DEFENDANT: Jack Sawyer
DOB: 08/11/1999 AGE: 18
ADDRESS: 2331 Hampshire Hollow Rd.
Poultney, VT 05764

ARRAIGNMENT DATE: February 16, 2018
SA CASE ID.:. 18-2968
ASSIGNED (D)SA: Rosemary M. Kennedy
POLICE DEPT.: VSP-Rutland
INVESTIGATING OFFICER: Det. Sgt. Todd Wilkins
VICTIM ADVOCATE: Shea McGee
INCIDENT NO.: 18B400813

STATE OF VERMONT

SUPERIOR COURT
RUTLAND UNIT

STATE OF VERMONT

v.

JACK SAWYER

CRIMINAL DIVISION

DOCKET NO.

INFORMATION BY STATE'S ATTORNEY

By the authority of the State of Vermont, the State's Attorney for Rutland County, upon the oath of office charges:

COUNT 1 OF 4

CHARGE CODE: 13V2311&9 | CODE ID: 371 | OFFENSE CLASS: F
CHARGE NAME: MURDER-AGG/ATTEMPT

Jack Sawyer, in the County of Rutland, on or about February 13, 2018, willfully, deliberately and with premeditation and with the intent to kill, attempted to kill multiple persons, to wit: multiple students at Fair Haven Union High School, and performed an act towards the commission of the offense, to wit: by purchasing a 12-gauge shotgun, in violation of 13 V.S.A. §9 and 13 V.S.A. §2311(a)(3).

Penalty: Imprisoned for life and for no lesser term without the possibility of parole.

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CHARGE CODE: 13V2311&9 | CODE ID: 371 | OFFENSE CLASS: F
CHARGE NAME: MURDER-AGG/ATTEMPT

Jack Sawyer, in the County of Rutland, on or about February 13, 2018, willfully, deliberately and with premeditation and with the intent to kill, attempted to commit a murder of a law enforcement officer who would be performing his official duties, to wit: the School Resource Officer Scott Alkinburgh at Fair Haven Union High School, and performed an act towards the commission of the offense, to wit: by purchasing a 12-gauge shotgun, in violation of 13 V.S.A. §9 and 13 V.S.A. §2311(a)(7).

Penalty: Imprisoned for life and for no lesser term without the possibility of parole.

COUNT 3 OF 4

CHARGE CODE: 13V2301/1D&9 | CODE ID: 366 | OFFENSE CLASS: F
CHARGE NAME: MURDER-1ST DEG/ATTEMPT

Jack Sawyer, in the County of Rutland, on or about February 13, 2018, willfully, deliberately and with premeditation and with the intent to kill, attempted to kill another student, to wit: by planning to kill at least one student at Fair Haven Union High School, and performed an act towards the commission of the offense, to wit: purchasing a 12-gauge shotgun, in violation of 13 V.S.A. §9 and 13 V.S.A. §2311(a)(3).

attempted to commit first degree murder by, in violation of 13 V.S.A. 2301.

Penalty: Imprisoned for life and for a presumptive minimum term of 35 years.

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CHARGE CODE: 13V1024A2 | CODE ID: 133 | OFFENSE CLASS: F
CHARGE NAME: ASSAULT-AGG WITH WEAPON

Jack Sawyer, in the County of Rutland, on or about February 13, 2018, attempted to cause bodily injury to another with a deadly weapon, to wit: at least one student at Fair Haven Union High School after purchasing a 12-gauge shotgun, in violation of 13 V.S.A. § 1024(a)(2).

Penalty: Imprisoned not more than 15 years or fined not more than $10,000.00 or both.

Against the peace and dignity of the State.

DATED: February 16, 2018

State's Attorney

This information has been presented to me and I have found probable cause.

DATED:

Superior Court Judge

Hold without bail.

VERMONT STATE POLICE

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Now comes Detective Sergeant Todd Wilkins, Affiant, being duly sworn and on oath, deposes and says he has probable cause to believe that **Jack Sawyer (08/11/99)** has committed the offense(s) of **Attempted Aggravated Murder, Attempted First Degree Murder & Attempted Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon,** a violation of **Title 13, Vermont Statutes Annotated 2311(a3)(a7), 2301 & 1024(a)(5).**

I, Detective Sergeant Todd Wilkins, am a full time officer employed by the Vermont State Police, Bureau of Criminal Investigations, certified by the Vermont Criminal Justice Training Council.

