

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF ALLEN } SS:

FELONY AND/OR MISDEMEANOR

IN THE ALLEN SUPERIOR/CIRCUIT COURT

FILED
CAUSE NO. 02D06-22 05 -MR-000008

STATE OF INDIANA
VS. }

FWPD Control # 21F094320

Ahmad K. Pearson
A/K/A Ahmad Thomas

ALLEN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURTS

AFFIDAVIT FOR PROBABLE CAUSE.

1. The undersigned swears and affirms, under the penalties for perjury, that he has good cause to believe that:

On or about the 31st, day of August, 2021 in the County of Allen and in the State of Indiana said Defendant did knowingly commit the crime(s) of Murder

2. The Defendant, Ahmad K. Pearson, is described as being: Male/Black; DOB: 04/08/2001

3. The Affiant, Detective Roy Sutphin 1641F, is an officer of the Fort Wayne Police Department. The Affiant believes and has good cause to believe that the Defendant committed the aforesaid offense(s). The Affiant bases his belief on the fact that on or about August 31st, 2021, at approximately 2200 hours in the REDACTED, Fort Wayne, Allen County Indiana, Travis Jones, DOB: REDACTED, was shot and killed.

The Fort Wayne Police Department responded to a report of shots fired and a car crash at REDACTED, Fort Wayne, Allen County, Indiana. Upon arrival, officers located a red 2002 Oldsmobile Bravada, Indiana plate number 765DUU. Inside the vehicle was a male/black unconscious slumped over with apparent gunshot wounds. Emergency medical personnel arrived and removed the victim from the car and began treatment. The victim was pronounced deceased by medics a short time later. A subsequent autopsy revealed that the cause of Jones' death was multiple gunshot wounds and that the manner of death was homicide.

As officers secured the scene witnesses advised they had heard shots to the south of the crash scene and located shell casings in the roadway. This expanded the crime scene to the REDACTED where the actual shooting was believed to have occurred.

The investigation developed a possible motive for the shooting. Twila Newmon-Jones was a previous local homicide victim. One of the suspects in the Newmon-Jones homicide met the description of Travis Jones. Ahmad Pearson is the son of Newmon-Jones, and REDACTED, WITNESS 1, had heard rumors that Pearson planned to retaliate. On September 9th, 2021, WITNESS 1 spoke to the affiant and advised that he has video of a suspect vehicle belonging to Ahmad Pearson following the victim just before the shooting occurred. The affiant asked how he knew this was Pearson and he advised that Pearson had posted a video to Snapchat after the shooting. Pearson was visible in the video and said that he had been "smoking on a Pac-Man." Pac-Man is an alias for the victim, Travis Jones. The Snapchat video was not able to be obtained from Snapchat due to timeframe. The information WITNESS 1 provided also included that he believed a person named "J Slab" was with the defendant when he shot Travis Jones. J Slab is a known street name associated to Jaylin Sabb.

The Affiant also spoke to WITNESS 2 who advised he believed his son had some type of involvement or knowledge about this homicide. With this report the affiant spoke to WITNESS 3 who advised he was not at the scene that entire night and did not murder the victim. During investigation of an unrelated homicide, REDACTED was searched pursuant to a search warrant. An individual named WITNESS 4 lived at that apartment. During execution of the search warrant at REDACTED five phones were collected and a .45 caliber Glock handgun. A .45 Caliber was used to shoot Travis Jones in the event described above. WITNESS 5 was also taken into custody during the search. She was interviewed by Detective Don Lewis. WITNESS 5 advised that WITNESS 4 was given the above mentioned .45 caliber handgun by a male she knows as AP. WITNESS 5 was shown a photo array and identified Ahmad Pearson as the person she knows as AP. WITNESS 5 also advised she overheard people saying it was the gun used to shoot Pac-Man.

With the above listed information, the .45 caliber was tested by the Indiana State Police and the shell casings used to kill Travis Jones matched the above mentioned .45 caliber test fires in IBIS. DNA swabs from the gun were submitted for analysis and the defendant's DNA was on the gun used to kill Travis Jones.

On September 27th, 2021, the affiant interviewed Ahmad Pearson after he was taken into custody on an unrelated matter. During that interview he denied any involvement and stated he was at Jaylin Sabb's home located at REDACTED the entire night of the shooting. He provided his phone number and phone when he was taken into custody. Search warrants were obtained for call

data records from his cell phone carrier and his phone was downloaded. Upon analyzing the data, Det John Helmsing, provided a report showing that based on the information the defendants phone was at or near the area of the shooting on Monroe two minutes before the shooting was reported via 911. The records also indicate that the phone remained in this area for a period of time after the 911 call and then moved to an area at or near REDACTED. In Detective Helmsing's report he indicated based on his expertise that even though the data all hit the same cell phone tower it was impossible for the phone to be at REDACTED the entire night because the phone was connecting to different sectors of the tower.

John Helmsing
Affiant

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF ALLEN } SS:

Subscribed and sworn to before me in and for said County and State this

3rd

day of

MAY

2022

My Term/Commission Expires:

1/10/27

ORDER

Defendant appears in person. Review of probable cause held. The Court now finds probable cause does exist for arrest of Defendant. On motion of the State, cause continued for seventy-two (72) hours, excluding intervening Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, for Formal Charges. Bail fixed in the sum of \$ _____.

ORDER

Hearing on issue of probable cause held. State of Indiana, by Prosecuting Attorney Karen E. Richards, files Affidavit for probable cause, which is examined by the Court. Court finds probable cause does exist for arrest of Defendant, and orders Clerk to issue a warrant for arrest of Defendant for the crime(s) of Murder

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John Helmsing
Judge, Allen County Superior Court