

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
CRIMINAL DIVISION—FELONY BRANCH

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

Criminal Case No. 2011CF115572

v. :

Judge Robert E. Morin

DOMINIQUE BASSIL :

Sentencing Date: January 18, 2013

GOVERNMENT'S MEMORANDUM IN AID OF SENTENCING

The United States of America, by its attorney, the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, respectfully submits the following memorandum to assist the Court in fashioning an appropriate sentence in this case.

On November 9, 2012, the defendant was found guilty of Second Degree Murder while Armed for the August 13, 2011 killing of Vance Harris. (The Court is well aware of the facts of the case having presided over the trial. Therefore, the facts will not be repeated in this memorandum.) The Government has reviewed the Pre-Sentence Report<sup>1</sup> and concurs that the defendant should be sentenced to a term of incarceration. The Government further recommends that the defendant be sentenced to a lengthy term of imprisonment: 1) for the domestic abuse she inflicted upon the decedent August 12-13, 2011 as well as throughout their relationship, 2) her post-arrest misconduct, and 3) her failure to accept responsibility for her actions. The

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<sup>1</sup> The government noted an inaccuracy in the report regarding the defendant's family history. According to the PSR, the defendant reported that neither of her parents has ever been arrested, used drugs, or abused alcohol. Presentence Report, page 6. In a search of the defendant's cellular telephone, found therein amongst the stored electronic documents were two United States Attorney's Office of the District of Columbia press releases dated August 18, 2010 and September 21, 2010 concerning defendants who had pled guilty for their "role in a highly sophisticated identity theft and fraud ring." In both press releases, Peeair Bassil, the defendant's mother, is listed as a defendant who pleaded guilty in connection with the case. See Attachment 1 & 2. The government points out this inaccuracy not to suggest that a child should be punished for the sins of the parents but to demonstrate that the defendant for some unknown reason gratuitously distorts the truth.

Government submits that such a sentence is necessary to punish, deter, and rehabilitate the defendant.

#### **I. Dominique Bassil Abused and Battered Vance Harris**

The government's investigation revealed that the defendant is a domestic violence batterer. Her behavior August 12-13, 2011 was not an aberration, but was typical of her behavior during her relationship with Vance Harris III.<sup>2</sup> On numerous occasions, the defendant inflicted both physical and mental abuse upon Vance Harris III. This case highlights that men are victims of domestic violence just like women. Also, just like Mr. Harris, men often do not report instances of domestic abuse.

During their relationship, the defendant and Mr. Harris had good times like any other couple. But during their bad times, the defendant was threatening and physically abusive. According to Norman Forrest<sup>3</sup>, he had witnessed the defendant physically abuse Vance Harris III in the past. He witnessed her throw objects at him like keys and cell phones when the decedent did not do what she wanted him to do, refused to talk to her, or left when she wanted him to remain. Mr. Forrest indicated that these were not playful or childlike temper tantrums. Rather, the defendant threw these objects at the decedent's head with the clear intention to hurt him. He recalled that on one occasion, the defendant was actually struck in the head by a cellular telephone that the defendant had thrown at him.

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<sup>2</sup> At trial, the evidence showed that Mr. Harris was involved in romantic relationships with other women while he lived with the defendant. Since it is clear that his infidelity is not an excuse or justification for the defendant's actions, the government will spend time addressing this issue. Moreover, as the Court will see from the submissions of Mr. Harris's family members, to define Mr. Harris based on his relationship with other women is not to fully appreciate who he was as a person. Mr. Harris was well-loved by many including his parents, children, extended family, and friends. Growing up he excelled in school and sports and as an adult he held several responsible positions as an armed security officer.

<sup>3</sup> Norman Forrest testified at trial that Vance Harris was a close friend and that Vance was a groomsman in his wedding. Also, he testified that he knew Dominique Bassil and considered her to be his little sister. He testified that he was often the mediator between Vance and Dominique. Based on his relationship with both, he had intimate knowledge about their relationship.

Another friend recalled that between late 2010 and early 2011, he called Vance Harris III on his cellular telephone and heard the defendant in the background yelling. Vance Harris III told his friend that the defendant was blocking the door of the apartment and would not allow him to leave so that he could see his daughter. The friend heard the defendant use demeaning and derogatory language towards Mr. Harris. He also heard the defendant demanding to know with whom he was speaking to on the telephone. During all of this, the friend stated that Vance Harris remained calm, although Mr. Harris was clearly frustrated.<sup>4</sup> After ending his brief conversation with Mr. Harris, several minutes later, Vance called and reported that the defendant finally allowed him to leave.

The defendant even harassed and threatened Mr. Harris's ex-wife. While Mr. Harris was married and lived in Baltimore, MD, the defendant harassed his then-wife. She made calls to his then-wife taunting the wife about her relationship with the decedent. She further harassed his wife by going to the house that Mr. Harris shared with his wife, again taunting her about his extra-marital relationship with her and demanding that Mr. Harris leave with the defendant.

In the weeks leading up to August 13, 2011, the defendant's abuse upon the decedent included threats to harm and to kill him. At the wedding reception, she publicly assaulted Mr. Harris by smacking and "smushing" him. Based on the evidence of trial, the defendant continued her assault upon the decedent which resulted in his tuxedo being torn.<sup>5</sup> The defendant's violence and abuse against the decedent climaxed the early morning of August 13, 2011, when she stabbed Mr. Harris killing him.

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<sup>4</sup> During the trial, a Capitol Heights police officer described the decedent as having a similar demeanor when he made contact with Mr. Harris on Central Avenue after finding the defendant seated on the ground and Mr. Harris seated in his truck with a torn tuxedo.

<sup>5</sup> Officer Barry Shirriell, Capitol Heights Police Department, testified that the defendant admitted that she had been fighting with the decedent. The evidence at trial showed that the defendant had no physical injuries and that there was no damage to her clothing to suggest that she had been assaulted by the decedent. On the other hand, both officers recalled that the decedent's tuxedo had been torn.

Had the roles been reversed and the decedent the abuser, no one would question that Mr. Harris earned and deserved a sentence in the middle or high end of the guideline range. Moreover, the fact that she had cheated on him would do little to mitigate his criminal behavior, still warranting a sentence in the mid to upper end of the guideline range. Our minds would be shocked by his harassing behavior, going to the home that she shared with her husband. His actions would be described as terrorizing by the nature and tone of the threatening text messages he sent her. Finally, we would be outraged that he stabbed her causing her to bleed to death. We should have this same outrage and shock when we consider her behavior and sentence her accordingly. Mr. Harris's sex, height, weight, and cheating are not mitigating circumstances that warrant favorable treatment of the defendant. As such, the Court must sentence the defendant to a lengthy term of incarceration as punishment for her actions.

## **II. The Defendant's Violence Against Mr. Harris was not Aberrant Behavior**

A review of the defendant's record may lead one to conclude that the defendant's actions were an aberration. However, as many in the criminal justice profession know, one's criminal record does not always paint an accurate picture. In this case, the defendant's record does not accurately paint a picture of the defendant. As demonstrated by her abuse against the decedent and her involvement in an April 14, 2011 assault, the defendant is one who willingly and easily resorts to and resolves conflicts by violence. The defendant's violence is not isolated to domestic relationships. On May 10, 2011, the defendant was arrested for simple assault. According to the PD-251, on April 14, 2011, the defendant's mother Peeair Bassil had an argument with the complainant. Peeair Bassil enlisted her daughters Quinita and the defendant to assault the complainant. The defendant and her sister Quinita, who was a source for the Pre-Sentence Report writer, kicked, punched, dragged, and pulled out the hair of the complainant,

causing the complainant to suffer abrasions and lacerations. See Attachment 3. The case was no-papered by the United States Attorney's Office. This April 2011 incident shows the defendant's willingness to engage in wanton violence and her manner of resolving conflict which is consistent with her actions towards Vance Harris III.

### **III. The Defendant Engaged In Post-Arrest Misconduct While On Release**

The defendant's post-arrest misconduct warrants a lengthy sentence. Her post-arrest criminal actions show that despite her minimal criminal history, she is willing to continue to engage in criminal activity notwithstanding the possible punishment and having charges hanging over her head. The possible consequence of violating the law while on pre-trial release was not an adequate deterrence. Moreover, the consequences of her post-arrest criminal acts—identity theft and fraud—of which she was well aware based on her mother's involvement in the same offenses, did nothing to deter her. See Attachments 1 & 2.

Following the preliminary/detention hearing that was held on August 18, 2011 in this case, the defendant was released from custody and placed on PR-HISP. While on release, the defendant committed identity and wire fraud; and uttering. To compound the harm that she had already inflicted upon the decedent and his family, she used the decedent's identity to attempt to collect unemployment benefits. Furthermore, she passed two checks drawn on the decedent's closed State Department Federal Credit Union checking account, an account that had been inactive since 2005 and closed since 2007.<sup>6</sup>

On November 4, 2011, the defendant fraudulently represented that she was Vance Harris and applied for unemployment benefits via computer using his social security number and other

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<sup>6</sup> At a 1329 hearing seeking the defendant's detention pending trial based on these same criminal acts, the Court found that the defendant did fraudulently apply for unemployment benefits in the decedent's name, but was not convinced that the defendant illegally passed or uttered checks. Hopefully, this memorandum does a better job explaining the uttering of the checks than counsel did at the hearing.

means of identification. On August 24, 2012, the defendant was interviewed by Special Agents Alexander Zion and Ray Mulengo of the District of Columbia Office of the Inspector General. The defendant admitted that she applied for the benefits. However, she claimed that she did not know that her actions were wrong. This claim is belied by the warning on the application, her prior receipt of unemployment benefits in her own name, and her responses to the questions on the application, i.e. "are you able to work and available to work full time without restrictions?" "can you work all hours, days, and shifts for the type of work you are seeking?" The Court, after presiding over the trial, now should be aware of the defendant's proclivity to manipulate and distort the truth and know that her claim of lack of knowledge is untrue. Moreover, no evidence beyond the application that was completed by the defendant is necessary to know that her claim is false. See Attachment 4.

After her unsuccessful attempt to fraudulently obtain unemployment benefits, the defendant engaged in another fraudulent effort. This time she turned to passing checks on the decedent's closed credit union account. In July 2000, then 17-year-old Vance Harris III opened a savings and checking account at the State Department Federal Credit Union based on his father's employment association with the State Department. His father and mother were listed as joint account holders. In 2005, the account became inactive and in 2007 the account was eventually closed. According to the decedent's mother Mrs. Harris, who received a letter from the State Department Federal Credit Union dated December 2011 requesting that all unused checks be returned to SDFCU, the decedent's closed bank account was used in an attempt to make a payment on the defendant's overdue Comcast Cable Communications account.<sup>7</sup> See

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<sup>7</sup> Upon receiving the SDFCU letter, Mrs. Harris contacted Comcast and was told that the Comcast account holder Dominique Bassil made the attempted payment by telephone. At the 1329 hearing, the Court had questions how an electronic payment could be made that would result in the check made out to Comcast. This writer learned that such a check could be generated by a Comcast customer requesting to make payment by telephone. Upon the customer

Attachment 5.

At the 1329 hearing, Detective Mario Etienne testified that he interviewed the defendant by telephone. The defendant admitted to Det. Etienne that she used the decedent's account to attempt to pay her Comcast bill because they had accumulated bills together. Even accepting the defendant's words as true, she was not justified in fraudulently using an account that happened to have been closed for 4 years, without the permission of the account holder. Even if the account was active, she still was not justified in using the account. Her actions were criminal. The defendant's feigned ignorance, claiming not to know that her actions were criminal should not be believed, especially after showing at trial that she lied to police concerning the murder of Vance Harris and hearing her incredulous testimony under oath. Moreover, as evidenced in footnote 1, the defendant gratuitously distorts the truth.

Her post-arrest misconduct shows that the defendant is callous and manipulative and deceptive. Seeking to defraud others by using the identity and a closed account of someone you killed is despicable. As if killing Mr. Harris was not enough, the defendant sought to capitalize from his murder. This Court must consider the defendant's attempt to profit from the decedent's death at her hands and sentence the defendant accordingly.

#### **IV. Failure to Accept Responsibility**

Despite the defendant's nearly non-existent criminal history, the defendant should not be rewarded with a sentence in the lower third of the guideline range. A low end guideline range sentence should be reserved for those who among other things have a minimal criminal history, take full responsibility for their actions, and demonstrate that they are deterred from future criminal acts. Here, the defendant has yet to fully accept responsibility for maliciously killing

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providing the name of a financial institution, account number, and amount to be paid, an electronic check would be generated and forwarded to the financial institution for payment.

Vance Harris III and as stated above she has not been deterred from future misconduct. Moreover, she has failed to realize that her actions on August 12, 2011- August 13, 2011 were unacceptable and criminal. After approximately 18 months, the defendant still believes that she was justified in taking Vance Harris's life. The evidence at trial proved beyond a reasonable doubt that the defendant was not acting in self-defense. Rather, she acted with malice which was proven by her text messages to Vance Harris in the weeks leading up to August 13, 2011 and her behavior at the wedding reception and en route to her home.

Her persistent and inflexible belief that she did no wrong and that her actions were justified makes her recalcitrant and unrepentant, unwilling to change and to be rehabilitated. Her steadfast position in the face of evidence beyond a reasonable doubt makes it likely that she will deal with disappointment and rejection in the exact same manner. She will resort to imposing her will through threats and violence. She will resort to assaulting others—slapping and “smushing”—others when she cannot get her way. She will resort to deadly force when she is angered. To say that she has an anger management problem is a gross understatement.

The trial revealed that the defendant is dangerous and is willing to resort to violence when she is angered. In the text messages, she repeatedly threatened violence upon 6'8, 240 lb., Vance Harris III. At the wedding reception, she smacked and “smushed” 6'8, 240 lb. Vance Harris III. Along Central Avenue in Capitol Heights, MD, she tore the tuxedo coat of 6'8, 240 lb Vance Harris. Finally, inside her apartment, she stabbed 6'8, 240 lb. Vance Harris III with a knife. Startling, she was never deterred by his much larger frame and strength. Instead, she rose to the occasion. Her actions escalated until she obtained the intended resort. Although she has a minimal criminal history, she poses a significant danger to the community. Moreover, her recalcitrance after nearly 18- months shows that she has a far journey to travel before the



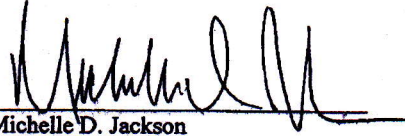
rehabilitation process. For rehabilitation to begin, one must accept responsibility for and realize the wrongfulness of her actions.

Wherefore, the government recommends that the only appropriate sentence to properly punish, deter, and rehabilitate the defendant is a lengthy period of incarceration.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that I caused a copy of the instant motion to be served via electronic mail upon counsel for the defendant, Madalyn Harvey, Public Defender Service, 633 Indiana Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20001, this 17 day of January, 2013.

  
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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **District of Columbia Woman Pleads Guilty to Charges In Massive Credit Card Fraud & Identity Theft Scheme**

***She and others stole identifying information, obtained and accessed credit, made charges***

WASHINGTON - Dionne N. Witherspoon, 38, pleaded guilty today before the Honorable Royce C. Lamberth, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, to charges stemming from her participation in a scheme to steal identifying information, obtain credit and/or access victims' existing bank accounts, and purchase merchandise, pay bills, and pay D.C. parking tickets with the stolen credit and bank accounts.

Witherspoon, of the 1300 block of 6<sup>th</sup> Street NW, Washington, D.C., pleaded guilty to conspiracy and to fraud in connection with access devices, announced U.S. Attorney Ronald C. Machen Jr. She faces a statutory sentence of up to 20 years incarceration and a fine of \$250,000. Pursuant to the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, Witherspoon faces a sentence of up to 121 months in prison and a fine of up to \$150,000. She is cooperating with authorities. Sentencing has not been scheduled, but is expected to take place in early 2011. The investigation is ongoing.

According to information submitted to the court by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sherri L. Schornstein, Witherspoon and an unindicted co-conspirator, identified in court papers as "R.G.R.M.," organized a highly sophisticated identity theft and fraud ring from December 2006 through March 2010 that included more than 176 corporate and individual victims and at least 765 transactions resulting in approximately \$1,446,805 in fraudulently obtained lines of credit and charges to those lines of credit of approximately \$88,855.00.

Witherspoon put together an extensive network of co-conspirators who obtained victims' identifying information and bank account information by stealing mail from the mailboxes at personal residences located in the District of Columbia and elsewhere.

The network also stole credit card receipts from a medical office in the 7300 block of Wisconsin Avenue NW and from two locations of Johnson's Flower Shop, at 4200 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. and 10313 Kensington Ave., Kensington, Md. In addition, credit card receipts and prescriptions were stolen from the CVS Pharmacy at 13<sup>th</sup> and U Streets NW, and student identifying information was stolen from Howard University.

The stolen identification information was used to make fraudulent transactions on legitimate

credit accounts maintained by victims, to open and use on-line credit accounts, and /or to effect debit transactions directly from the victims' checking accounts to make "pay-by-phone" transactions.

Witherspoon asked others to accept delivery of merchandise shipped to their residences located in the District of Columbia and other places, which was purchased using the stolen or fraudulently obtained account information, in exchange for various benefits such as merchandise, payment of utility and cell phone bills, and payment of D.C. parking tickets. In addition, Witherspoon and others would receive "orders" for merchandise or to pay bills. The "customers" would give Witherspoon half of the face value of the cost for the merchandise, bill or outstanding parking tickets and Witherspoon would use stolen or fraudulently obtained account information to pay for the merchandise, bill or parking tickets.

Three others previously pled guilty in connection with this case. They are: Kimberly Hatton, 41, of Washington, D.C. , Pecair Bassil, 42, of Washington, D.C., and LaKisha Williams, 34, of Oxon Hills, Md. All of the defendants are cooperating with the government and sentencing dates have not yet been scheduled.

The case serves as a reminder that consumers are encouraged to check their credit reports annually to ensure that credit histories are accurate. They can obtain free copies of their credit reports by contacting [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or by calling 1-877-322-8228.

At any time, if an unauthorized account or charges are discovered, consumers should contact the issuing credit card company or bank to report the fraud. In addition, a fraud alert can be placed on the individual's credit file. A fraud alert can help prevent an identity thief from opening accounts in another person's name.

The credit reporting companies can be contacted as follows:

Equifax, 1-800-525-6285, [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com)  
TransUnion, 1-800-680-7290, [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)  
Experian, 1-888-397-3742, [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com)

The investigative work in this case was praised by U.S. Attorney Machen as well as Daniel S. Cortez, Inspector in Charge, Washington Division, U.S. Postal Inspection Service; District of Columbia Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby; Jeffrey Irvine, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service, and D.C. Metropolitan Police Department Chief Cathy L. Lanier.

They commended the work of Special Agent Bernadette Atwater of the D.C. Office of the Inspector General; Postal Inspector Dean Davis of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service; Special Agent Christopher Macomber of the U.S. Secret Service; Detective Michael Pavaro, of the Metropolitan Police Department, and the staff of the U.S. Attorney's Office, including Paralegal Carolyn Cody and Assistant U.S. Attorney Sherri L. Schornstein, who is prosecuting the case.

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Miller used the stolen identification information to order credit reports in the names of the various victims to obtain other identifying information of the victims; to determine the victims' existing account information, including available credit on existing credit accounts; and to determine the victims' account histories. The stolen identification information was then used to make fraudulent transactions on legitimate credit accounts maintained by victims, to open and use on-line credit accounts, and /or to effect debit transactions directly from the victims' checking accounts to make "pay-by-phone" transactions.

Miller asked others to accept delivery of merchandise shipped to their residences in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, which was purchased using the stolen or fraudulently obtained account information. In exchange, these people received various benefits, such as merchandise, payment of utility and cell phone bills, and payment of D.C. parking tickets.

In addition, Miller and others would receive "orders" for merchandise or to pay bills. The "customers" would give Miller one-half of the face value of the cost for the merchandise, bill or outstanding parking tickets. Miller would use stolen or fraudulently obtained account information to pay for the merchandise, bill or parking tickets.


Four other individuals have previously pleaded guilty in connection with this case. They are: Dionne Witherspoon 36, of Washington, D.C., Kimberly Hatton, 44, of Washington, D.C., Pecair Bassil, 44, of Washington, D.C., and LaKisha Williams, 34, of Oxon Hills, Maryland.

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In announcing today's guilty plea, United States Attorney Machen commended the work of Special Agent Bernadette Atwater, D.C. Office of the Inspector General; Postal Inspector Dean Davis, U.S. Postal Inspection Service; Special Agent Christopher Macomber, U.S. Secret Service; Detective Michael Pavero, Metropolitan Police Department, and the staff of the U.S. Attorney's Office, including Paralegal Carolyn Cody and Assistant U.S. Attorney Sherri L. Schornstein, who is prosecuting the case.

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1.	HARRIS TEETHER	1390 POTOMAC AVENUE SE WASH		CUSTOMER SERVICE
2.				

56. NAMES OF LIVING FAMILY, RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES (Begin with immediate family)				
RELATIONSHIP	DOB/AGE	NAME - LAST, FIRST, MI.	ADDRESS - STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	PHONE NUMBER

57. MILITARY SERVICE: BRANCH/DATE FROM - TO	58. TELEPHONE CALL MADE <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED	59. PHONE NUMBER
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60. STATEMENT OF FACTS: (Give a brief statement in your own words, of the facts surrounding the offense and the arrest. (Use Continuation Form PD 202A for additional space. Note present condition of any injured persons). Do not give Witnesses' Names or Addresses. Refer to them as W1 or W2, etc as indicated in Item 31.)

ON 05/10/2011 AT APPROXIMATELY 1310 HRS. THE UNDERSIGNED OFFICER (HARRISON) OPERATING 1016 AND OFFICER COSEY 1017 RESPONDED TO 500 INDIANA AVENUE NW FOR A SECOND SIGHTING. UPON ARRIVING ON THE SCENE C-1, STATED THAT S-1 WAS IN COURTROOM C-10 IN REFERENCE TO A SIMPLE ASSAULT THAT OCCURRED ON 04/15/2011 REPORT NUMBERS 050984. A SHOW UP WAS CONDUCTED THAT IDENTIFIED S-1 AS DOMINIQUE BASSIL. S-1 WAS PLACED UNDER ARREST AND TRANSPORTED TO FIRST DISTRICT FOR PROCESSING.

61. DEFENDANT'S VERSION / REMARKS: (What did defendant say about the offense or his/her whereabouts at the time of offense? (Use PD 118 for defendant's written statement.))

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62. RECORD CLERK'S NAME	3.	5.	64. PROPERTY BOOK/PAGE NO PRISONER'S PROPERTY ONLY
ARREST RECORD SUMMARY	4.	6.	01640 / 237
1.	2.		
65. BAIL REFORM ACT CASES: Was a statement made by defendant in reference to his/her failure to appear? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, include in Defendant's Version/Remarks Section above.)			
66. PRINTED NAME - OFFICER MAKING STATEMENT HARRISON, K.	CAD 2140	BADGE NUMBER 5423	RANK OFC
67. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER MAKING STATEMENT <i>K. Harrison</i>	UNIT 1D	DATE 5-10-11	68. SIGNATURE OF REVIEWING OFFICIAL <i>[Signature]</i>
		UNIT 1D	DATE 5-10-2011

Metropolitan Police  
Department

**Incident-Based Event Report**  
*Preliminary Public MPD Document*

Washington, D.C.

Report Status Approved

CLASSIFICATION OF EVENT								
1. TYPE OF REPORT Offense	2. EVENT START DATE/TIME 04-14-2011 2230	EVENT END DATE/TIME 04-14-2011 2300	3. DATE OF REPORT 04-15-2011	4. TIME OF REPORT 0200	5. DISTRICT 3D	6. SECTOR	7. PSA 304	8. COMPLAINT NO. 11050984
9. EVENT LOCATION ADDRESS		POSITION In front of	CORNER / BLOCK OF N	10. REPORT RECEIVED BY Radio run	11. RADIO RUN AND EVENT LOCATION SAME? N		12. PROPERTY TYPE Public	
13. EVENT NO. 1 SIMPLE ASSAULT			14. EVENT NO. 2		15. EVENT NO. 3			
16. FORCED ENTRY N	17. POINT OF ENTRY N/A	18a. METHOD USED N/A		18b. TOOLS USED Hands/Feet	19. WEATHER CONDITIONS Clear			
20. HATE CRIME? N None	21. SECURITY SYSTEM Not Applicable	22. LOCATION TYPE Street/Highway/Road		23. DESIGNATED AREA 1 Not Applicable	23. DESIGNATED AREA 2 Not Applicable			
GANG RELATED? N	INTRA-FAMILY? N	PO378 ISSUED? N	CPO TPO OUTSTANDING? N/A CPO TPO #	SUSPICIOUS? N None	OFFENDER COUNT# 3			

**VICTIM (None Specified) / COMPLAINANT (1) / REPORTING PERSON (None Specified)**

1. Complainant Name TASHIMA BARNES	Related to Event(s) 1	Language Assistance Needed? N	Language Assistance Needed for: (None Specified)	Date of Birth 09-16-1983	Sex Female	
Home Address		Residency DC Resident	Home Phone	Other Phone	Race Black	Ethnicity B - Black
Occupation	Work Related N	Business/School Address	Work Phone	Additional Contact	Reporting Person Y	Received Referral Form N
Injury Code A = Abrasion	Describe Injury LACERATION ONFACE, SCRAPES ON ARMS AND LEGS, HAIR PULED OUT		Where Taken	By Whom? REFUSED	Amb # REFUSED	Injury Status N/A - Not Applicable

