

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE ST. JOSEPH SUPERIOR COURT
) SS:
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY) CAUSE NO. 71D0_ -1910-MR-000_
STATE OF INDIANA)
) INFORMATION
)
v.)
) Count I: MURDER, a Felony
)
RAYMOND M. DOTSON, Jr.)
08/02/1985)

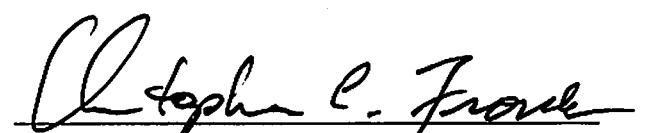
INFORMATION

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

On or about October 19, 2019 in St. Joseph County, State of Indiana, Raymond M. DOTSON, Jr. did knowingly or intentionally kill another human being, to wit: Joshua Flinn;

All of which is contrary to the form of the statutes in such cases made and provided by I.C. 35-42-1-1(1), 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.


CHRISTOPHER C. FRONK
CHIEF DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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) Count II: FIREARM ENHANCEMENT
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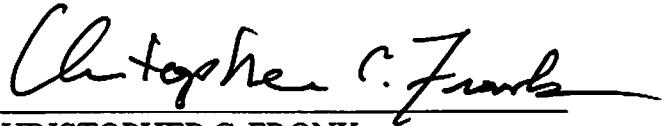
INFORMATION

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

On or about October 19, 2019 in St. Joseph County, State of Indiana, Raymond M. DOTSON, Jr. did knowingly or intentionally use a firearm in the commission of a felony under IC 35-42 resulting in the death of Joshua Flinn;

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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The Court, having reviewed the Affidavit in Support of Charging Information, makes a finding of probable cause for this charge. The Court also has considered the weight of the evidence and any defenses as presented in the affidavit and makes a preliminary finding that the State has proven, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the guilt of the Defendant is evident and/or the presumption of guilt is strong. Warrant ordered issued.

X Defendant ordered held without bond. Further hearing on bond to be set at either party's request.

OR

Defendant's bond is set by the Court at: _____ cash only/surety.

So found this 21 day of October, 2019, at 2:40 am/pm.

JUDGE ST. JOSEPH SUPERIOR COURT

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v.) AFFIDAVIT IN
RAYMOND M. DOTSON, Jr.) SUPPORT OF PROBABLE CAUSE
08/02/1985)

Det. Brian Cook, upon information and belief, affirms under the penalty of perjury that:

I am a police officer with the St. Joseph County Police Department and have been so employed for approximately 18 years. Currently I am assigned as an investigator with the St. Joseph County Metro Homicide Unit. On October 19, 2019 at about 1:52 AM South Bend officers were alerted to a shooting at the Phillips 66/Always Open gas station at the corner of LaSalle and Lafayette in South Bend, St. Joseph County, Indiana. On arrival officers found a male party deceased, with apparent gunshot wounds. In reviewing surveillance footage the shooter and his companion were clearly visible. Their pictures were disseminated in an effort to identify the men. The men's identities were reported by several sources. The man identified as the companion came forward and talked to the police. The companion was Salmen Johnson. Johnson confirmed the identity of the shooter was Raymond M. DOTSON, Jr. by picture and his Facebook name "Don Solo." This matched the information police had gotten thorough other sources.

Johnson told police that he and DOTSON had known each other for a long time, and they went to go out to a "club" in Elkhart Friday night. The club was not very active so the men came back to South Bend. DOTSON was driving his green Buick car, with some green LED lights on it. The men ended up at the Phillips 66/Always Open gas station, and both men went inside.

Johnson was buying some cigars when he heard a verbal altercation between DOTSON and an unknown man. It seemed to Johnson like one of them had bumped into the other and they took exception. By the time Johnson really payed any attention, DOTSON was reaching for his waist and the other man was reaching for his hip, too, while they exchanged angry words. Johnson tried to get DOTSON to leave and let it go, and walked out of the store himself, hoping that DOTSON would follow. Johnson said that DOTSON did exit the store and called out the other man. By this time DOTSON had drawn a semiautomatic handgun, and was standing just a few feet outside the front doors of the store facing the doors. Surveillance footage shows DOTSON waiting several seconds outside, facing the store with his gun drawn. Johnson said the other man, (later identified as Joshua Flinn), walked out of the doors and DOTSON immediately fired multiple shots at Flinn. Flinn fell to the ground there. Johnson ran away on foot. DOTSON can be seen on surveillance video getting into his car and driving away. Johnson stated he never saw (Flinn) draw a gun, but claimed that he could tell that (Flinn) had a silver gun in his pants. A brown and black "air soft" toy gun was tucked into Flinn's pants when police arrived. It was removed by police as they assessed his condition.

Johnson was shown a picture of DOTSON from jail booking records, and confirmed that it was "Don Solo" from Facebook. The images on the "Don Solo" Facebook profile and the booking picture of DOTSON appear to be the same person as the shooter on the surveillance footage.

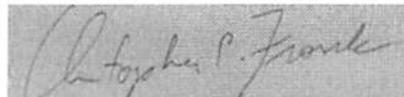
I affirm, under the penalties for perjury; that the foregoing representations are true.



Brian Cook
Investigator, CMHU

Detention Considerations

The accused is charged with murder and the proof is evident or the presumption is strong. The State requests that the accused be held without bond until he shall answer to the charges.



Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney