

STATE OF INDIANA)

COUNTY OF LAKE)

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V.)

DARREN DEON VANN)
DOB: 8/21/71 SSN: 306-84-6220)

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CRIMINAL DIVISION)
CROWN POINT, INDIANA)
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CAUSE:)

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INFORMATION

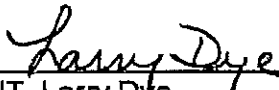
COUNT I
[RESIDENTIAL ENTRY (D)]

Larry Dye, upon oath, says that on or about April 6, 2004, in the County of Lake, State of Indiana, DARREN DEON VANN did knowingly or intentionally break and enter the dwelling of David Abram, contrary to I.C. 35-43-2-1.5 and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

COUNT II
[INTIMIDATION (D)]

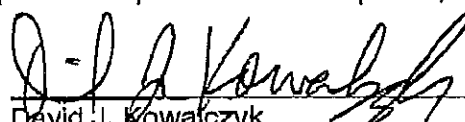
Larry Dye, upon oath, says that on or about April 6, 2004, in the County of Lake, State of Indiana, DARREN DEON VANN did knowingly or intentionally communicate a threat to commit the forcible felony of murder to David Abram with the intent that David Abram engage in conduct against his will, to-wit: letting Aleksandra Jones, also known as Cerltha Grant, leave Abram's home with DARREN DEON VANN and to give DARREN DEON VANN money, contrary to I.C. 35-45-2-1, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

I swear, under the penalty for perjury as specified by I.C. 35-44-2-1, that the foregoing is true to the best of my information and belief.


AFFIANT, Larry Dye

Subscribed and sworn to before me and approved for prosecution on April 8, 2004.

BERNARD A. CARTER
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY


David J. Kowalczyk
DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

WITNESSES: David Abram, Aleksandra Jones, a/k/a Cerltha Grant, Det.Sgt. Larry Dye, Det.Cpl. James Bogard, Ofc. Joseph Hamer, Ofc. Jeff Hornyak, Ofc. K. Rice, Cpl. Jay Johnson, Ofc. Don Rosenski, Det.Cpl. Michael Jackson, Ofc. Shane Bolde

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PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

Affiant swears or affirms that he believes and has good cause to believe that:

Affiant a detective with the Gary Police Department was involved in the investigation of an incident which occurred on April 6, 2004 at 536 VanBuren Street, Gary, Lake County, Indiana.

I spoke with David Abram who I believe to be truthful and credible because he spoke of facts from within his own personal knowledge and he stated that he lives in an apartment at the above location and that on April 2nd or 3rd of 2004 a male black subject identified as Darren Vann came to his apartment in his vehicle, sounded his car horn and then came to Abram's door. Abram is confined to a wheelchair and Vann asked him if his girlfriend "Alexsandra Jones", later identified as Ceritha Grant, was in Abrams house. Abram told him "no" since she wasn't there and Vann got mad, said he knew that she was in there and said he was going to call the FBI and the police if Abram did not let her go. Vann left and returned about 25 minutes later in a purple vehicle and again confronted Abram and stated "I know she's in there" and Abram informed him that she was not there. Mr. Abram stated that the next day Vann returned with police officers claiming that Abram had shot at his cousin Darryl. Abram talked to the police and the police left. He stated that a friend of his named "Lilly" called him later and said that there was a guy she heard talking about setting fire to Abram's house. Mr. Abram stated that on April 6, 2004 he was in his vehicle and saw Vann walking towards Abram's home carrying a red plastic gasoline can. Abram pulled up to him in his car and asked him why he was doing this and Vann replied that he wanted his woman back and stated that she owed him \$7000.00. Abram said "your going to burn my family, innocent people over a woman?" and Vann replied "give me \$7000.00 and you can have her". Vann also stated that he had dynamite when he was next to Abram's car and said that he would blow up Abram and himself if Abram didn't give up Alesandra. Abram then called the police and police officers arrived. He stated that the police officers were trying to talk to Vann but Vann got mad, poured gasoline all over himself in front of the police officers and said that he would kill himself. The officers told Abram to get back because Vann was holding a cigarette lighter and was acting crazy as if he might light himself on fire. Abram drove his vehicle to the front of his home and saw several people in front including "Alesandra Jones" and she saw Abram and told Abram that shew as scared. Abram gave her his house keys and told her to lock herself in his home. "Alesandra Jones" went into Abram's home and locked the door. Abram then saw Vann run to his home and discovered that Vann had kicked in his door without his permission and also spilled gasoline all over the entryway area. He then saw Vann holding on to "Alesandra Jones" while he was holding her in a headlock, also carrying a gas can and holding a cigarette lighter as he was dragging her through the field. He stated that he was in fear for his life and safety and was afraid that Vann would also set fire to his home during this incident.

I reviewed the report of Gary police officer K. Rice which report is kept in the normal and ordinary course of business of said department who reported that on the above date he was on duty and was dispatched to the 500 block of Jackson Street and spoke with "Alesandra Jones" who informed him that she was sitting on a porch at 536 VanBuren Street when Darren Vann approached her and began yelling "bitch are you crazy?" She then ran to the rear of 532 VanBuren Street, entered the home and closed the backdoor. Darren Vann went to that backdoor and kicked it in and had a gas can and lighter with him. The police officers found Vann in this home and Vann told "Alesandra Jones" that if she didn't come out of hiding that he was going to burn down the house. He then began pouring the gasoline on the floor. This woman came out from under the bed

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where she was hiding and Vann grabbed her and told the police to back up or he would burn himself and "Jones" up. Vann pulled this woman out of the home by force with his left arm around her neck while he was holding a lighter in his right hand along with the gas can. He refused to let the woman go after she asked him several times. "Jones" informed Officer Rice that Vann pulled her down the alley and eventually took her to 456 Madison Street which is where Vann lived. During this time the police officers kept talking to Vann trying to get him to let the woman go. Police officers eventually grabbed Vann and arrested him. "Jones" told Officer Rice that she had been living with Darren Vann for about nine months at 456 Madison Street in an apartment there and that Vann was mad that she had left him.

I swear, under the penalty for perjury as specified by I.C. 35-44-2-1, that the foregoing is true to the best of my information and belief.


AFFIANT, LARRY DYE

Subscribed and sworn to before me and approved for prosecution on April 8, 2004.

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