

TIMELINE OF EVENTS LEADING AND EXCEEDING UP TO ARREST OF DESHON
THOMAS ON 2 COUNTS OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER

The following are snapshots of statements from the Discovery Report that I received from my son's ex-attorney Mr. Gregory Cummings. To my knowledge, Leon County Sheriff's detectives took these statements from the victims' family members, friends and foes of the victims and my son, as well as other witnesses. Out of all of these statements, Assistant State Attorney Jack Campbell/ Prosecutor on my son's case, has identified their "Key witness" as my son's ex-roommate, Trentin Ross. Detectives have three different versions of events taken from Trentin Ross. The first version was taken by Lt. Tim Baxter and Detective Melinda McBride. Detective McBride was the original lead detective on the case, until she was replaced by then reserved deputy, Don Odham. The second and third statements of events are taken by Detective Don Odham and K. Ganey. Detective Don Odham is a reserved deputy with no experience to be a lead detective over a double homicide case. Detective Don Odham is known to be a wealthy friend of Sheriff Larry Campbell and good friends with all of the men on the sheriff's command staff. It was also rumored that Detective Odham lied in several cases and left out pertinent information in Probable Cause Reports that could've possibly deterred a judge's decision making. I know this to be true in my son's case. But no amount of money could save Detective Don Odham's job when he stepped out of his arena and committed a crime in another state. In August of 2011, months after kicking me out of the sheriff's office, he himself was "kicked" out. Detective Don Odham had gone to Alabama and flew his plane so low that it clipped the line of a parasailor causing injury. Instead of Detective Odham stopping (returning to the scene), He didn't report it. An investigation was opened up and his plane was tracked back to the scene of the accident. This possibly led Sheriff Larry Campbell to have no other choice but to fire him. Now we know we have a proven liar to be lead detective over my son's case.

In each timeline section I interject my own notes. For the sake of time, I tried to limit most of the snapshots of the statements to direct information from the witnesses—not presumptions or hearsay.

Statements taken from people that I feel are most relevant:

Tracy Bush—victims’ mother (Laqecia Herring and Sterling Conner Jr.)

Ronterrious Conner—victims’ 16-year-old brother

LaShonda Perkins—victims’ mother’s girlfriend of approximately 1 year—she’s 9 years younger than Tracy Bush and in my opinion LaShonda is an instigator

LeDeidre Jenkins—Laqecia Herring’s ex-best friend

Seqouyah Conner—Sterling Conner Jr.’s half sister and Laqecia Herring’s friend

Tequila Urserly—victims’ neighborhood eyewitness

DeShon Thomas—defendant

Trentin Ross—defendant’s ex-roommate/ States “key witness”

Antonio Brown—Laqecia’s Herring current boyfriend and possible father of unborn baby

Michael Jones Jr.—defendant’s co-worker

Madeline Mitchell—defendant’s work manager

Quantata Lewis—mutual friends of the victims and DeShon (defendant)

Tyrone Fain—Sterling Conner Jr.’s friend

Leon County Sheriff’s Staff

Det. McBride

Det. Dennis

Det. Reeves

Det. Don Odham (proven liar)

Det. Farcas

Det. Gore

Det. Ganey

Lt. Tim Baxter

Deputy Couch

Det. Pearson

****Detectives lied to all of the judges that made decisions in regards to my son. Detectives created a hostile environment between my son and his ex-girlfriend. There is no evidence of hostility between my son and his ex-girlfriend leading up to the time of her death. Below is a statement taken from the victims' mother regarding DeShon (my son) hours after she discovered the bodies; by her own statement as well as other witnesses, she (the victims' mother) let her kids do as they pleased, despite the fact that they were living under her roof (the crime scene).**

****STATEMENTS TAKEN BY DETECTIVES ON 1/27/11 DAY VICTIMS BODIES WERE DISCOVERED**

****Below is statement taken by then Lead Det. Melinda McBride of Tracy Bush, victims' mother.**

Ms. Tracy Bush, B/F, DOB: 01/12/72
1740 Corey Wood Circle Tallahassee, Fl.
850-408-5192 Unemployed
Mother of both victims

Ms. Bush advised that Laqecia was approximately 5 months pregnant and the father of the unborn child was 17 year old Deshon Thomas. Ms. Bush advised that she did not know Deshon very well. She knew that Deshon was someone that used to go to school with Laqecia. Laqecia started seeing Deshon approximately 7 months ago. Approximately one month into the relationship she got pregnant, at which time Deshon stopped seeing her and blocked Laqecia from his Facebook page. She explained that Deshon had another girlfriend and indicated that there may have been arguments over Facebook.

She advised that a few days ago Laqecia and Deshon became friends again on Facebook. Laqecia reportedly told Lashonda Perkins that Deshon came over to the incident location on the evening of Tuesday 25 January 2011. She advised that Laqecia seemed fine and may have been happy that Deshon came over for a visit.

Ms. Bush advised that for approximately 2 weeks prior to Friday 21 January 2011, Laqecia and Nia had been living with a friend of Laqecia named Diedra (later identified as LeDeidra Jenkins). She explained that Diedra was someone that Laqecia went to Elementary and Middle school with. Laqecia and Diedra got back in touch with each other approximately 6 or 7 months ago. Laqecia moved out of Diedra's residence on Friday 21 January 2011. Diedra accused Laqecia of not paying \$350.00 owed to Diedra's mother for allowing Laqecia to stay there. Diedra began saying nasty things about and threatening Laqecia on Facebook. On Tuesday 25 January 2011, Diedra was saying a lot of nasty stuff about Laqecia, so Laqecia ended up going over to Diedra's house to talk to her about it. Laqecia never got out of the car. She explained that she knew this because Laqecia called her at around 0100 hours telling her about the argument. She could overhear Diedra cursing in the background. Ms. Bush could not advise who took Laqecia to Diedra's house or how she got home. She advised that she does know that Laqecia's cousin Brianna Herring was with her. Laqecia called her around 0300 hours, to let her know that she was home and alright.

She advised that prior to Laqecia's relationship with Deshon, she had been going out with 21 year old Antonio Brown for approximately one year. Their relationship ended sometime around February 2010. She last saw them together approximately one month ago when Laqecia brought him over for dinner. She stated that Antonio seemed to care for Laqecia. She could not provide his telephone number, but advised that he works at Super Suds on Capital Circle across from the prison.

****Below on 1/27/11 the victims' mother discuss with detectives 16-year-old Michael Loggins best friend of the male victim who was recently living with the victims before their murders. To my knowledge No further investigation was taken with this likely suspect.**

****A few months after the murders, Michael Loggins (now 17 years-old) was arrested for Assault with a Weapon (gun). Despite Michael Loggins extensive juvenile record, his charges were kept in juvenile court and he was placed in a juvenile facility. I believe that this was done in an effort to keep the public from finding out the caliber of the gun that was used in the assault (the murder weapon in the double homicide had not been located) and to keep his identity secret because the mother and younger brother of the victims told detectives of the recent burglaries that this boy had committed to their residence.**

approximately two weeks ago Sterling sent Laqecia a text asking her if she had let his friend Mike into their house. She advised him that she had not, at which time he told her that Mike had broken into their house. Laqecia told her about it, at which time she didn't believe Sterling because he had lied to her a lot. She went to the house and walked around back, at which time she saw some random man who said he stopped because he saw a ladder in the ditch and wanted to get it. Then she started thinking that Sterling might have been telling the truth. When she went inside she found some of Mike's clothes inside the house and the second floor window would not close properly. A few days later Sterling told her that Mike had gotten someone pregnant, so his mother sent him to live in Jacksonville. She explained that is why she never said anything about it. She could not provide Mike's last name, but advised that he lives somewhere off of Meridian Rd. close to Ox Bottom, his mother's name is Lydia and he is approximately 16 years old. She advised that Ronterrious may be able to provide me with more information about Mike because he was friends with Mike before Sterling was. She recalled that approximately one month ago Sterling and Mike got into a fight, but Sterling assured her that they had made up and she has seen them together since then.

****Below is statement taken by Det. M Reeves of Ronterrious Conner, 16 year-old brother of victims—not 17 year-old as stated in below.**

On Thursday, January 27, 2011, I was assigned the task of interviewing Ronterrious Conner, who is the 17 year old brother of Laqecia Herring (20 years old) and Sterling Conner (17 years old).

****At the conclusion of the below statement, a DNA sample was taken from Ronterrious. Both Ronterrious and Tracy Bush (mother) had their hands swabbed for gunshot residue.**

When I asked Ronterrious to tell me what he knew about the situation regarding his brother and sister, he in essence stated the following:

Ronterrious said his brother (Sterling) owed him approximately \$30.00. When Ronterrious last spoke to Sterling on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, Sterling told him he was going to be receiving approximately \$160-180.00 from their cousin, Delano Bush, and their Aunt Fontella Bush so he could go buy school clothes. Sterling told Ronterrious when he received the money, they (He and Ronterrious) would go to the mall, spend some time together and he would repay him the money. Ronterrious said that was the last time he has spoken to, or seen Sterling.

I asked Ronterrious if he knew of anyone who had any ill feelings towards Sterling and Laqecia. Ronterrious said he did not know of anyone, but did say if he were to suspect anyone who would cause harm to them, it would be Dashon, later identified as Dashon Thomas, 17 years of age. I asked Ronterrious why he would say Dashon would have harmed them. Ronterrious said Laqecia was about three to four months pregnant and Dashon did not want her to have the baby. Ronterrious further stated that when family or friends were at the residence, Laqecia would always be clothed, but when found, she was wearing only a t-shirt and pair of panties.

When I continued to question Ronterrious about Dashon, he told me that Dashon and Sterling used to be friends and make money together. When I asked him for clarification regarding his statement, Ronterrious said Dashon would make Sterling go sell weed for him and after the sale, Sterling would have to bring the money back to Dashon. I asked Ronterrious if Dashon and Sterling were still selling / buying drugs. Ronterrious said that Sterling stopped hanging around with Dashon about two to three months ago.

I asked Ronterrious if there was anyone else that may have had a problem with his brother and sister. Ronterrious said that he knew Laqecia was having a problem with some girls, but he did not know who they were and his mother could possibly provide better information in regards to that.

I asked Ronterrious if he knew of anyone else that would want to do harm to Laqecia and Sterling. I further asked him about any other associates that he and his siblings may have had any issues with.

Ronterrious stated that Sterling hangs around a lot with a subject by the name of Tyrone Fain who is 13 years of age. Ronterrious said he hangs around a couple of subjects who use the nicknames, "Junior" and "Meat," last names unknown. Ronterrious said he does not believe that Junior, Meat or Tyrone would have had anything to do with harming his brother and sister.

****Below Ronterrious is now questioned by Det. Dennis.**

On 27 January 2011 at approximately 1424 hours, I spoke briefly with Ronterrious Conner about his friend named "Mike". Ms. Bush had mentioned that Mike may have broken into the incident location a couple weeks prior to this incident. I obtained a follow up recorded interview from Ronterrious, his statement is in essence as follows:

He identified Mike as 16 year old Mike Loggins. He advised that Mike attended Life Skills up until approximately 1 week ago. He explained that Mike's mother sent Mike to Jacksonville to live with his mother approximately one week ago. Prior to that Mike lived somewhere behind the Tallahassee Mall.

