

SEARCH WARRANT

IN THE COUNTY COURT
IN AND FOR LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

TO: **SHERIFF LARRY CAMPBELL, EACH AND/OR ALL SINGULAR DEPUTY
SHERIFFS OF THE LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

WHEREAS, complaint on oath and in writing, supported by affidavit has this day been made before me, the undersigned Judge of the COUNTY Court, in and for LEON County, Florida, by **Detective Melinda McBride**. That Affiant has reason to believe and does believe certain evidence more particularly described herein below is being kept in or upon a certain **residence** located in LEON County, Florida, described as follows, to-wit:

The residence to be searched is located within the Cypress Pointe Apartment Complex. It is located in the third building on the north side of the complex, when entering from Delaney Drive. The building is an off-white colored building with green trim. The building has the numerics "301-324" on the front of it. The particular residence to be searched is located at the top of the second stairwell from the west side of the building. The residence is on the third floor of the apartment building. The door to the residence faces east. The door is green, with the numerals "309" on the door.

Being the **property** occupied by or under the control of Trenton Ross and there is being kept on or in said **residence** certain PROPERTY, TO-WIT: **firearms or any items or accessories associated with a firearm, clothing, any items with trace evidence, any computers or electronic devices which would store any data such as digital images, videos, co-conspirator contact information and other incriminating data, any documentation written or electronic, receipts, etc. to establish mode of travel prior to/during/after incident**; which is being kept and used in violation of the Laws of the State of Florida, or evidence of a crime to wit the law prohibiting Homicide contrary to Chapters 782, Florida Statutes.

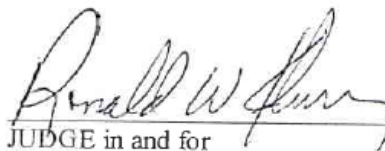
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And it appears to the Court that Affiant is a reputable citizen of LEON County, Florida, and that the facts set forth in said affidavit show and constitute probable cause for the issuance for this WARRANT and the Court being satisfied of the existence of said grounds in said application, or that there is probable cause to believe in their existence.

NOW, THEREFORE, you, or either of you, are hereby COMMANDED IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, in the daytime or in the night time, upon any day of the week, including Sunday, to enter the hereinbefore specified property, (and the curtilage thereof), and to search therein for said property, and if the same, or any part thereof shall be found on said premises, then you are hereby authorized and commanded to seize said property and to bring it before this court or a court of competent jurisdiction and to arrest any person or persons found violating the law in connection with the same, and to bring them before the Honorable Court of competent jurisdiction to be dealt with according to law, and to forthwith make return of your doing in the premises upon the execution of this warrant, which you are hereby ordered to execute within ten days of issuance, as provided by law.

YOU ARE FURTHER COMMANDED, in the event that you seize any of the said property hereinbefore described, to make up, at the time and place of seizure, a full and complete inventory of all things seized and taken, in person duplicate, signed by you, and to deliver one copy of said duplicate to the person named in the warrant, if said person is not present or should no person be named herein, then to some person in charge of, or living on the premises, and in the absence of such person, to leave the same on said premises.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 28th day of January, A.D., 2011.


JUDGE in and for

LEON

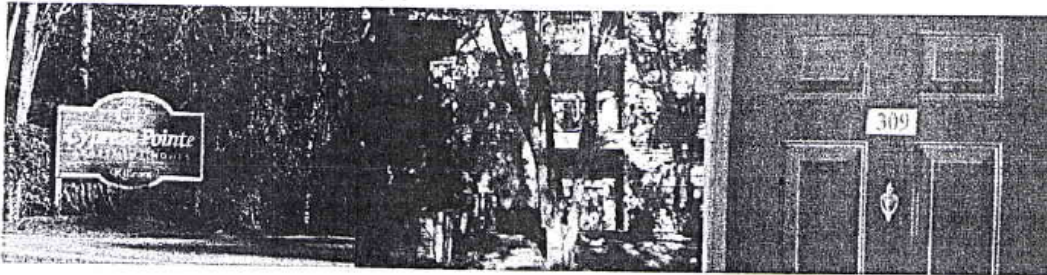
County, Florida.

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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEON

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Judge of the County Court in and for LEON County Florida, personally came, **Detective Melinda McBride**, who, being first duly sworn, deposes and says: That Affiant is a citizen and resident of LEON County, Florida, and that he/she has reason to believe and does believe that certain evidence, more particularly described herein below is being kept in or upon 1555 Delaney Drive, Apt 309, located in LEON COUNTY, Florida, described as follows, to-wit:

This is the residence to be searched:



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PROBABLE CAUSE

On Thursday, January 27, 2011, Laqecia Herring and her juvenile brother, Sterling Conner were found dead inside their home located at 1740 Corey Wood Circle in Tallahassee, Florida.

Through interviews with family members, it was determined that Deshon Thomas and Laqecia attended middle school together. Approximately seven months ago, Deshon and Laqecia began talking and started a relationship. About a month into their relationship, Laqecia realized she was pregnant.

When Laqecia informed Deshon of her pregnancy, he offered to, and gave her approximately \$140.00 to go to a location at Cross Creek in Tallahassee, so Laqecia could start the abortion process. It was reported Laqecia changed her mind and decided to not carry out the abortion. When the decision was made by Laqecia to not follow through with the abortion, Deshon decided not to have her as a friend on his face book site and stopped talking to her altogether.

According to family, Deshon and Laqecia began talking again approximately two weeks ago, and through their conversations Deshon learned that Laqecia and her family were getting ready to move to Jacksonville, Florida.

On Tuesday night, January 25, 2011, Deshon went to Laqecia's residence for a visit being extremely nice to her.

Later on during interviews, Lashonda Perkins, (Laqecia mother's significant other) reported Laqecia had told her that she told Deshon on Tuesday night she "Was still going to put him on child support."

After the two subjects were located, it was determined that foul play was involved and a search warrant for 1740 Corey Wood Circle was obtained. During the search, Laqecia's cell phone was located. After looking through the cell phone, the following text messages were sent/received on January 26, 2011.

8:48PM – Sent from Deshon to Laqecia

LMAO, where are you at?

8:47PM - Sent from Laqecia's phone number (850) 566-2236 to Deshon

On my way home

8:49PM - Reply from Deshon's phone number (850) 459-0690 to Laqecia

Who gonna be there?

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8:49PM – Reply from Laqecia's number to Deshon

Me, Nina and Sterling might be.

8:51PM – Reply from Deshon to Laqecia

What's his number?

8:58PM – Reply from Laqecia to Deshon

His phone broke.

8:58PM – Reply from Laqecia to Deshon

About 10:30

9:30PM – Reply from Deshon to Laqecia

I'm coming over there when I get off

9:31PM – Reply from Laqecia to Deshon

What time do you get off?

9:37PM – Reply from Deshon to Laqecia

1 Something

9:38PM – Reply from Laqecia to Deshon

Okay

9:43PM – Reply from Deshon to Laqecia

Let me know when Sterling get there.

9:43PM – Reply from Laqecia to Deshon

Okay

10:59PM – Message sent from Laqecia's phone to Deshon's

Sterling here.

***** END TEXT MESSAGES *****

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Prior to the discovery of the deceased at approximately 10:19AM on January 27, 2011 their mother advised she attempted to call Laqecia's cellular phone several times. These calls were observed on Laqecia's phone as missed calls. The last known communication made by Laqecia was the 10:59PM text noted above.

After obtaining cellular site data for Deshon Thomas' phone records provided by AT&T, it was discovered that his cell phone was hitting off of the cellular tower in the area of State Road 20 and Capital Circle North West at approximately 0414 and 0415 hours on January 27, 2011. These times are associated to an outgoing and incoming text message.

Due to the discovery of the information provided by Laqecia's family members, her phone records and her involvement with Deshon Thomas, it is believed that he is responsible for the death of the two deceased individuals.

During the course of the investigation, a Confidential Informant advised that she/ he has seen Deshon Thomas in possession of a 9mm handgun and that the handgun is kept at Thomas' residence located at 1555 Delaney Drive, Apt 309. The Confidential Informant stated that he/ she has observed the weapon at this location (1555 Delaney Drive, Apt 309) numerous times. The Confidential Informant has seen this weapon at the residence within the last 10 days. The Confidential Informant knows this to be DeShon Thomas' weapon. The Confidential Informant is familiar with handguns and recognized the weapon as a 9mm semi-automatic pistol.

An autopsy of the victims confirmed that both victims died as a result of gunshot wounds consistent with a 9mm round. Additionally, the autopsy confirmed that Laqecia was approximately 21 weeks pregnant.

On the evening of 1/27/11, a traffic stop was conducted where contact was made with DeShon Thomas. At that time, he was observed to be wearing shoes that were consistent with a tread pattern found at the scene of the crime.

Also, there were no signs of forced entry to the residence, no obvious items removed, no signs of a struggle having occurred, and due to the positioning of the victims bodies this scene appeared consistent with the suspect having been known to the victim's. The front door to the residence was reportedly locked to include the door knob and deadbolt. The rear door was found open (possible exit point).

Your Affiant is a Detective with the Leon County Sheriff's Office, currently assigned to the Violent Crimes Unit. Your Affiant has been an officer of the Leon County Sheriff's Office for 18 years.

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On the basis of your affiant's experience and from the facts set forth herein, your Affiant believes and had good reason to believe that certain evidence, more particularly described herein of the crime of **Homicide**, is now being kept within said residence.

WHEREFORE, Affiant makes this affidavit and prays the issuance of a search warrant in due form of law for the search of the above described property for the hereinbefore described evidence to be seized and for the seizure and return thereof, subject to the order of the Honorable Court having competent jurisdiction, by the duly authorized officers of the Law.

Ret. M. McBride #267650
Melinda McBride, Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th
day of JANUARY, A.D., 2011.

Ronald W. Glavin
Judge in and for LEON County, Florida.

The above application for Search Warrant coming on to be heard and having examined the application under oath and the above sworn affidavit set forth and the facts alleged therein and thereupon being satisfied that there is probable cause to believe that the grounds set forth in said application and the facts alleged do exist and that the Law is being violated as alleged, I so find a Search Warrant is hereby allowed and issued.

This 28th day of JANUARY, A. D., 2011.

Ronald W. Glavin
JUDGE in and for LEON
County, Florida

****My note: 9mm handgun is not the murder weapon. 9mm is a more powerful gun; wounds would've been more violent. Victims were murdered with a .38 caliber handgun.**