

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF ST. JOSEPH)
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STATE OF INDIANA)
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VS)
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TASTACIA ONQUELLE PARKER)
DOB: 12/22/1995)

IN THE ST. JOSEPH SUPERIOR COURT

INFORMATION IN ONE COUNT:
COUNT I:
MURDER
A FELONY

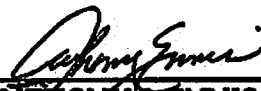
COUNT I

ANTHONY J. ENNIS, upon information and belief, affirms under penalty of perjury that:

On or about June 23, 2018 in St. Joseph County, State of Indiana, TASTACIA ONQUELLE PARKER did knowingly kill another human being, to-wit: Eric Phillips.

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.


ANTHONY J. ENNIS
DEPUTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Probable cause found. Arrest Warrant Issued.

___ Pursuant to Criminal Rule 26 and the St. Joseph County Release/Detention Matrix, Defendant ordered released on recognizance with a promise to appear. Defendant subject to any conditions listed in the attached Pretrial Supervision Order.

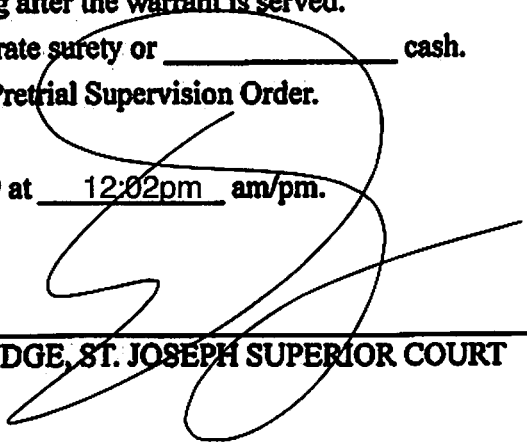
___ Defendant to be held for initial bail hearing on 7th day of January, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

☒ Defendant to be held for next available bail hearing after the warrant is served.

___ Bond set in the amount of _____ corporate surety or _____ cash.

Defendant subject to any conditions listed in the attached Pretrial Supervision Order.

So found this 4 day of January, 2019 at 12:02pm am/pm.


JUDGE, ST. JOSEPH SUPERIOR COURT

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE ST. JOSEPH SUPERIOR COURT
) SS:
 ST. JOSEPH COUNTY) CAUSE NO. 71D 01 1901 MR 000001

STATE OF INDIANA)
) vs
 TASTACIA PARKER) SUPPLEMENTAL AFFIDAVIT IN
) SUPPORT OF PROBABLE CAUSE
 DOB 12/22/1995)

I am a South Bend Police officer currently assigned to the Metro Homicide Unit. I have been a police officer for 14 years. I make this affidavit after reading South Bend Police reports and conducting a seven month follow up investigation which includes interviews, search warrants and evidence collection.

TASTACIA PARKER, aka Saara Staci, is in a boyfriend/girlfriend relationship with ELBERT BRIGGS. The relationship has been off and on during that time.

On June 23, 2018 around 6:00am, South Bend Officer Steven Noonan was driving near the University of Notre Dame's boathouse located at 920 Northside Boulevard when he observed a male lying on a curb in the parking lot of the boathouse.

South Bend police were dispatched. Officers were able to identify the body found as Eric Phillips. I was assigned the follow up investigation. That same morning, I was able to retrieve a copy of surveillance video from the boathouse from the morning of June 23, 2018.

I reviewed the video which shows, around 3:30am, a red Mustang arrives in the parking lot. Two people who appear to be a couple and are later identified as TASTACIA PARKER and

Eric Phillips, get out of the vehicle and walk back to the rear of the vehicle where they remain for several minutes.

Two other individuals are seen approaching the couple from the northwest. One of the individuals was wearing a white t-shirt, blue jeans and white shoes. After what appears to be a brief exchange between the two groups, the person wearing the white shirt appears to fire at least one shot at Eric Phillips. Phillips is then seen running east in the parking lot before collapsing and dying.

The second group, which consists of the person wearing the white t shirt, as well as TASTACIA PARKER, and a third unknown person, are seen running south through an adult workout area.

After reviewing the surveillance video, I requested a warrant to search Eric Phillips Facebook account. It was granted. On, June 25, 2018, Candace Thomas, Eric Phillips' girlfriend, contacted me and provided me with login information for Phillips' Facebook account.

During my search of Phillips Facebook account, I found a Facebook conversation from June 23, 2018, between Phillips and Saarah Staci. In that conversation, Staci invites Phillips to meet her at the East Race. While looking at Staci's public profile, I found Saarah Staci's birthdate, 12/22/1995. I then took that information and was able to determine that Saarah Staci's real name is TASTACIA Parker.

On June 25, 2018, I applied for and was granted a search warrant for the Saarah Staci Facebook account.

On June 27, 2018, TASTACIA Parker called me from [REDACTED]. On June 28, 2018, I applied and received a search warrant for the records associated with this phone number. I received the records from T Mobile July 8, 2018.

On June 29, 2018, Detective Gery Mullins met and interviewed Parker at the Metro Homicide Unit. During the interview, Parker admitted she was the person in the video who had arrived at the boathouse with Eric Phillips and was present was present when Phillips was shot.

On July 16, 2018, I received the information from Facebook regarding the Saarah Staci account. While searching the account, I saw a picture of a male black wearing a white t-shirt, blue jeans and white shoes which looked similar to the person who shot Eric Phillips. In reviewing the records, I determined the photograph had been uploaded and sent to the account of Carmyne Briggs on June 22, 2018 around 6 pm. I looked at the Carmyne Briggs account which contained a picture of the same individual who I had seen in the Saarah Staci account. This person was identified as ELBERT BRIGGS who uses the name Carmyne Briggs on Facebook. I then went to Brandon Williams' account, who is listed as a friend of Elbert Briggs. The Brandon Williams' account had a picture of Elbert Briggs. The picture shows Briggs which based on my training and experience I recognize as a Sccy 9mm, based on shape of the slide, shape of the pistol grip and the length and depth of the extractor.

On July 30, 2018, South Bend Crime Labs' Ray Wolfenbarger positively identified the projectile found in Eric Phillips body came from a Sccy 9mm. Wolfenbarger also determined the two casings recovered at the boathouse also came from a Sccy 9 mm. Wolfenbarger has previously been determined to be a firearms and toolmark expert.

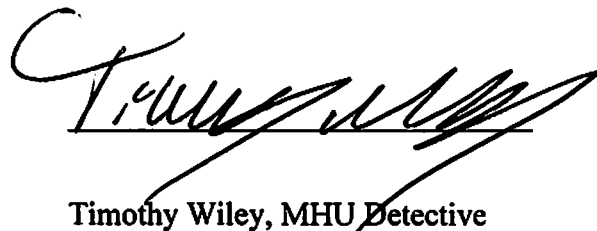
On July 17, 2018, I applied for and was granted a search warrant for records for ELBERT BRIGGS' account under the name of Carmyne Briggs. I received the records on July 31, 2018. While searching the records, ELBERT BRIGGS had given several individuals the phone number of [REDACTED] as his.

On August 1, 2018, I applied and was granted a search warrant for the phone records associated with the number [REDACTED]

I then took the records for TASTACIA Parker's phone number, [REDACTED], and ELBERT BRIGGS' number, [REDACTED], and using the program CellHawk, a records analysis and plotting program, was able to plot the locations of the phones during the time that Eric Phillips was killed. The records show Both TASTACIA and ELBERT BRIGGS phones were at the Boathouse when Phillips was shot and killed.

The records further showed the two phones continued to travel together from South Bend to Fort Wayne and ultimately to West Palm Beach Florida where TASTACIA's father lives. I spoke with Joseph Mourning, TASTACIA's father, who confirmed TASTACIA had been to West Palm Beach during the same time period CellHawk shows her phone being in West Palm Beach.

I AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES FOR PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING REPRESENTATIONS ARE TRUE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy Wiley', is written over a horizontal line.

Timothy Wiley, MHU Detective

South Bend Police Department

DETENTION CONSIDERATIONS

Pursuant to the Constituion of the State of Indiana, Article 1, Section 17, the offense of Murder or Treason shall not beailable when proof is evident or the presumption strong.

The State requests the defendant be held without bond.



Anthony J. Ennis

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Witnesses

[REDACTED]

Charlie Eakins, SBPD

Steven Noonan, SBPD

Ray Wolfenbarger, SBPD

Gery Mullins, SBPD

Tim Wiley, SBPD

Joseph Mourning, SBPD

Representative from T Mobile

Ken Cornelis, SBPD

Mike Norby, SBPD

Juan Lora, SBPD

Ron Kaszas, SBPD

Ron Glon, SBPD

Brian Galbreath, SBPD

Tim Cichowicz, SBPD

Mark Walsh, SBPD

Kelli Gorny, SBPD

Any other witnesses identified in discovery