I asked if he knew anything about Mike going into Sterling and Laqecia's house. Ronterrious advised that one night approximately 2 weeks ago his sister was out of town and they (Ronterrious, Sterling, Mike) did not have a key, so Sterling went through a downstairs window to get in. During a separate incident Sterling told him that Mike went in through a window and Sterling asked him if he was with Mike when it occurred. He told Sterling that he had been with his mother and not Mike. He advised that he did not have any knowledge of Mike being in a gang.

Ronterrious advised that he heard that Sterling was in a gang. He heard that Sterling was "folk" at first and then turned into a "blood".

Ronterrious advised that Dashon is a "blood". He does not talk to Dashon, but he is a friend of Dashon's on Facebook. I asked for permission to access his Facebook page in order to access Dashon's Facebook page. Ronterrious was initially reluctant to give me his username and password, but eventually agreed (Username: RonterriousCnnr@yahoo.com Password: Ronte12). He advised that he goes through Laqecia's page to get to Dashon's page. This information was turned over to Analyst Traci Esser.

Ronterrious suspects that Dashon is responsible for the murders because Laqecia was pregnant with Dashon's baby and Dashon did not want to have any kids.

****Below is statement taken by Det. Dennis of 29 year-old LaShonda Perkins. LaShonda Perkins is Facebook Friends with most of Laqecia Herring's Facebook friends and in my opinion is an instigator.**

Ms. Lashonda Perkins, B/F, DOB: 10/22/81
2402 Vega Dr. Tallahassee, Fl.
850-445-8708 Unemployed
Victims mother's girlfriend

Below is a LaShonda's statement in regards to recent on-going argument between Laqecia and ex-best friend LeDeidre Jenkins. LaShonda had given Laqecia gas money to go over to confront LeDeidre Jenkins.

She spoke to Laqecia on a regular basis. She last saw Laqecia on Wednesday 26 January 2011. She explained that Ms. Bush brought Laqecia to her (Lashonda's) house at approximately 0930 hours that morning. During her visit Laqecia received a text from LeDeidra Jenkins. Ms. Perkins showed me a photo of LeDeidra Jenkins, that she had on her cell phone. She explained that Laqecia and LeDeidra had been friends, but they recently "fell out". LeDeidra posted a lot of nasty things about Laqecia on Facebook. Approximately three days ago LeDeidra posted a message stating "I got a hit out for this bitch". LeDeidra and Laqecia started texting back and forth arguing. She advised that they had been doing that for about the past four days.

LeDeidra is a friend of hers (Lashonda) on Facebook, so she was able to read all of the things that LeDeidra said about Laqecia.

Below is LaShonda's statement in regards to DeShon.

Lashonda advised that she knows Deshon goes to T.C.C. and everyday around 1230 hours he stands at the bus stop on Blountstown Street across from Pier seafood. He works at Taco Bell, she believes it is the one on Thomasville Rd. His 18 year old girlfriend's name is Brittney Chambers and she is also a T.C.C. student.

****Below is statement taken by Det. McBride of LeDeidre Jenkins—ex-best friend of Laqecia Herring, who days before had posted on Facebook that she had a "hit out on this bitch" referring to Laqecia. Apparently, LeDeidre arrived at the crime scene while detectives were still processing it and was directed to the sheriff's office to give a statement.**

On Monday 01-24-11 LeDeidra said she sent Laqecia a text message asking if she was going to pay them the money she owed. LeDeidra said Laqecia responded telling her that she wasn't going to pay them anything. She said that they somewhat argued via text and she then tried to call Laqecia, but she didn't answer but responded via text message telling her there was no need to call her. She said there was also some exchange of words/arguing on Facebook between them. LeDeidra went on to say that she also received a friend request on Facebook from someone she believed to possibly be a cousin of Laqecia and that was followed by threatening text messages. She said she also received threatening phone calls from who she believed was Laqecia's cousins.

so on Monday (01-24-11) or Tuesday (01-25-11) of this week she said some girls from Quincy to include Laqecia, Sequoyah, "JuJu" (poss. Sequoyah's brother), and two other females (unknown names) came to her residence in a grey 4door vehicle. They wanted to fight her due to the argument between her and Laqecia. LeDeidra said she was very upset and told them someone was going to fight her because she's tired of them threatening her. She said her (LeDeidra) mother was present and intervened and told them the truth that they didn't kick Laqecia out that she just left. LeDeidra said that there was no actual fight and they all left.

****In regards to DeShon:**

She added that Laqecia was pregnant and the baby's daddy is DeShon. She described him as short, dark complexion, and big lips. She also noted that he was a member of the gang "Bloods". She said that DeShon went to middle school with her and Laqecia. He also was living with Laqecia until she put him out. They were arguing about him with other girls. This occurred when Laqecia was about one or two months pregnant. To her knowledge, Laqecia hadn't heard from DeShon in months until around the first of January and they started talking again.

****In regards to Sterling Conner Jr. (victim):**

She expressed that she suspects that this incident may have had something to do with Sterling due to his history of drugs, burglaries, thefts, etc.

****Below is statement taken by Det. Dennis of Sequoyah Conner, friend of victim Laqecia Herring and half-sister of victim Sterling Conner Jr. Days before the murders, Sequoyah drove Laqecia and a posse of others to LeDeidre Jenkins' house to fight.**

On Monday 24 January 2011 at approximately 2300 hours, Laqecia called her and asked her how much gas she (Sequoyah) had in her car. She told Laqecia that she had a little bit above E and asked Laqecia why. Laqecia told her about LeDeidra wanting money (\$400.00) from her for allowing her (Laqecia) to stay with her. Laqecia told Sequoyah that she was not giving LeDeidra or LeDeidra's mother anything. Laqecia told Sequoyah that LeDeidra had been sending her texts demanding the money and calling Nia retarded. Laqecia wanted to go to LeDeidra's to fight with LeDeidra. Laqecia asked her if she (Laqecia) could find somebody to give her some gas money would she (Sequoyah) come over and she (Sequoyah) agreed.

At approximately midnight Laqecia called her back stating she had found someone to give her gas money. Sequoyah got up and picked up a friend of her's named Frederick Haynes (661-4140) to go with her. They picked Laqecia up at her (Laqecia's) house and they drove to Ms. Bush's house to pick up \$5.00 for gas from Lashonda Perkins. They then drove to Tanglewood to pick up two of Laqecia's cousins, Brianna Herring and an unknown female. They all loaded up in Sequoyah's vehicle, stopped for gas and headed to LeDeidra's house to confront LeDeidra. During the drive to LeDeidra's house, Laqecia's cousins and LeDeidra were using their cell phones to threaten each other on Facebook. One of the cousins kept calling LeDeidra's phone telling her they were going to go over there because LeDeidra was calling Nia retarded. Prior to arriving one of Laqecia's cousin was talking about them going to LeDeidra's door when they got there. Laqecia told them not to go because LeDeidra's mother has a gun. When they arrived at LeDeidra's house Sequoyah parked in the road and everyone got out of the vehicle except Laqecia. LeDeidra came outside with approximately eight people

with her. LeDeidra started yelling "I want Qeci, I want Qeci, I want Qeci". LeDeidra and all of her people walked up to the car and LeDeidra was trying to get Laqecia to get out of the car so they could go ahead and fight. One of the males that was with LeDeidra had a bat, so she (Sequoyah) armed herself with a tire iron.

LeDeidra kept opening the car door and Laqecia kept closing the car door. Laqecia eventually locked the car door. At that point Sequoyah decided that no one was going to fight and it was too late in the morning to be dealing with "all this mess". Sequoyah told everyone that obviously they were not going to fight and to get in the car so they could leave.

Sequoyah took Laqecia's cousins home first. Sequoyah advised that Laqecia was on the phone the whole time with her (Laqecia's) mother. She dropped Laqecia off at her house at approximately 0130 hours Tuesday 25 January 2011. Laqecia told her to call when she got home. That was the last time she saw or spoke to Laqecia.

Sequoyah knows a little bit about Deshon. She did not really care for Deshon, she knows that Deshon was the father of Laqecia's baby and that he works at Taco Bell. She does not know the last time that Laqecia talked to Deshon. The last thing Laqecia told her was that she (Laqecia) was tricking him telling him that she was fixing to go to the clinic to get an abortion. She believes that Deshon got upset and told her that she (Laqecia) wasn't fixing to do that to his baby.

Sequoyah could not advise when Laqecia told Deshon that, but Laqecia told her about it on Saturday 22 January 2011.

****Below is statement taken by Deputy Couch of neighborhood eyewitness, Tequila Ursery. In my opinion, her statement is important because she may have been the last person to have seen Sterling Conner Jr. alive and she may have seen the real murderer of the victims.**

I also made contact with Madeline Mitchell at Taco Bell. Ms. Mitchell advised she was the manager on duty on 1/26/11. She completed a sworn statement advising that Deshon had been at Taco Bell until he clocked out that night.

That evening, I was directed by Sgt Ken Ganey to respond to 1732 Coreywood Circle and make contact with Tequila Ursery (DOB 1/16/89). I proceeded to the residence and made contact with Ms. Ursery. In a recorded interview, she advised that she had seen a suspicious person at 1740 Coreywood Circle the night before (1/26/11). Ms. Ursery stated that she was walking her dog, sometime between 2100 and 2300 hours. She was across the street from 1740 Coreywood Circle when she was startled by someone knocking on the door at 1740 Coreywood Circle. She said that the person must have moved to the door very quietly, because she didn't hear him approaching. She advised that the subject said something to the effect of "(unknown name), this is (unknown name), let me in." According to Ms. Ursery, the door to the residence opened and the subject went inside. Ms. Ursery advised the subject was holding his hands in front of him, as if he was possibly concealing something.

Ms. Ursery advised the subject must have approached the house on foot, because there was no car in the driveway. She described the subject as a short, skinny black male. She initially stated that he was just several inches taller than her (she is 5'00" tall). She then attempted to describe him as being slightly taller than her brother, who is approximately 5'6" tall. Ms. Ursery also described the male as having a very distinctive deep voice. She believed the voice was that of a black male. She said she believes she would recognize the voice if she heard it again. She said the subject was wearing a white hooded sweatshirt with writing or design on it. She said it may have had some turquoise coloring near the shoulder.

After I concluded the recorded interview, Ms. Ursery asked me the name of the male who was killed. I told her it was "Sterling". She then advised that was the name that the subject called. She advised he knocked on the door and said something to the effect of "Sterling, its (unknown name), let me in."

*****DESPITE HAVING ALL OF THE INFORMATION ABOVE, DETECTIVES STILL CONTINUED TO TREAT DESHON AS THEIR PRIMARY SUSPECT. THEY GOT A JUDGE TO SIGN OFF ON A COURT ORDER TO HAVE HIS CELL PHONE TRACKED. DETECTIVES AND DEPUTIES FOLLOWED AND HARASSED HIM AND HIS FRIENDS.**

****Below is stated by Det. McBride:**

On 27 January 2011, I obtained a court order for Deshon Thomas' cell phone records (850-459-0690). The listed cell phone number was found in Laqecia's cell phone by Det. Pearson. I took the court order to Judge Flury's residence, at which time he approved it and signed it at approximately 2035 hours. The court order was turned over to Analyst Leslie Rabon for follow up.

