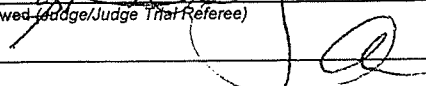
23. "Based on the investigation of the crash, I found that the cause of this crash was that the operator of the Volkswagen Passat failed to maintain his established clearly marked lane of travel and encroached approximately (1) one foot (7) seven inches, east of the fog line, within the shoulder."

24. That Affiant Meakem conducted a background investigation of COKER for the twenty-four hours preceding the time of the collision. That during the course of said investigation, it was learned COKER was at Mohegan Sun Casino and was on video consuming three hard alcohol drinks, two light beers and a sip of a third beer from approximately 1904 hours to approximately 2218 hours. Based on the forensic extraction of COKER's phone, performed under written consent of COKER himself, he sends a text message stating he is "lit", which Merriam-Webster defines as slang for "affected by alcohol". He also references focusing on driving in the same message. He is then seen on camera driving erratically in the parking lot by failing to keep the Passat in a straight line and varying his speed. He is seen departing the garage and traveling towards Route 2A, just prior to the collision.

25. That on January 22, 2023, Affiant Meakem received the Report of Autopsy and Final Diagnoses from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for Victim #1. The Cause of Death was listed as "Blunt force trauma of head, torso, and extremities" and the Manner of Death as "Accident (Struck by motor vehicle)".

26. That on January 22, 2023, Affiant Meakem received the Report of Autopsy and Final Diagnoses from the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for Victim #2. The Cause of Death was listed as ""Blunt impact injuries of head, torso, and extremities" and the Manner of Death as "Accident (Struck by motor vehicle)".

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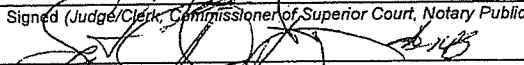
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27. This Affiant submits that this affidavit supports probable cause to believe that on Friday, September 16th, 2022, Derion COKER did recklessly and as a consequence of operating a motor vehicle under the effect of intoxicating liquor or any drug or both, cause the deaths of two people in violation of C.G.S. § Section 53a-56 Manslaughter in the 2nd degree with a motor vehicle, did operate a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug or both in violation of C.G.S. § Section 14-227a, did fail to drive as nearly as practicable entirely within a single lane of a multiple lane highway and not move from such lane until such movement could be made with safety in violation of C.G.S. § Section 14-236, and failed to stop at once and render assistance evading responsibility in operation of a motor vehicle in violation of C.G.S. § Section 14-224. As a result, this Affiant requests that the attached complaint and arrest warrants issue.

28. That this arrest warrant application has not been presented to any other court or judge.

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