

**SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CRIMINAL DIVISION**

DCTN: 413006818
 Lockup No: 23
 Case No: 2013CRW 803

COMPLAINT

District of Columbia ss:

Defendant's Name: Claire Rice 12176095
(First) (MI) (Last) (PDID) (CCNO)

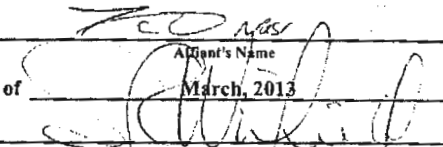
Also Known As: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: _____

Claire Rice, within the District of Columbia, while armed with a handgun, purposely and with deliberate and premeditated malice, killed Anthony Rice by shooting him with a handgun on or about December 17, 2012, thereby causing injuries from which Anthony Rice died on or about December 17, 2012. **(First Degree Murder While Armed (Premeditated), in violation of 22 D.C. Code, Sections 2101, 4502 (2001 ed.))**

Co-Defendants:

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of March, 2013
Affiant's Name

(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 Claire Rice

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 3/11/13 _____
Judge - Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Title 16: Rule 105: Judge: _____

Sex: Female	DOB: 05/05/1947	CCN: 12176095	PDID:
Papering Officer: Det. Hosam Nasr			Badge No.: D21644

OFFICER MUST EXECUTE RETURN

Officer's Name: <u>Hosam Nasr</u>	Date / Time: <u>March 11, 2013</u> <u>3/13/13 1135 hr</u>
AUSA Signature: 	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.: 2013CRW803

DEFENDANT'S NAME: Rice, Claire				NICKNAME:		ALIASES: unknown		CCN: 12-176095	PDID:															
SEX: Female	RACE: Black	DOB: 05/05/47	HGT: 5'3"	WGT: 170	EYES: Brown	HAIR: Brown	COMPL: Med	SCARS, MARKS, TATOOS:																
DEFENDANT'S HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED]							TELEPHONE NUMBER: (202) 905-5547																	
DEFENDANT'S BUSINESS ADDRESS: 13600 Baltimore Ave #400 Laurel, MD 20707							TELEPHONE NUMBER: (301) 725-0253																	
COMPLAINANT'S NAME: Rice, Anthony Garland							TELEPHONE NUMBER: n/a																	
LOCATION OF OFFENSE: 3100 Block of Fort Lincoln Drive NE, Washington, DC							DATE OF OFFENSE: 12/17/2012	TIME OF OFFENSE: Unknown																
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GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHAT HAPPENED:																								

On Monday, December 17, 2012, at approximately 1102 hours, members of the Metropolitan Police Department Fifth District were dispatched to the 3100 Block of Fort Lincoln Drive NE, Washington, DC for an unconscious person. The decedent was located face down in the park at the rear of the location, unconscious and unresponsive with death being apparent. DC FEMS Engine 17 responded and members observed possible brain matter and blood underneath the decedent. The decedent was rolled over onto his back by first responders. The decedent was found to have apparent gunshot wounds to the chest and head. Nearby, an envelope containing electrician certifications in the decedent's name were located. The decedent's wallet was found in his rear left pants pocket and appeared to have not been disturbed. The wallet contained no cash. The decedent remained on the scene. The decedent was pronounced dead at 1340 hours by MLI Mary Beth Petrask.

The remains of the decedent were transported to the DC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (DC OCME) where a post-mortem examination was conducted by Doctor Nikki Mourtzinis. The decedent's cause of death was determined to be multiple gunshot wounds and the manner was ruled a homicide.

On Monday, December 17, 2012, Detectives located and interviewed Witness 1, hereinafter referred to as W-1. W-1 reported that IT was with the decedent in the night hours of Sunday, December 16, 2012, inside the decedent's residence. Shortly before midnight, the decedent informed W-1 that his cousin Claire Rice was going to pick him up and take him to meet with a friend of hers in reference to a handyman job. Claire Rice was to facilitate the handyman job between the decedent and a friend of hers, who reportedly owned several homes that were in need of electrical work. The decedent was an electrician. Witness 1 stated that shortly before 0200 hours, on Monday, December 17, 2012, the decedent received a phone call on his cellular telephone. The decedent informed W-1 that his cousin Claire arrived and the decedent left the residence. W-1 stated that the decedent left the location, taking with him a folder containing resumes and his electrician credentials. W-1 stated that the decedent then called IT at approximately 0235 hours and informed IT that he was in the Fort Lincoln area and that he would return in approximately 30 minutes. W-1 never heard from or was able to contact the decedent after that phone call. The decedent's phone reveals that the last outgoing call from his phone was an outgoing call to W-1 at 0236 hours. Furthermore, no other calls or text messages are sent after that time and no calls are answered

after that time.

Detectives located and interviewed Claire Rice. Rice initially claimed she had no contact with the decedent in the past three months. Rice was confronted by Detectives that they had reason to believe that she had recent contact with the decedent. Rice changed her story and stated that she spoke to the decedent on Sunday, December 16, 2012, in the afternoon hours. Rice stated that the decedent told her that he needed \$150 to pay a debt and that he sounded afraid and in fear of his life. Rice claimed that she knew the decedent to have a history of being assaulted by drug dealers for owing them money and not paying promptly. Rice then continued to deny having met the decedent or seeing him in person in approximately 3 months.

Detectives then confronted Rice with the fact that there were cameras in the area of the decedent's home, as well as the area he was ultimately found. Rice then changed her story and stated that she agreed to meet the decedent after work and provide him with the requested \$150 and to give him a ride to where he needed to go. Rice stated that she then responded to the area of the decedent's residence located at 1436 R Street NW, where she picked up the decedent on the street at approximately 0200 hours on December 17, 2012. Rice however claimed that she did not call the decedent upon her arrival at approximately 0200 because the battery to her iPhone was dead. Rice stated that when she drove up to the decedent's residence the decedent was already outside waiting on R Street closer to 14th Street near the alley. Rice vehemently denied calling the decedent on her phone or any other phone, and denied having anyone with her or in her vicinity when she picked up the decedent. Rice was confronted by detectives that they knew of phone contact between her and the decedent, however she maintained that she had no way to call or contact the decedent since her phone battery was dead. She was asked if she had another phone or if someone else was with her to call the decedent, to which she answered no. Rice reported that the decedent entered her vehicle and instructed her to drive him to the Fort Lincoln area of Washington, DC, so that he could pay a debt. Rice then claimed that she dropped off the decedent near Marshall Elementary School where the decedent walked towards the park where police eventually found his body. Claire Rice said she was initially supposed to wait for the decedent to return. Rice claimed that after waiting 30 minutes, she left the decedent, thinking he would not return, although he told her he would. Detectives asked Rice why she would not call the decedent to check on his welfare. Rice again reiterated that her iPhone battery was dead and that she had no way to call the decedent. It was later discovered in the phone records of Claire Rice's iPhone that she did not call the decedent the next morning to check on his welfare.

After the interview, Rice then accompanied detectives to the area of Fort Lincoln Park and showed detectives where she dropped off the decedent and pointed out the path the decedent took when he left her vehicle. The path leads to where the decedent was murdered.

Detectives searched the decedent's phone and verified the phone call at the approximate time that W-1 stated the decedent received a call that he told the W-1 was Claire arriving to pick him up. That phone number is 202-802-5581. The call detail records were obtained for that phone pursuant to a Court Order issued in DC Superior Court. That phone was revealed to be a pre-paid Trac-Fone and no subscriber information was provided. A check of the call activity from November 18, 2012 to December 18, 2012 on that phone shows that the phone has only been used from December 5, 2012 to December 17, 2012. The last phone call dialed from that phone is the phone call the decedent receives while in the presence of W-1, which he stated was his cousin Claire arrived to pick him up. Furthermore, a vast majority of the phone calls on the call detail record of 202-802-5581 are to and from the decedent's cellphone. There are only two other numbers that show up as completed calls on the call detail records- the phone number to Claire Rice's place of employment (the first phone call made from this pre-paid phone once it was activated) and a phone number to an unidentified user. Furthermore, analysis of the cellsite records for this phone reveal that numerous calls were made and received (prior to the homicide) while the phone was in the area of Claire Rice's home and place of employment.

On Thursday, December 20, 2012, Detective Nasr spoke to Claire Rice via phone in order to ask her to be re-interviewed. During the phone conversation, Rice now claimed that the decedent never entered her car and that she did not give him a ride anywhere on the night of the offense.

Claire Rice was again interviewed on January 4, 2013. During this interview, Rice again changed her story.

Rice now claimed that she was to meet the decedent because the decedent was going to help her purchase marijuana. She claimed that she went to the 1400 block of R St NW and saw the decedent emerge from a dark colored SUV that was occupied by at least one Black Male wearing a hooded sweatshirt. She stated the decedent approached her vehicle and informed her that he did not have the marijuana for her and that the two would have to go to another location to obtain it. She now claimed that she gave the decedent \$150 dollars, \$50 of which was for her to purchase marijuana and \$100 were for the decedent to pay off a debt. She stated the decedent then entered the SUV on the passenger side, the second male entered the driver seat, and she followed the SUV toward the Fort Lincoln area of DC. She stated the decedent walked off toward an unknown location and returned with a small amount of marijuana. She stated the decedent and the hooded male that had driven the decedent then left the SUV behind and walked off together. Rice then claimed that she drove off. Rice was asked how she communicated with the decedent and whether she called the decedent to come outside. Rice repeatedly lied, stating her iPhone battery was dead and denied having another phone. She was asked if she knew anything about phone number 202-802-5581. She denied knowledge of that number, having a phone assigned that number or having a second phone.