****Below is stated by Det. Pearson. Note: how there's no mention about what led the detectives to DeShon's girlfriend's residence (which was his cell phone that was being tracked). Also, this result of surveillance ended in a traffic stop with many violations of their rights.**

Through investigative techniques and citizen information, Detectives learned that Deshon Thomas was dating a young female named Brittney Little and that he was possibly at her residence. Due to Deshon's previous relationship with Laqecia, Detective's wished to speak with him regarding Laqecia and Sterling's death. Detective Odham, Couch, Farcas and myself responded to Ms. Little's residence located at 1008 Clay Street. Detective Odham and I knocked on the front door to the residence and were allowed entry into the residence by Brittney's father. Detective Odham and I asked If Deshon was at their residence and they informed us that he had left just prior to our arrival. Mr. Little said that a yellow taxi picked Deshon up a few minutes before we arrived. Detective Odham spoke with Brittney and asked her to come with him to the Sheriffs Office and speak with him regarding Deshon. Brittney agreed and was transported to the office by Detective Couch and Detective Odham.

The information was relayed to Detectives at the Sheriffs Office who immediately contacted Yellow Cab taxi services. Within a few minutes, Detectives were advised that the taxi driver had just dropped a black male matching Deshon's description in the 1500 block of South Monroe Street. The taxi driver also said that the black male was last seen walking to a tattoo shop. Detective Dave Farcas and I responded to the area and immediately set up surveillance on the tattoo parlor. After surveilling the business for several minutes, we observed a suspect wearing a white hooded sweater containing "Tallahassee Community College" on the front of the sweater walk outside of the business with two other black males.

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**** Below was stated by Det. Reeves. Note: he has events happening on the wrong date. According to other detectives' reports, I believe the following took place on 1/27/11 not on 1/28/11. It was the fact that DeShon's cell phone was being tracked is what led detectives to DeShon's girlfriend's house. The following states:**

**Friday
January 28, 2010**

During the early morning hours of Friday, January 28, 2010, Leon County Sheriff's Office Criminal Analyst Leslie Rabon, was able to retrieve the phone records for Dashon Thomas. It was determined that his phone was stationary for quite sometime at a location on Clay Street, possibly his girlfriend's house.

A short time later, the phone appeared as if it was moving in a Southern direction, possibly headed to the South side of Tallahassee.

In the mean time, while all of this was happening, Detective's Don Odham and Cliff Couch were sent to the Clay Street address in an attempt to locate Deshon and or his girlfriend.

They were able to make contact with his girlfriend, but he was not there. She told them that Deshon had gotten into a yellow cab. Upon discovery of this information, I called the Yellow Cab Company in an attempt to find out where Deshon was taken.

I discovered that the cab driver dropped Deshon off at a tattoo parlor in the area of South Monroe Street and Palmer Avenue.

Deshon was observed by Detective's Pearson and Farcas leaving the place of business and witnessed him get into a green colored SUV.

A traffic stop was initiated by Detective's Pearson and Farcas, Deshon was discovered to be riding in the left rear passenger's seat. There were three other people in the vehicle, including one small child.

One of the subjects identified by me was Thomas Gilmore. He was subsequently arrested for an outstanding child support warrant. Gilmore was later transported to the Leon County Jail by a uniformed patrol deputy.

****Below is what happened when DeShon and I voluntarily went into the sheriff's office on 1/28/11. Detective Don Odham made a racist statement and blocked me from getting on the elevator so that I can go sit with DeShon. Also, my pleas to have an attorney present for my son, fell on deaf ears. They went on with the questioning. Note: the number of detectives and deputies involved in the "Interview". It seems like no matter what he said, they were settled on him being the murderer.**

****Below is stated by Det. Odham**

On Friday evening, 1/28/2011, at approximately 1900 hours DeShon Thomas along with his mother arrived at the LCSO duty office requesting to speak with anyone investigating the death of Laqecia Herring and Sterling Conner. I responded to the LCSO lobby and made contact with Mr. Thomas and his mother, Ms. Chambers. Mr. Thomas advised he wanted to discuss the death investigation LCSO was conducting into Laqecia Herring and Sterling Conner. He agreed to come upstairs to the VCU office to discuss the case and declined to include his mother in the interview.

Mr. Thomas was interviewed in a VCU interview room and the interview was digitally recorded with a DVD copy placed into LCSO evidence. Detective McBride, Detective Smelt, Detective Dennis and Sgt. Ganey participated at various points in the interview. During the interview Mr. Thomas voluntarily signed consent to search for a buccal swab and his cell phone prior to being served the search warrant. However, after Mr.

Thomas provided his cell phone he withdrew his consent and the phone was immediately returned to him. Later in the interview, Mr. Thomas was served with three search warrants which were for his cell phone, shoes, buccal swab and photos of his persons.

****Below is the statement taken by Det. Odham (before he became lead detective) Note: all of the other detectives and deputies participating in the "interviewing process". Also, Note: the title "Suspect" under his personal information. No other person was stated as being a "Suspect". Also, it should especially Note: that it was during this "Interview" when Det. McBride lied to a judge in order to obtain a Search Warrant. Despite the autopsy of the victims being performed earlier in the day, Det. McBride stated in the Search Warrant Affidavit that the victims' wounds were consistent with a 9mm handgun, knowing that the victims' wounds were not consistent with the use of a 9mm handgun.**

Mr. Thomas is a full-time student at TCC and works full-time at Taco Bell. He has a girlfriend named Brittney Little which he has been dating for the past six months who knew Ms. Herring was pregnant and she did not want him communicating with his ex-girlfriend.

Mr. Thomas stated he had known Ms. Herring and her brother, Mr. Conner, since middle school and renewed their friendship last year. He advised he lived with Ms. Herring for a short period and during that time, "I think we conceived, I think I got her pregnant." He was confident of her pregnancy since she administered a pregnancy test with a positive result while he was living with her.

Mr. Thomas advised Ms. Herring and he had been discussing not keeping the baby. But Ms. Herring changed her mind and decided to not have an abortion because they did not have the money for the abortion. Also, he said Ms. Herring advised due to medical conditions she did not want to have a late abortion. But, during this time they ended their relationship because of "all kind of things" and decided to keep the baby.

Mr. Thomas said there was no problem with Ms. Herring having the baby since his mother was going to assist him with the finances for raising the baby including child support. He said this baby would be his first child.

Mr. Thomas advised he had not seen Ms. Herring since last year but she continued to text and communicate with him on Facebook.

On Wednesday morning, 01/26/2011 Mr. Thomas woke up late after working at Taco Bell the night before so he did not go to school and stayed at home all day until he went to work later that evening. While at work Ms. Herring texted him several messages requesting they get together when he got off work. Mr. Thomas assumed she wanted to discuss about getting back together. Mr. Thomas texted Ms. Herring he "may or may not" go by her residence to see her because he works late and needed to catch the city bus to school the next day at 7 a.m. Upon leaving work, Mr. Thomas advised he went to his residence, went to sleep and did not go to Ms. Herring's residence.

On Thursday, 01/27/2011 Mr. Thomas stated he did not go to school and woke up late in the afternoon. He advised his girlfriend, Brittney Little, texted him, about 5 or 5:30p.m., asking where Ms. Herring lives. He responded she lived at Wolf Creek off of Highway 20. She responded to him by text message advising him to watch the news. He said he watched the 5:30 news and was at a loss for words and shocked about seeing the news about his friends.

Mr. Thomas walked to work at Taco Bell after seeing the news but requested his manager allow him to go home since he was so distraught to work. He stated he left work and went to Brittney's residence then to a tattoo parlor with his cousin, TJ.

During the interview Mr. Thomas advised he was tired of discussing the incident and did not want to discuss it. All discussion about the case was terminated immediately with the exception of reading him the required information to serve a search warrant.

****Below is stated by Det. Ganey in regards to DeShon's statement.**
Detective insist on making DeShon a gang member. I never witnessed any gang activity, DeShon does not have any gang tattoos, he's never been asked to participate in any Anti-Gang programs—bottomline he does not fit the profile of a gang member. Ganey states that DeShon admits to being a gang member, a drug dealer, and the father of an unborn child. And admits that his days of chasing girls were over—when DeShon continuously praises me for my own accomplishments after I gave birth to my oldest son when I was 15 years-old. Whatever! Also, he states that DeShon paid Laqecia to have an abortion—No! Laqecia wanted the abortion, I told DeShon that he was going to attend the counseling session. And because Laqecia told me that she didn't have any money, I told DeShon to pay for it (not pay her to do it). If that's the case, I guess a man pays his wife for sex. When she changed her mind—he was neutral about it. The following states:

Deshon Thomas showed up at the Sheriff's Office and asked to speak to someone about the homicides. Detectives Odham and McBride were assigned to interview Deshon. Deshon declined to have his mother present during the interview. Deshon also stated he would not have anyone accusing him of the homicide or he would invoke his rights. During the interview, Deshon stated the night before the incident, he worked and got off work around 1:00 or 2:00 a.m. then went home and went to sleep. He stated he had no contact with his roommate that morning. Deshon stated he got up the next morning around 11:00a.m. and didn't go to work till later. He stated he missed school and was notified later by Brittany that Laqecia and Sterling had been killed. He stated he went to work anyway but had to leave due to being distraught.

During the interview I got Deshon to acknowledge that he thought the baby was his and asked him as a seventeen year old how did he feel about that. He stated he could envision his days of chasing girls were over. He stated money was not an issue, that his mother could pay for the baby's needs.

I then asked him to explain the relationship he had with the family and he stated they had known each other since middle school and months ago he hooked up with Laqecia and Sterling. He and Laqecia were in a relationship and she came up pregnant. He stated he paid her some money to go have an abortion, but she didn't follow through with it. He stated he had Sterling selling drugs for him and had recruited Sterling into the "Bloods". I asked Deshon to explain to me how someone could do that and was their an initiation. He stated he was able to get Sterling "Grandfathered or blessed in". I asked Deshon who he thought may have done this to Laqecia and Sterling and he stated Sterling was selling drugs at Stratford landing and flying his colors over there and another gang frequents that area and they could be responsible for the crime. He eluded to a drug rip off and or gang related issues but was not able to give us much information as to who. He did say a while back that Sterling had mentioned that a gang member by the name of "Monster" who was in the Crips was giving him a hard time and had asked if Deshon could get him a gun to protect himself. He further stated that Sterling had told him almost daily about people trying to rob him and these incidents took place at Life Skills, Stratford landing and Countyside Village. Detective Odham then asked Deshon if he ever loaned his phone out and Deshon stated "No". Detective Odham again asked him if he loaned his phone out and did he loan his phone out on 01/26/11 or 01/27/11 and Deshon said "No". Detective Odham then confronted him with the fact that the cell tower records show that his phone was in the area of the homicide at approximately 0400 hours and was asked if he could give an explanation for that. Deshon stated he could not and stated he did not want to talk about it anymore. The interview was terminated and later search warrants were conducted on Deshon's body for buccal swabs, photos' and later his apartment.

****Below is stated by Det. Dennis in regards to the victims' autopsy. The victim's autopsy report was an issue that was never slightly resolved between Mr. Cummings and us. He refused to share the information with DeShon and I. Mr. Cummings extracted the report from the Discovery. When asked about the report, he said that it was confidential information and that he couldn't share it with me. He never even told us the time of death. Today, we still don't know the estimated time of death. Of course this can play a huge part in exonerating my son.**

On Friday 28 January 2011 at approximately 0900 hours, I attended the autopsy of Laqecia Herring, Laqecia's unborn female fetus and Sterling Conner. (See Dr. A. Clark's report for details). Det. F. Smelt photographed the bodies and seized evidence.

****below shows my cooperation:**

On Friday 28 January 2011 at approximately 2100 hours, Sgt. Ganey assigned me to make contact with Deshon Thomas' mother (Carissa Chambers) in the lobby of this agency in order to request permission to search her vehicle. Ms. Chambers granted permission and signed a consent to search form. Ms. Chambers and I responded to the parking lot, at which time she unlocked her 1996 Nissan truck and allowed me entry. There were no items of evidentiary value found inside the vehicle. The consent to search form was placed into evidence under item number DD-6.

****below validates my claim of detectives holding us hostage at the sheriff's office with no rhyme or reason to do so.**

On Friday 28 January 2011 at approximately 2152 hours, I received a telephone call from Lt. Baxter. He along with others from this agency were serving the search warrant on the residence located on Delaney Drive. Lt. Baxter advised me that per Captain Swearingen, Deshon Thomas was not to leave this agency prior to the completion of the search warrant on Delaney Drive.

****below confirms detectives desperation to make a shoe connection. Despite having a picture of a shoe print that was located at the crime scene in which detectives could've used (and probably did use and was coming up empty handed) during the search of Trentin Ross' apartment, they took possession of all of DeShon's shoes. DeShon had a lot of shoes. Then after a phone call between Det. Odham and Captain Swearingen, who was actually at Trentin's apartment, they took possession of the shoes that DeShon was wearing. In the order filed by the state attorney, he states that on the night that of 1/27/11 during a traffic stop where my son was a backseat passenger, and whereas a deputy took a picture of the bottom of my son's shoes—the tread pattern matched the shoe print found at the crime scene. However, in the description of what my son was wearing the morning of the**

murders per Trentin Ross—DeShon was wearing black tennis shoes; of items recovered during the Search Warrant, there was no all black tennis shoes. And when I asked DeShon what shoes was he wearing during the traffic stop—they were not black.

On Friday 28 January 2011, Det. Odham made telephone contact with Captain Swearingen to advise him of the similar tread pattern. At approximately 2248 hours, I received a telephone call from Lt. Baxter advising me to obtain a search warrant for Deshon Thomas' shoes. The search warrant was sent to and approved electronically by A.S.A. Jack Campbell. At approximately 2345 hours, I responded to Judge Flury's residence, at which time he reviewed and approved the search warrant.

****By the time Det. Dennis served the Search warrant on DeShon for the shoes that he was wearing, it was the early morning hours into the next day. Now we're on 1/29/12. Around 2 a.m. I was frustrated and Det. Odham ordered me to leave. When I told DeShon to let's go, then Det. Odham informed me that DeShon was going to be arrested and would not let him leave. When I asked what was DeShon going to be arrested for, he refused to tell me. Instead, he abruptly escorted me out of the building, being loud, rude and disrespectful the whole time--accusing me of trying to cover up for my son and my nephews. It wasn't until hours later, when I received a phone call from the Juvenile Assessment Center to come pick DeShon up is when I learned that he had been charged with Cultivating Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia--which was/ is a bogus charge.**

****Below is the statement taken by Lt. Tim Baxter of Trentin Ross. Note: Although it states that Det. McBride was in on the "Interview" there is no report from her in the copy of the Discovery Report that I was provided with. See statement of Trentin Ross below:**

At LCSO he was further questioned in a recorded interview by myself and Detective McBride. At the beginning of the interview I confirmed he had been advised of his Miranda rights and waived same. I showed him the signed Miranda form from the apartment and he again confirmed that was the form he was read and signed. I advised him the same rights still applied and asked if he was willing to still talk. He asserted he was. He also agreed to allow us to Cell Brite his phone, and signed the applicable form. Following is the substance of the information obtained from him in this interview.

He first wanted to make certain we understood concerning his phone that Deshon Thomas often takes his phone and uses it, so some of the information we obtained off of it may be from Thomas' use and not his. We then discussed the plants and the paraphernalia. He denied all the paraphernalia as being his. He stated that one day he was out and when he came home the plants were just there, Deshon was there at the time and he asked him about them, but Deshon did not give an answer. He admitted turning the light on over the plants and watering them. The plants first appeared some time in January 2011. Deshon moved in with him in December 2010. Trentin has met Laqecia and Sterling before with Deshon, and has even been to their residence. He just remembered it as being "a month or more" ago. Deshon has told him that she may be pregnant with his child. He also stated that Deshon had told him they were broke up, but he didn't know whether to believe him or not.

****Above states that Trentin didn't know whether or not to believe DeShon after being told that he and Laqecia were broke up. If there was in fact hostility between DeShon and Laqecia, Trentin would know.**

****Below Trentin Ross supposedly discusses the events of what happened during the early morning hours of 1/27/11. Note: While Trentin Ross and DeShon worked at the same Taco Bell, Trentin Ross was off all day on 1/26/11. DeShon worked from 6 p.m. on 1/26/11 until 1:30 a.m. on 1/27/11. Taco Bell was less than a 3 minute drive to Trentin Ross' apartment. Also, Note: that there were no black tennis shoes recovered at the crime scene in a garbage bag. There was a reported black and white Nike found in a garbage bag in the kitchen. It does not say who the Nike belonged too. And at no time does it state for Trentin Ross to distinguish his belonging from DeShon's or anyone else who could've visited the residence.**

He had been consuming large amounts of alcohol and gone to bed with Riley. At approximately 0200 hours Deshon arrived home from work and knocked on his bedroom door. Deshon wanted him to go with him to a friend's house to "hang out." The friend was identified as a black male known as B.J. who lives at Portofino Villas at 770 Appleyard Drive. When they left their apartment he saw Deshon put the black case that had contained a Tech Nine in the trunk of Riley's car. He never saw the case or the gun again. Once at B.J.'s, Trentin states he fell back asleep. He thinks it was around 0300 hours. He woke up an hour to two hours later. When he woke up B.J. was walking down the stairs and Deshon was sitting in basically the same place he was sitting in when he woke. They left there and went to Deshon's brother's apartment. He could only advise it was on a road way past the airport. At that location Deshon got out of the car by himself, walked around the building and was back in just a few minutes. Then they drove back home. On the way back they stopped at McDonalds and the Shell Station near his home. He remembers Deshon as possibly wearing a black jacket or a black hoodie. (A black hoodie and a pair of black tennis shoes were recovered during the service of the search warrant at their apartment from a garbage bag in the kitchen).

I confronted him with information gleaned from his phone via the Cell Brite performed on it. Specifically a text from Deshon to him, and then from him to Riley concerning something they needed to talk about. He could not give a good answer for them. Only stating he never talked to Deshon about his text and the one to Riley was just about what he had seen on the news about the homicides.

****On Sunday, 1/30/11, I took DeShon to attend church with his current girlfriend, her mother, and her siblings.**

****The following are events that took place on 1/31/ 11.**

****On Monday 1/31/11 DeShon and I went to juvenile court in regards to the marijuana charges. Below is a snapshot out of the Probable Cause report in regards to the Cultivating Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia charges. Trentin Ross' apartment was one bedroom, in which he slept in; while DeShon slept on the couch. In Trentin Ross' bedroom closet, detectives located 5 pots of soil with stems sprouting from them (stems are not money producing for selling marijuana). Note: there were two different Probable Cause Reports. The first one the judge did not find Probable Cause so the State Attorney's Office asked for 72 hours to "Perfect". His court date was reset for 2/2/11. The first Probable Cause goes as follows:**

On 01/28/2011, the Leon County Sheriff's Office responded to 1555 Delany Drive Apt. 309, to serve a search warrant. The search warrant was pursuant to a homicide investigation. The resident owner was identified as Trentin Ross B/M, DOB 08/16/1989. Prior to entering the residence a knock and announce was conducted by Uniform Patrol Deputies. A key was provided by management and after no answer at the door entry was made. As we entered the residence of a single unit apartment we noticed drug paraphernalia (glass pipe, dime bags) in the living area on a coffee table. A strong smell of burnt marijuana was also noted. Also located in the common area was a digital scale. Upon entering the only bedroom in the apartment, a light was noticed to be emanating from the closet. When the closet was opened, inside the closet on the right side were five potted plants with stems sprouting from the soil that appeared to be marijuana. After the search warrant was served, Mr. Ross was picked up at his place of employment (Taco Bell on Capital Circle North East at the flyover) and transported to his residence. Once at his residence I advised Mr. Ross of his Miranda Rights and he agreed to talk with persons of the VCU Unit.

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Mr. Ross indicated he is not sure how the plants showed up at his residence, but believes his roommate, Deshon Thomas may have brought them into the apartment. Mr. Ross indicated he has in the past watered the plants and turned the light on the plants in order to maintain them, and stated that Mr. Thomas does go into his bedroom when he leaves home. Mr. Ross indicated if Mr. Thomas went into his room, it was after he would leave to go somewhere. Mr. Ross said Mr. Thomas is aware of the plants are in the room and said they smoke marijuana on occasions.

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Due to Mr. Ross admitting to caring for the plants, admitting that the bedroom was his, implementing Mr. Thomas as being the owner of the plants, and both subjects being residents of the apartment, both subjects are being charged with possession of paraphernalia, and cultivation of marijuana. Based on Captain Swearingen's training and experience in narcotics investigations the plants were identified as marijuana.

After leaving court, DeShon and I drove over to Trentin Ross' apartment to retrieve his things. Trentin was not at the apartment so we sat in my SUV and waited for him. When DeShon spotted Trentin on the passenger side of a car being driven by a white girl, DeShon waved and got out of the SUV and started walking toward the car. The driver sped off into the apartment complex. DeShon and I were perplexed by her actions. Because I knew that there was only one way in and out of the complex, I sat and waited for a few minutes to see if they were going to leave. When they didn't return, I drove in the direction that they'd gone in. I spotted the car sort of hiding off to the side of an apartment building. I kind of blocked the car in and DeShon and I got out of the car. Trentin started yelling hysterically and waving papers saying something about court papers saying that he (Trentin) couldn't be around DeShon. I told DeShon to go get back in the SUV. I asked Trentin for the papers and I read where as part of his conditions of release, he was to not have contact with DeShon. I then proceeded to ask Trentin about his whereabouts on Wednesday, 1/26/11 (DeShon had already told me that Trentin was off from work that day. He also told me that he (DeShon) was on the couch asleep when Trentin had come in the morning of 1/27/11). Trentin confirmed what DeShon had told me. I asked about retrieving DeShon's things. Trentin told me that he had to call the detective to see if it was ok, because he (Trentin) had planned

on taking what was left of DeShon's belongings to the sheriff's office in order for DeShon to retrieve them. Trentin stated that he'd already had DeShon's things packed up and ready to go. I stood there while Trentin called the sheriff's office. No one answered. I then assured him that I would be the only one to go up to the apartment. Besides, I had my two younger kids in the SUV, so DeShon needed to stay down with them. Finally, Trentin agreed to let me go up with him. As the person he was riding with drove her car to his building, I drove closer to his building but I parked a good little distance from his building because I didn't want no mess if deputies were to arrive on the scene. And sure enough as soon as I got out of my SUV, one marked deputy car and about five unmarked sheriff's deputy cars swarmed into the apartment complex. One of the deputies's jumped out of his car yelling at me and then ordering for DeShon to get out of the SUV. At my request, I called DeShon to come to me. DeShon didn't have any conditions to whereas he couldn't be near Trentin. DeShon was ordered to be on home confinement, unless he was with me, so I was not concerned about DeShon. On one hand they were trying to arrest DeShon for being at Trentin's apartment. And then at the request of Lt. Baxter, Deputy Couch handcuffed DeShon and placed him under arrest for not being at Trentin's apartment because despite my telling them that DeShon was no longer going to be living with Trentin, and that they needed to change his address back to his home address (my Tallahassee address), they arrested DeShon for violating his home confinement. It wasn't until I showed them paperwork from the courts, when Lt. Baxter ordered Deputy Couch to remove the handcuffs. After that, the detectives seemed to have put all of their focus on Trentin. I could see them pressuring Trentin to say something that wasn't true. I yelled over to Trentin and told him not to allow them to make him change his story. I felt sorry for Trentin. I prayed that he (Trentin) didn't do anything stupid that would cause them to hurt him or him hurt them. Clearly, Trentin who is about 6'3 and weighs over 300 lbs. was nothing more than a "gentle giant". I could see his eyes turning red as if he wanted to either cry or explode. Because of my past interaction with young adults who come to Tallahassee and are away from family and their support system, I was sickened by the detectives' actions. I knew

then that if they pressured Trentin enough, it was likely that he would give in. Soon the detectives started playing good cop/ bad cop with Trentin. All the while I stood waiting for Trentin to go upstairs so that I could get DeShon's things. That whole situation was ridiculous. See snapshots below from Deputy Couch:

I proceeded to the area and knocked on the door of Trentin's apartment. While I was doing so, a car pulled up into a parking space in front of Trentin's apartment. The vehicle was driven by a white female (who Trentin later identified as a coworker named Jessica). Trentin got out of the passenger seat of the vehicle. I then went downstairs and made contact with Trentin. At the same time, Deshon's mother walked into the area from a green Isuzu that was parked approximately 50 yards away. She advised Deshon was in the Isuzu. She then called him over at my request.

I made contact with Sheriff's Office Analyst Leslie Rabon via telephone. She advised that Deshon's DJJ release conditions did not contain any provision prohibiting contact with Trentin. However, she advised he was supposed to be on home detention and that his listed home address in the paperwork was his/ Trentin's apartment (1555 Delaney Drive Apt 309). I requested that she research this further before I place Deshon under arrest.

I also spoke with Deshon's mother. She told me that Deshon's release conditions from DJJ did not contain any prohibition of contact with Trentin. I asked to see the paperwork she received upon Deshon's release. She told me that they did not give her any paperwork.

A short time later Deputy Morley-Mower, Detectives Reeves, Pearson, and Odom, and Lieutenant Baxter arrived to assist. During this time, Trentin, Deshon and his mother all stated that Deshon had not been at the apartment (1555 Delaney Drive, Apt 309) on the previous day or night. Deshon stated he had been at his mother's house. LT Baxter directed me to place Deshon under arrest for violating the conditions of his home detention. As I handcuffed and searched Deshon, his mother began protesting that the apartment was not listed as Deshon's home of record on his release paperwork. She then retrieved his paperwork from her vehicle and gave it to LT Baxter. After reviewing the paperwork, LT Baxter instructed me to release Deshon. As I was doing this, Deshon's mother began berating me and stating that I didn't ask her for the right paperwork earlier. She then told LT Baxter that they weren't going to give us our case "on a platter".

****On 1/31/11 Antonio Brown (female victim's current boyfriend) was contacted by Det. Reeves. Note: Antonio Brown is not being truthful in his statement. However, he does not back detectives' claims of hostility between Laqecia and DeShon. Antonio Brown was currently on probation. It found that on Facebook Antonio Brown had threatened to harm a judge. And bragged a lot about his excessive use of illegal drugs. Below is statement taken by Det. Reeves of Antonio Brown:**

Antonio Bernard Brown, Jr., B/M, DOB/12-28-1989
271 Bermuda Road, Apartment 5
Tallahassee, Florida
Phone Number 305-926-4801 (Cell)

After interviewing Shonda, I was contacted again by Sgt. Ganey and was instructed to respond to Super Suds Car Wash in an attempt to contact Antonio Brown. Sgt. Ganey informed me that Antonio Brown was a possible donor to the unborn child of Laqecia Herring.

Upon arriving at Super Suds Car Wash located at 606 Capital Circle North East in Tallahassee, I made contact with Antonio Brown.

After explaining to Antonio he was in no trouble and I was there to obtain information regarding the homicide of Laqecia Herring and Sterling Conner, I asked Antonio would he be willing to talk to me. After he agreed, he in essence stated the following:

Antonio said he has known Laqecia for approximately two years and even lived with her 1740 Cory Wood Circle at one time. Antonio said he stopped staying with Laqecia around November 2010 and started to put distance between him and Laqecia after she started talking to her ex-boyfriend, Deshon. Antonio said he last stayed with Laqecia approximately three months ago.

I asked Antonio when the last time was he had spoken with or had any contact with Laqecia. Antonio said he last spoke with Laqecia on Friday night, January 21, 2011. I asked Antonio to tell me about their conversation.

Antonio said when he last spoke to Laqecia she was over at Dedra's house. Sequoyah, Laqecia's sister later picked her up and they then picked him up from the USA Gas Station on North Monroe Street. Laqecia and Sequoyah wound up taking Antonio home. Antonio said after they dropped him off, he talked to Laqecia while she was on the way home. During that conversation, Antonio said that Laqecia made the comment that she was going to be moving some things back into her house due to some sort of fight with another girl. Antonio went on to say that they in fact got in a disagreement because Laqecia wanted him to come over and stay the night, but he elected not to because he had to work the next day (Saturday, January 22).

I asked Antonio about the unborn child of Laqecia's and asked if there was a possibility that the child could have been his. Antonio said that shortly after he left, she called him one day and told him that she was pregnant. Seeing as Antonio knew that she was sleeping with him and Deshon around the same time, Antonio asked her who she was pregnant by? When I asked him about what he knew about the relationship between Deshon and Laqecia, Antonio said Deshon wanted her to go through with an abortion. Antonio said after he talked to Laqecia and she told him about what Deshon wanted, he decided that he did not want to go through with the abortion because he did not know who the child belonged to. Antonio said Laqecia told him that she had stopped talking to Deshon because they had some type of argument over a telephone issue. I asked Antonio if Laqecia ever mentioned anything to him about violence in their relationship and he said, "No." He went on to say that if there was any type of violence that she probably would not have told him any way. When asked why, he said Laqecia was very private and didn't talk a lot about her relationship with Deshon.

I asked Antonio if he knew whether or not he knew if Deshon was a part of a gang, and or who he might have been affiliated with. Antonio said on one occasion, Laqecia let him listen to one of Deshon's CD's and it was to his understanding he was supposed to be a blood. However, Antonio was not 100% sure of Deshon's gang affiliation.

It was learned through other detectives / supervisors at the Sheriff's Office that Antonio told Laqecia not to go home at some point during their relationship. I asked Antonio if he had ever told her that and he stated in essence the following:

Antonio said that he did not know that Laqecia was apparently living with Dedra for approximately one month because her brother Sterling was living with her, and it was causing a lot of stress on her. I asked Antonio to explain his comment about what he meant by Sterling placing stress on Laqecia, and asked if he knew of any illegal activities that Sterling may have been involved in.

Antonio said that Sterling was just always on the go and when he (Antonio) was over there late at night, Sterling would always come in late. Antonio was unaware of any drug or gang activity that Sterling or Laqecia may have been involved in.

I asked Antonio if Laqecia ever mentioned anything to him about Deshon possessing any firearms. Laqecia did tell Antonio that Deshon came home with one at one time and she told him to get out of the house with it. Antonio did not recall how long ago that was.

I left a business card with Antonio and told him to call me with any new information that he may remember after our interview. Antonio said he would, and the interview was concluded.

****On 1/31/11 Tracy Bush and Ronterrious Conner (victims' mother and brother) returned to the sheriff's office to speak with detectives. Note: Tracy Bush again mentions Michael Loggins. She provides Det. McBride with contact info. for Michael Loggins' mother. Tracy Bush discusses conversations that she had with both Michael Loggins and his mother. Also, Note that there is no mention of detectives following up with Michael Loggins or his mother. Below is the statement taken by Det. McBride of Tracy Bush:**

Monday 01-31-11

I conducted a recorded interview with Ms. Tracy Bush and Ronterrious Conner, mother and brother of victims (Item #7MM). Ms. Bush wanted to advise that Michael Loggins (B/M, 16 yoa) used to stay at the residence with Sterling a lot. She said that she spoke to Michael's mother (poss. Lydia 459-5855). His mother questioned him on Friday (01-29-11) and he apparently didn't say anything. Ms. Bush said she followed that up with a phone call to Michael asking him to let her know if he knew anything about this incident. She said that Michaels' girlfriend, Quintada Lewis is friends with DeShon and she had apparently told Michael that DeShon said he didn't want a baby and he killed Laqecia. Ms. Bush said Michael and Quintada would have to attest to this because she's not sure if DeShon actually said he killed her or he would kill her.

e went on to say that Michael is the person that they suspected broke into the residence about three weeks ago. She said that Sterling told her on day that he woke up to Michael standing there and they didn't know how he got into the residence. She went there and checked the house and no one was there. She felt that Sterling may

...ve been lying. She said she saw a guy taking a ladder from the backside of the residence and confronted him. She doesn't know who the guy was, but she realized that was most likely the manner in which Michael got into the house because she saw damage to Laqecia's bedroom window.

Ms. Bush advised that the only other damage she was aware of to the residence was the dining room window, which she has since repaired. On Wednesday (01-26-11) night when she dropped Laqecia and her daughter off, she went inside for a moment. She said the back door didn't seem to look like it was locked. She said she told Laqecia that the door didn't look locked and Laqecia checked in while she was there and it was in fact locked. Ms. Bush said that Laqecia then went on and started to cook dinner and she (Ms. Bush) left.

***** End of interview with Ms. Bush and Ronterrious Conner on 01-31-11 *****

****None of Tracy Bush's statements say whether or not if she checked the townhouse to make sure that Sterling was not home. Of if no one else was in the house.**

Ms. Bush provided the following information about her son Sterling. He was diagnosed as bipolar and has been out of school for a couple months. He had been attending Godby, then Lively, and then Life Skills prior to her trying to enroll him into Gazvinni. Sterling hung around with Deshon Thomas sometimes. When asked if he was into anything he should not have been into, Ms. Bush replied, probably. She advised that on October 25th he was arrested by T.P.D. for threatening some lady with a pipe and earlier last year he was arrested for shop lifting. She described him as defiant, she tried to talk to him about hanging around the wrong people, but he would continue to do what he wanted to do. He was hanging around in a trailer park on Mission Road. He was hanging around another juvenile named Tyrone Fain and she heard rumors about breaking into things. She recalled that Sterling's attitude and behavior had changed a lot over the past year.

****On 2/1/11 Note below: Discrepancy (Mr. Thomas). DeShon's timecard at work. Deputy Couch states:**

Interview with Dan Wadell, General Manager of Thomasville Road Taco Bell

On 2/1/11, I interviewed Dan Wadell at the Leon County Sheriff's Office Violent Crimes Unit. Mr. Wadell is the General Manager of the Taco Bell at which Deshon Thomas and Trentin Ross work. Mr. Wadell advised that he attempted to obtain video footage from Wednesday 1/26/11 for me, but he was unable to do so. When he attempted to get the footage, he discovered that his store had not subscribed to the off-site storage service for the security cameras. As a result, the only footage available was that on their local hard drive. He advised that this footage only went back to yesterday.

