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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CRIMINAL DIVISION

COMPLAINT

DCTN: V12034569
Lockup No: 10
Case No: 2012 CRW3526

District of Columbia ss:

Defendant's Name: Dennis Washington 526059 11057004
(First) (MI) (Last) (PDID) (CCNO)

Also Known As: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: 34TH STEET SE Apt. WASHINGTON DC

DENNIS WASHINGTON, within the District of Columbia, with the intent to kill another and to inflict serious bodily injury on another and with a conscious disregard of an extreme risk of death or serious bodily injury to another, caused the death of THOMAS LIPSCOMB by BEATING HIM on or about April 26, 2011, thereby causing injuries from which THOMAS LIPSCOMB died on or about April 26, 2011. (Second Degree Murder, in violation of 22 D.C. Code, Section 2103 (2001 ed.))

Co-Defendants:

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Affiant's Name

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of November, 2012

Curtz E van Kam
(Judge) (Deputy Clerk)

WARRANT

To The United States Marshal or any other authorized federal officer or the Chief of Police of the District of Columbia:

WHEREAS the foregoing complaint and affidavit supporting the allegations thereof have been submitted, and there appearing probable cause and reasonable grounds for the issuance of an arrest warrant for Dennis Washington

YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED TO BRING THE DEFENDANT BEFORE SAID COURT OR OTHER PERSON ENUMERATED IN 18 U.S.C. 3041 forthwith to answer said charge.

Issued Nov. 20, 2012 Curtz E van Kam
Judge - Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Title 16: ☐

Rule 105: ☐ Judge: _____

Sex: Male	DOB: 10/10/1970	CCN: 11057004	PDID: 526059
Papering Officer: Shell, Jonathan			Badge No.: D21648

OFFICER MUST EXECUTE RETURN

Officer's Name: <u>[Signature]</u>	Date / Time: November 20, 2012 <u>11:25:12</u> <u>11:52</u>
AUSA Signature: <u>[Signature]</u> <u>11/20/12</u>	Fel. I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AFTC <input type="checkbox"/> Fel. II <input type="checkbox"/>

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Superior Court of the District of Columbia
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AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF AN ARREST WARRANT

USW NO.: 2012 CPW 3526

DEFENDANT'S NAME: Washington, Dennis				NICKNAME:		ALIASES:		CCN: 11-057004	PDID: 526-059
SEX: Male	RACE: Black	DOB: 10/10/70	HGT: 5'-09	WGT: 170	EYES: Brown	HAIR: Black	COMPL: MED	SCARS, MARKS, TATOOS	
DEFENDANT'S HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED] 34 th Street, SE [REDACTED] Washington, DC							TELEPHONE NUMBER:		
DEFENDANT'S BUSINESS ADDRESS:							TELEPHONE NUMBER:		
COMPLAINANT'S NAME: Lipscomb, Thomas							TELEPHONE NUMBER:		
LOCATION OF OFFENSE: [REDACTED] Minnesota Avenue, SE [REDACTED] Washington, DC							DATE OF OFFENSE: 04/26/2011	TIME OF OFFENSE: 1100	

CAUTION AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS (CMC)

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GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHAT HAPPENED:

SUMMARY: 1. That CHRISTOPHER FLETCHER [B/M, DOB 10/22/1969, PDID 395-487] and DENNIS WASHINGTON [B/M, DOB 10/10/1970, PDID 526-059, hereinafter referred to as DEFENDANT] entered 3459 Minnesota Avenue, Southeast, Apartment #202, while the leaseholder, THOMAS LIPSCOMB [B/M, DOB 11/17/1961, hereinafter referred to as DECEDENT] was present, assaulted the DECEDENT and then stole a Dynex 32" 720p DVD Combo LCD HDTV flat screen television and that the DECEDENT died as a result of the injuries sustained in the assault.

INVESTIGATION: 2. On April 26, 2011, at approximately 1100 hours, members of the Metropolitan Police Department [MPD] were dispatched to [REDACTED] Minnesota Avenue, SE, Apartment [REDACTED], in reference to a foul odor coming from the apartment. Upon arrival, officers and members of the District of Columbia Fire & EMS [DCFEMS] observed the door to apartment [REDACTED] to be intact and received no response to repeated knocks and yelling for the DECEDENT. Officers met with W-1, who had a key to the apartment and unlocked the door. The door only opened partially because it was secured by a door chain lock. The responding officers, however, observed a body lying on the floor and blood on the carpet. W-1 forced the door open and members of DCFEMS discovered the DECEDENT in a supine position partially in the bathroom and hallway and the nearby kitchen floor was covered in blood. The DECEDENT was unconscious, unresponsive and in full *rigor mortis* and his body was partially decomposed. The bathroom tub was half full of red bloody water. Found in the DECEDENT'S bedroom were apparent blood stains on the carpet on the left side of the bed. The remains were transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner [OCME] where at 1810 hours the DECEDENT was pronounced by MLI GIANNI MIGLIACCIO. On Wednesday, April 27, 2011, Dr. SUNIL PRASHER of the OCME performed an autopsy on the DECEDENT and ruled the manner of death a homicide and the cause of death blunt force trauma to the head. Dr. PRASHER determined that the DECEDENT suffered approximately 26 lacerations to the head, along with approximately 8 rectangular-shaped fractures to the skull. The DECEDENT also suffered multiple lacerations to the neck, back and upper extremities and fractures to his left ulna, left femur and ribs.

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3. A District of Columbia Superior Court Search Warrant was obtained for [REDACTED] Minnesota Avenue, SE, Apartment [REDACTED] and the executing detectives observed apparent blood on the interior side of the front door and on the carpet just below the front door. In the front room was a recliner that was overturned. A blood trail led into the kitchen, where detectives observed a large amount of blood on the floor and all over the stove. Also recovered were two partial cigarettes lying on the blood-smeared kitchen floor. One of the cigarettes was labeled MPD Mobile Crime Laboratory (MCL) number #26. On July 3, 2012, a report was issued by the Bode Technology Group, concluding that, to a reasonable degree of scientific certainty, the DEFENDANT is the source for the major component of the DNA [Deoxyribonucleic acid] profile obtained from the cigarette, MCL Item #26.

4. On April 26, 2011, W-1 was interviewed and reported that the last time IT saw the DECEDENT was two weeks prior on a Friday [April 15, 2011]. W-1 stated that on that night, IT heard what sounded like a fight inside the DECEDENT'S apartment and that it lasted for a long time, but that IT did not call the police.

5. On April 27, 2011, W-2 was interviewed by MPD Homicide detectives and stated that within the past month, late on a Saturday night/early Sunday morning, W-2 heard what sounded like multiple subjects beating on someone inside the DECEDENT'S apartment. W-2 stated that after the sounds of the beating stopped, IT heard one or more people knock on the DECEDENT'S door, but no one answered. W-2 reported that a short time later, IT looked out a window and observed a black male exit the front of the apartment building and walk towards the church on Minnesota Avenue, SE. On Tuesday, May 10, 2011, a second interview was conducted with W-2, during which W-2 stated that IT remembered that when the unidentified black male exited the front of the building, he had a dark-colored coat covering an object, but W-2 could not see what the object was. W-2 described the individual as a short black male with a dark complexion wearing a hat. W-2 was asked if the person IT saw was wearing glasses and IT did not know if the person was wearing glasses.

6. On April 27, 2011, W-3 was interviewed by MPD detectives. W-3 knows the DECEDENT, DEFENDANT, and CHRISTOPHER FLETCHER. W-3 positively identified both the DEFENDANT and FLETCHER through photo arrays. W-3 reported that on an earlier date, W-3 overheard FLETCHER speaking with a MPD police officer at [REDACTED] Minnesota Avenue, SE. W-3 said IT heard FLETCHER tell the officer that DENNIS and he had come to [REDACTED] Minnesota Avenue, SE, to obtain some marijuana. W-3 heard Fletcher explain that while they were inside apartment [REDACTED], DENNIS wanted to rob the occupant of a flat screen television and that DENNIS started fighting the occupant for the television. W-3 then heard FLETCHER say that he left DENNIS in the apartment.

7. Subsequently, MPD detectives learned from a MPD officer that on April 21, 2011, the officer received a radio run for an unwanted guest at [REDACTED] 34th Street, SE, Washington, D.C. Upon arrival, the officer met with CHRISTOPHER FLETCHER, who reported that the DEFENDANT had taken his cell phone. FLETCHER then reported that the DEFENDANT assaulted a male individual and stole his flat screen television and that FLETCHER could lead police to where the crime occurred. FLETCHER provided additional information, stating that during the prior weekend, he accompanied the DEFENDANT to an apartment on Minnesota Avenue, SE, because the resident owed the DEFENDANT money. FLETCHER stated that when the male resident opened the door to his apartment, the DEFENDANT began assaulting him. FLETCHER stated that "he wasn't with that" and walked away to a bus stop, where a short time later he observed the DEFENDANT walking across Minnesota Avenue with "the guy's flat screen" television. FLETCHER then took the MPD officer to 3459 Minnesota Avenue, SE, Apartment [REDACTED], knocked on the door, but received no answer. On May 4, 2011, W-3 was again interviewed by MPD detectives and reported that on April 15, 2011, IT saw the DEFENDANT coming into the apartment building at [REDACTED] Minnesota Avenue, SE. W-3 saw the DEFENDANT walk into the apartment building, walk up the steps, go to the DECEDENT'S apartment door, and knock on the door. W-3 has not seen the DECEDENT since that time. W-3 further reported that on the day in which the DECEDENT was discovered, W-2 told W-3 that IT heard a lot of fighting and yelling coming from the DECEDENT'S apartment and that IT saw a male exit the apartment building wearing glasses. Your affiant knows that the DEFENDANT wears glasses. Subsequently, on November 8, 2011, W-3 added that prior to the discovery of the DECEDENT's body, W-3 had an additional conversation with

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FLETCHER, in which FLETCHER said he helped DENNIS carry a television out of the apartment through a window.

8. On April 30, 2011, FLETCHER was interviewed by MPD detectives and explained that, approximately three to four days prior to April 21, 2011, he accompanied the DEFENDANT to [REDACTED] Minnesota Avenue, SE, #202. FLETCHER stated that while they were inside of apartment # [REDACTED], he observed a flat screen television in the bedroom. FLETCHER said he stayed in the living room and that the DEFENDANT and DECEDENT walked toward the kitchen area of the apartment. FLETCHER then heard a scuffle, got up and went toward the kitchen, where he saw the DEFENDANT striking the DECEDENT. FLETCHER told the detectives that he left the apartment and, while leaving, could still hear the assault. FLETCHER added that he went to the DEFENDANT'S apartment the next day and saw a flat screen television in the DEFENDANT'S bedroom. FLETCHER stated that he confronted the DEFENDANT about the assault, asking the DEFENDANT - "You took the old man's TV?" - to which the DEFENDANT replied "Yeah I took it." The day after the assault, FLETCHER went back to check on the DECEDENT, knocked on the door, but received no answer. FLETCHER told MPD detectives that he has known the DEFENDANT for at least four years and positively identified a confirmation photograph of DEFENDANT DENNIS WASHINGTON, B/M, date of birth 10/10/1970, PDID 526-059.

9. On May 2, 2011, and May 14, 2011, W-4 was interviewed by MPD detectives. W-4 recalled that IT had recently received a telephone call around 12:30 a.m. from FLETCHER, who frantically told W-4 that a friend of FLETCHER's paid him \$20 to walk with him [friend] to an old man's residence to get some money. FLETCHER further stated to W-4 that while they were at the old man's house, FLETCHER was sitting on a couch and heard the old man being assaulted. FLETCHER told W-4 that he left the residence and was upset about what happened. FLETCHER also told W-4 that FLETCHER's friend had sold his television and that the friend wanted to get the old man's television. W-4 reported that FLETCHER further stated that the next day, FLETCHER went to the friend's house, saw the old man's television, and confronted the friend about the television. FLETCHER stated the friend admitted taking the television.

10. On June 14, 2011, W-5 was interviewed by MPD detectives and reported that IT was a lifelong friend of FLETCHER. W-5 said that sometime after the DECEDENT'S body was discovered, FLETCHER told W-5 that the DEFENDANT and he had gone to collect money from an "old man," but the old man didn't have the money, so FLETCHER hit the old man first and then the DEFENDANT hit the old man and took the TV. W-5, who noted that FLETCHER was drunk at the time of the conversation, reported that FLETCHER said "DENNIS just beat the guy up for the TV; I just got a couple of licks in and got my money." W-5 also reported that FLETCHER stated that DENNIS and he were "supposed to go up there and get a TV, but I didn't know that DENNIS was going to kill the man. I just hit him a few times and I left out." W-5 added that FLETCHER said he was telling on the DEFENDANT because he believed the DEFENDANT was telling on him. W-5 identified confirmatory photographs of the DEFENDANT and FLETCHER.

11. On April 29, 2011, MPD officers executed a District of Columbia Superior Court Search Warrant at the DEFENDANT'S home, [REDACTED] 34th Street, SE. Several items were seized, including a Dynex 32" flat screen DVD Combo LCD HDTV, model number DX-32LD150A11, with the serial numbers scratched out. The television was located in the DEFENDANT'S bedroom. Also located in the residence was a box for a 32" Dynex LCD HDTV, model number DX-32LD152A11 [Emphasis added] and a receipt dated 02/03/2011, from the Arlington, Virginia, Best Buy store, which indicates the purchase of a Dynex 32" television, model DX-32LD152A11, for \$279.99 plus tax.

12. On May 5, 2011, the television seized during the search of DEFENDANT'S residence, a Dynex 32" flat screen DVD Combo LCD HDTV, model number DX-32LD150A, was examined by MPD MCL officers, who recovered six latent prints. It was later determined that one of the prints from the bottom right side of the television was of value. That recovered print was examined and determined to match the DECEDENT.

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13. On April 29, 2011, the DEFENDANT was voluntarily interviewed about the murder of the DECEDENT and stated, among other things, that approximately a week earlier, his girlfriend called the police to his residence because of a disturbance caused by CHRISTOPHER FLETCHER. The DEFENDANT stated that he knew the DECEDENT from time they both spent time living on the street, that at the time he saw the DECEDENT approximately one month ago, he had not seen him in about three years. The DEFENDANT stated that over the previous month [March 2011], the DECEDENT and DEFENDANT smoked marijuana together approximately four times - two times at the DECEDENT'S house and two times at the DEFENDANT'S house and that the DECEDENT still owed him \$10 for marijuana. The DEFENDANT also stated that he purchased the 32" television (seized from his apartment) and that it was an "open box" item he purchased at Best Buy.

14. On May 2, 2011, MPD detectives spoke with the DECEDENT'S case worker, who provided a letter dated 10/27/2010, indicating that Bread for the City provided the DECEDENT with living expenses, including a check, a portion of which was used to purchase a Dynex television. The case worker also provided a sales receipt dated 10/16/2010 from a Best Buy store located in College Park, Maryland, for the purchase of a 32" flat screen DVD Combo LCD HDTV, model number DX-32LD150A, for \$379.99 plus tax.

15. On May 25, 2011, CHRISTOPHER FLETCHER was shot and killed. Subsequently, John Bolten was charged with FLETCHER'S murder.

16. On June 23, 2012, the DEFENDANT was again voluntarily interviewed and stated, among other things, that he had known the DECEDENT since 1997 and that, at the most, had been to the DECEDENT'S apartment ten times, with the last time being between the first and third of April 2011. The DEFENDANT stated that the last time he was there was a Friday. The DEFENDANT further stated that the television seized from his residence was his television, that he purchased it at a Best Buy in Arlington, Virginia, and that it was an open box floor model. He stated that the box (also seized during the search) is the box given to him by Best Buy. The DEFENDANT also stated that the DECEDENT had been to his residence twice, that he may have touched his property, including his television.


17. The sales receipt seized from the DEFENDANT'S residence (dated February 3, 2011) from Best Buy in Arlington, Virginia, for the purchase of a 32" Dynex HDTV, model number DX-32LD152A11 (recovered during the search), indicates that the DEFENDANT purchased a model consistent with the seized box from the DEFENDANT'S residence, but inconsistent with the television actually seized from the DEFENDANT'S residence (which is model number DX-32LD150A11). The television seized from the DEFENDANT'S residence is consistent with the model purchased by the DECEDENT.

18. Lastly, this affiant spoke to a manager at Arlington, Virginia Best Buy, who looked at the receipt seized from the DEFENDANT'S residence (dated 02/03/2011) and explained that all open items or display models that are sold are given a new bar code sticker (a 'license plate'). The seized receipt of 02/03/2011 does not indicate a "license plate" sticker code. Thus, there is no indication on the receipt that the 02/03/11 purchase was for an open box item or display model. Based on the above information, and the fact that the serial numbers were scratched off, your affiant believes that the television seized from the DEFENDANT'S residence is the television purchased by the DECEDENT and taken from the DECEDENT'S residence.

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RECOMMENDATIONS: Based on the facts set forth in the Affidavit, your affiant believes that probable cause exists, and respectfully requests that a judge of the District of Columbia Superior Court issue a warrant for DENNIS WASHINGTON.

AFFIANT'S SIGNATURE:

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TO: WARRANT CLERK

PLEASE ISSUE A WARRANT FOR:

Dennis Washington

Charge With:

Serial Offense Murder
A.P. Chen 11/20/12
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

NCIC Approved

Form CD(17)-1050

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME THIS _____

20th DAY OF November 20 12

Curtis E von Kam
(JUDGE) ~~DEPUTY CLERK~~ SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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