The vehicle of Claire Rice was seized on December 27, 2012 as evidence and a DC Superior Court Search Warrant was obtained for a search of the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed a Rite-Aid drug store receipt dated December 2nd, 2012. The receipt was for the purchase of a Trac-Fone prepaid cellular phone and an airtime card and the items were paid for in cash. Detectives reviewed surveillance footage of the Rite-Aid for the day and time of the transaction. The video revealed Claire Rice purchasing the Trac-Fone prepaid cellular phone.

During the January 4th interview, and after her repeated denials of the purchase, use, or knowledge of a prepaid cellular phone, Detectives confronted Rice with evidence that she purchased a prepaid phone. Rice then admitted to having purchased a prepaid phone, but claimed that she purchased it for the decedent to use himself. She denied use of the phone. Detectives confronted Rice about the evidence linking her to the use of the phone, to include the fact that the phone could not have been used by the decedent, because it was used primarily to call the decedent's phone. Rice ultimately admitted to possession and use of that phone, and to making the call to prompt the decedent to leave his home with that phone. Furthermore, the call made at the time the decedent was prompted to leave his home was the last phone call that is ever made from that phone.

The last cell site activation from the Trac Fone with assigned number 202-802-5581 (the phone that Rice ultimately admits to possessing and using to contact the decedent despite having a cellular phone in her own name) also hits at a cell site approximately .4 miles from the location the decedent is found at 0245 hours on December 17, 2012.

Detectives obtained a search warrant for the home of Claire Rice located at 11400 Classical Lane, Silver Spring, MD and executed the warrant on the morning of December 27, 2012. During the search warrant, Rice was asked by Detective Nasr if she had any firearms or weapons in the home. Rice claimed that she did not own or possess any firearms. She was asked by Detective Nasr if there were any weapons or firearms in the house at all, belonging to anyone else. She replied that there were not. A search of the house resulted in the recovery of multiple items seized as evidence. Among the evidence were an antique firearm and a Maryland Police Training Commission Firearms Safety Course Certificate number WEB147247, dated November 4, 2012 in the name of Claire Rice.

A records check with the Maryland State Police Firearms Registration Section revealed that Claire Rice filled out an application to purchase a firearm in the state of Maryland at a Maryland gun store and a background check was initiated. On November 28, 2012 the background check was completed and Claire Rice was authorized to purchase a firearm.

A follow up with the gun store revealed that on November 4, 2013, Claire Rice initiated a gun purchase for a .38 caliber Smith And Wesson Model 36 Revolver and ammunition. On December 6, 2012, 11 days before the murder of Anthony Rice and after the background check was completed, Claire Rice took possession of the revolver and ammunition from the gun store. The store where the purchase was made sold 2 types of ammunition- Winchester "ball" ammunition (lead, no copper jacket) and Hornady +P FTX Critical Defense

Ammunition, which is a copper jacketed hollow point ammunition where the point is filled with a red compound.

An examination of the bullet recovered from the decedent's body revealed that it was a copper jacketed hollow point bullet that contained a red substance in the middle. The bullets were examined by the Metropolitan Police Department Firearms Examination Section. The examination revealed the bullets to be consistent with a .38 caliber class copper jacketed bullet and all three bullets that were recovered from the decedent were fired from the same firearm. The bullets bore a five groove right twist rifling, consistent with the bullets having been fired from a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson Model 36 Revolver.

The bullet that was recovered from the decedent's body that contained the red substance was identified as a Hornady Critical Defense bullet. Hornady is the only manufacturer that uses the patented red rubber compound in its ammunition. The bullet was identified as a Hornady bullet by engineers of the company.

During the Search Warrant that was executed on the residence of Claire Rice on December 27, 2012, (10 days after the murder of Anthony Rice) the Smith and Wesson model 36 revolver and ammunition were not recovered despite an extensive and thorough search that included the use of a police Canine unit trained in detecting firearms related evidence. The Trac-Fone with assigned number 202-802-5581 was also not recovered.

Based on the above facts and circumstances, your affiant respectfully requests that an arrest warrant be issued for the suspect Claire Rice DOB 05/05/1947.

AFFIANT'S SIGNATURE:

X [Signature] NAsp

TO: WARRANT CLERK

PLEASE ISSUE A WARRANT FOR:

Claire Rice
Charge With: First Degree Murder w/Armed
[Signature] 3/11/13
ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
NCIC Approval

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME THIS 11 DAY OF March 2013
[Signature]
(JUDGE) DEPUTY CLERK) SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA