

I, Investigator John Meliet, with the Louisiana State University Police Department, certify under oath based on the information outlined below, that there is probable cause to believe Laine Reed Hardy on or about the date(s) of 02-12-2022 to 02-20-2022 did commit:

1 Count(s) of 15:1303-- Interception and Disclosure of Wire, Electronic, or Oral Communication-- (Felony)

within this State and Parish at: Azalea Hall (Louisiana State University - Baton Rouge) in East Baton Rouge Parish and the jurisdiction of the 19th Judicial District Court, contrary to the form of the statutes of the State of Louisiana in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the same, in that the following did occur:

On 4/7/22 LSUPD was dispatched to Azalea Hall relative to the report of a recording device which was discovered in the victim's dorm room. The victim advised that last night (4/6/22), while watching a movie with her roommate, they located a device, appearing to be a phone charger, under the victim's futon (located underneath the victim's bunk bed). The victim stated that after googling the device she learned it to be a VR-500 Voice Activated Recorder. The victim reported that she believes the person whom left the recorder there to be her ex-boyfriend/Defendant (Laine Hardy). The victim and Defendant began dating in November of 2021 through February of 2021 which is when she learned of the crime. The victim advised that on the weekend of Feb 18th she found a fake Instagram account on the Defendant's phone that he used to cover up that he was illegally recording her when he was not around. Note that the Defendant had information about the victim and her actions during Christmas break that was not known to the Defendant. The victim advised she immediately confronted him to which he

admitted to her that he left a "bug" in her room but later discarded it in his pond. The victim advised that he again admitted this via message on Snapchat several weeks after they broke up to which the victim was able to provide via screenshot.

The recorder was then turned over to LSUPD who later dropped it into evidence in which Affiant was able to obtain information from the recorder by downloading the contents onto a flashdrive. Upon reviewing the contents, Affiant saw that the 1st recording was listed as having occurred on 2/10/22. Note that most of the recordings occurred in 5 hour blocks and continued on through to 2/12/22 but then stop. The recordings then pick back up on 2/16/22 through 2/20/22. Affiant then listened to different recordings mainly focusing on the initial recording on the 10th and ending recordings of the 12th and 20th. Affiant was able to ascertain through sound that during the 1<sup>st</sup> recording, which occurred on the 10<sup>th</sup>, the recorder is being transported to the victim's dorm. Audible sounds such as vehicles in background, walking, entering an elevator and then talking amongst multiple people including what sounds to be the Defendant occur. Note that the Defendant is a music recording artist, popular for winning American Idol, and has a very distinguishable voice. The Defendant's name, Laine, is also being heard said on several occasions. Several recordings later it is heard that the Defendant is leaving the dorm as it seems to be early morning. On the 3rd recording it is evident that the Defendant is no longer around as the victim is having very candid conversations with her roommates and someone is heard saying "he left early this morning" and mentions that he had to go to a doctor's appointment (ENT). On the 12th the Defendant appears to have collected the recorder bringing it (audible sounds such as driving, listening to radio are heard) to another location where he begins speaking to an unknown male about feeding a dog. Note that recorder somehow ends up being back in the victim's dorm room on the 16<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> where Affiant overhears a conversation the victim is having with her mother about breaking up with the Defendant. On the 2nd to last recording which is dated 2/20/22, the victim is overheard telling someone about how

she figured out the Defendant was recording her and that she doesn't know if the "bug is still in her room."

I hereby certify under oath the information contained herein to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, under penalties of perjury.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Meliet". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned over a faint, light-colored grid pattern.

**Investigator John Meliet**

**Affiant**