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 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COMPLAINT  
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 DCTN: U13038415  
 Lockup No:  
 Case No: 13CRW9373

District of Columbia sst: 2013 DEC 23 PM 4 51

Defendant's Name: Roger Isaac St. John 414280 13071402  
 (First) FILED (MI) (Last) (PDID) (CCNO)

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

Address: COMMODORE JOSHUA BARNEY DR. WASHINGTON DC

ROGER ISAAC ST. JOHN, within the District of Columbia, while armed with a firearm, in perpetrating and attempting to perpetrate the crime of robbery killed Rhett Allen Gelb by shooting him with a firearm on or about May 27, 2013, thereby causing injuries from which Rhett Allen Gelb died on or about May 29, 2013. (First Degree Murder While Armed - Felony Murder, in violation of 22 D.C. Code, Sections 2101, 4502 (2001 ed.))

Co-Defendants:

[Signature]  
 Affiant's Name

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of December, 2013  
Curtis E. von Kar  
 (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 Roger Isaac St. John  
 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 December 23, 2013 Curtis E. von Kar  
 Judge - Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Title 16:  Rule 105:  Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: Male	DOB: 10/29/1972	CCN: 13071402	PDID: 414280
Papering Officer: Anthony Patterson <u>41</u>			Badge No.: D1-3

**OFFICER MUST EXECUTE RETURN**

Officer's Name: [Signature] BRADOL Brian Date / Time: December 23, 2013, 1005  
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 AUSA Signature: [Signature] Fel. I  AFTC  Fel. II

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DEFENDANT'S NAME: St. JOHN, ROGER ISAAC				NICKNAME: TWIN		ALIASES:		CCN: 13071402	PDID: 414280
SEX: Male	RACE: Black	DOB: 10/29/1972	HGT: 6'0"	WGT: 180	EYES: Brown	HAIR: Bald	COMPL: Medium	SCARS, MARKS, TATOOS	
DEFENDANT'S HOME ADDRESS: Commodore Joshua Barney Drive, Northeast, Wash., D.C.						TELEPHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]			
DEFENDANT'S BUSINESS ADDRESS: Unknown						TELEPHONE NUMBER: Unknown			
COMPLAINANT'S NAME: GELB, RHETT ALLEN						TELEPHONE NUMBER: N/A			
LOCATION OF OFFENSE: New Hampshire Avenue & Hamilton Street, Northwest						DATE OF OFFENSE: 5/27/2013	TIME OF OFFENSE: 1950 hours		
<b>CAUTION AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS (CMC)</b> Select a valid CMC code below for wanted person when using the caution indicator.									
<input type="checkbox"/> 00 = Armed and Dangerous <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 05 = Violent Tendencies <input type="checkbox"/> 10 = Martial Arts Expert <input type="checkbox"/> 15 = Explosive Expertise <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20 = Known to abuse drugs <input type="checkbox"/> 25 = Escape Risk <input type="checkbox"/> 30 = Sexually Violent Predator <input type="checkbox"/> 50 = Heart Condition					<input type="checkbox"/> 55 = Alcoholic <input type="checkbox"/> 60 = Allergies <input type="checkbox"/> 65 = Epilepsy <input type="checkbox"/> 70 = Suicidal <input type="checkbox"/> 80 = Medication Required <input type="checkbox"/> 85 = Hemophiliac <input type="checkbox"/> 90 = Diabetic <input type="checkbox"/> 01 = Other				
<b>GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHAT HAPPENED:</b> <b>POLICE REPORT:</b> 1. On Monday, May 27, 2013, at approximately 1950hrs, members of the Metropolitan Police Department's Fourth District, PSA 403, received a radio run for a shooting at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and Hamilton Street, Northwest. Upon arrival, officers located a white male, who was later identified as Rhett A. Gelb and hereinafter the decedent, suffering from a gunshot wound to the head. The decedent was lying in the street, unconscious and unresponsive. The decedent's body was located near the rear of his vehicle, a black 2003, Cadillac Escalade. The decedent was transported to a hospital where he was admitted in critical condition. On Wednesday, May 29, 2013, the decedent was pronounced dead. On Sunday, June 2, 2013, Dr. Angellee Chen, Deputy Medical Examiner, performed the autopsy on the decedent's remains. Dr. Chen determined the cause of death was a single gunshot wound to the left side of his head and the manner of death was ruled a homicide.									
<b>INVESTIGATION:</b> 2. During a canvass of the area, a security system in close proximity to the shooting which contained a CCTV system was located. The footage revealed the following: At 1944:01hrs., the decedent's vehicle pulled into the unit block of Hamilton Street, Northwest and parked. At 19:46:30 hrs, a black male, who the investigation identified as Gary, crossed New Hampshire Avenue, Northwest, from the 100 block of Hamilton Street, NW and entered the decedent's right rear passenger door. At 1946:57, a silver Lincoln Towncar with a sunroof, hereinafter the defendant's vehicle or defendant's Lincoln, was driving in the 100 block of Hamilton Street, NW and parked not far from where Gary was seen just before crossing New Hampshire Avenue. At 1948:58hrs., defendant's Lincoln Towncar drove into the same block as the decedent and parked approximately 2-3 car lengths away. At 1949:40hrs., an unknown black male exited the front passenger side door of the defendant's Lincoln, stood on the sidewalk and appeared to be talking on a cell phone. This unknown black male then walked to the decedent's Escalade. The Escalade's right rear passenger door, where Gary had entered, swung open and the unknown black male entered the vehicle at 1950:30hrs. Seconds later, at 1951hrs., the decedent exited the driver side door and opened the driver side rear passenger door. The decedent appears to have been shot then fell to the ground.									



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3. Two people, hereinafter W-1 and W-2, and Gary exited the decedent's vehicle. W-1 and W-2 remained on the scene; however, Gary fled the area. The unknown black male exited the Escalade and ran around the rear to the driver side door. The unknownicans inside the Escalade. Then, the unknown black male ran towards the defendant's vehicle. At 1951:10hrs., the defendant's vehicle briefly drove eastbound but stopped to allow the unknown black male to enter the front passenger door of the Lincoln Towncar.
4. Law enforcement obtained a registration tag for the defendant's vehicle by reviewing License Plate Readers (LPR) in the surrounding area of the homicide. At 1945 hrs, a LPR captured a silver Lincoln Towncar with DC registration tag EG6301 traveling southbound on North Capitol Street and Gallatin Street, Northeast, approximately two minutes before it entered the unit block of Hamilton Street, NW and five minutes before the homicide. The LPR camera was located a distance of approximately 0.21 miles from the location of this homicide. According to a law enforcement database, the silver Lincoln Towncar is registered to Trish Williams, ██████████ Commodore Joshua Barney Drive, Northeast, Washington. Trish Williams is the spouse of Roger I. St. John, PDID: 414280, hereinafter the defendant.
5. Both W-1 and W-2 were interviewed. W-1 stated that the decedent sold drugs. On May 27, 2013, the decedent drove in his Ford Escalade to Washington, DC to purchase marijuana. W-1 and W-2 accompanied the decedent. During the drive to Washington, DC, the decedent spoke on his cellular telephone discussing with the person on the other end where to meet and the where the transaction would occur. According to W-1, IT has known the decedent to use middlemen when purchasing drugs. One such middleman who the decedent used was Gary. The decedent drove to New Hampshire and Hamilton where he parked his Escalade, leaving the engine running. The decedent was in the driver seat, W-1 was in the front passenger seat, and W-2 sat behind the decedent.
6. As they waited, W-1 observed Gary walk from the direction behind the truck. Gary sat behind W-1 and asked the decedent for the money. [This is consistent with the CCTV depiction of a male that crossed New Hampshire Avenue and entered the decedent's vehicle.] The decedent counted out \$500. Contemporaneously, W-1 observed a silver Lincoln drive past the Escalade and park two car lengths away. W-1 described the Lincoln as a newer model, bubble shaped, having tinted windows, and clean. W-1 stated that IT was not 100% but believed the tags to be DC.
7. W-1 observed an unknown male exit the front passenger door of the Lincoln. Although the Lincoln had tinted windows, W-1 observed that a driver, a black male, remained in the Lincoln. The unknown male walked to the Escalade. Gary opened his door and told the unknown male to enter the Escalade. Gary and the unknown male exchanged greetings. Then, the unknown male pointed a gun at the decedent and demanded money. When the decedent did not comply, the unknown male pulled W-1's hair and asked, "do you think this is a game," or words to that effect. The decedent exited the driver door and opened the rear driver door. Then, W-1 heard a gunshot and saw the decedent collapse to the ground.
8. W-1 observed Gary run away and the unknown male run around the Escalade towards the driver side door. W-1 grabbed the keys from the ignition. The unknown male ran to the silver Lincoln and entered the front passenger side. The Lincoln fled in the direction of North Capitol Street.
9. W-2 was interviewed and provided the following account. On May 27, 2013, IT was seated behind the decedent. While waiting at the corner of New Hampshire Avenue and Hamilton Street, a black male, who has been identified as Gary, entered the rear passenger door. Gary was described as in the age range of late 40s to early 60's and had dark hair with gray streaks which was about 1-1 1/2 inches in length.
10. The decedent gave \$500 which was folded to Gary. Gary told the decedent that the guy should be here any minute in a silver Lincoln. Subsequently, a silver Lincoln entered the block and parked three car lengths in front of the decedent's Escalade. An unknown black male exited the front passenger side of the silver Lincoln and walked



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to the Escalade. Gary opened door where he was seated and the unknown black male entered. The unknown black male pulled out a semiautomatic pistol, pointed it at the decedent, and demanded all his money. The decedent did not comply. Then, the unknown male grabbed W-1's hair, waved the pistol around, and again demanded money.

11. The decedent said "fuck this," or words to that effect, exited the Escalade, and opened the rear driver door. The unknown male racked the pistol and fired once, shooting the decedent in the head. The unknown male exited the Escalade, ran to the decedent, and went through the decedent's pockets. [The CCTV footage does not depict the unknown male going through the decedent's pockets.] W-2 has a pending felony case involving a crime of trustworthiness in another jurisdiction.

**CELLULAR TELEPHONE RECORDS:**

12. Law enforcement learned that the decedent had two cellular phones with assigned numbers of (202) [REDACTED] and (202) [REDACTED]. Call detail records reveal that on May 27, 2013, the decedent exchanged multiple calls with the number (202) [REDACTED]. Through investigation, police identified the owner of the cellular device with the number (202) [REDACTED] whose first name is [REDACTED].

13. Additional analysis of call detail records relating to (202) [REDACTED] revealed that prior to the shooting and for approximately one hour beyond the shooting, cellular phone number (202) [REDACTED] was in contact with (240) [REDACTED] eighteen times. A police database search revealed that cellular phone number (240) [REDACTED] was associated with Roger Isaac St. John (hereafter referred to as the defendant), black male, of [REDACTED] Commodore Joshua Barney Drive, [REDACTED] Northeast, Washington, D.C.

14. Gary's cellular telephone records revealed the following pattern close in time to the murder: At 19:39 hrs., the decedent's cellular telephone contacted Gary for 8 seconds. Again, at 1940 hrs, the decedent's cellular telephone contacted Gary for 17 seconds. A third call, at 1943 hrs, the decedent cellular telephone contacted Gary for 19 seconds. [The CCTV footage showed that the decedent's Escalade parked on the corner at New Hampshire and Hamilton at 1944 hrs.]

