

INTERIM COMPLAINT

STATE OF ARIZONA

Date 12/16/2024

vs.

Court Justice

Pima County, State of Arizona

Christopher Compton

No. 1

Defendant's Name (Please Print)

Precinct No. 1

BOND RECOMMENDATION

Arresting Agency Tucson Police Dept

High Bond _____ Low Bond _____

Agency Case No. P2412140150

No Recommendation

Arresting Officer Wilfert #52282

Hold Without Bond _____

INTERIM COMPLAINT: To be used only where necessary to comply with the provisions of Rule 4.1, *Arizona Rules of Criminal Procedure*.

PLEASE PRINT CHARGING INFORMATION

The undersigned, having appeared personally and having been duly sworn does, upon information and belief, accuse Christopher Compton of the crime(s) of 1st degree murder

committed on the 9th day of December, 20 24, in Pima County, in violation of A.R.S. Section 13-1105 (F1)

Statute(s)

Offense Time/Date: 0000 / 12 / 9 / 24

Date

Offense Location: _____

Arrest Time/Date: 0015 / 12 / 16 / 24

Arrest Location: _____

Complaining Witness

Name and Agency (Please Print)

Statement of Probable Cause:

On 12/14/24 at approximately 1914 hours, Tucson Police responded to the area of E. Poinciana Drive and S. Almond St reference an anonymous tip of a victim that had been shot and the body was burned. Upon arrival officers located the burned remains of an adult male victim. A single cartridge case was located next to the victim's body. The victim is still unidentified due to the severity of the burns.

Investigators spoke with the anonymous source who stated that they heard from _____ about a murder. _____ told the anonymous source that Christopher Compton told him that he had shot someone and then burned the victim's body to look for the cartridge case.

Continued on next page

12/16/2024

Date

Wilfert #52282

Reporting Officer / Badge No.

This court has found reasonable cause to believe that such offense was committed and that the defendant committed it.

Date

Justice of the Peace / Magistrate

Defendant's Name: Christopher Compton

Agency Case No. _____

Statement of Probable Cause continued:

The anonymous source stated that Chris contacted him on or about 12/13/24 and asked him if a metal detector would locate a brass cartridge case. The anonymous source convinced [REDACTED] to speak with investigators.

[REDACTED] said that on or about 12/09/24, Christopher came over to his home where he lives with [REDACTED]. Christopher asked if they had any bleach when he arrived, and then asked to use their washing machine. [REDACTED] asked Christopher what was going on because Christopher had never come over to their house, asked for bleach and to use their washing machine. Christopher convinced [REDACTED] to come with him over to his house at [REDACTED]. When [REDACTED] got to Christopher's house, Christopher began to cry. [REDACTED] said that Christopher told him that he accidentally shot a common friend/acquaintance of theirs named "J". Christopher told [REDACTED] that he was arguing with J about J stealing something. During the course of the argument, Christopher said he got a gun which he believed was a paintball gun. [REDACTED] said that Christopher shot J with a real gun, which he believed was a paintball gun. Christopher asked [REDACTED] to look for J near Lincoln Park and [REDACTED] to see if J was still alive or if he had died. [REDACTED] said he looked for J but could not find him, which is when he returned home. [REDACTED] said that J had been staying with Christopher at his house recently. [REDACTED] said that Christopher had been threatening him after confiding in him.

[REDACTED] stated that she was home on 12/09/24 when Christopher came over asking for bleach and to use their washing machine. [REDACTED] told Christopher that she did not have bleach, but had vinegar and laundry detergent. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] and Christopher left together and she was unaware of what happened after that.

Surveillance was conducted of Christopher on 12/16/24. Christopher was seen driving in random directions in no particular direction by the air unit. Prior to being stopped by police and what appeared to be random, Christopher stopped the car, got out and started running away on foot, leaving two other people in the car. Christopher was ultimately located and detained. Christopher said that he knew who J was and identified him as "Gay J". He said the last time he saw J was about 3-4 days ago. Christopher said that J was not living at his house, but he let him come over to take showers. He initially said that he had no issues with J. When confronted about J stealing something from him, he said it was simply a misunderstanding and that J had just misplaced a battery jumper for a vehicle. Christopher denied going to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] home, asking for bleach and to use their washing machine. Christopher described having a good relationship with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], with them having no reason to lie. Christopher said that he did not do anything to J. Christopher denied asking anyone recently about metal detectors before ending the interview.

It should be noted that Christopher's home at 7932 E. Manitoba Place is approximately 0.1 miles away from where the victim's body was found.

Justification for Bond Recommendation: