#### **EXHIBITS AVAILABLE TO BOTH PARTIES**

The parties have stipulated to the authenticity of the trial exhibits listed below. The Court will, therefore, not entertain objections to authenticity of these trial exhibits. The parties have reserved any objections to the admissibility of any of these exhibits until the trial of the above-captioned matter. The trial exhibits may be introduced by either party, subject to the Rules of Evidence and the stipulations of the parties contained in the materials.

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## Exhibit #1: 911 Report, October 26, 2019

		911 Detail Rep	ort		
Incident Number: Incident Address: Incident Status:		283MSFD10262019 101 Commerce St., Fondren, Mississippi Closed	Incident Date/Time: Incident Time: Cell/Caller Confirmed:	10/26/2019 18:03:15 Finley Fusco	
Unit	Time	Call Content			
Dis.8	18:03:15	Incoming Call Dispatcher 8 – Fondren Count	911. Is your emergency poli	ce, fire, or medical?	
Caller	18:03:18	My name is Finley Fusco. I'm the venue man management is stationed outside, but people a won't open.			
Dis.8	18:03:30	Are you in any danger?			
Caller	18:03:35	Someone is going to be. They are wanting our pyro just went off not as planned. There is no crazy in here.			
Dis.8	18:04:02	I understand and I am going to notify emerger	ncy management on scene.		
Caller	18:04:15	I will stay right here on my cell if you need m	e.		
Dis.8	18:04:28	Emergency Management (EM). Dispatch8.			
EM	18:04:33	Dispatch8. EM. Go ahead.			
Dis.8	18:04:42	EM. The venue manager at Magnolia Theater pyrotechnics have gone off not as planned. On			
EM	18:05:20	Dispatch8. EM Confirms. We are witnessing scene. With only one exit door working, we'll them safely to the nearest exit?			
Dis.8	18:05:38	Finley, are you still on the line with me?			
Caller	18:05:57	Yes. I am here.			
Dis.8	18:06:10	EM is assisting with the mass exodus of atten	dees. Can you direct attendees	s to the nearest exit?	
Caller	18:06:38	That is what I am doing. It's going to take a w many people.	hile to get everyone out with	just one exit and this	
Dis.8	18:07:03	EM. Dispatch 8 notes the venue manager is diswhile given number in attendance.	recting attendees to the one ex	xit. Exiting will take a	
EM	18:07:43	EM copies. Go ahead and show EMS3 loadin	g a patient needing medical at	tention ASAP.	
Dis.8	18:08:30	Dispatch8. Good copy.			
EM	18:09:57	Dispatch8. Go ahead and send multiple ambu multiple victims on scene needing treatment. well. Make this a second alarm.			
Dis.8	18:10:18	EM. Dispatch8 copies request.			
Dis.8	18:10:52	Dispatch8. Second Dispatch. Any additional I Theater for additional assistance.	EMS or FCSD units please res	spond to Magnolia	
EMS3	18:40:21	Dispatch8. EMS3. EMS3 en route to Fondren	County General Hospital.		
EM	20:52:16	Scene is under control. We show one victim t and released. Clearing Incident #283MSFD102		ers treated on scene	
Dis.8	20:53:23	EM. Good copy. Incident #283MSFD10262019	closed.		

## **Exhibit 2: Incident Report**

AGENCY ID MS04600

## FONDREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

107 Courthouse Square, Fondren, Mississippi 39211 (601) 555-1234

INCIDENT REPORT PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION											
	INCIDENT TYPE					COMPLETED	FORCED ENTRY	PREMISE	UNITS	TYPE VICTIM	
	Large Venue Disturbance				□YES □NO	TYES NO	TYPE Theater	On Scene	Individual Business		
						□YES □NO	□YES □NO			Government Other	
	INCIDENT LOCATION (SUBDIVISION, APART	MENT AND NUM	MBER. STREET NAME AND	) NUMBER)		DIES DINO	LITES LINO			Case #	
۲	Magnolía Theater, 101 Cor									190912	
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	10/26/2019		18:03		1.0000	TO 0115 150	10/26/2019	20:52 HONE EVENING PHON			
	COMPLAINTANT'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) Fusco, Finley							AYTIME PHONE EVENING P 1–867–5309 601–867-			
	ADDRESS						STATI				
	709 North Main Street				For	ndren	MS	39211			
	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)				AKA		•	*			
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	caller, no fire was noted - pyro had gone off not as planned. Saw paramedics rushing an injured										
	woman to ambulance during interviews. EM and EMS were tending to needs of concertgoers. Per										
Sergeant around 18:30 hours, I began interviewing before it was too late to get accur						urate					
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AGENCY ID MS04600

#### FONDREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

107 Courthouse Square, Fondren, Mississippi 39211 (601) 555-1234

#### INCIDENT REPORT

PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

	INCIDENT TYPE			COMPLETED	FORCED ENTRY	PREMISE TYPE	UNITS On Scene	TYPE VICTIM	
	Large Venue Disturbance			□YES □NO	TYES MNO	Theater	9	☐ Individual ☐ Business ☐ Government	
				□YES □NO	□YES □NO			☐ Other	
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EVENT	INCIDENT DATE 24 HOUR CLOCK 10/26/2019 18:03			DATE 10/26/2019			24 HOUR CLOCK 20:52		
	COMPLAINTANT'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) Fusco, Finley			RELATIONSHIP TO SUBJECT DAYTIME PH None 601-867-					
	ADDRESS 709 North Main Street			спу Fondren		STATE MS		ZIP CODE 39211	
	NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) Johnson, Alex	aka N/A							
SUBJECT NO.1	FACIAL HAIR, SCARS, TATOOS, GLASSES, CLOTHING, PHYSICAL PECULARITIES, ETC.  None								
JEC	ADDRESS CITY			STATE		ZIP CODE			
B	142 Highway 522 Unit 1 Fondren		MS		39211				
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#### On Scene Interview - Jett Jones

Jett Jones, journalist for Rock & Fondren magazine, agitated but not fearful. Very distracted with smart phone, interested in how many likes a post received. Post was shown to me and submitted as exhibit. Jones received a post from someone identified as "Cynical Songwriter." Jones reposted it as a warning and was still obsessed with monitoring "the story's" activity. Jones showed post to concertgoer, Stevie Raven. Jones identified Alex Johnson, one of the individuals on scene, was a member of the Ambition band. Nothing suspicious from this interviewee. I did not request Jones's cell phone since Jones was an accredited member of the media and getting a warrant for Jones's device would have been extremely difficult.

#### On Scene Interview - Alex Johnson

Alex Johnson was a member of the Ambition at Magnolia Theater tonight, appeared covered in sweat and very preoccupied. Johnson made clear of being a former member of the band. Johnson had not ran out of theater, but instead was standing outside waiting for friends. Observed Johnson's fingers as a little cut up. When asked, Johnson said recent cuts were from restringing a guitar. No injuries sustained on site. During interview, Johnson abruptly grabs cell phone from pants pocket and frantically accessed it. Appearing to attempt to delete information under exigent circumstances, I immediately ceased the phone for safekeeping as possible probable cause based on prior interview with Jones. We struggled over phone. Phone was on "settings" screen – not sure if that happened during struggle. I retrieved a Faraday bag from the office while an officer detained Johnson until my return. The Faraday bag was retrieved to secure the phone until a search warrant was obtained.

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#### On Scene Interview - Stevie Raven

Stevie Raven, a concertgoer, was open to an interview. Raven confirmed seeing post shown by Jones. Raven indicated being a big Ambition fan. Raven saw Johnson outside of Magnolia Theater typing into cell phone at 17:15 hours. Johnson quickly put phone away when interrupted by Raven, Johnson reluctantly gave autograph and was unreceptive indicating in a hurry because an uber had been called. Johnson loosened up and began chatting re: guitar collections since both into guitars. Convo was interrupted with arrival of black Uber XL. Raven was confused because concert to start at 18:00 hours and it was 17:30 hours at the time and asked as to why Johnson was leaving if performing in 30 minutes. Johnson mentioned seeing a record producer in Maddison, 30 minutes away indicating embarking on a solo career. Raven knew that meant Johnson would not be back in time to perform. Inside theater, Raven spotted Jett Jones. Raven indicated a negative experience with Jones in the past with an article submission. Raven saw Jones inside theater before show to start and met up with Jones about time the house lights were dimming. Raven saw Jones typing on Facebook, but not what was being typed. Jones showed Raven the post submitted as exhibit. Jones told Raven calmly, "This is a huge story. Someone is making a bomb threat." Jones reposted to get as many people out of Magnolia as possible. Raven thought it was a dangerous situation and made way toward main staircase same time as Ambition started playing first song. Raven notified people as exiting about bomb threat. Assumed Jones was doing the same. Chaos broke loose and people ran toward exits and then a loud bang occurred making the running worse as everyone was attempting to exit while screaming and pushing.

## On Scene Interview - Finley Fusco

Finley Fusco, Venue Manager for Magnolia Theater. Fusco indicated being in the room when initial panic started and when the blast occurred. Fusco said initial panic occurred as lights were being dimmed (17:55 hours) and the blast went off two minutes into the first song, which would have been at 18:02 hours. Fusco tried to help concertgoers exit through side doors during the initial panic, but doors would not work even with Fusco's attempts to open doors, and directed them to the main stairs. Fusco did not understand why doors were not operable since Fusco and maintenance checked all doors were in working order prior to soundcheck at 17:00 hours. After the blast on stage at 18:02 hours, Fusco initiated the 911 call at 18:03 hours and confirmed there was no fire present and that emergency management was already on scene as they were secured for the event. Fusco witnessed crowd crushing as people were pushing toward the main stairs. Fusco witnessed the lead singer, Jody Rivers, jumping off stage and helping people. Fusco did not understand how panic started prior to pyro going off incorrectly. Fusco was confident the blast from the pyro made the crowd panic more than before and inoperable side doors contributed to the panic. Fusco indicated a suspicion that the pyrotechnics may have been tampered with since this has never happened prior. Fusco had worked with pyrotechnician, Drew Bellamy, numerous times and pyro was set to go no higher than 10.5 feet with the ceilings at 16.5 feet high and was to be a standard show of pyro. Made note for Fire Marshal to know about locked doors during the event to issue a ticket violation, which is an exhibit. Fusco did not know if this had any relation, but indicated witnessing from back stage an argument at the time

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### On Scene Interview - Finley Fusco (continued)

around soundcheck (after 17:00 hours) between lead singer, Jody Rivers and Alex Johnson on the stage. Fusco heard Johnson making threats to Jody, about owning songs and a signed contract preventing Rivers from performing those songs.

#### On Scene Notes -

Overheard two individuals later identified as Jody Rivers and Drew Bellamy having an abrupt conversation about the pyro at the concert. Ended interview with Fusco and indicated there may be a follow-up. I then introduced myself to Rivers and Bellamy.

### On Scene Interview - Jody Rivers and Drew Bellamy

Jody Rivers, lead singer with Ambition. Drew Bellamy, hired pyrotechnician. Pulled Bellamy aside to discuss the events that occurred. Rivers was not currently needed for interview. Bellamy indicated being very familiar with Magnolia Theater and pyro expectations. Bellamy had chemical fire canisters for device extinguishing, the fail-safe piping and chemicals acting like a kill switch for the pyrotechnic devices, and detonation boxes - a large heavy metal lined box to place malfunctioning devices in to prevent external detonation. Bellamy also had smothering blankets and fire extinguishers on site. Magnolia Theater is 16.5 feet high with puro set no higher than 10.5 feet high. Two devices were set up with an identical load of five spark shows, and 4 timed concussive events known as big bangs, placed at far left and far right of stage, 48-inches off of wall. Bellamy arrived at 16:00 hours to set up with show time at 18:00 hours. Stage was complete with pyro at 17:00 hours. Bellamy left via side exit doors, moved work van and got food at food truck. While at food truck at 17:15 hours is when noticed Johnson coming out of the main stairs. Bellamy surprised to see Johnson, since Fusco indicated to Bellamy that Johnson left the band and was outraged about the addition of pyro. Bellamy returned to stage at 17:45 hours, walked stage one more time and settled in. Does not recall rechecking wires at pyrotechnic boxes. Bellamy commented on the obvious - attendees were everywhere - courtyard, food trucks, down stairs and upstairs for concert. Bellamy noted seeing Fusco stage left at 17:55 hours as well as Jones in crowd. Bellamy noted Rivers on stage at exactly 18:00 hours with little response from audience due to checking cell phones and screens being shown to others. Bellamy noted movement in crowd towards exit doors and what looked like panic at opening of show. Two minutes into first song is when planned pyro was scheduled to go off and instead of one spark show at a time – everything went off at once along with an earsplitting loud boom sound from each side of stage. Bellamy quickly hit the fail-safe switch filling both pyro boxes with retardant foam rendering them inactive. Bellamy scanned the crowd for injuries and helped down concertgoers get back on their feet. During interview, received the "All Clear" for going back into building. At conclusion of interview, Bellamy left to check devices. Bellamy then returned and indicated that it was obvious that someone moved the external wires around triggering the first set of sparks to trigger all the sparks at once - not what it was set up to do. Bellamy was confident that someone tampered with the pyro.

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### Search Warrant on Phone Belonging to Alex Johnson - October 28, 2019

Received the warrant on Johnson's cell phone and began analysis. Used software – "Forensic Magician" to extract data. Results of analysis are submitted as an exhibit. Overview – phone not connected to any Wi-Fi network during time period searched. Browsing history identified several searches that could be related to incident on October 26, 2019. Unable to determine when data from Facebook app was deleted or which accounts were accessed.

## Subpoena Facebook - October 28, 2019, Report October 29, 2019

Searched for basic information associated with "Cynical Songwriter" account. Received information was submitted as an exhibit. The document indicates that the "Cynical Songwriter" account was created on October 26, 2019 at 17:14 EST from the Internet Protocol ("IP") address 2.58.172.2. This IP address is part of a virtual private network (VPN) and the true device IP address is not discoverable.

#### Research into Former Records on Alex Johnson

Retrieved former records on Alex Johnson. One prior criminal charge noted. Johnson was arrested for second-degree arson utilizing fireworks/other explosives in 2008. Resulted in Jefferson HS Gym catching fire equal to felony arson. Johnson pled guilty in plea bargain agreement resulting in community service.

#### Conclusion and Arrest Warrant for Alex Johnson - October 30, 2019

I concluded that Johnson set up the "Cynical Songwriter" Facebook account on Johnson's cell phone on October 26, 2019, while at Magnolia Theater. Johnson then posted the bomb threat causing the stampede aka crowd crushing that killed Janet Porter. I obtained an arrest warrant and personally arrested Johnson on the same day at residence on October 30, 2019.

#### Follow-Up Note - November 4, 2019

Fusco from Magnolia Theater emailed me after the arrest. Fusco stated that an inspection was done by a representative of the defense, Lane Rhodes, and that a guitar string was found jammed in the lock in the side doors' locking mechanism. A photo of the guitar string was provided as an exhibit. This guitar string was the sole reason the exit doors did not function properly. I am making a connection with the guitar string cuts previously noted on Alex Johnson's fingers. Alex Johnson hands were cut up, and the process of shoving a guitar string into a door lock would certainly cause those types of injuries.

#### **Exhibit #4: Coroner's Report on Casey Myers**

#### STATE OF MISSISSIPPI - MISSISSIPPI CORONER'S OFFICE DIVISION OF FORENSIC SCIENCES - RECORD OF CORONER Name of Deceased Casey Myers County Fondren 27 **Date of Birth** 10/24/1992 Age Height 63" 10/26/2019 **Date of Death** Weight 145 lbs. Time of Death 19:13 Hours **MANNER OF DEATH** ) Natural ( ) Homicide ) Suicide ) Accident | ( ) Undetermined | ( **X** ) Other PURPOSE OF REPORT ( ) Limited Dissection ) External Exam ) History Review ( X ) Autopsy PERFORMED BY Chandler Davis, M.D. Date 10/27/19 Hour 08:30 Hours **APPROVED** 10/27/19 Stephan Bonner, M.D. **Date**

#### **CAUSE OF DEATH**

**External Examination:** The body is of an adult female, approximately 63" in height, and weighing 145 lbs.

Multiple external injuries are present and readily visible upon inspection of the body. Beginning at the head and moving down. There is a large laceration of approximately 8 inches in length diagonally across the face next to a footprint embedded on face and partial neck. The skull appears to be cracked and indented from extreme pressure. There is very little blood at or around the wound location, indicating a postmortem wound.

Both shoulders and torso area have blunt force trauma as indicated by abrasions, contusions, and shoe prints. The upper body injuries are consistent with walking over the body compressing and breaking multiple ribs and restricting heart flow.

In the lower extremities, the left femur presents a compound fracture with approximately 3" of bone protruding through the skin. The same type of abrasions and contusions as in the torso exist in both legs.

#### Internal Examination:

Cardiovascular: The heart is normal size and weight for patient's age and appears to have been structurally normal prior to extensive damage from compression.

**Respiratory:** The lungs appear to be normal size and weight. Tissue appears to be normal prior to extensive damage from compression.

**Hepatobiliary:** The liver appears to be normal prior to extensive damage from compression.

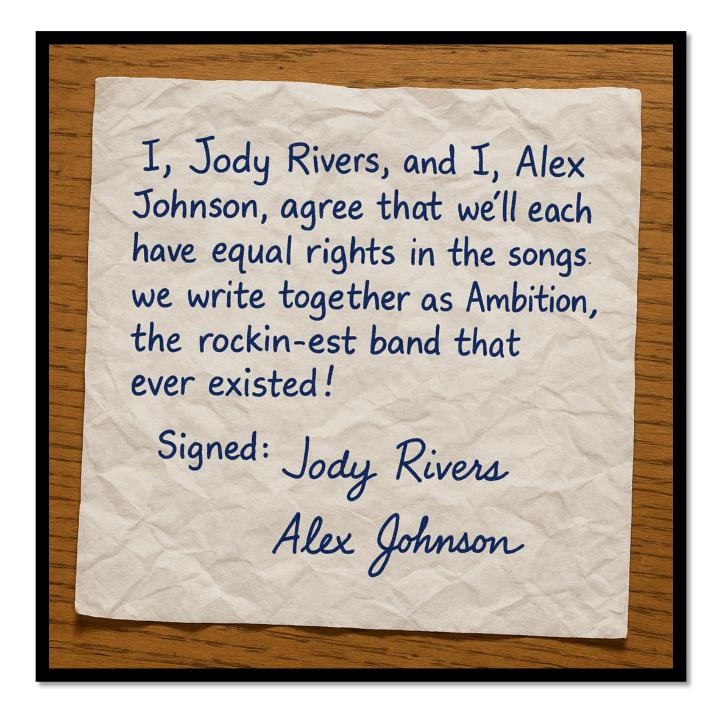
Gastrointestinal: The typically formed tongue, esophagus, gastroesophageal junction, serosal stomach and gastric mucosa show damage from compression. The stomach, large bowel, and small bowel appear normal prior to extensive damage from compression.

#### **Other Procedures:**

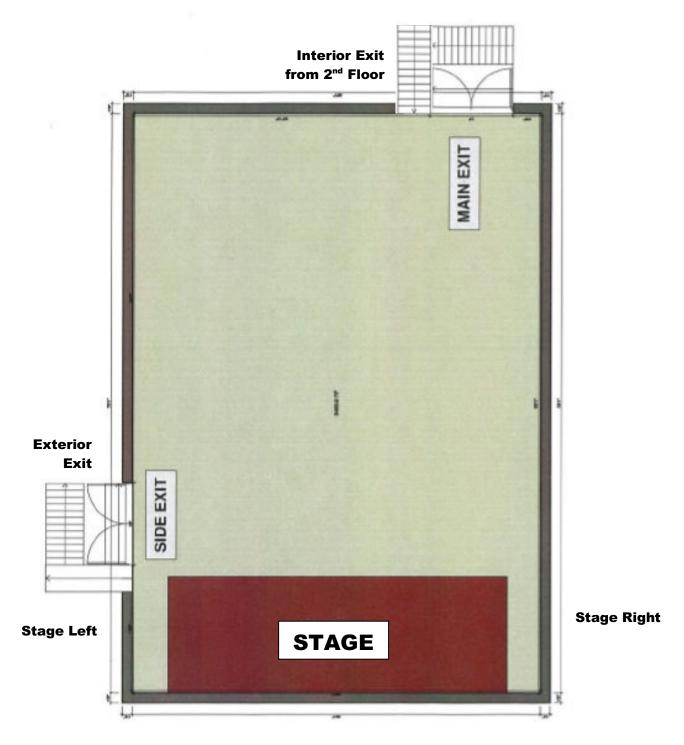
- 1. Documentary photographs are obtained.
- Blood, urine, bile, and vitreous are submitted for toxicological analysis. All reports clear.
- Blood is submitted for serological analysis, if necessary.
- 4. Head and body hair is submitted.
- 5. Clothing is submitted for volatile determination.
- Possessions (cell phone, driver's license, credit card and key fob) are in possession of RCSD for examination.

Autopsy Findings: At the time of death, this was an otherwise healthy 27-year-old.

Cause of Death: Blunt force trauma to the entire body via trampling. It is unknown what organ ceased working first due to quantity of injuries. The death was caused from excessive trampling on major organs.



## **Exhibit #6: Magnolia Theater Floorplan**



**Magnolia Theater Second Floor Floorplan** 

Fondren, Mississippi

Last Updated: 2015

#### **Exhibit #7: Social Media Post**



**Jett Jones** October 26, 2019 at 5:56 PM

Readers, your #1 music reporter here posting live from Magnolia Theater with a breaking story. Was just tagged by a crazy fan who's made what appears to be a bomb threat. Folks should exit in an orderly fashion. Live updates to follow.



**Cynical Songwriter** October 26, 2019 at 5:55 PM

Hey Jett Jones u might want to cover this story about tonight's Ambition show at Magnolia. i heard Alex Johnson isn't going to be there and the band is going to bomb... in more ways than one. the crowd should get outta the theater as quick as they can before the fireworks start. Otherwise someone might get hurt.

## Exhibit #8: ForensicMagician Report

**ForensicMagician** 

User: Sanders, Jamie
Report Generated: 28-Oct-2019 13:47 EST

**Report Type:** Custom Fields **Report No.:** 19-1248

**Device(s) Analyzed:** 

1. Andromeda Smartphone v. 3.12.17 serial no. 23232178904, recovered 26-Oct-2019 from Johnson,

Alex		<u> </u>
	Andromeda Smartphone v. 3.12.17 serial no. 23232178904 recovered 26-Oct-2019 from Alex Johnson	
Wi-Fi History (last 30 days)	No connection made to Wi-Fi in the time period searched.	
Search History (22-Oct-19 to 26-Oct-19)	"criminal penalties for threats" (26-Oct-19, 12:09 EST)  "concerts gone wrong" (26-Oct-19, 11:08 EST)  "Home Depot" (26-Oct-19, 11:57 EST)  "gas station, Fondren, MS" (25-Oct-19, 14:11 EST)  "criminal threats" (24-Oct-19, 20:44 EST)  "criminal penalties threats" (24-Oct-19, 20:37 EST)  "Magnolia Theater" (22-Oct-19, 12:51 EST)  "Eudoras Burgers" (22-Oct-19, 12:01 EST)  "Home Depot" (22-Oct-19, 11:57 EST)	
App Data (Facebook)	None	
App Data (Uber)	October 26, 2019 Ride requested at 17:15 in Fondren, MS Ride #547 confirmed at 17:16 Ride #547 arrived at 17:30 en route to Madison, MS Ride #547 arrived at 18:00 in Madison, MS Ride #547 re-requested at 18:00 en route to Fondren, MS Ride #547 arrived at 18:30 in Fondren, MS	
App Data (Geo Location)	October 26, 2019 16:00 home address (117 River Chase Lane, Fondren, MS 39211) 16:45 driving 5 minutes 16:50 Magnolia Theater 17:30 driving 30 minutes 18:00 I-55, Madison 18:00 driving 30 minutes 18:30 Magnolia Theater	

#### **Facebook Business Record**

## **Subscriber Information**

Service: Facebook

**Target:** 99999222221

**Date Range:** Creation to 2019-10-29 13:59:59 EST

Name: First Alex

Last Ambition

Vanity Name: Cynical Songwriter

Registered Email: buddiesDuling@360ya.ar

**Email Verification:** Yes

The document indicates that the "Cynical Songwriter" account was created on <u>October 26, 2019 at 17:14</u> from the Internet Protocol ("IP") address 2.58.172.2. This IP address is part of a virtual private network (VPN) and the true device IP address is not discoverable.

**Exhibit #10: Picture - Double Doors with Push Bar** 



**Note:** The red circle is circled around the pass key hole where guitar string was found.

Exhibit #11: Picture - Guitar String Found in Lock



# FONDREN FIRE AND RESCUE VIOLATION

DATE: 10/28/2019

BUSINESS NAME: Magnolia Theater

ADDRESS OF VIOLATION: 101 Commerce St., Fondren MS 39216

PERSON NOTICE GIVEN TO: Finley Fusco

TITLE OF PERSON NOTICE GIVEN TO: Venue Manager

RECEIPT OF NOTICE - SIGNATURE/DATE Finley Fusco

ITEM NO.	VIOLATION CODE	FONDREN FIRE BY-LAW VIOLATIONS
		_ FOR IMMEDIATE COMPLIANCE
1	1001.2	It is unlawful to alter a bldg. or structure that reduces the # of exits.
		structure that reduces the # of exits.
		Side doors were noted on 10/26/12 to be
		inaccessible by Dep. Sanders. Doors will
		checked after fine paid.
		5
		Kus. To remain closed until passing
		Kus. To remain closed until passing re-inspection and \$1,000.00 fine
		is paid in full.

FIRE INSPECTOR: Paryl Lattimore

**BADGE NUMBER: 22-30713** 

## **Exhibit #13: Building Inspection Report** (Page 1 of 2)

#### RHODE'S INSPECTION SERVICES, LLC

#### **Inspection Information:**

Date of Inspection:	November 4, 2019		
Property Name:	Magnolia Theater		
Address:	101 Commerce St., Fondren, MS 39216		
Person On-Site for Inspection: Finley Fusco			
Person Conducting Inspection: Lane Rhodes			

#### **Purpose of Report:**

Rhodes Inspection Services, LLC was contacted by client, Alex Johnson, on November 1, 2019, to evaluate Magnolia Theater for code violations and other safety hazards.

#### **Report Findings:**

I reached out to Fondren Inspections Division on November 1, 2019, to obtain copies of all Magnolia Theater's prior inspection records. The clerk indicated their records went as far back as the 1990's, but Magnolia Theater's records could not be located and they certainly no longer existed. Clerk indicated that Magnolia Theater may have had an exception to inspections since it was on the National Historic Registry. I personally know exterior stairs were added to create an additional side exit in 2015. I am surprised no inspection was done in 2015, with the addition. I would call it criminal to have no inspection records this long for a building that is so popular and houses up to 500 people per event.

On Monday, November 4, 2019, I arrived at Magnolia Theater as a surprise visit. A copy of the layout I observed has been supplied. I met with Finley Fusco, the venue manager. The building is a large, 2-story event space with the primary event space on the second floor accessible with main stairs that open into the interior of the first floor. A second set of stairs is on the exterior and is on the side of the building.

For the building's capacity, the building is approximately 50 feet wide by 70 feet long, equaling a total surface area of 3,500 square feet. Allowing for seven square feet of floor space per occupant means its maximum capacity is 500 people. Fondren Fire Code Section 201.9 provides that buildings with a capacity of 301-500 people are required to have at least two exits. The building has precisely two exits that are ten feet wide and are placed 85 feet apart. However, I could not find any signage noting the venue's maximum capacity.

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Rhodes Inspection Services, LLC

RE: Magnolia Theater

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It is noted that being in compliance with the Fire Code does not necessarily mean safe. Technical compliance is never the ultimate goal when it comes to building safety. Rather, the Fire Code reflects a bare minimum and the requirements represent the ones without which a building becomes an obvious and unacceptable hazard. The Magnolia Theater is in the latter category. For a venue that regularly hosts concerts, technical compliance is simply not good enough, especially knowing the concert hall itself is on the building's second floor.

Since this venue is more likely to have sold out events and maximum capacity of 500 people, this building should have three exits. The absence of the third exit, may have contributed to the tragedy on October 26, 2019. Because of the nature of the event on October 26th, it is likely there were more than 500 people in attendance. Being over capacity could have contributed to the fatality of Casey Myers.

While onsite, I had Finley Fusco show me the door that was locked during the October 26, 2019, performance. I checked the side doors, which are standard commercial double doors with one push bar also known as a panic bar and the doors would not open. Nothing appeared wrong with the doors, so I looked more closely at the locking mechanism. There were minute scratches where the hole for pass key goes in the red circled area on the picture of the doors. I identified a twisted-up piece of metal string lodged in the keyhole where the pass key is inserted, which caused both doors to jam in a permanently locked or jammed position until removed. I extracted the twisted up wire and it turned out to be a gold colored guitar string. The picture of the guitar string found in the locking mechanism has been supplied. Once the guitar string was removed, the double doors opened without issue.