On February 15, 2018 at approximately 1200 hours I was informed of a possible plot to shoot up and kill students at the Fair Haven Union High School in Fair Haven, Rutland County, Vermont.

The following information has been conveyed to by Fair Haven Police Department Detective Shaun Hewitt and Chief William Humphries. On February 14, 2018 Detective Shaun Hewitt received a report from the Vermont State Police dispatch advising of an individual possibly making threats against the FHUHS. Detective Hewitt spoke with Jennifer Mortenson and learned that on Monday, February 12, 2018, Juvenile KO, who is friends with Mortenson's daughter, was at her residence with Jack Sawyer (8/11/99). Mortenson told Detective Hewitt that Sawyer's demeanor seemed strange. Sawyer left a short time after arriving at Mortenson's residence. After Sawyer left, Mortenson learned from Juvenile KO that Sawyer had made threats against the FHUHS in the past and had recently purchased a firearm from Dick's Sporting Goods in Rutland, Vermont. Detective Hewitt learned that Sawyer had recently left a treatment facility in Maine. Sawyer had been at this facility for approximately two years. Detective Hewitt knew that Sawyer made threats against individuals at the FHUHS approximately two years ago.

Detective Hewitt later contacted Dick's Sporting Goods in Rutland, Vermont and learned that Sawyer purchased a shotgun on February 13, 2018. The shotgun was a Maverick, model 88 Security, 12 gauge, pump shotgun, serial number MV0169738. Hewitt also obtained a copy of the sales receipt for the shotgun, which indicated there was no ammunition purchased with the shotgun. On February 15, 2018, an employee of Dick's Sporting Goods contacted FHPD Chief Humphries and advised him that Sawyer made a separate purchase of ammunition on February 13, 2018. He purchased four boxes of 12 gauge buckshot ammunition, all containing five shot shells each.

On February 14, 2018, FHPD Officer Edward Hayes spoke with Sawyer's father, David Sawyer. David told Officer Hayes that his son made threats towards FHUHS previously, but indicated Sawyer had been in Maine for the past year and a half in a residential treatment facility to help him cope with anxiety and depression. According to David, Sawyer removed himself from this facility recently and came back to Vermont to look for a job. David advised that Sawyer recently stopped taking medication that had been prescribed to him. The medications were to treat depression and ADHD (Attention Deficient Hyper Disorder). David advised Sawyer seemed quite normal since his return to Vermont.

On February 14, 2018, Officer Hayes, Chief Humphries and Trooper Craig Roland located Sawyer who had just been target shooting. Chief Humphries explained to Sawyer why they were there, and told Sawyer about their investigation. Sawyer advised he understood why people would be concerned. Sawyer admitted to making

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threats towards his school several years ago and when he was asked if he was still mad at his school, Sawyer said, "kinda". Sawyer was asked why he purchased the gun and he advised it was for target shooting and hunting. Chief Humphries did not ask Sawyer about any plans to commit a violent act. At this point officers present could not find enough evidence to further their investigation.

On February 15, 2018, Chief Humphries was contacted by Deputy Evan Traudt of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, located in Poughkeepsie, New York. Deputy Traudt advised a student at a local school approached him reporting she had messages on her phone from someone plotting a shooting at the FHUHS. The student was identified as Juvenile AM. Deputy Traudt took photos of these text messages on Juvenile AM's phone and E-mailed them to Chief Humphries. Chief Humphries reviewed these photos and saw they appeared to be Facebook Messenger messages from Sawyer.

The following is the content of some messages exchanged between Juvenile AM and Sawyer:

SUN 6:01 PM (Sunday, February 11, 2018)

JUVENILE AM – WAIT WHYD YOU DROP OUT OF COLLEGE

JUVENILE AM – ARE U STILL GONNA OPEN YOUR BAKERY

SAWYER – No. I dropped out because I wanted to come back to VT and I hate school and Maine so I don't give a shit anymore.

JUVENILE AM – why no you had such a great future come on jack

SAWYER – I still do. I haven't wanted a culinary future for months anyways. Back in VT I'm trying to start fresh. Just a few days ago I was still plotting on shooting up my old high school so it's not like I really wanted a future anyways. Rn I'm seeing what I can do here and if I like it so as of now I'm going to try and live here and get an apartment and job and shit and manage

SAWYER – Shit like that

SUN 9:38 PM (Sunday, February 11, 2018)

JUVENILE AM – jack aww

JUVENILE AM – please don't do anything that will get you in trouble

JUVENILE AM – I don't want to lose your friendship and you shouldn't lose the amazing person you are to impulsive decisions

MON 3:05 PM (Monday, February 12, 2018)

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SAWYER – I wouldn't consider them necessarily impulsive because it's been the plan for like 2 years, but don't worry I won't be. And see I just don't want to deal with all the shit in life such as always working a shitty job (because I don't have any interests for a career rn) and rent and mortgage and insurance, so it's like why not end it a lil early. But oh well, I'll manage

TUE 7:12 AM (Tuesday, February 13, 2018)

JUVENILE AM – yeah i get that life's annoying

JUVENILE AM – just be careful

TUE 8:07 AM (Tuesday, February 13, 2018)

SAWYER – Yes yes I will no worries. Thank you

WED 4:52 PM (Wednesday, February 14, 2018)

JUVENILE AM – do you see this on the news

SAWYER – Do I see what on the news? I typically don't watch it

JUVENILE AM – me either but liz os school just got shot up

SAWYER – That's fantastic. 100% support it

SAWYER – What school is it

JUVENILE AM – you can not say that. it's not good jack people died

SAWYER – You can say that but I think the human population sucks so I like to hear about cases of natural selection. I wish humans would go extinct like idc

JUVENILE AM – this isn't natural selection

SAWYER – It is because it's getting rid of the dumb fuckers by getting shot. Making it so only the ones who actually can get out and survive get put on top. It's just natural selection taken up a notch

JUVENILE AM – let's agree to disagree

JUVENILE AM – I gtg out to eat

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SAWYER – I don't know why you would think that I would think any differently. Like you know that I was going to shoot up my own school so I don't really have much remorse. But alright. And it's bad because I live on the move most of the time I usually don't have the time or space to cook something (since I'm in my car usually and would have to cook ramen using my pocket stove) I haven't eaten really anything but crackers for the past 24 hours. This keeps happening too

JUVENILE AM – I wasn't really expecting you to change your perspective i just wanted to show you how much damage is done over ones decision. but ANYWAYS that's unhealthy yo need to eat

WED 5:31 PM (Wednesday, February 14, 2018)

SAWYER – Yes I know. One time I went over to my friends girl that he fucks work to hang out with them and she works as the receptionist in this small inn office and they've got breakfast foods and shit and I ate so goddamn much because I hadn't eaten in like 30 hours that time it was crazy. Like I know I need to, but pm the only way for my to cook is in my car, and usually I'm not in a good spot to set up my operations there

WED 7:33 PM (Wednesday, February 14, 2018)

JUVENILE AM – sorry I was doing hw

SAWYER – It's okay I was cooking ramen. I bought a shotgun yesterday so soon I'll be going out to shoot that a bit. It's radical up in VT

WED 8:33 PM (Wednesday, February 14, 2018)

SAWYER – Yeah so some "anonymous female" just called the cops on me because they know I had a shotgun and they thought I was still angry at my old school and three trooper cars showed up and I had to talk to them and explain that I'm alright and don't intend anything and they mentioned they're on high alert because of the shooting that happened in Florida <u>today</u>

JUVENILE AM – wtf who else did you tell

SAWYER – Nobody other than my close friends. Somehow they knew I quit taking my meds and they said they've been trying to track down where I've been staying because I've sort of been floating around houses

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JUVENILE AM – can you even get in trouble for something that small?

SAWYER – Well I didn't get in trouble, people were just concerned so they wanted to come and check me out and see who I am

JUVENILE AM – ohh that's so dumb i can't believe someone call the cops on you that's so immature

SAWYER – I guess people at my old school are also blaming me for the shooting in FL today so I guess anything is possible to be immature about when it comes to my old school

JUVENILE AM – that makes no sense how can you be accountable for something that happened states away? And it's not like you'd ever think about doing something like that now.

SAWYER – Yeah I know exactly. Like I explained to them that I don't intend on anything and that I just want to target practice and hunt. It's really stupid

JUVENILE AM – don't you need a license to shoot

SAWYER – Not to target practice. To hunt yeah, a hunting license.

JUVENILE AM – ohhhh. Maybe for now you should get rid of the shotgun if people are suspicious just so you're extra in the clear

SAWYER – No not at all. This is Vermont like literally every body pm has a gun and it's perfectly legal and everything. I just won't tell anybody and I'll lay low about everything even though I don't plan on doing anything bad, I just don't draw attention to myself

JUVENILE AM – yeah but what if you get impulsive and want to do something bad. if the guns handy your more subject to make a bad decision

SAWYER- Don't worry, I'm extremely self controlled. If I never did shit like break a window or hurt anybody at either IW or the other treatment program I was at, I can manage

JUVENILE AM – ok ok I trust you just don't do anything dumb!!

After reviewing these messages, Chief Humphries contacted Lieutenant Trayah requesting the assistance of the Vermont State Police. A decision was made to locate and detain Sawyer. Deputies from the Rutland County Sheriff's Department were able to locate Sawyer at 92 Tucker Road in Poultney, Vermont. Sawyer was advised

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he was not under arrest, but was being detained. Sawyer was transported to the State Police Barracks in Rutland.

Upon arrival Det. Sgt. Henry Alberico and I spoke with Sawyer. Our interview with Sawyer was recorded and a complete copy is on file. The recorded interview is hereby incorporated as a part of this case for the purposes of probable cause.

The following is a summary of our interview with Sawyer.

I asked Sawyer to tell us about his life and he explained that he grew up in Poultney and attended Poultney Elementary School. After elementary school he went to Fair Haven Union High School because his parents felt it would provide him with more opportunities. According to Sawyer he spent his freshman year at FHUHS and part of his sophomore year. In December of his sophomore year he ran away for about 8 days and drove himself to California. After returning home his parents sent him to a school in Maine called Ironwood. This was a treatment facility to help him with his anxiety and depression. Sawyer explained he was in Maine until a few days ago when he returned to Vermont.

I asked Sawyer where he was living and he advised he lived in his car and was couch surfing at friend's houses. I asked him if he lived with his parents and he stated he could live with his dad, but he did not want to because he felt like he needed to be on his own. Sawyer advised he had been living on his own since returning to Vermont on Friday (2/9/18). I asked Sawyer if his parents had guardianship of him and he told me that they had "extended guardianship" of him; however he lived on his own.

I asked Sawyer what his diagnoses were and he advised he had a general anxiety disorder and depression. I asked Sawyer if he took medication for it and he stated he had stopped taking the meds about a month prior and after he stopped he felt much better. I asked Sawyer if he remembered what he was prescribed and he told us he was prescribed "Geodon, Vyvanse and Gabapentin.

I asked Sawyer if he had any learning disabilities and he indicated he did not. I asked him if he had any trouble understanding things and he said, "Maybe Math". I asked Sawyer if he understood everything we were saying and all of our questions and he advised he did. I told Sawyer if he did not understand anything he was asked he just needed to let us know. I asked Sawyer if he could read and write and he advised he could. Sawyer told us he struggled with science and math, but that was it. Throughout my conversation with Sawyer he seemed very articulate and intelligent. He was quite capable of answering all our questions and appeared to completely understand our conversation. At no time during my interaction with Sawyer did he seem confused or unable to comprehend our questions.

I read Sawyer his Miranda Warning and asked him if he understood each of those rights, which he acknowledged he did. Sawyer waived his rights and agreed to speak with us.

I asked Sawyer what bothered him about FHUHS and he advised he believed it was just the number of people there and he struggled with anxiety issues there. Sawyer indicated he struggled making friends while at FHUHS.

I asked Sawyer why he ran away and he advised it was just too much to handle between school and his parents. He stated he did not want to attend school anymore and wanted to drop out. Sawyer explained when he returned home, after running away, his parents sent him to the program in Maine. Sawyer described the

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program as a school where he needed to do chores. Sawyer indicated he spent 15 months in the program and then he moved into a transitional program, which was less restrictive.

I asked Sawyer if he wondered why he was at the barracks speaking with us and he advised he had a pretty good idea why. I then asked Sawyer to tell why he thought he was here. Sawyer advised he thought it was something to do with a "bomb threat" at FHUHS. Sawyer then advised he thought people believed he had something to do with the school shooting in Florida the day prior. I asked Sawyer why people would think that and he told us it was because people saw him reading a book about Columbine. I asked Sawyer if he was planning on doing something like that and he told us he was planning on doing a shooting a couple years ago when he attended FHUHS. I asked Sawyer what he was going to use for a gun and he stated he bought a shotgun for $50 and was going to use that. Sawyer indicated that after reading the book about Columbine he felt it was something he wanted to do. I asked Sawyer if he was pissed off at people at the school and he told us he was just pissed off at the "institution of the school." Sawyer went onto to tell us he was not angry at one specific person, it was everyone there. Sawyer later stated he did not want to kill any of the staff members just the students there.

I asked Sawyer if he had used any illegal drugs recently and he advised not in about two years. I asked Sawyer about alcohol use and he again indicated he had not used any in a long time.

I asked Sawyer about specific targets he wanted to kill at FHUHS and he told us he did not have specific people he wanted to target. I asked Sawyer if he was bullied while at FHUHS and he advised he wasn't really bullied, he just believed people did not like him.

I asked Sawyer when the last time he talked with anyone about his plan was and he stated it was about a year and a half ago. I knew this was not the truth based on text messages I read from Juvenile AM.

I spoke with Sawyer about being truthful with us and confronted him about his previous statement. I informed him that we read some texts that a friend of his shared with us. I again asked Sawyer when the last time was he talked about this with anyone and he changed his response and told us it was about 2 weeks ago. I asked Sawyer if he talked with anyone yesterday about the Florida school shooting happening. Sawyer told us he expressed to a friend how he agreed with and supported the person who committed the Florida school shooting. Sawyer went on to say he felt the dead people deserved it because it was "natural selection". Sawyer explained that natural selection is only the strong, or most capable, survive.

I asked Sawyer if he had anymore thoughts about carrying out a shooting at FHUHS. Sawyer advised he still had thoughts about it, but he currently did not want to shoot himself so he did not want to go through with it right now.

I asked Sawyer about his recent purchase of a shotgun from Dick's Sporting Goods on 2/13/18. Sawyer initially told us that the timing was bad and he just wanted the gun to target shoot. Later in the interview Sawyer admitted the gun was something he planned to purchase to carry out his plan to shoot people at the FHUHS. Sawyer explained he also purchased ammunition for the shotgun as well and why he chose that specific ammunition. Sawyer advised he had done research on ammunition to help him determine what the best ammunition to help him carry out his plan most effectively. Sawyer specifically talked about the specific shot size and pellet size in the shot shell. Sawyer chose a #5 which he believed would cause greater casualties and injuries.

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As our conversation continued Sawyer eventually admitted he was planning to come to Vermont to shoot up the FHUHS as recently as a week ago. Sawyer went into detail with us and explained his plan was to stake out the school and pattern the school resource officer, Scott Alkinburgh. Once he knew Officer Alkinburgh's pattern, and when he left the building, he would enter the school and kill people while Officer Alkinburgh was out.

Throughout our conversation with Sawyer he mentioned Columbine numerous times. I asked Sawyer if he could relate to the two shooters in Columbine and he stated he did. Sawyer went on to talk specifically about Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold who were the two shooters in the Columbine massacre. Sawyer told us he was just going to use what they did as a "foundation sort of thing."

Sgt. Alberico asked Sawyer if there were things he would change from Columbine. Sawyer told Sgt. Alberico he would probably start in the cafeteria, go through the hallways to the library and at the end he would kill himself. Sawyer wanted to have control and take his own life, he did not want law enforcement to kill him. This plan was very similar to what Harris and Klebold did in the Columbine shooting.

Sgt. Alberico asked Sawyer about his choice of weapons he would use. Sawyer told Sgt. Alberico he would use an AR-15 (Assault rifle). Sgt. Alberico asked Sawyer if he had ever shot an AR-15 and Sawyer indicated he had because his friend had one. The conversation continued about guns and Sawyer stated he wanted to get a pistol as well. Specifically Sawyer wanted to get a 9mm. Sawyer went on to tell Sgt. Alberico how he would wear a camo jacket instead of a trench coat like Harris and Klebold. It was clear from the conversation with Sawyer that he was going to use an AR-15 rifle, a 9mm handgun and the 12 gauge shotgun he purchased to carry out his plan.

I asked Sawyer if he felt that if there was no law enforcement intervention today if he would have carried out his plan. Sawyer stated he would have carried it out; however he was not sure when he would have done it. Sawyer went on to say when he dies that is the way he will go out. Sgt. Alberico asked Sawyer if he ever considered any other places and Sawyer advised he had not, it was only FHUHS that he wanted to hit.

We talked with Sawyer about his issues with his school. Sawyer struggled to articulate specifically what it was about school that bothered him, but was firm it was FHUHS setting and experience that he was angry at.

I asked Sawyer if it was the Columbine book that gave him these thoughts and set his plan in motion. Sawyer told us he was having the thoughts before, but it was the book that helped him get started. Sawyer told us he did a bunch more research about it and read more books about Columbine and other shootings. It was very clear that Sawyer had spent time researching school shootings and how he could execute his plan to shoot up FHUHS.

I asked Sawyer if he knew anyone involved in the Florida school shooting. Sawyer told us he knew two people that attended the school and were there when the shooting occurred. Sawyer advised he reached out to one of them because he wanted to know how it made her feel and what it felt like being inside the school. Sawyer told us this stuff fascinates him and he is very interested in this kind of stuff. Sawyer stated the female did not talk with him about it. We asked Sawyer if talking to her would change his mind about his plan and he told us it would not and when he was ready to carry out his plan he would do it.

During our conversation Sawyer told us he had a journal located in his vehicle. He started writing in the journal about 3 months ago and in the journal he vents about his feelings and talks about his plans. The purpose of the journal was also so when he enacts his plan to shoot up the school, law enforcement would have something to

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look back on. I asked him if it was to help us understand what was going through his mind and he advised it was.

Sgt. Alberico talked with Sawyer about other school shootings in the United States. He asked Sawyer how many casualties he wanted. Sawyer responded, "As many as I can get". Sawyer went on to tell Sgt. Alberico he wanted to beat the highest casualty count of all the other school shootings. He wanted to beat the number of deaths in the Virginia Tech School shooting. Sawyer talked about the challenges of that; it was clear he put significant thought into that. Sawyer talked about the importance of a plan and not to be impulsive because that does not produce a high body count.

Sgt. Alberico asked Sawyer about patterning Officer Alkinburg. Sawyer advised he would watch Officer Alkinburg for a week and see when he left school. When he left, that is when he would go into the school and do the shooting. The reason for this was because Officer Alkinburg was the only one who could stop him. Sawyer explained if he could not pattern him he would just have to kill him first. Sawyer described he would walk past Alkinburgh's office then return to the office and shoot him in the head using the 9mm handgun because it was easy to conceal.

Sgt. Alberico asked Sawyer if he had a date when he was going to execute his plan. Sawyer told him it was March 14th because that is when he was supposed to be on spring break and that would be when he had an excuse to come back to Vermont. Sawyer later explained this changed when he found out he could sign himself out of his program in Maine. Sawyer also mentioned that he considered April 20th because that was the day Columbine occurred; however FHUHS was on spring break then. Sgt. Alberico asked Sawyer how he knew FHUHS schedule and Sawyer indicated he had research FHUHS's School Calendar on the internet so he knew when the best time was to carry out his plan.

During our conversation with Sawyer, he told us he intended to follow through with his plan no matter what and this interaction with law enforcement was only going to delay his plan. Sawyer stated it may not be next week, next month or even next year, but eventually he will carry out his plan. Sawyer also talked with us about how he could "disguise" himself, meaning he could convince people such as his counselors that he was fine and did not intend to do anything bad.

Sawyer later granted us consent to search his vehicle and to read his journal. Sawyer signed a consent form granting permission and was informed he could revoke consent anytime.

A search of Sawyer's vehicle was conducted. Inside the vehicle detectives located and seized the following items: Maverick Model 88 Shotgun, 12 gauge shotgun ammunition, a backpack with numerous items inside to include the journal, cash, books on Columbine, digital camera, thumb drives, gas mask, video recorder and other miscellaneous items.

I reviewed Sawyer's journal and his writings he authored in the journal. It was very clear from Sawyer's writings that he was planning a mass shooting of numerous people at the FHUHS. The title on Sawyer's journal was "The Journal of an Active Shooter." Inside the journal were small pieces of paper with dates and timeframes as well as how he would "go in a few days early and scope things out first." There were itemized lists on how much things cost such as a 9mm Glock-$470, Shotgun ammo, 5.56 ammo, and a tactical vest. It should be noted that 5.56mm ammunition is ammunition commonly used in an AR-15 assault rifle.

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Throughout Sawyer's journal he vents about his dislike for people at FHUHS. He talks about having to push up his timeline for the shooting so that the people he went to school with don't graduate. On 1/6/18 he talks about how it was weird knowing he is putting up with everything in his life waiting until he is able to commit the shooting and once that day came nothing else would matter. On 1/11/18 he writes, "The big question still on my mind is, how do I go about killing Officer Scott [Alkinburgh] before he can kill me or stop me." Sawyer goes on to write, "My best plan is to either wait to see if he leaves school grounds or to sneak up on him and shoot him in the head point blank." On 1/28/18 Sawyer talks in his journal about purchasing $500 worth of BIT COINS online and the purpose of this was so that he could purchase a Glock handgun on the "dark web."

We later talked with Sawyer about his BIT COIN purchase. Sawyer told us he did in fact purchase BIT COINS online so that he could eventually purchase a Glock 9mm on the dark web. Sawyer explained that when he purchased the BIT COIN he paid $500 US Currency for them; however the BIT COIN market dropped and was currently only worth $300. Sawyer stated he needed to wait for the BIT COIN market to rebound so he had enough to buy the handgun.

In Sawyer's journal we discovered he attempted to purchase a shotgun at Dick's Sporting Goods in Maine; however he was denied because he did not have a Maine Driver's License. We spoke with Sawyer about this and he advised he did attempt to buy the same shotgun he eventually bought in Vermont; however the store would not sell it to him because he did not have a Maine License. Sawyer explained he planned on taking a covert trip to Vermont to purchase the gun; however that changed once he realized he could leave the program.

Throughout Sawyer's journal he mentions using explosives to help carry out his plan. When I asked him about this he told us that he decided not to use explosives because there was no place he could practice detonating them.

In the back of Sawyer's journal he has an "expense list" which list the guns and ammunition he needs to purchase to carry this out.

There is also a "Top of the should have died list" and that is a list of current and former FHUHS students.

A copy of Sawyer's journal is hereby incorporated as a part of this case for the purposes of probable cause.

Inside Sawyer's vehicle detectives located his computer. Sgt. Alberico brought Sawyer in his computer and he logged into it and started showing Sgt. Alberico information he had on the computer. Sawyer showed Sgt. Alberico his VPN Dark web connection and advised he used this to avoid detection from law enforcement. Sawyer went on to show Sgt. Alberico the weapons he intended to purchase. These weapons matched what he had written in his journal. He also showed Sgt. Alberico photos he had from the Columbine shooting on his computer and a file dedicated solely for information about the Columbine shooting.

Detective Sgt. James Wright and Detective Trooper Patrick Slaney went and spoke with Sawyer's father, David, at his residence. While there David turned over the shotgun Sawyer purchased years prior and had modified. The shotgun buttstock was cut down as was the barrel. The only reason to modify a shotgun in this manner is so a person has the ability to conceal it.

Based on the above information I have probable cause to believe that Jack Sawyer committed the offenses of Attempted Aggravated Murder, Attempted First Degree Murder and Attempted Aggravated Assault with a deadly weapon.

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Sawyer was later transported to Marble Valley Regional Correctional Facility and was ordered held without bail by an authorized court official.

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