15. Then, within the same minute at 1943 hrs, Gary's cellular telephone contacted the defendant's cellular telephone (240) [REDACTED] for 39 seconds. Again, at 1944 hrs, Gary's cellular telephone contacted the defendant's cellular telephone (240) [REDACTED] this time for 6 seconds. At 1945hrs, the defendant's cellular telephone contacted Gary for 12 seconds. Followed by another call at 1946 hrs, from the defendant to Gary for 32 seconds, which is forwarded. [The CCTV footage shows that Gary begins walking to the decedent's car at 19:46:30hrs.]

16. Between 1946 hrs and 1950 hrs there is no activity between Gary and the defendant or anyone. During this time, the CCTV footage depicts that Gary is inside the decedent's Escalade.

17. Between 1950-1957 hrs, Gary called the defendant eight times. [The CCTV footage shows that the decedent is shot at 19:51:01.] Then, at 1958, the defendant called Gary for 39 seconds. Between 20:26hrs and 20:43hrs, there are 5 calls exchanged between Gary and the defendant.

18. In addition to phone calls there were also text messages to the decedent and the defendant from W-3. At 1630hrs., May 27, 2013, W-3 sent the decedent a text message to 202-[REDACTED] which read [call me]. At 1720hrs., May 27, 2013, W-3 sent the defendant a text message to 240-[REDACTED] which read [call me now].

**RECOVERY OF 2001 LINCOLN TOWNCAR**

19. On Tuesday, May 28, 2013, at approximately 0430hrs., Homicide Detectives responded to [REDACTED] Commodore Joshua Barney Drive, Northeast and located the defendant's vehicle, a silver 2001 Lincoln Towncar bearing DC

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registration EG6301 with a sunroof. [Although the vehicle is an early model, it appears in pristine condition and is bubble shaped.] This vehicle matched the description provided by witnesses and also the one observed in the recovered CCTV footage of the shooting. W-1 was transported to [redacted] Commodore Joshua Barney Drive, Northeast and positively identified this vehicle as being the same vehicle W-1 observed the unknown male enter after shooting the decedent.

20. At approximately 0440hrs., May 28, 2013, Homicide Detectives observed the defendant exit [redacted] Commodore Joshua Barney Drive, Northeast and walk towards the 2001 silver Lincoln Towncar. The defendant then opened the vehicle's trunk utilizing a key. A stop was conducted and the defendant identified himself as Roger Isaac St. John, DOB: 10/29/1972. Recovered from the defendant's person was four hundred forty dollars (\$440.00). This currency was stacked and neatly folded (four bundles of twenties plus two). Also seized from the defendant were two T-Mobile cell phones. One of the phones, a Samsung Galaxy S, Model #SGH-T959, had assigned number (240) [redacted]. The defendant told detectives that the vehicle was registered to his wife, Trish Williams of [redacted] Commodore Joshua Barney Drive, [redacted] Northeast; however, he operated it on a regular basis. The defendant admitted operating the vehicle on May 27, 2013, but denied any involvement in the decedent's death.

21. The defendant's vehicle, 2001 silver Lincoln Towncar bearing DC registration EG6301 was seized and towed to the Metropolitan Police Department's Crime Lab. Latent fingerprints recovered from the driver's side front exterior door and the driver's side front exterior door (frame) were later determined to have been made by the defendant.

PROBABLE CAUSE:

22. Your Affiant submits that based on all of these circumstances probable cause exist and there is reason to believe the defendant Roger Isaac St. John was a participant in the robbery and murder of Rhett Allen Gelb. Your Affiant respectfully requests that a Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia sign an arrest warrant for the defendant, Roger Isaac St. John, PDID: 414280.

AFFLIANT'S SIGNATURE

*Anthony Patterson*  
Detective Anthony Patterson/D1-3

TO: WARRANT CLERK

PLEASE ISSUE A WARRANT FOR:

Roger Isaac St. John

Charged with: Fel. (Robbery) Murder /Armed

Subscribed and sworn to me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2013

*[Signature]*  
Assistant United States Attorney

*[Signature]*  
Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia

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