

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

COMPLAINT

DCTN: U13016341
 Lockup No: 11
 Case No: 2013(RW 001830)

District of Columbia ss:

Defendant's Name: Mark Coates 523549 190086
 (First) (MI) (Last) (PDID) (CCNO)

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

Address: Footo Street Apt. 101, Washington DC

Mark Coates, within the District of Columbia, while armed with a Belt and Knife, in perpetrating and attempting to perpetrate the crime of Robbery killed Leroy Studevart by strangling and stabbing him on or about December 31, 2011, thereby causing injuries from which Leroy Studevart died on or about December 31, 2011. (First Degree Murder While Armed - Felony Murder, in violation of 22 D.C. Code, Sections 2101, 4502 (2001 ed.))

Co-Defendants:

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Will J. O.
 Affiant's Name
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of June, 2013
[Signature]
 (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 Mark Coates

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 6-7-13
[Signature]
 Judge - Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Title 16: Rule 105: Judge: _____

Sex: Male	DOB: 03/22/1985	CCN: 190086	PDID: 523549
Papering Officer: Det. William Covington			Badge No.: D21389

OFFICER MUST EXECUTE RETURN

Officer's Name:	Date / Time: June 7, 2013
AUSA Signature: <u>Juana Cockburn 6-12-2013</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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2013 CRW 001830
USW NO.:

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF AN ARREST WARRANT

DEFENDANT'S NAME: COATES, MARK				NICKNAME: MARK		ALIASES:		CCN:12-190086	PDID:523-549
SEX: M	RACE: BLK	DOB: 03/22/85	HGT: 6'2	WGT: 200	EYES: BRN	HAIR: BLK	COMPL: MED	SCARS, MARKS, TATOOS	
DEFENDANT'S HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED] FOOT ST #101, NORTHEAST, WASHINGTON, DC							TELEPHONE NUMBER: UNKONWN		
DEFENDANT'S BUSINESS ADDRESS:							TELEPHONE NUMBER:		
COMPLAINANT'S NAME: STUDEVANT, LEROY							TELEPHONE NUMBER:		
LOCATION OF OFFENSE: 4200 BLOCK OF HUNT PL NE, WASHINGTON, DC					DATE OF OFFENSE: 12/31/2011		TIME OF OFFENSE: 0100 HOURS		

CAUTION AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS (CMC)
Select a valid CMC code below for wanted person when using the caution indicator.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X_00 = Armed and Dangerous	<input type="checkbox"/> 55 = Alcoholic
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X_05 = Violent Tendencies	<input type="checkbox"/> 60 = Allergies
<input type="checkbox"/> 10 = Martial Arts Expert	<input type="checkbox"/> 65 = Epilepsy
<input type="checkbox"/> 15 = Explosive Expertise	<input type="checkbox"/> 70 = Suicidal
<input type="checkbox"/> 20 = Known to abuse drugs	<input type="checkbox"/> 80 = Medication Required
<input type="checkbox"/> 25 = Escape Risk	<input type="checkbox"/> 85 = Hemophiliac
<input type="checkbox"/> 30 = Sexually Violent Predator	<input type="checkbox"/> 90 = Diabetic
<input type="checkbox"/> 50 = Heart Condition	<input type="checkbox"/> 01 = Other

GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHAT HAPPENED:

Report:

On Saturday, December 31, 2011, at approximately 0736 hours, members of the Sixth District received a radio assignment to assist DC Fire & EMS with an unconscious person in the 4200 block of Hunt Place, NE, Washington, DC (Marvin Gaye Park). Arriving on the scene, officers discovered the decedent, who was later identified as Leroy Studeviant, lying in the grass and leaves alongside the creek. The victim was unconscious and unresponsive. The victim had a belt/strap tied around his neck and three (3) puncture wounds to the upper body. EMS Engine #27 examined the decedent and determined there were no signs of life. During the on scene investigation, a knife blade and two forms of identification were found on the ground underneath the decedent's body. The decedent was pronounced by Leigh Letichevsky of the OCME, the body was transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for the District of Columbia (OCME) pending the autopsy.

On Sunday, January 1, 2012, Dr. Joseph Pestaner, of the OCME, conducted an autopsy on the decedent and ruled the cause of death to be Strangulation Associated with Piercing Blunt Force Trauma and the manner of death was ruled a HOMICIDE.

On Sunday, January 1, 2012, an interview was conducted with Witness 1 who stated that between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m., on December 31, 2011, IT was in the area of the 4200 block of Hunt Place NE, Washington, DC, when IT heard someone screaming. Witness 1 stated the screams sounded like those of a man. Witness 1 looked in the direction of the screaming and observed two people in all dark clothing pick up off the ground what IT believed to be another person and throw the person to the ground. Witness 1 believed the two people that threw the person to the ground saw IT at which time the two people appeared to hide in the darkness.

On February 17, 2012, an interview was conducted with Witness 2, who stated that between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m., on December 31, 2011, IT was in the area of the 4200 block of Hunt Place, NE, Washington,

DC, when IT heard what IT described as a big cracking noise. As IT attempted to determine where the noise was coming from, IT saw three people. Witness 2 described two people as standing and talking and the third person was on the ground. The voices of the two talking sounded like male voices. One of the two standing was wearing what appeared to be a white jacket or coat. Witness 2 stated that that the second person that was standing was wearing boots. Witness 2 believed that the two people standing saw IT, at which time one of them began to walk towards IT. Witness 2 also stated that the person in the white coat dragged the third person who was on the ground into the darkness.

On January 2, 2012, Witness 3 was interviewed. Witness 3 stated that on Friday, December 30, 2011, IT, Mark Coates and Witness 4 met the decedent at the Minnesota Avenue Metro Station. (Witness 4 has entered into a plea agreement and is currently in custody for ITS role in this murder.) Thereafter, the four walked to another location where they spent the evening playing cards and drinking. According to Witness 3, the decedent left the location alone at about 11:00 p.m. Witness 3 stated that when the decedent left the location, Mark Coates and Witness 4 were still inside the location. Witness 3 stated that after the decedent left, IT went to bed and did not see Witness 4 or Mark Coates until the next morning of December 31, 2011. Witness 3 provided the following information for Mark Coates: full name: Mark Anthony Coates, DOB: 3/23/1985, address: 4241 Foote Street, Apt. 101, NE, Washington, DC.

On January 2, 2012, Mark Coates, hereinafter the defendant, was arrested pursuant to an unrelated Superior Court of the District of Columbia warrant. Police observed a cut on the defendant's hand. The defendant was wearing black jeans, a dark-colored shirt, a light-weight sweater jacket, and dark-colored tennis shoes.

In an interview with police, the defendant stated that on December 30, 2011, he, Witness 3, and Witness 4 met the decedent at the Minnesota Avenue Metro Station. Afterwards, the decedent purchased alcohol. Then, all of them went to a home where they spent the evening together playing cards, listening to music, and drinking. At the end of the night, the defendant and Witness 4 agreed to walk with the decedent to the Minnesota Avenue Metro Station. Before reaching the station, the decedent saw individuals whom he knew. The decedent remained with those individuals and the defendant and Witness 4 returned to the location where they had spent the evening.

The defendant told police that he was wearing the same clothes he wore when he was last with the decedent. When asked about the recently cold temperatures and the light jacket he was wearing, he maintained that he was wearing the light jacket when he was last with the decedent. Moreover, he claimed that he ripped the big coat that he once owned. Police seized the defendant's clothes as evidence.

On January 3, 2012, the undersigned retrieved video footage from the Minnesota Avenue Metro station that showed the defendant, Witness 4, and Witness 3 walking through the station on December 30, 2011. In the video, the defendant was wearing dark jeans and a dark colored heavy jacket unlike the light jacket he claimed he wore that day. Further check of the surveillance system on another camera shows the decedent on December 30, 2011, also walking through the Metro station and exiting towards the Minnesota Avenue exit at about the same time as when the defendant, Witness 3, and Witness 4 were depicted.

On December 6, 2012, the defendant's black jeans were delivered to the DC Department of Forensic Sciences (DCDFS) Laboratory for analysis. On May 17, 2013, the DCDFS Laboratory concluded that blood stains were found on the jeans. DCDFS found that three stains contained the DNA profile of the decedent, Leroy Studevart. Moreover, the probability of selecting an unrelated individual at random having an STR profile that matches the decedent's DNA profile found in the blood stains is 1 in 5.28 quintillion.

A witness, hereinafter Witness 4, was interviewed regarding the murder of the decedent. Witness 4 stated that on December 30, 2011, IT, the defendant, and Witness 3 met the decedent at the Minnesota Avenue Metro Station. They walked to a liquor store where they purchased alcohol. Afterward, they all went to a home where they drank alcohol, listened to music, and played cards. At the end of the evening, Witness 4 and the defendant were walking the decedent to the Minnesota Avenue Metro Station. Along the way, the decedent was asked for a cigarette. The decedent refused. Witness 4 and the defendant then forced the decedent to a dark location where Witness 4 and the defendant assaulted him. The decedent managed to break away from their hold and attempted

to get away from them. Witness 4 and the defendant were able to catch the decedent and begin their assault again. During the assault, the defendant pulled out a knife which they both used to stab the decedent. They punched, kicked, stabbed, and strangled the decedent until he no longer resisted. Then, the defendant took a cell phone and U.S. currency from the decedent's person.

Witness 4 stated that the defendant cut his hand while assaulting the decedent. Moreover, the defendant's coat, jeans, and shoes were bloody following the assault. The defendant attempted to destroy evidence by discarding his coat and washing his jeans and shoes.

Witness 4 was shown a single photograph depicting Mark Coates, PDID: 512-549. W-4 positively identified the person depicted as individual who assaulted and robbed the decedent. In 2011, W-4 denied ITS involvement in or any knowledge about the murder of the decedent.

Based on the facts and circumstances, your affiant believes that probable cause exists and respectfully requests that a District of Columbia Superior Court Arrest Warrant be issued for the arrest of the defendant Mark Coates, PDID 523-549.

AFFIANT'S SIGNATURE:

x *Will S. E.* 12-1189

TO: WARRANT CLERK

PLEASE ISSUE A WARRANT FOR:

MARK COATES

Charge With: FIRST DEGREE MURDER w/ ARMED

Number 1 - 6/7/15

ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

NCIC Approved

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME THIS

7 DAY OF June 20 13

[Signature]
(JUDGE) DEPUTY (CLERK) SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA