

STATE OF INDIANA	)	IN THE ST. JOSEPH SUPERIOR COURT
	)	SS:
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY	)	CAUSE NO. 71D0__-1905-MR-000__
STATE OF INDIANA	)	
	)	INFORMATION
v.	)	
	)	Count I: MURDER, a Felony
	)	
Atlantis Branch	)	

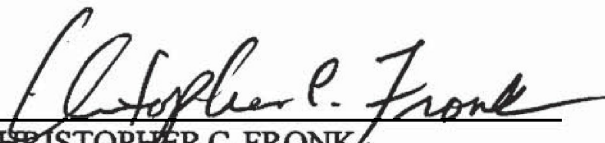
INFORMATION

CHRISTOPHER C. FRONK, upon information and belief, affirms under penalty of perjury that:

On or about April 28, 2019 in St. Joseph County, State of Indiana, Atlantis Branch did kill another human being, to wit: Traychon Taylor, while knowingly or intentionally committing or attempting to commit robbery; or did aid, induce or cause another to do so.

All of which is contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-42-1-1(2), 35-41-2-4 and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

I affirm under the penalties for perjury that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
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 CHRISTOPHER C. FRONK  
 CHIEF DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

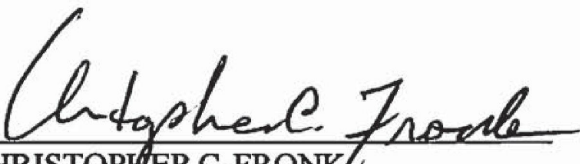
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STATE OF INDIANA	)	
	)	INFORMATION
v.	)	
	)	Count II: ATTEMPTED ROBBERY, L5 Felony
	)	
Atlantis Branch	)	

INFORMATION

CHRISTOPHER C. FRONK, upon information and belief, affirms under penalty of perjury that:

On or about April 28, 2019 in St. Joseph County, State of Indiana, Atlantis Branch did knowingly or intentionally attempt to commit the crime of robbery, which is defined as to knowingly or intentionally take property from another person or the presence of another person by threat of or actual use of force or by putting a person in fear when he engaged in going to the location of the crime with his confederates, waiting for the victims, and approaching the victim car while wearing a mask which constituted a substantial step toward the commission of the crime of robbery, All of which is contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-41-5-1, 35-41-2-4, and 35-42-5-1, against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

I affirm under the penalties for perjury that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
CHRISTOPHER C. FRONK  
 CHIEF DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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	)	Count III: FIREARM ENHANCEMENT
	)	
Atlantis Branch	)	

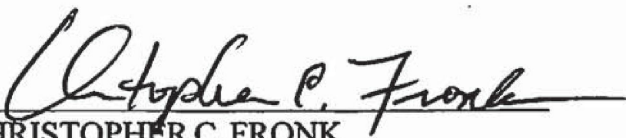
INFORMATION

CHRISTOPHER C. FRONK, upon information and belief, affirms under penalty of perjury that:

On or about April 28, 2019 in St. Joseph County, State of Indiana, Atlantis Branch did knowingly or intentionally use a firearm in the commission of the offense of the murder of Traychon Taylor;

All of which is contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-50-2-11, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Indiana.

I affirm under the penalties for perjury that the foregoing representations are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
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 CHRISTOPHER C. FRONK  
 CHIEF DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY



Witnesses:

CMHU Detective Brian Cook

CMHU Detective Chris Kronewitter

CMHU Detective Timothy Wiley

CMHU Detective Gery Mullins

CHMU Detective Michael Norby

CMHU Detective Kenneth Cornelis

CMHU Assistant Commander Alex Arendt

CMHU Commander Michael Grzegorek

SBPD officers named in reports

Pathologist

Lab Personnel

Bilal Dedic

Kyle Doroszko

Jeremiah Williams

Atlantis Branch

Chad Harper

Gustavo Andrade

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v. ) AFFIDAVIT IN  
 ) SUPPORT OF PROBABLE CAUSE  
Atlantis Branch )  
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Assistant Commander Alex Arendt, upon information and belief, affirms under the penalty of perjury that: I am a police officer with the Mishawaka Police Department and have been so employed for approximately 24 years. Currently I am assigned as Assistant Commander with the St. Joseph County Metro Homicide Unit. On April 28, 2019, my team was assigned to investigate a homicide resulting in the death of Traychon Taylor. I make this affidavit based upon my own personal observations, the observations of other law enforcement officers as well as independent witness information. All events occurred in St. Joseph County, Indiana.

On April 28, 2019 around 10 pm, South Bend Officers responding to a call located a male black lying in the roadway on William Street just North of Marion Street, near downtown South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana. The male was unresponsive and suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. The man was transported to the hospital where he subsequently died. The man was identified by family as Traychon Taylor, 19 years old. Metro Homicide took over the investigation.

Interviews with witnesses and a review of available evidence commenced. That review included a surveillance video that showed interaction between occupants from a silver car, which had contained a total of 4 black males, and a small SUV occupied by two white people as the vehicles were parked in the back lot of Frank's Place, a bar located at William and Marion. The driver of the silver car was identified as Joe Nelson III. Two of the black males got out of the

silver car and into the SUV. They were identified as Traychon Taylor and Jeremiah Williams. Williams got back out of the SUV very shortly thereafter. About that time, Nelson and the fourth man from the silver car, identified as Atlantis Branch, got out of the silver car and approached the SUV. Branch was holding a larger firearm as he approached the SUV. The SUV then sped off with Traychon Taylor still inside it and Branch fired several shots at the SUV. There were also shots fired inside the SUV as it sped off. As the SUV turned Southbound on William St., Traychon Taylor fell from the SUV and lay in the roadway where he was located.

Joe Nelson III spoke to the police. Nelson explained that he is related to Jeremiah Williams and Traychon Taylor, and they asked him for a ride. Nelson was the driver for the rest of the evening. The group picked up Atlantis Branch and spent time riding around. At some point, it was made known that there was a marijuana purchase to take place, but that in reality, the men were going to rob the sellers of their marijuana. Knowing this, Nelson continued to drive the men where they directed him. The robbery was to take place at Frank's Place in the parking lot. At least Branch, and possibly others had firearms. Nelson said that he was just supposed to get \$10 for gas money like he usually does when gives people rides. Nelson drove through the lot a couple times until the seller's SUV was located, and both vehicles backed into parking spaces at the far back corner of the lot. Williams and Traychon Taylor got out of the silver car and into the SUV. Shortly after that, at about the same time Williams stepped out of the SUV, Nelson and Branch got out of the silver car and Branch approached the SUV with the gun. The SUV sped away, Branch shot. Nelson said that he and Williams then drove out of the lot and parked the car on a side street, and ran to where Traychon lay in the street.

Jeremiah Williams spoke to the police, and after Miranda, he eventually admitted that before Nelson picked up Traychon and himself, he knew that the plan for the night was to

commit a robbery. Despite knowing this, he accompanied the other men, and made contact with the marijuana sellers in order to set up the fake purchase. In Williams' phone, the marijuana seller is identified as, "White Weed Man." There were text and telephone contacts with White Weed Man leading up to the crime. Williams accompanied Traychon in getting into the SUV, and evaluated the marijuana before he got back out and watched as Branch approached the SUV with the gun and the SUV sped off.

Atlantis Branch spoke to the police. After being Mirandized, Branch eventually admitted that a marijuana purchase was set up to occur in the parking lot of Frank's Place Bar. Before the meeting in the parking lot of Frank's Place, a mask and a firearm were provided to Branch because the weed purchase was actually a set up for a robbery. Branch talked of his thoughts to back out of the deal, but ultimately decided to participate. When the SUV arrived both vehicles then backed into parking places in the back of the lot. Williams and Traychon got into the SUV. Branch put on the mask and then got out with the gun and approached the SUV. Branch said that when he walked up to the SUV, Traychon was still inside. When Branch pointed the gun at the men inside the SUV they got scared and drove off, and he heard shots so Branch fired at the SUV, and saw that he shot out the back window. Branch ran to Traychon as he lay in the street, but then ran away and walked home.

All of the events herein took place in St. Joseph County, Indiana.

I affirm, under the penalties for perjury; that the foregoing representations are true.



Alex Arendt

Assistant Commander, CMHU