**BUSINESS/AGENCY (None Specified)**

**MISSING PERSONS (None Specified)**

**SUSPECTS (3)**

1. RACE Black	SEX Female	Ethnicity B - Black	Related to Event(s) 1		HEIGHT 5'1 - 5'2	WEIGHT 180 -	EYES Brown	HAIR Brown, Short
COMPLEXION Dark	BUILD Medium or Average	SCARS	FACIAL HAIR N/A	HAT	COAT/JACKET Black	PANTS Blue	SHIRT	SUSPECTED OF USING

2. RACE Black	SEX Female	Ethnicity B - Black	Related to Event(s) 1		HEIGHT 5'0 - 5'1	WEIGHT 140 - 145	EYES Unknown	HAIR Unknown, Unknown
COMPLEXION Dark	BUILD Thin or Slender	SCARS	FACIAL HAIR	HAT	COAT/JACKET	PANTS	SHIRT Green	SUSPECTED OF USING

3. RACE Black	SEX Female	Ethnicity B - Black	Related to Event(s) 1		HEIGHT - 5'6	WEIGHT 210 -	EYES	HAIR
COMPLEXION Dark	BUILD Heavy/Fat/Stocky	SCARS	FACIAL HAIR	HAT	COAT/JACKET	PANTS	SHIRT Green	SUSPECTED OF USING

**WEAPONS** (None Specified)

**PROPERTY** (None Specified)

**VEHICLES** (None Specified)

**Narrative**

(Event and Action Taken.)

C1 REPORTS THAT SHE AND S1 HAD A VERBAL ARGUMENT OVER C1 BEING FRIENDS WITH SOMEONE SHE(S1) DID NOT LIKE. S1 TOLD C1 SHE WOULD RETURN AND BRING HER DAUGHTER TO FIGHT HER. S1 RETURNED WITH S2 AND S3 WHO APPROACHED C1 AND STARTED TO ASSAULT HER BY KICKING, PUNCHING, AND DRAGGING HER ON THE GROUND. C1 HAD THE LISTED INJURIES BUT REFUSED THE BOARD. S1, S2 AND S3 FLED THE SCENE IN AN UNKNOWN DIRECTION.

EVIDENCE TECH/CSES #	TELETYPE	OTHER POLICE AGENCY	STATUS	REVIEWER
Technician: CSES No:	Notified: Teletype#: 0	N/A	Open	
<b>REPORTING OFFICER</b>	<b>SECOND OFFICER</b>	<b>INVESTIGATOR</b>	<b>INVESTIGATIVE REVIEW</b>	<b>SUPERVISOR</b>
NAME: FOGG, CYNTHIA ELEMENT: 3D BADGE #: 3427	NAME: ELEMENT: BADGE #:	NAME: , BOYD ON SCENE:	NAME: ELEMENT: BADGE #: RECOMMENDATION:	NAME: Smith, Michael ELEMENT: 3D BADGE #: S0506 RECOMMENDATION:

Attachment  
#4



Office of The Inspector General  
Investigations Division

Memorandum of Interview

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To: File  
From: Alexander H. Zion  
Date: August 24, 2012  
Re: 2012-0655

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Date of Interview: August 24, 2012

Time Began: 11:55AM

Time Ended: 12:10AM

Location of Interview: [REDACTED]  
Washington DC, 20032

Persons Present: Special Agent (SA) Alexander H. ZION  
SA Ray Malengo, DC OIG

Person Interviewed: Dominique BASSIL  
[REDACTED]  
Washington DC, 20032

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**SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW**

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On August 24, 2012, Agents met with BASSIL at her residence and she provided the following information:

BASSIL admitted that sometime in October 2011, she applied for MD Unemployment benefits using her deceased boyfriend Vance HARRIS' identity to include his DOB and SSN. She stated that she went to a Library off of South Capitol Street, SW Washington DC. and completed the application for MD Benefits on-line using one of the library computers. BASSIL added that she and her deceased boyfriend were in debt and backed up with bills. She said that she didn't think it was wrong to apply for MD Unemployment benefits because some of the bills were in her deceased boyfriend's name. She said she can't remember whether she received any benefits or not.

GOVERNMENT EXHIBIT  
No. 168  
U.S. v. DOMINIQUE BASSIL  
2011CF1015572

ATTACHMENT 2

**STATE OF MARYLAND, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION  
Division Of Unemployment Insurance**

You have applied for Unemployment Insurance Benefits and The Maryland Division of Unemployment Insurance will determine the amount of benefits that you will be eligible to receive if you meet all of the eligibility requirements. You will receive a statement of your monetary eligibility in the mail.

You will be sent the pamphlet *"What You Should Know About Unemployment Insurance in Maryland"*. This pamphlet is also available on our website and has instructions on how to file continued claims in order to receive benefits. It is your responsibility to read this pamphlet and comply with all requirements contained in it. Failure to comply with all of these requirements may result in a denial of benefits.

The state of Maryland pays unemployment insurance benefits with a prepaid Visa debit card provided through Citibank.

If you were previously issued one of these debit cards, that card is valid for two years. Unless two years has passed since you were issued the card, no new card will be issued.

If you have not previously been issued a card, when your first payment has been approved, you will receive a notice explaining the debit card process. Shortly after you receive the notice, you will receive your card in a yellow envelope with the State of Maryland logo and a Nebraska return address in the upper left-hand corner.

More detailed instruction on using the card, along with an option for "direct deposit", will be included with the card you will receive from Citibank.

**THE LAW PROVIDES FOR FINES OR IMPRISONMENT OR BOTH IN ADDITION TO DISQUALIFICATION AND REPAYMENT OF BENEFITS IF YOU KNOWINGLY FAIL TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION OR GIVE FALSE INFORMATION IN ORDER TO OBTAIN OR INCREASE BENEFITS.****YOU MUST MAKE TWO WEEKLY WORK SEARCH CONTACTS BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY.**

- By telephone or in person with an individual with hiring authority and/or knowledge of the job;
- By resume;
- By fax;
- By internet/e-mail.

**YOU MUST KEEP A DETAILED RECORD OF YOUR WORK SEARCH CONTACTS.**

- include dates of contacts, names and addresses of employers, names and titles of persons contacted, phone numbers of employers contacted, type of work sought, how job contact was made, whether application was taken, and results of contacts.
- Your work search contacts are subject to verification by the Division of Unemployment Insurance.
- You must keep a copy of your work search records for one year after the contacts were made.

**YOU MUST BE ABLE AND AVAILABLE FOR WORK**

- Even if you are exempt from work search, you must be able to work and available to work full time.
- If you refuse to apply for or accept suitable work Unemployment Insurance benefits may be denied.

**YOU MUST REPORT ALL GROSS EARNINGS FOR EACH WEEK THAT YOU WORK**

- You must report all gross (before any deductions) earnings for any work, including temporary, part-time, and self-employment for the week they are earned (not paid).
- IF YOU DO NOT REPORT THIS INCOME, YOU ARE COMMITTING FRAUD. Penalties could include a year long denial of UI benefits, criminal charges, fines and imprisonment, as well as, repayment of the illegally obtained monies with interest.
- If you are working full time you are not eligible for unemployment benefits regardless of the amount of gross wages that you earn.

**IF YOU BECOME SEPARATED FROM ANY EMPLOYMENT WHILE FILING FOR BENEFITS, YOU MUST REPORT THIS IMMEDIATELY BY CONTACTING A CLAIM CENTER BY TELEPHONE.****YOU MUST FILE A CONTINUED CLAIM IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PAYMENT FOR THE WEEK(S) THAT YOU ARE UNEMPLOYED**

- You must file continued claims for each week that you are requesting payment, while you are unemployed, in order to receive benefits.
- You will receive instructions on filing continued claims in the pamphlet we mail to you. This pamphlet is also available on our website.
- It is your responsibility to file your Continued Claims by telephone (Telecert) or Internet (Webcert) timely.

- If you attempt to file a Continued Claim and fourteen (14) or more days have passed since your last claim week, benefits may be denied.

**YOU MAY BE CONTACTED BY TELEPHONE TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES CONCERNING THIS CLAIM:**

- You will receive an appointment notice with the specific instructions, date, and time.
- If you do not have a telephone, you must follow the instructions that will be printed on the appointment notice.

By clicking the "SUBMIT THIS CLAIM" button, you certified that you understood that failure to comply with any of these requirements may result in a denial of benefits.

**Claim Summary**

Your confirmation number is: [REDACTED]

Submitted: 11/04/2011 1:07:33 PM

By clicking the "CONTINUE" button, you certified that the information you have supplied on this application for Maryland Unemployment Insurance benefits was complete and correct.

**LOG ON SECTION:**

Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

**PERSONAL SECTION:**

Name: Vance D. Harris

Other Name: Not Provided

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]  
Washington, DC 20032

Have you regularly commuted to Maryland for employment in the past and are you currently seeking employment in Maryland? Yes

Phone/Contact Number: [REDACTED]

E-mail Address: [REDACTED]@gmail.com

Date of Birth: 10/04/1982

Education: 12th Grade - High School Graduate

Gender: Male

Ethnic: African American

Do you have a disability? No

**CITIZENSHIP SECTION:**

Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes

**ELIGIBILITY SECTION:**

What is your occupation? Miscellaneous Occupations

Are you able to work and available to work full time without restrictions? Yes

Can you work all hours, days and shifts for the type of work you are seeking? Yes

Are you attending school or training during your normal work hours? No

Are you a member in good standing of a union and get work through a hiring hall? No

Are you self employed? No

Do you want income tax withheld from your benefits? No

Do you want your claim assigned to an office with Spanish Speaking personnel? No

**DEPENDENT SECTION:**

Do you have dependents under the age of 18? Yes

**DEPENDENT 1:**

Name: D'asia M. Harris

Relationship: Daughter

Social Security Number: Not Provided

Date of Birth: 05/26/2007

Other Parent Name: Not Provided

Other Parent Social Security Number: Not Provided

**EMPLOYMENT SECTION**

During the last 18 months have you worked in Maryland, in another state, or had active military service? Yes

Employer Name: Mwr Investigations Inc

Your first day of work: 09/08/2008

Your last day of work: 08/09/2011

Why aren't you currently working for this employer? Quit - other

Employer Phone: Not Provided

**PAYMENT SECTION:**

Are you currently receiving or will you be receiving Monthly Pension/Retirement pay from an employer you have worked for in the past 18 months? No

