

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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SEARCH WARRANT

COUNTY OF HARRIS

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TO THE SHERIFF OR ANY PEACE OFFICER OF HARRIS COUNTY 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 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 forthwith search the place therein named, to wit: 8454 Lake Crystal Drive, Harris County, Texas, with the authority to search for and to seize any and all implements and instruments used in the commission of a crime, namely the offense of Capital Murder of a Peace Officer, that may be found therein including, but not limited to firearms, ammunition, weapons, bags or containers holding firearms and photographic evidence of the same.

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WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on this the 29 day of Aug. A.D. 2015 at 6:30 O'clock, A M

*Joe Licata*  
MAGISTRATE

JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_ District Court  
Harris County, Texas  
**JOE LICATA**  
Harris County Criminal Law  
Hearing Officer  
Harris County, Texas

**FILED**  
Chris Daniel  
District Clerk  
SEP 17 2015  
Time: 9/17/15  
By: [Signature]  
Deputy

RECORDER'S MEMORANDUM  
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AFFIDAVIT FOR

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I, James Thomas, a peace officer employed by the Harris County Sheriff's Department do solemnly swear that I have reason to believe and do believe that within a residence located at 8454 Lake Crystal Drive, Harris County, Texas, are implements and instruments used in the commission of a crime, namely the offense of Capital Murder of a Peace Officer, which is more particularly described as firearms, ammunition, weapons, bags or containers holding firearms and photographic evidence of the same. Said location is more particularly described as a two story tan brick and siding veneer single family residence within the Copperfield Northmead Village with an attached garage on the corner of Lake Crystal Drive and Pine Falls Drive in Harris County, Texas with the front door facing North and a concrete driveway. There are painted numbers "8454" on the concrete curb directly in front of the residence on Lake Crystal Drive. There are currently two vehicles in the driveway of the residence. One of the vehicles is a late model two door red Ford Ranger pickup truck license plate number CBR0479. The numbers 8454 also appear in white wood lettering above the garage door.

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 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 who told your Affiant that a witness to the shooting named Christopher Lee Crummey stated that he was exiting his vehicle at the gas station/convenience store when he heard a gunshot. Crummey told Reynolds 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 Deputy's back. 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 cameras show a red Ford Ranger parked at the front of store occupied by a driver. The video shows the person known to your Affiant as Deputy Darren Goforth exit the convenience store and walk towards his patrol vehicle which was located at the gas pumps. After Goforth passes the red Ford Ranger and is near the patrol vehicle, the video captures the dark skinned male driver of the Red Ford Ranger exiting his truck and ambushing Goforth by approaching him from the back and shooting him in the head with a handgun. Goforth is next seen falling to the ground and the dark skinned male stands over Goforth repeatedly discharging his gun into the deputy's back. The video then shows the dark skinned male re-enter the red Ford Ranger and drive westbound from the location. Your Affiant was able to see that the shooter was a dark skinned large muscular framed male with a bald or short hair cut. 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

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County, Texas zip code 77095. By narrowing the search based on known vehicle details, Mullins told your Affiant that 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. Based on this discovery, Mullins told your Affiant that 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 told officers that Shannon 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 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, 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. It is your Affiant's belief that Shannon Miles is the person in the videotape shooting Deputy Darren Goforth multiple times on August 28, 2015. It is also your Affiant's belief that the Red Ford Ranger LP CBR0479 is the vehicle used by Miles to travel to and from the shooting of Deputy Goforth. It is further your Affiant's belief that based on statements made by Shannon Miles, that the firearm used to shoot and kill Deputy Goforth is located within the residence and attached garage at 8454 Lake Crystal Drive, Harris County, Texas.

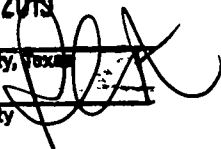
WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, your affiant respectfully requests that a warrant issue authorizing your affiant, or any other peace officer of Harris County, Texas to enter the aforementioned premises which is 8454 Lake Crystal Drive, Harris County, Texas, with authority to search for and to seize the property and items set out earlier in this affidavit

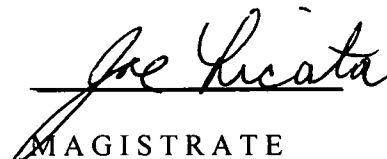
  
AFFIANT

Sworn to and Subscribed before me on this  
the 29 of Aug., 2015, A.D.  
@ 6:30 am

**FILED**  
Chris Daniel  
District Clerk

SEP 17 2015

Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
By:   
Deputy

  
MAGISTRATE  
JUDGE, \_\_\_\_\_ District Court  
Harris County, Texas  
JOE LICATA  
Harris County Criminal Law  
Hearing Officer  
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RETURN AND INVENTORY

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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<sup>th</sup> day of August A D., 2015 by making the search directed therein and seizing during the search the following described property:

1. S&W SD 40VE SEMI-AUTOMATIC HANDGUN #W-FWKS523
2. 2 S&W 40 CALIBER PISTOL MAGAZINES
3. (34) LIVE ROUNDS OF AGUILA 40 CAL AMMUNITION
4. Blue Dudley baseball bag

  
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