Mr. Thomas was, however, able to provide me with a copy of Deshon's timesheet. It showed that Deshon clocked in at 1805 on 1/26/11 and clocked out on 1/27/11 at 0130. It also showed that on 1/27/11 Deshon clocked in at 1759 and clocked out at 1821 hours. Mr. Wadell advised that the manager working with Deshon that night was Madeline Mitchell. He said the other employee that helped close (and supposedly gave Deshon a ride home) was Michael Jones. Mr. Wadell advised he would email me the contact information for these individuals so that they can be interviewed at a later date.

****Note below: The last sentence in this paragraph about Tracy Bush's shoes (their Discrepancy in referring to her as Ms. Hayes) Note: Tracy Bush wears men's shoes. Det. Farcas states the following:**

On 02/01/2011, I was requested by Detective McBride to return to the residence to meet with the mother of the victims to return her vehicle that was detained on scene. She also requested I conduct a walk through of the residence to look for any medical paperwork for the female victim. Sgt. Steve Woodcock and I entered the residence and conducted a search. I was able to locate paperwork in the purse of the female, which was collected by Sgt. Woodcock. The vehicle was turned over to Tracy Hayes. Prior to Ms Hayes leaving the scene I had Sgt. Woodcock measure and photograph her shoes. This was due to the same tread pattern being located on scene.

****On 2/1/11 Tracy Bush and Ronterrious Conner (victims' mother and brother) return to the sheriff's office again--this time to reveal information withheld by Ronterrious in regards to the deceased male victim and fake money. Below is the statement taken by Det. Reeves of Ronterrious Conner:**

**Ronterrious Conner, B/M, DOB/11-16-1194 -
2402 Vega Drive
Tallahassee, Florida 32304
Phone Number (850) 491-2428 (Cell) OR (850) 270-2110**

On Tuesday, February 01, 2011, Ronterrious and his Mother, Tracy Bush, responded to the Sheriff's Office because Ronterrious withheld information during the initial interview.

When I interviewed Ronterrious, he in essence stated the following:

Ronterrious said on either Sunday (Jan. 23) or Monday (Jan. 24) Sterling was given approximately \$400.00 by a subject only known to him as "Q." Ronterrious further stated that "Q" lives in his neighborhood and Sterling and "Q" are associates. Ronterrious further said "Q" drives a maroon or burgundy colored four door car, possibly a Toyota.

Ronterrious said Sterling told him that when "Q" gave him the money, he told Sterling that the money was fake. However, he still gave it to Sterling and told Sterling to go buy some drugs with it.

Once the drugs were bought, Sterling was to bring the drugs back and they were to split the drugs for sale.

Ronterrious was able to describe where "Q" lives and agreed to take us by the residence.

Sgt. Tim Lawrence and I drove Ronterrious to the area of Vega Drive. Once in the area, Ronterrious directed us to 1413 Deer Haven Lane, where a gray colored Chevrolet Impala, bearing a Florida temporary tag of ALZ5649 was parked in the drive way.

Upon obtaining the address and vehicle information, it was relayed to Criminal Analyst Leslie Rabon. By using resources available to her, Leslie was able to identify "Q" as being Jimquan Gordon, B/M, and 21 years of age.

Leslie was able to locate two addresses for Jimquan. The first one being 4502 Westover Drive and the other being 1233 Continental Court. Other violent crime detectives attempted to locate Jimquan at both addresses, but were unsuccessful in doing so.

DISPOSITION RECOMMENDED

Pending

****According to court documents, the above (Jimquan Gordon) was out on bond for Possession of Cocaine at the time of the murders. On 6/27/11 Jimquan Gordon's case was transferred to Duval County Drug Court.**

****On 2/2/11, DeShon and I returned back to Juvenile Court. Before court proceedings, Det. Odham whispered something in the State Prosecutor's ear. When the judge came out our case was called first. This time the judge found Probable Cause and the State Prosecutor motioned to Direct file—moving DeShon's case over to Adult Court. DeShon had been arrested twice on non-violent criminal acts—both times he took responsibility for his actions and each time he hit the ball out of the park. The second crime that he committed he was on probation and the judge had no other choice but to send him to do six months in a minimum juvenile facility. Because DeShon had not been in trouble in over a year and was now attending college on top of the fact that the two previous charges having been more serious than cultivating marijuana, I was baffled by the State Prosecutor's motion to Direct File. Note: They also have Trentin Ross' as the Co-Defendant on the Cultivating Marijuana and Drug Paraphernalia charges. Below is the additional information that prompted the judge to find Probable Cause. However, this witness' statement is nowhere in the DeShon's file:**

Prior to serving the search warrant a witness had been interviewed and provided the following: The witness indicated they have just recently been to the residence and smoked marijuana with both Mr. Ross and Mr. Thomas.

During the course of the investigation, a witness was discovered that knew Trentin Ross and Deshon Thomas. The witness reported that during several visits to 1555 Delaney Drive, apartment 309, large amounts of "Weed and Money" were observed lying around "Everywhere." The witness was asked if they happened to see the marijuana plants in the bedroom closet. The witness responded by saying, "Oh yes." When asked who the plants belonged to, the witness responded by saying, "Deshon," and stated how he bragged about how all of the "Weed and Money" was his. The witness further reported that Deshon commented on the marijuana plants and admitted to the witness that he had planted them in the pots in which they were located in.

****Note: there was no testimony given in open court during DeShon's appearance before the judge. We don't know of any testimony that Det. Farcas provided to the courts. However, Det. Farcas states the following in regards to DeShon's cultivation marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia case:**

On 02/02/2011, I was called to the Leon County court house to testify in case #11-19364. At the conclusion of the case the State of Florida filed a motion to have Deshon Thomas adjudicated as an adult and issued a warrant for his arrest. Deshon was taken into custody and transported to the Leon County Sheriff's Office. Prior to transport I was having a casual conversation with Deshon and I asked him about his eyebrows and why they were shaved. Deshon responded it was a gang thing and they did not represent how many times he has killed somebody. It represented the number 5 which was significant in his gang. I asked him about the number 5 and what it represented, but he would not tell me. I asked Deshon how long he has been in the gang and asked him if it was the "Bloods." He indicated it was the "Bloods" and said "since day one." I asked him what "since day one" meant and he responded "since day one." Deshon continued the conversation by telling me we do not have him documented as a gang member that he was aware of.

****After leaving court DeShon and I were followed by Det. Odham and I assume Det. Farcas. After walking two blocks to where I'd parked, they waited until we reached my SUV, and then Det. Odham placed DeShon under arrest. After handcuffing him they walked back towards the courthouse.**

****On 2/2/11 Note: in this statement is the first mention of text messages between Trentin Ross and DeShon's cell phone at 0414 and 0415 during the early morning hours on 1/27/11 the day the victims' were found murdered. Despite both DeShon and Trentin having had voluntarily handed over their cell phones on 1/28/11. Also, Note: how certain parts of Trentin Ross' statement start to drastically change. Lt. Baxter states the following to Trentin Ross:**

information and wanted to see me on the morning of 2/2/2011 at his apartment. He advised me he wanted to talk to only me and did not want anyone else there. I did not receive a call from him on 2/2/2011 so arrangements were made to have me fitted with a wireless transmitter and have detectives in the area to monitor our contact for my security. I then responded to his apartment and made contact with him.

I advised him that I was recording our conversation and affirmed he was okay with that. Following is the substance of the "new" information obtained in that interview. He advised me that in the recent past he, one of Deshon's cousins, and Deshon were riding in the car. Deshon began to talk about how Laqecia having the baby was going to ruin his life. He didn't directly recall Deshon saying he was going to kill her, but he did say something to that effect. Deshon's cousin and he tried to calm him down, because he was very agitated. He still denied being with Deshon or having any knowledge of the text messages between his phone and Deshon's at 0414 and 0415 on 1/27/11. He stated he "possibly made the mistake of touching some of the bullets in the apartment before." I asked him if on the night/morning of the incident if Deshon had asked him to drop him off anywhere. He denied it and reiterated he was passed out at B.J.'s apartment. He stated that prior to leaving their apartment that night that Deshon had cut his hand and wrapped a red bandana around it. He did want to know "how they were murdered." I asked again where Deshon got the black bag (containing the gun) from. He again stated when they stopped at TY's house on Wednesday 1/26/11.

****On 2/3/11 Note: below Lt. Baxter states the following in regards to Trentin Ross:**

It should be noted that in all these interviews it appeared Trentin was not being totally forthcoming with information and was somewhat evasive in his answers.

****On 2/3/11 Note below are statements from Taco Bell worker and manager who worked with DeShon from 1/26/11 until 1:30 a.m. on 1/27/11. These are DeShon's alibis. Below are statements taken by Deputy Couch of Michael Jones Jr. and Madeline Mitchell:**

On 2/3/11 I interviewed Michael Jones Jr at his residence (1306 Idaho Street). Mr. Jones advised he was working with Deshon on Wednesday, 1/26/11. He stated they closed the store and left at approximately 0130 hours. He advised that he gave Deshon a ride home. He said Deshon invited him up to his apartment, but he declined. A copy of the recording of the interview was entered into evidence at the Sheriff's Office.

I also made contact with Madeline Mitchell at Taco Bell. Ms. Mitchell advised she was the manager on duty on 1/26/11. She completed a sworn statement advising that Deshon had been at Taco Bell until he clocked out that night.

****On 2/3/11 Note: Follow up with Ronterrious Conner (victim's brother) in regards to deceased male victim and fake money: Det. McBride states the following:**

Thursday 02-03-11

Due to information gathered from Ronterrious Conner during the interview with Det. Reeves on 02-01-11, I meet with him to show a picture of whom we suspected to be "Q", the subject he advised gave Sterling fake money to buy drugs. Ronterrious had shown Det. Reeves where "Q", identified as Jimquan J. Gordon (B/M, 12-19-89) lived. Ronterrious identified Mr. Gordon as the subject he advised gave Sterling fake money to buy drugs. Also, see Det. Reeves' report. The photographs shown were placed into evidence (**item #21MM**).

****On 2/4/11 Note: the following which contradicts Det. Ganey and Det. Odham's statements in regards to Trentin Ross and Riley Ewell's manner for coming into the sheriff's office—specifically saying that they were contacted and scheduled for an interview. Below see Det. McBride's statement:**

Friday 02-04-11

Sgt. Ganey contacted and scheduled an interview with Riley Ewell and Trentin Ross. Those interviews were conducted by Sgt. Ganey and Det. Odham. Also, Det. Dawn Dennis conducted a CVSA with Riley, with results of "no deception" indicated. See their reports for details.

****On 2/4/11 Note: the following contradiction—"voluntarily came... Below see Det. Ganey's statement:**

Trentin Maurice Ross B/M 08/16/1989
1555 Delaney Drive Apt. 309
Tallahassee, FL 32309
Witness

Trentin Ross voluntarily came to the Leon County Sheriff's Office and agreed to speak to me about this case. Detective Don Odham and I interviewed him and in essence he stated the following: He stated the day before the shooting, Deshon had at least three guns. One was a 9mm pistol, a .38 caliber revolver and a Tech 9 9mm. Trentin stated the day prior to the homicides he woke up to a house full of people. He said they went to "TY's" house who was identified in the investigation as Tyrone Jones who resides at 3250 Nekoma Lane. Deshon went into Tyrone's house and came back out with a black bag and his book bag. Trentin stated he felt sure that is where one of the guns came from. Trentin stated Brittney became upset at this and asked to be taken to the bus terminal in which they took her there and dropped her off. Later they went home and Deshon went to work.