Lump Sum pension? No

Profit Sharing? No

Bonus or special pay? No

Severance pay? No

IP Address: 76.21.221.97

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Attachment  
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**STATE  
DEPARTMENT**  
FEDERAL CREDIT UNION  
1630 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314-2745

703-786-5000  
800-296-8882  
www.sdfcu.org  
Fax 703-684-1613

December 22, 2011

VANCE D HARRIS II

MD 21244

REF: SDFCU Account #

Dear Mr. HARRIS II:

We are unable to process the below listed share check presented for payment because your Share Checking Account is closed. Please return all unused share checks to the attention of the Share Draft Processor.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Processing Department  
State Department Federal Credit Union

ACCOUNT

CHECK NUMBER

CHECK AMOUNT

101

246.08

ATTACHMENT 5

State Department  
Federal Credit Union

101

DOMINIQUE BASSIL  
[REDACTED]  
WASHINGTON, DC 20032

State Department FCU  
1630 KING ST  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

Date December 19, 2011

Pay to the Order of **Comcast Cable Communications** \$ 246.08

3484 - 14      Two Hundred Forty Six and 08/100 DOLLARS

09529 372461080      OSRVSR  
CAE

Includes \$ 5.99 Transaction Fee

Confirm # 48846007      Verbally Authorized By Your Depositor

[REDACTED]      [REDACTED]

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FOR DEPOSIT ONLY  
CFAC - SPEEDPAY  
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DO NOT WRITE, STAMP OR SIGN BELOW THIS LINE  
RESERVED FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION USE

[REDACTED]

\* FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD OF GOVERNORS REG CC

DIN: 18002509  
Amount: 246.08  
DocDate: 12/22/11

SDFCU



I am submitting this statement as the Aunt of the dearly loved deceased victim Vance D. Harris, II. My life will NEVER be the same without him in the earthly realm with me. I am the youngest sister of Tariq Sahir (father of Vance). I will mention Vance as LJ moving forward. LJ and I are/were 5 years apart so we grew up as siblings. I couldn't wait for him to come over and couldn't wait for him to leave!!! As children he would take all the attention from me as we grew older we then realized how much we loved each other and how much of a treasure we were to one another. As adults, LJ and I made very similar decisions when it came to relationships. When we love, we love extremely hard with everything in us. The biggest problem was that we were constantly searching for love in all the wrong places. He would always respectfully call me Auntie! He would say, "Auntie, please don't settle for just anyone-make sure you spend your time with thee one!" I was in a four year long physically, mentally and emotionally abusive relationship in which a child was conceived. LJ loathed the man that put his hands on me...he was opposed to abuse of any kind. He had such a gentle spirit. I begged him to let me handle the relationship (during this time I was a resident of Columbia, MD) He would try to talk sense to me but all I saw was a hopeless situation. LJ was my ROCK especially during those four years. He did everything in his power to make himself visible so that the beating would stop. If finally stopped and I moved back to Pittsburgh with the rest of my family. We then laughed at my former abuser because we knew nothing good would become of him. LJ did NOT condone abuse! He was a loving nephew, brother, son, cousin, grandson & father! I had to prepare his funeral arrangements and write his obituary and pick out a casket. That's something I NEVER want to do for any of my nephews or nieces. My God the pain has been so real and almost unbearable at times but our family has been avidly trying to move forward and push past the pain and heal. My faith in God outweighs any worldly sense of vindication. I am pleading that the true oppressor (Dominique) receives the mental help that she needs and stays incarcerated for the maximum time allotted for her crime. I pray constantly for the children that are left behind. LJ's two children and Dominique's one child...they are the true victims in all of this. Dominique's daughter needs a sound mind parent who can teach her what true love is and how to work out problems the right way.

Please accept this note in the matter in which it is presented.

Thank you for all that you're doing for my family!

Sincerely,

Tanika S. Harris



December 27, 2012

Honorable Judge Robert Morin  
D. C. Superior Court Room 318  
Washington DC 20530

Dear Judge Morin

My name is Twana Garrison and I am one of the Aunts of the deceased Vance Harris II. The defendant Dominique Bassil has been convicted of Second Degree Murder while armed in my nephew's death. She is to be sentenced on January 18, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. before you.

This loss has affected our entire family. We are angered by the fact that she was able to remain free until she was found guilty. How is that justice? His children ages 7 and 5 are now without a father and ask about him often. He had a host of family that will miss him deeply. He was such a loving and caring person and did not deserve to die in this manner. He was the type of person that would help anyone and always had a smile on his face. If Dominique wasn't happy with the way he was living then she should have walked away. If he was abusing her as she says, then she would have walked out of the house and tried to get help. What did she do, she stabbed him not once, but 3 times and then locked him out of the house. The defendant has had prior issues where protection orders were filed against her, which is an indication that she is the aggressor and not my nephew. Based on testimony from other females, my nephew never abused them. He was a ladies man, not that I condoned his behavior, but he wasn't known for putting his hands on woman.

This is an unfortunate situation because there are children involved on both sides. My niece and nephew are without their father and her daughter is now without her mother. Since the death penalty wasn't part of the equation, my recommendation is 30 to life in prison without parole.

Thanks for your consideration

Twana N Garrison