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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, I have been presented an affidavit in writing, under oath, by Detective Sergeant Ross Watson, a peace officer employed by Houston Police Department, which affidavit is attached hereto and expressly made a part hereof for all purposes and whereas I believe this affidavit properly establishes grounds for the issuance of this Warrant;

YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED to enter the suspected place, premises and/or vehicles described in this affidavit, to wit: a **gray Ford F-150 with Texas License Plate KSY0326, VIN 1FTEW1CP3JFA16632** located at 1300 Dart Street, Houston, Harris County, Texas. This vehicle shall hereafter be referred to as "suspected place". A photograph of the "suspected place" is provided below and incorporated into this document for all purposes.



At the suspected place you shall search for, and, if same be found, seize and bring before me the property described in the affidavit to wit: any and all evidence constituting the offense of Murder to include any firearms and ballistic evidence such as firearms, unfired/fired cartridge casings, bullet, bullet fragments; cellular phone devices, electronic storage devices including SIM cards, which may connect a specific person to the offense of **Murder**.

It is further ordered that any and all property seized by authority of this Warrant or during the execution thereof shall be and remain under the care, custody, and control of any peace officer to whom this Warrant is delivered for execution. Further, the property may be removed and taken to any location as deemed necessary by such peace officer for purposes of safekeeping and completion of any investigation or proceedings related to the activities described in the Affidavit upon which the foregoing Warrant was issued.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, BUT HAVE YOU THEN AND THERE THIS warrant to be executed without delay; and upon compliance with the orders herein, make return forthwith showing how you have executed the same within three days of the date shown below, exclusive of said date and the day of its execution.

RECORDER'S MEMORANDUM
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HEREIN FAIL NOT and due return make hereof.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on December 2, 2022, at 4:45 O'clock, P.M.

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Marilyn Burgess
District Clerk

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Time: _____
Harris County, Texas

By [Signature]
Deputy

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MAGISTRATE/ DISTRICT JUDGE
JUDGE 482 District Court
Harris County, Texas

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AFFIDAVIT FOR

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SEARCH WARRANT

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Your Affiant, Detective Sergeant Ross Watson, is commissioned as a peace officer by the Houston Police Department ("HPD").

1. There is in Harris County, Texas, a suspected place and premises described and located as follows: a **gray Ford F-150 with Texas License Plate KSY0326, VIN 1FTEW1CP3JFA16632**. This vehicle shall hereafter be referred to as "suspected place". A photograph of the "suspected place" is provided below and incorporated into this document for all purposes.



2. The suspected place is in the charge of and controlled by each of the following named and/or described individuals (herein called "suspected party," whether one or more), to wit:
 - **Patrick Clark, a Black Male with Date of Birth 8/4/89**

It is Affiant's belief that the suspected party has possession of and is concealing at the suspected place, the following property: any and all evidence constituting the offense of Murder to include any firearms and ballistic evidence such as firearms, unfired/fired cartridge casings, bullets, bullet fragments; cellular phone devices, electronic storage devices including SIM cards, which may connect a specific person to the offense of Murder.

MY BELIEF IS BASED UPON THE FACTS HEREIN:

Your Affiant, Detective Sergeant R. M. Watson, is a certified peace officer employed by the HPD Homicide Division. Affiant has been an Officer with HPD for over ten (10) years. Affiant has been a Detective with the Homicide Division for over four (4) years and has been a Detective Sergeant and a supervisor of Detectives for approximately two (2) years. In Affiant's current assignment, Affiant investigates kidnappings, serious violent assaults, suspicious deaths, and homicides.

On the morning of November 1, 2022, I was assigned to continue the investigation into the death of a well-known public figure, rap music artist Kirsnick Ball, aka "Takeoff", who was shot and killed at approximately 2:34 AM outside the 810 Billiards and Bowling located at 1201 Fannin on the third (top) floor of the GreenStreet Center in Harris County, TX. Homicide Sgt. M. Arrington and Det. A. Farrell were assigned to conduct the scene investigation, and the case was subsequently transferred to myself and my partner, Det. Sgt. M. Burrow, for follow-up investigation. We joined the other investigators on scene the morning of the incident and received a full briefing prior to taking over the investigation. We learned from the scene investigators that Officers had been dispatched to the scene of a shooting shortly after 2:30 AM that morning and discovered the victim's body outside the doors of the bowling alley, at which time he was tentatively identified by an identification card.

An autopsy was later performed by Dr. P. Gumpeni of the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences who advised me that the victim was positively identified by fingerprints as Kirsnick Ball, hereafter Complainant. Dr. Gumpeni also advised me that the autopsy determined he had been shot twice, once in the back and once in the head, and two medium caliber bullets were recovered from his body. Dr. Gumpeni advised that the Complainant had suffered two gunshot wounds; one in the left side of his back and the bullet traveled right to left and lodged in the Complainant's left arm, and one in the front-left side of his head and the bullet travelled left to right and front to back. Dr. Gumpeni advised me that the manner of death was ruled to be a homicide caused by multiple gunshot wounds.

Affiant learned from Sgt. M. Arrington and Det. A. Farrell that all involved parties and most eyewitnesses had fled the scene prior to the arrival of police. Sgt. M. Arrington and Det. A. Farrell related to us that they had spoken with staff from the bowling alley, including employee C. Williamson, who advised them of the following:

On the previous night, October 31st, a private party hosted by "J. Prince" (later identified as local music producer J. Prince Jr.) had been held at the bowling alley that was attended by approximately 40-50 people. At around 1 AM, the staff attempted to close the establishment at their regular closing time but had difficulty getting everyone outside. Eventually, around 2 AM, most people went outside in front of the bowling alley, and a large group of people congregated near the front doors of the business. A disturbance ensued and gunfire erupted among the group. The victim was struck and killed on scene.

Affiant found that (9) .40 caliber shell casings were recovered from the scene. Affiant had learned from Sgt. M. Arrington and Det. A. Farrell that eight (8) .40 caliber shell casings were found in the immediate vicinity of the shooting scene, and blood trails were discovered in multiple directions. Sgt. Burrow was present on scene when a 9th .40 caliber shell casing was recovered. Sgt. M. Arrington and Det. A. Farrell also advised that a fired 9mm shell casing was also found at the scene but farther away from the body than the .40 caliber casings. Patrol Officers advised us that two other people from the party had been wounded and transported to area hospitals.

Affiant went to Memorial Hermann Hospital to check on one of the other gunshot victims, a 24-year-old female, and ended up speaking to two females who had been present when the shooting occurred. Witnesses J. Jones and A. Hamilton reported to Affiant the following, as summarized by your Affiant:

The Complainant "Takeoff", his fellow group member "Quavo", and local producer "J. Prince" had all been present at the party and that there had been a lucrative game of dice previously going on inside the bowling alley where someone had lost a large amount of money. An argument occurred between "Quavo" and several unidentified black men outside the club just before the shooting occurred.

Investigators obtained video surveillance from the bowling alley and other area businesses. We also received multiple cell phone videos capturing various angles and portions of the event. Your Affiant has thoroughly reviewed all of the aforementioned videos which individually capture different perspectives of events before, during, and after the shooting. Review of the various videos revealed the following:

There is a total of approximately 34 individuals standing in a group outside the bowling alley immediately before the shooting. The Complainant's fellow group member, Quavious Marshall (aka "Quavo"), was arguing with a man later identified as Michael Prince and two young black males: one small male wearing a yellow hooded sweatshirt (later identified as Cameron Joshua) and a larger male wearing a white or light tan hooded sweatshirt (later identified as Christopher Watkins). Video evidence obtained showed that "Quavo" and those two younger men had all been involved in a dice game inside the bowling alley and affiant's investigation indicated that they were arguing outside because the two young men had won money in the game. After an initial physical confrontation between the two groups, (Joshua appears to be struck by an individual later identified as Willie Bland, who investigation revealed was associated with "Quavo"), two different males can be identified as firing weapons from different directions during the incident, one of which is Willie Bland.

Affiant reviewed a lab report created by Firearms Examiner R. Hookano of the Houston Forensic Science Center (HFSC), which stated that all nine (9) of the .40 caliber casings had been fired from a single weapon and the 9mm casing from a different weapon. The video showed that a large black male, identified as Willie Bland, was one of the men firing a gun. However, the trajectory taken by any bullet fired from his location at the time of any given discharge was not consistent with the injuries sustained to Kirsnick Ball, given Ball's body positioning throughout the duration of the gunfire.

Your Affiant believes that the video evidence shows the following:

A black male, later identified as Patrick Clark, DOB: 8/4/1989, whom Affiant had previously developed as a possible suspect, pulled a gun and fired multiple rounds in the direction of the Complainant seconds before the Complainant collapsed to the ground. The video does not show any other individual shooting a firearm, or positioning their bodies to shoot a firearm (arm raised in firing position) from the same direction from which Clark was shooting. On the video, Clark can be seen discharging the firearm several times (multiple muzzle flashes are visible). Clark then fled on foot around to the nearby House of Blues, where he was captured on closer video surveillance. Clark then returned briefly to the bowling alley, where he was again captured on interior surveillance, before fleeing the scene. Surveillance from inside the bowling alley showed that he was carrying a semi-automatic handgun when he went back inside. During the actual shooting, Clark was holding a wine bottle in one hand while he discharged the firearm with the other. Immediately after the shooting, Clark ran over by the House of Blues, where he set the wine bottle down and never came back for it.

The aforementioned bottle was collected into evidence during the initial scene investigation, and Affiant made a request to have it processed for latent fingerprints. Later, Affiant received a lab report completed by HFSC Latent Print Examiner H. Vu, which stated that a fingerprint matching that of Patrick Clark, DOB: 8/4/1989, had been left on the wine bottle. Additionally, Affiant has compared the high-quality surveillance video recording from inside the bowling alley to a known picture of Patrick Clark, DOB: 8/4/1989, and has confirmed that it is the same person.

Affiant and his partner interviewed Willie Bland, who admitted to firing a weapon at the scene, though he said he did not know the caliber of the weapon. Bland stated that he was part of a travelling group including Takeoff, Quavo, and several other individuals, and stated that they were visiting local music producer "Jas Prince" which included going to a basketball game at a local gym and then going to the party at the bowling alley. Bland stated that he had seen the two males we had identified as Joshua and Watkins throughout the evening at both the basketball game and at the bowling alley, and that he had seen them with guns. Bland stated that he was watching them both when "Quavo" was arguing with them just before the shooting, and, as "Quavo" turned and walked away, he believed that Joshua said something and began pulling a gun, so he reached out and punched him. Bland advised that he thought that the males were about to try and rob "Quavo". Bland stated that he then shoved the other male when he saw him coming toward him and heard gunfire erupt around him. Bland stated that he believed it was probably Cameron Joshua shooting at him, so he began shooting at Cameron Joshua.

Affiant observed from his review of the video surveillance recordings described above that at the time the shooting appears to start, Joshua ran back inside the bowling alley and that he was armed with a handgun, but there is no video evidence showing him firing a gun.

Affiant knows from his scene investigation that three gunshots were fired into the bowling alley. Affiant believes these bullets are consistent with having been fired by Willie Bland based on his movements and position. In your Affiant's opinion, these shots could not have caused the injuries to the deceased victim or the living victims due to the shooting angles, positions of the parties, and the Complainant's injuries. In my opinion, the video evidence supports Bland's statement regarding his actions before, during, and after the shooting.

We found additional surveillance video from the streets surrounding the GreenStreet Center and located footage of the male later identified as Patrick Clark, DOB: 8/4/1989, arriving in and leaving the scene in a **gray Ford F-150** crew cab pickup truck, and we were able to determine from the video that the Texas license plate was **KSY0326**.

Affiant researched this plate number through motor vehicle records and found that this vehicle is registered to Joseph Clark at the same address used by Patrick Clark, and Patrick Clark made two HPD incident reports in 2019 and 2020 in which he identified that truck as his vehicle, HPD cases 952864-19 (hit and run accident) and 1394283-20 (burglary of a motor vehicle). Affiant obtained cell phone records for Patrick Clark as he was seen on surveillance video actively using his cell phone. These phone records confirmed that his phone was present in the immediate vicinity of the scene and confirmed that the last number called by Patrick Clark before he arrived at the bowling alley and the first number he called after fleeing the scene in his vehicle, belongs to professional boxer Shakur Stevenson, who was known to be present at the scene. This matches the surveillance video which depicts Patrick Clark entering the bowling alley with this same individual as well as leaving together afterwards.

Affiant reviewed two reports from the Firearms Section of the Houston Forensic Science Center which were both authored by R. Hookano, a firearms examiner. In said reports, Affiant observed that the examination of the ballistic materials recovered from the body of the Complainant and submitted for testing revealed that the projectile recovered from the Complainant's left arm was from the .40 caliber family, and that both gunshot wounds suffered by the Complainant came from projectiles fired from the same firearm. As such, the Complainant was not struck by projectiles fired by multiple firearms.

Based on the foregoing, specifically the path of the complainant's bullet wounds, the complainant's body positioning throughout the duration of the shooting, the location(s) of Patrick Clark at the times he was discharging his firearm, and the lack of any other possible shooter in the vicinity of Patrick Clark, Affiant believes that Patrick Clark shot the complainant.

Patrick Clark was arrested by members of the Houston Police Department with a valid probable cause arrest warrant on December 1, 2022. Officers with the Houston Police Department Gang Division, including Officer J. Bravo and Officer J. Rivera, conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle Patrick Clark was driving, a **Gray Ford F-150 with Texas License Plate KSY0326, VIN 1FTEW1CP3JFA16632**. During his arrest, Officers found that Patrick Clark was found to be in possession of a 0.45 caliber handgun in his waistband. Affiant knows this is not the firearm used in this crime, as it is a different caliber than the fired evidence at the scene. Affiant knows from speaking with the officers involved in Patrick Clark's arrest that his **Gray Ford F-150 with Texas License Plate KSY0326, VIN 1FTEW1CP3JFA16632** was later towed to a tow lot located at 1300 Dart Street, Houston, Harris County, Texas. Affiant learned the circumstances of Patrick Clark's arrest from speaking with the officers directly involved in the arrest as well as from reviewing their supplements to the offense report

Affiant attempted to speak with Patrick Clark and he declined to make a statement. Officer J. Bravo, a peace officer employed by HPD and assigned to the Gang Division, informed Affiant that during Patrick Clark's subsequent processing at the Harris County Jail he asked Officer Bravo what was going to have to his "weapons" and then specified that he wanted to know what would happen to his "guns." Officer Bravo told Affiant that he believed this meant that there were additional firearms inside Patrick Clark's vehicle. Affiant believes that Officer Bravo is a credible and reliable individual.

Therefore, based on Patrick Clark's statements to Officer Bravo and based on the fact that Patrick Clark used this same vehicle to flee from the murder scene, Affiant believes that within the **gray Ford F-150 with Texas License Plate KSY0326, VIN 1FTEW1CP3JFA16632** law enforcement officials will likely find additional firearms or additional firearm evidence relevant to the murder of the Complainant. Affiant also believes that within this vehicle, law enforcement officials will likely find firearms and ballistic evidence such as unfired/fired cartridge casings, bullets, bullet fragments, cellular phone devices, and electronic storage devices including SIM cards which constitute evidence of Murder. Wherefore, Affiant asks for the issuance of a warrant that will authorize Affiant to seize the vehicle and to search it for the property described above and to seize the property if so found.

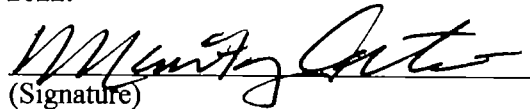
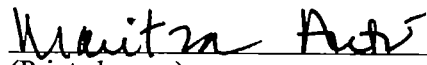
Affiant requests authority from the Court to transport, remove, or take any property or evidence seized pursuant to the warrant requested herein to any location deemed necessary for purposes of safekeeping and completion of any investigation or proceedings related to the activities described in this Affidavit. Further, Affiant requests authority to relocate the vehicle to a place where it may be secured to enable accomplishment of the purposes of the warrant.

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 suspected place which is a **gray Ford F-150 with Texas License Plate KSY0326, VIN 1FTEW1CP3JFA16632** located at 1300 Dart Street, Houston, 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 December 2, 2022.

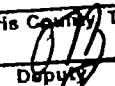

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MAGISTRATE/ DISTRICT JUDGE
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District Clerk

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Time: _____
Harris County, Texas
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 2 day of June A.D., 2012, by making the search directed therein and seizing during the search the following described property:

- Taurus 4mm T44C pistol, magazines, 12x4mm Ammo
- Remington 0.223-5.56mm Rifle, 77 lbs. 223, Rem magazines
- MacBook Air
- Aliata phone
- Passport photo
- Parking receipt

 R. M. Watson
OFFICER EXECUTING PROCESS