Sometime before 2:00 A.M. Trentin stated he received a phone call from Deshon telling him that he wanted to party when he got off work. Trentin stated shortly after 2:00 A.M. he heard Deshon banging on his bedroom door. He got up and they went outside to the parking lot where he got into Riley's vehicle and heard Deshon placing the guns in the bag into the area under the tire well. Trentin said he had seen Deshon with the bag before they got to the car. They drove to "BJ's" later identified as William Little and smoked some weed and while there, he saw Deshon sell one of the pistols, the 9mm with tape on the handle to "BJ" for \$80.00 or \$100.00 and some weed. Trentin said Deshon threw one of the bags of weed at him and told him that was for

Trentin stated he fell asleep and when he woke up, Deshon stated it was time to go, so they left and drove to a female's house in the Palmetto's Apartment complex. Deshon at first told him to hold tight and Trentin said he rolled another joint and then went inside. Trentin said Deshon had taken the black bag containing the Tech 9 into the apartment. They smoked another joint then left there.

Trentin said they drove to Blountstown Highway and turned into the Family Dollar parking lot. On the way over Deshon told him that Laqecia was expecting him and that she would let him into the residence. While in the parking lot Deshon cased the parking lot and then they drove out of the parking lot onto Jackson Bluff and traveled west until they got a mailbox with a missing number in the series of numbers. They parked and Deshon got out, went to the trunk and fumbled around with what he assumed was the guns. Deshon then took off on foot into the dark. Approximately twenty minutes later Deshon returned and it appeared to him Deshon had been running. Deshon had him go back to the Family Dollar store and exit the parking lot traveling west. They drove past the victim's residence and went down to the area of McGuffey's Wrecker Service and turned around. Deshon then had him drive East until they got to 5169 Blountstown Highway and instructed Trentin to back into the driveway and turn off his headlights. Deshon told Trentin to unlock the trunk and he went around to the trunk and he could hear him moving things around in the area of the tire well. Deshon then took off toward the victim's apartment. Trentin said he stayed in the car and while rolling another blunt, he saw the upstairs light come on in the victim's apartment, then the living room light and then the kitchen light. Deshon texted him and asked him when the road was clear for him to come back. Trentin said he texted him back and told him the road was clear and then Trentin said he heard two gun shots and at that time a real large truck drove by. He then saw Deshon coming across the road and he observed the victim's back door wide open. Deshon ran up to the car and told him "It ain't like it is in the movies". Trentin said it looked like Deshon had seen a ghost and told Trentin not to tell the cops they were there, but at "BJ's". Deshon instructed Trentin to pull into the Family Dollar next to the dumpsters. Deshon got out and went to one of the dumpsters and turned back toward the vehicle and it appeared Deshon placed something, possibly a gun, into the dumpster. Deshon told Trentin as they were entering the parking lot "Now is not the time to mess up".

They drove to Deshon's Cousin's in the San Marco Apartments. Once there Trentin saw "TJ" come out into the hallway and speak with Deshon. A few minutes later Deshon came back and appeared to have been crying. Trentin asked Deshon if he was "Straight" and Deshon told him yes. They drove to McDonald's on Thomasville Highway and got something to eat and went home. Trentin stated the next day he overheard Deshon talking to someone in the hall way and Deshon stated "Two to the head and she slumped over in the chair and she made an exhaling sound". Trentin said he turned the water on while washing dishes then heard Deshon say "The little crab or crabby was under the blanket, or had covered his head with a blanket".

Trentin had told a co employee name Josette that he had to calm Deshon down a couple weeks prior because Deshon said "He was going to kill that bitch if she didn't get an abortion". I asked Trentin what would any reasonable person assume after experiencing what he had and he said they would assume Deshon went up in there and shot them. Trentin had taken us to the dumpster where he thought Deshon put the gun in. We seized the dumpsters and on February 5, 2011 members from the Violent Crimes unit and Detective Pat McLeod went through the dumpster and did not find the gun or any other evidence. Detective Dennis was able to determine that the dumpster had already been dumped and taken to the transfer station on Gum Road. From there it is shipped to Cottdale, Florida where it is compressed and mixed with 6500 pounds of garbage a day.

****On 2/4/11 Note: the following contradiction—"voluntarily came... Below see Det. Ganey's statement:**

On Friday, February 4, 2011 Riley Ewell voluntarily came to the Leon County Sheriff's Office to be interviewed again. Upon arrival she was interviewed in the Leon County Sheriff's Office Violent Crimes unit. During the interview she stated she didn't know anything about the homicides or Trentin's involvement. She made a couple of comments that I felt were indicators that she knew more than she was telling me. One statement was that she didn't know anything that "Trentin was protecting her". The other was that during the interview she said Trentin told her that when he woke up, Deshon was coming back in. That was a comment that I hadn't heard yet. Ms. Ewell was unable to provide any additional information.

****On 2/4/11 Below see Det. Dennis' statement in regards to Riley Ewell:**

On 04 February 2011, I met with Riley Ewell at the Leon County Sheriff's Office in regards to a Homicide investigation. Ms. Ewell voluntarily agreed to take a Computer Voice Stress Analyzer test. I formulated two relevant questions which were interspersed with irrelevant and control questions utilizing the Zone of Comparison test format. The relevant questions are as follows;

1. Is everything you told the detectives the truth?
Answer "Yes." No deception was indicated.
2. Do you know more about this case than you are telling?
3. *Answer "No." No deception was indicated.*

Following the initial examination, a second examination was conducted with the same test format as the initial examination, as well as the same relevant questions. The results of the second exam were the same as the initial exam. Based on my training and experience, the chart indicated that Ms. Ewell responded truthfully to the first relevant question, and that she answered truthfully to the second relevant question.

I advised Sgt. Ganey of the results of my exam and investigation and turned the interview over to him. No further action on my part will be taken and my investigation is closed.

DISPOSITION RECOMMENDED

Pending

****On 2/4/11 Note: the following contradiction—"voluntarily came... Also, there is several contradicting statement to this tremendously changed statement. Keep in mind that Det. Odham has a history of lying. Below see Det. Odham's statement:**

On Friday, February 4, 2011 Trentin Ross voluntarily came to the LCSO to discuss the homicide which is being investigated concerning Deshon Thomas, a suspect, who is Mr. Ross's roommate. Trentin spoke to Sgt. Ganey and I in two separate interviews with the first one pre-Miranda Warning and after hearing his version of the events on Wednesday and Thursday Trentin was given another interview which was post-Miranda Warning.

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Both interviews were digitally recorded and the original DVD-R's were placed into LCSO evidence. Also, Trentin rode with Sgt. Ganey and myself and showed us the places he traveled leading up to and just after the homicides.

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Trentin Maurice Ross B/M DOB: 8/16/1989
1555 Delaney Drive Apt 309
Tallahassee, FL 32309
Witness

On Wednesday afternoon (1/26/11), Trentin Ross advised while riding with Brittney Little, and Deshon Thomas in Riley Ewell's vehicle they went to "TY" Tyrone Jones residence at 3250 Nekoma Lane. At the residence, Deshon walked into the residence while Brittney and Trentin remained in the vehicle. When Tyrone and Deshon exited the residence, Deshon was carrying a black bag which looked like a gun bag along with his book backpack.

Trentin stated Brittney became upset after seeing Deshon carrying the bag and requested to be taken to the bus terminal. Deshon, Tyrone and Trent drove to the terminal and dropped off Brittney.

They drove to Tyrone's residence and dropped him off, Deshon and Trentin returned to their residence where Trent and Deshon reside while Deshon carried the black gun bag into the residence. While at the residence Deshon opened the bag and Trentin observes a Tech-9 9mm hand gun. Trent advised he observed two other hand guns which were a 9mm handgun and a .38 caliber hand gun.

On Thursday morning about 2a.m. (1/27/11), Deshon called Trentin from his place of employment and told him he wanted to go out partying when he got home. Deshon arrived at the residence and bangs on Trentin's bedroom door where he was sleeping with his girlfriend, Riley Ewell.

Deshon told Trentin they were going to visit "BJ" William Littles to get some weed. Trentin knows "BJ" as a weed dealer who has sold weed to him on numerous occasions. They borrowed Riley's vehicle and Trentin and Deshon exited their residence. Deshon, before entering the vehicle placed the bag containing the weapons in the trunk under the tire jack area. Trentin stated you could hear Deshon moving the jack around as he placed the guns into the trunk.

Trentin and Deshon arrived at "BJ's" residence in Port-a-fina Villas. Trentin observed Deshon sell "BJ" the 9mm hand gun with an ammo clip. "BJ" paid Deshon \$80 or \$100 and some weed for the hand gun. "BJ" asked Deshon where the bullets were and Deshon said the bullets were not included. "BJ" carried the weapon upstairs in the residence. While at the residence Deshon told Trent he was suppose to see Laqecia Herring that night. Trentin, Deshon and "BJ" smoked some weed and Trent took a nap since he had been drinking alcohol earlier and now he was stoned. Trentin believed he napped for a couple hours and Deshon and he left the residence and went to an Apartment 9 at the Palmetto Apartment.

While at the apartment Deshon carried a back pack into the residence containing the Tech-9 9mm hand gun. Trentin, Deshon and an unknown female smoked a blunt and Trent and Deshon left the residence.

Upon leaving the Palmetto apartments Deshon stated Laqecia was expecting him and if he went over to her residence she would let him into the residence. Deshon told him he was going to her house to talk things over with her. So Deshon and Trentin drove in the direction of Laqecia's residence.

On the way to Laqecia's residence, with Deshon driving the vehicle, West on Highway 20 they turn into the Family Dollar store and Deshon cased the location of the dumpsters. Then they travel out the back driveway of the Family Dollar and turn West onto Jackson Bluff road. They travel until turning around in the driveway of 5169 Jackson Bluff Road and drive East on Jackson Bluff Road a short distance where Deshon stopped the vehicle, pulled the lever which opened the trunk of the vehicle from inside the vehicle. Then he exited the vehicle and began moving things around in the trunk. Trentin remained in the vehicle and from the sounds he heard of the "jack tools" being moved in the trunk he assumed Deshon is obtaining a gun. Deshon closed the trunk and left the area of the vehicle on foot Westbound away from the rear of the vehicle.

Trentin stated about 20 minutes later Deshon returned to the vehicle with his hand in his hoody and appeared

to be shaking. Deshon drove a short distance maintaining his hand in his hoody and Trentin became concerned and asked to drive the vehicle. They stopped the vehicle and Trentin began driving East on Jackson Bluff and Deshon instructed Trentin to turn into the Family Dollar entrance and exit West onto Highway 20.

They drove West on Highway 20 and Deshon instructed Trentin to turn around at the billboard located at Jackson Bluff and Highway 20 and go East on Highway 20. Then Deshon instructed Trent back to the driveway of 5169 Bountstown Highway and turned off the vehicle's headlights. The driveway is directly across from the duplex building of Laqecia Herrings and her residence's back door.

Deshon told Trentin to pull the trunk lever from the inside to open the trunk which he did. Deshon exited the vehicle wearing a black hoody, black Dickie jeans and black tennis shoes. Trentin stated he heard Deshon moving things around in the trunk which sounded like the area Deshon had placed the gun's.

Trentin remained in the vehicle while Deshon left the area of the vehicle and walked across 20 West toward Laqecia's residence with his hand in his hoody. Trentin stated he knew this was the residence of Laqecia since he had been to her house on prior occasions. Trentin stated Laqecia's back porch light was on.

Trentin stated while he was waiting in the vehicle and rolling a blunt, he observed the lights upstairs, the kitchen and living room in Laqecia's residence being turned on and off. Trentin advised that Deshon sent him a text message requesting him to let him know when the highway was clear for him to come out of the residence. Trentin stated he texted Deshon back the highway was clear and then heard two gun shots when a large truck drove past where he was parked, shaking the vehicle, then after the truck passed he observed Deshon coming from the direction of Laqecia's back door but stated he did not see Deshon exit her residence but stated the back door was now wide open.

Trentin advised Deshon entered the vehicle looking like he "had seen a ghost," sweating, shaking and said "it ain't like it is in the movies. Go." Deshon told Trentin to drive to the Family Dollar. Deshon told Trentin not to tell the cops anything and only say they were only at "BJ's" residence.

As they were turning into the Family Dollar driveway, Deshon told Trentin "Now is not the time to make any mistakes" and instructed him to back in next to the dumpsters. Deshon with his hand still in his hoody exited the vehicle and walked up next to the dumpsters with his back to Trentin. Trentin stated it appeared Deshon was taking something out of his pocket which he assumed was a gun and puts his hand into the dumpster. Deshon returned to the vehicle with both hands empty and instructed Trent to drive to his cousin's residence, "TJ" Terrell Jones, who resides at Lakes at San Marco on Woodville Highway. He believes Deshon attempted calling or texting Terrell on the way to the residence.

They arrived at the apartment building of Terrell Jones and Deshon walked to Terrell's residence and Trentin remained in the vehicle. Trentin stated he knows Terrell and observed Deshon and Terrell speaking together outside Terrell's apartment building.

Deshon returned and entered the vehicle and they drove to the McDonalds on Thomasville Road to purchase food for Riley then they stopped at the Shell gas station to purchase a blunt and drove to their residence. Upon entering the residence Deshon stated he was not hungry and layed on the couch.

The next morning Trentin stated while he was washing dishes in his apartment's kitchen, he heard Deshon speaking to an unknown male outside the apartment. He overheard Deshon say "two to the head"; "she was jumped over in the chair and heard a gasping sound exited from her" and Deshon said the male was a "little

crab lying on the floor with a blanket over his head." Trentin said "little crab" was a gang term.

Trentin stated after seeing the news report of a shooting in the neighborhood of Laqecia and reviewing the events with him and Deshon the night before, he knew Deshon had shot Laqecia and her brother.

Trentin stated he knew Deshon had threatened to kill Laqecia if she did not have an abortion. He said Deshon had a motive because Deshon told him Laqecia was ruining his life if she had a baby.

****On 2/7/11 Note: DeShon was already in Adult jail. Below is Detective Odham's statement in regards to preparing the Probable Cause Report:**

On Monday 2/7/2011 I prepared Probable Cause for 1st Degree Murder charges (2x) for the arrest of Deshon Thomas which was reviewed and approved by Jack Campbell, ASA. The warrants for Mr. Thomas's arrest were signed by Judge Richardson. Eric Trombley, ASA, was notified the warrants were signed and he presented an Order Motion to the Court to have Mr. Thomas adjudicated as an adult. ASA Trombley notified me the court had approved Mr. Thomas to be charged as an adult.

Detective McBride and I went to the Leon County Jail where Mr. Thomas was being held on other criminal charges and notified Mr. Thomas and the LCJ staff of the active warrants for two charges of 1st Degree Murder. The jail staff immediately took Mr. Thomas for processing of the two new charges.

*****The following statements of witnesses were taken after DeShon was charged and arrested on 2 counts of First Degree Murder.**

****On 2/8/11 a juvenile, Tyrone Fain was questioned. Tyrone Fain was another best friend of Sterling Conner Jr. (the male victim) and was questioned at school without his parents. It's his statement that gives detectives the insight where the .380 caliber (the type of gun used in the murders) could've come from. Below is the statement taken by Det. Dennis of Tyrone Fain:**

On Tuesday 08 February 2011 at approximately 1146 hours Analyst Leslie Rabon and I met with Tyrone Fain at Gazvinni School. Tyrone was reportedly friends with murder victim Sterling Conner. Tyrone advised that he and Sterling were friends for approximately 1 or 2 years, he showed me a tattoo (Marco) on his right forearm. He explained that he got the tattoo yesterday and that the name Marco was Sterling's middle name.

He last saw Sterling on Monday (01/24/11) or Tuesday (01/25/11) before Sterling was killed. Sterling came over to his (Tyrone) Grandmother's house in Country Side Village. He advised that Sterling was "going thru it" at that time. He explained that Sterling told him that Sterling's mother was going to put Sterling up for adoption. He and Sterling talked to his (Tyrone's) Grandmother about adopting Sterling. He and Sterling both had grand theft charges against them, but his Grandmother told them if they both turned their lives around she would adopt Sterling. Sterling would usually come over there on a daily basis. He explained that the guy his (Tyrone) Grandmother works for pays them to do odd jobs around the trailer park. Tyrone confirmed that Sterling broke his (Sterling's) phone because he was upset with his (Sterling's) mother.

Tyrone advised that he knows that sometimes Sterling would get money and do stupid stuff with it like get drunk and they would go to jumping off on people on cars, going crazy and trying to rob people and stuff. Tyrone advised that Sterling would only do stuff like that when he got drunk. He advised that Sterling wasn't really a bad kid, but if Sterling was around a crowd of people and they told Sterling that he was soft if he didn't do something, Sterling would probably do it because Sterling didn't want to seem soft. Tyrone advised that Sterling would hang around with a couple boys, Demetrius Davis (Meat) and someone named Earnest (Fat Junior) from the Stratford Landing apartment complex. Tyrone advised they are who he thought was responsible for the murders at first because they had "a beef with Sterling". He explained that the boys from Stratford Landing had a beef with him too. Approximately one week before the murders a bunch of boys (Meat, Fat Junior and a couple other people he does not know) from Stratford Landing tried to jump Sterling at the store located next to Country Side Village. Tyrone advised that his (Tyrone's) uncle stopped it, but they were about to fight. He advised there were about 20-25 of them about to fight, some of Sterling's older cousins were involved also. Tyrone advised that "Meat" is a folk gang member, but "Fat Junior" is not in a gang.

Tyrone advised that Sterling was also friends with someone named "Mike". Tyrone was also suspicious of Mike because Sterling told him that Mike broke into Sterling's house one time and ate all of Sterling's food. The next day he and Sterling were going to fight Mike, but Sterling and Mike "squashed" that. Tyrone recalled that Mike and Sterling always argued. He explained that they all had their good days and their bad days. He and Sterling had "beefs" too, but he knew Sterling would not do that to him because they were like brothers.

Tyrone advised that he knows that Sterling had a gun and hoped that we found it before Sterling's brother (Ronterrious) finds it. He talked to Sterling's brother at the funeral and he is not taking it very well. He is afraid that if Ronterrious had the gun and thought he knew who did it, Ronterrious may shoot them. He described the gun as black with a silver slide and a clip. He believes it was a .380 caliber and may be at Sterling's house or hidden in Country Side Village. Tyrone knows for a fact that the gun was real because he had it for a time. He stated that a couple times Sterling hid the gun behind his (Tyrone's) house. I advised Tyrone to notify his Grandmother of our conversation and look for the gun. He was instructed that if he found the gun, not to touch and call me right away.

****Instead of conducting a proper search for the .380 caliber handgun, the same caliber gun used in the murders (remind you that the murder weapon had not been located) detectives asked Tyrone Fain's grandmother to search for the gun. Det. Dennis followed up with her to see if she'd located the gun.**

On 08 February 2011 at 1245 hours, I spoke to Tyrone's Grandmother. I advised her of my conversation with Tyrone and the possibility that a gun was located at her residence. She agreed to search areas that the gun may be hidden and call me if she finds it. Later in the day I called her back, at which time she advised that they looked but, did not find the gun.

****On 2/11/11--although Quantata Lewis' name was first mentioned by Tracy Bush (the victims' mother) on 1/31/11, she was not interviewed by Det. Reeves until on 2/11/11. Note: this is a juvenile being questioned at school without her parents about a double homicide and although detectives have arrested my son, Det. Reeves states "specifically Michael Loggins". Below is the statement taken by Det. Reeves of Quantata Lewis:**

On Friday, February 11, 2011, I was tasked to make contact with Quantata. I was able to locate her at Griffin Middle School. An audio recorded interview was conducted with Quantata in the presence of School Resource Officer Deputy Rodney Carey.

Quantata said she understood and in essence stated the following:

I asked Quantata to tell me what her relationship was like with Deshon. Quantata said she was never really involved in a relationship with Deshon, and first met him in November 2010. She was not positive of an exact date, but believes it was sometime around Thanksgiving when she went to Laqecia and Sterling's house at 1740 Cory Wood Circle address. Quantata said when she got there; Laqecia and Deshon were involved in an argument, and as a result of the argument they broke up. However, before Deshon left, she was introduced to him. I asked Quantata if she knew what the argument was about and she did not remember. After Deshon left, Quantata went inside Laqecia's residence where she visited with Laqecia and Sterling. I asked Quantata if she knew Laqecia was pregnant. Quantata acknowledged that she knew Laqecia was pregnant and learned about her pregnancy through either Ronterrious or Sterling.

I asked Quantata how often she and Deshon had contact after they first met. Quantata said she only hung out with Deshon only once or twice more after they first met, and recalled hanging out at Deshon's apartment.

I asked Quantata if she ever made any comments to anyone, specifically Michael Loggins about how she suspected Deshon of killing Laqecia and Sterling. Quantata said she never made that comment to anyone, and later told me that Shonterria Conner made the comment to her via Facebook during their communication(s).

****On 2/17/11 See below Det. McBride's statement in regards to her no longer being lead detective over this case—no explanation given:**

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Det. Mike Reeves and I conducted a follow-up recorded interview with Ms. Terfricia Murray. This was due to information or a reference being made in another interview to her possible involvement or relationship with Shon. Ms. Murray advised the following:

Back when she was about sixteen years old she did have sexual intercourse with DeShon. However, she advised that DeShon is not the father of her two year old son. Her mother was present and they both confirmed that he was not the father. The CD with the interview was placed into evidence (**item #22MM**).

During this investigation other detectives, supervisors, and analysis assisted. Continuation reports detailing their involvement are included. Also, copies of all search warrants, court orders, and subpoenas obtained during this investigation are included. LCSO Crime Analysis Leslie Rabon assisted with some of the court orders, etc. and she handled the information as it relates to the cellular phone records obtained during this case. See her report for details. Some of the information requested is still pending.

Also, during this investigation numerous items were seized as evidence and/or placed into evidence by the various detectives, etc. assisting with this case. See all property receipts for those items.

Some of the items have been sent to FDLE and the FBI for analysis. Results are pending.

This case has since been reassigned to Det. Odham. All documents related to this case were turned over to him. See his report for further.

DISPOSITION RECOMMENDED

e Det. Odham's report