

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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ARREST WARRANT

COUNTY OF HARRIS

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TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY PEACE OFFICER OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS OR THE STATE OF TEXAS

Greetings.

Whereas, complaint in writing, under oath, has been made before me by James Thomas, a peace officer, employed by the Harris County Sheriff's Department, which complaint by affidavit is attached hereto and expressly made a part hereof for all purposes and said complaint having stated facts and information in my opinion sufficient to establish probable cause for the issuance of this warrant,

You are therefore commanded to forth with arrest Shannon Miles, a Black male with a date of birth of 09/15/1984, for the felony offense of Capital Murder of a Peace Officer

And due return make hereof

witness my signature on this the 29 day of AUGUST, 2015, at 3:07 o'clock, P.m



[Handwritten signature]

Magistrate/Judge Katherine C. Lammis
Harris County, Texas 2482

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By: *[Signature]*
Deputy

RECORDER'S MEMORANDUM
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AFFIDAVIT

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I, James Thomas, your affiant, am employed as a peace officer with the Harris County Sheriff's Department, and do solemnly swear that I have reason to believe and do believe that Shannon Miles, a Black male with a date of birth of 09/15/1984, did, in Harris County, Texas, on or about August 28, 2015, intentionally and knowingly commit the felony offense of Capital Murder of a Peace Officer.

MY BELIEF IS BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING FACTS

Your Affiant has been a peace officer for 13 years and is currently assigned to the Homicide Division of the Harris County Sheriff's Department. On August 28, 2015, at approximately 8:37 p.m., your Affiant responded to a Harris County Sheriff's Department officer involved shooting that had just occurred at a gas station/convenience store located at 16050 West Road, Harris County, Texas 77095. Your Affiant knew from the dispatch report that the officer was deceased at the scene and that, based on the unit number, that the deceased Deputy was Deputy Darren Goforth. Your Affiant knows that, at the time of his death, Deputy Darren Goforth was on duty and therefore, was acting in the lawful discharge of his official duty. Your Affiant arrived at the scene along with multiple other law enforcement units and confirmed that the deceased officer, whose body was still at 16050 West Road, was in fact uniformed patrol officer Deputy Darren Goforth. Your Affiant observed Deputy Goforth's deceased uniformed body on the ground next to his patrol vehicle with what appeared to your Affiant, based on his training and experience, to be multiple gunshot wounds. Deputy Goforth's patrol vehicle was parked next to the gas pumps. Your Affiant spoke with Crime Scene Unit Deputy Sean Simpson who told your Affiant that all of the shell casings recovered at the scene of the fatal shooting were .40 caliber Aguila shell casings. Your Affiant met with Harris County Sheriff's Department Detective Mark Reynolds at the scene. Detective Mark Reynolds told your Affiant that a witness to the shooting named Christopher Lee Crummey stated to him that he was exiting his vehicle at the gas station/convenience store when he heard a gunshot. Reynolds advised that Crummey told him that he turned in the direction of the sound and saw the Deputy on the ground and a dark-skinned black male with a "fade" or bald head shooting a gun in the direction of the Deputy's back. Per Reynolds, Crummey told Reynolds that he got his children into his vehicle and then saw the black male shooter enter the driver's side of a Red Ford Ranger and drive away from the scene on West Road. Your Affiant discovered that there were multiple surveillance cameras located on and around the convenience store that were positioned in a way to potentially capture the shooting of Deputy Goforth. Your Affiant along with other officers met with the store operator/owner named Toufiq Gilani. Gilani told officers that he was in the store when the shooting occurred and that his cameras had captured the shooting. Your Affiant watched the video of the shooting in a back office of the convenience store. The video recording viewed by your affiant depicts the following:

The video recording shows that a red Ford Ranger was parked at the front of store occupied by a person in the driver's seat. The video recording shows that Deputy Darren Goforth exited the convenience store and walked towards his patrol vehicle which was located at the gas pumps. The video recording shows that, after Goforth passed the red Ford Ranger and was near the patrol vehicle, a dark-skinned male exited the driver's side of the Red Ford Ranger and ambushed Goforth by approaching him from the back and shooting him in the head with a handgun. The video recording shows that Goforth fell to the ground and the dark-skinned male stood over Goforth and repeatedly discharged his gun into the deputy's back. The video recording then shows that the dark-skinned male re-entered the red Ford Ranger and drove westbound from the location.

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During his review of the aforementioned video recording, your Affiant was able to see that the shooter was a dark-skinned large muscularly-framed male with a bald or short haircut. On said recording, your Affiant was able to see a distinctive aftermarket trailer hitch on the rear of the shooter's Red Ford two door extended cab Ranger. Your Affiant spoke with Deputy Chris Mullins who was assisting with a database review of all known Red Ford Rangers within Harris County, Texas Zip Code 77095. Mullins told your Affiant that, by narrowing the search based on known vehicle details, he determined that a Red Ford two door extended cab Ranger LP CBR0479 was registered at 8454 Lake Crystal Drive, Houston, Harris County, Texas 77095 and that occupants of that residence included a black male. Mullins told your Affiant that, based on this discovery, he had officers go to the location to attempt to make contact with the residents. Harris County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Gary Smidt told your Affiant that on August 29, 2015, at approximately 12:38 a.m., he observed a Red Ford Ranger extended cab pickup truck license plate number CBR0479 in the driveway of 8454 Lake Crystal Drive, Harris County, Texas. Smidt told your Affiant that he knocked on the front door and made contact with a black male identifying himself as Justin Woods. Smidt said that he asked Woods if the Red Ford Ranger was his truck and he said "No, it's my brother's truck", and identified his brother as Shannon Miles. Smidt said that he then asked for and received verbal consent from Woods to search the home for Shannon Miles. Smidt advised that Justin Woods told officers that Miles had recently left the location with their mother. While Deputies were looking inside the home for Miles, your Affiant arrived at 8454 Lake Crystal Drive as did Miles and his mother. Your Affiant made contact with Miles, later fully identified as Shannon Miles, DOB: 09/15/1984, who admitted that the Red Ford Ranger pickup truck LP CBR0479 was his truck. Miles provided officers written consent to search the truck. Your Affiant immediately observed similar physical characteristics between Miles and the shooter on the video – particularly Miles' size, hair style and skin tone. Your Affiant asked Miles if he owned any firearms and he said, "yes, two". When asked what kind of firearms he owned, Miles responded that he had previously disposed of a Smith and Wesson 9 mm and now only had a .40 caliber unknown make/model handgun. When asked about the firearm's location, Miles told your Affiant that the gun was in a blue baseball bag in the garage at 8454 Lake Crystal Drive.

Your Affiant obtained a search warrant on August 29, 2015, at 6:30 a.m. signed by Harris County Criminal Magistrate Joe Licata to search for implements and instruments of the crime of Capital Murder of a Peace Officer including all firearms and ammunition located at 8454 Lake Crystal Drive, Harris County, Texas. Your Affiant advised Deputy Jason Brown of the signing of the search warrant at 6:30 a.m. by Magistrate Licata and a copy of the signed warrant was forwarded to Deputy Brown. Deputy Brown told your Affiant that a loaded Smith and Wesson SD40 .40 caliber firearm serial number FWK5523 was located in the residence in a blue bag as described previously to your Affiant by Shannon Miles. Deputy Brown advised that, in addition to the firearm located in the blue bag, there was also a box made for 50 cartridges of Aguila .40 caliber bullets. Deputy Brown advised me that the total rounds of ammunition left in the box and loaded weapon was 33. Your Affiant knows from his presence at the shooting scene that there were 15 Aguila .40 caliber casings located at the scene of the shooting. Brown told your Affiant that he transported the recovered Smith and Wesson SD40 .40 caliber firearm serial number FWK5523 to the Harris County Institute of Forensic Science Firearms Laboratory for comparison to ballistic evidence located and recovered by crime scene officers at the Darren Goforth homicide scene of 16050 West Road, Harris County, Texas. Brown advised that Harris County Firearms Examiner Jill Dupree conducted the comparison of multiple fired casings from the homicide scene. Your Affiant has reviewed a report prepared by Dupree and confirmed by Harris County Firearms examiner Robert Baldwin which documents Dupree's determination that the SD40 .40 caliber Smith and Wesson serial number FWK5523 which Shannon Miles identified as his own is the same weapon that fired the casings recovered from 16050 West Road, Harris County, Texas.

During the execution of the search warrant on August 29, 2015, your Affiant observed a white in color cooler located in the kitchen of 8454 Lake Crystal Drive. Your Affiant immediately noted that it appeared consistent with the white container your Affiant observed in the video recording as having been located in the bed of the Red Ford Ranger pickup truck during the shooting of Deputy Goforth. On August 29, 2015, your Affiant also observed a square dust outline in the bed of the red Ford Ranger pickup truck parked in the driveway at the 8454 Lake Crystal

Drive location. Your Affiant observed that the dust outline was in the same or similar position as the positioning of the white container seen in the video recording as having been located in the bed of the Red Ford Ranger pickup truck.

Wherefore, premises considered, your affiant is of the opinion that Shannon Miles, a Black male with a date of birth of 09/15/1984, committed the felony offense of Capital Murder of a Peace Officer, and respectfully requests that a warrant issue authorizing the arrest of Shannon Miles, a Black male with a date of birth of 09/15/1984, for the felony offense of Capital Murder of a Peace Officer, as described above.


AFFIANT

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME ON THIS THE 29 OF AUGUST, 2015.


MAGISTRATE/JUDGE Katharine Cabanis
HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS 2402

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Chris Daniel
District Clerk
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Time: _____
By: _____
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RETURN AND INVENTORY

The undersigned, being a peace officer under the laws of the State of Texas, certifies that the foregoing warrant came to hand on the day it was issued and that it was executed on the 29 day of August, 2015, by making the arrest directed therein and arresting the following person: @ 3:25 pm

SHANNON MILES, B/M, DOB: 9/15/1984

Mark Reynolds, Sgt #480
OFFICER EXECUTING PROCESS

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