

AFFIDAV FOR
SEARCH WARRANT

COURT OF SAVANNAH

GEORGIA, CHATHAM COUNTY

Personally appeared before the undersigned judicial officer authorized by the laws of Georgia to issue search warrants the subscriber hereto, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has reason to believe (is positive) that on the person of MELVIN JEROME GRIFFIN, B/M, DOB 11/19/75
1814 Delesseps Avenue, Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia
~~and on the premises situated at the above address~~

Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia

there is now being concealed the following: a polaroid photograph of MELVIN JEROME GRIFFIN, which is tangible evidence of the crime of Homicide and Armed Robbery, which is thereby subject to seizure pursuant to O.C.G.A. 17-5-21 (a)(5)

the possession (sale) of which is in violation of the laws of Georgia.

Deponent submits the following under oath in support of the foregoing for the purpose of obtaining a warrant to search said person (~~premises~~) ~~x/vehicle~~.

I, Detective Gregory L. Mitchell, presently assigned as an Investigator for the Savannah Police Department, Violent Crimes Bureau, do herein submit the following facts for the issuance of a Search Warrant:

On February 23, 1992, at approximately 8:40 P.M., a double shooting occurred at the intersection of Pennsylvania Avenue and Chelsea Drive. Charles E. Ham, Jr. and his wife, Carolyn H. Ham, were at this location conversing on the public telephone located there. The Ham's were approached by a young black male brandishing a handgun. The suspect opened fire on the Ham's, shooting Charles Ham, Jr. at point blank range once in the chest. The suspect immediately turned to Carolyn Ham and shot her once in the back as she tried to flee. Two young black males were seen fleeing the scene of the shooting immediately thereafter.

Charles E. Ham, Jr. died as a result of his gunshot wound that penetrated his heart. Carolyn Ham was admitted to Memorial Medical Center in critical condition. Carolyn Ham remained hospitalized for numerous weeks, however she did survive the incident.

The two suspects were seen hiding an object in the bushes as they made good their escape. The location where the object was observed being hidden revealed a black knit skullcap with white lettering of "O-P-P." This cap contained a .38 caliber revolver Arminius, Serial Number 0096117. This weapon contained four rounds of ammunition and two spent shell casings. The weapon was seized as evidence and subsequently transported to the GBI Crime Lab for analysis. Bullets were recovered from Charles

Deponent GREGORY L. MITCHELL

DETECTIVE

Title of Deponent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____

day of June 19 92

Judge,

Court of Savannah

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_____ commenced on the obverse page hereof and as an integral part of said affidavit, affiant further deposes and says under oath as follows:

and Carolyn Ham's bodies respectively. Forensic tests confirmed this weapon to indeed be the Murder weapon that took the life of Charles Ham, Jr. and severely injured Carolyn Ham.

My investigation reveals that Melvin J. Griffin was in possession of the Murder weapon at least two days prior to the Homicide. Affiant received information from Silent Witness indicating that Melvin J. Griffin and Kyle L. Gadson were overheard bragging about killing a man at a pay phone on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Affiant interviewed Kyle L. Gadson, whom is also a suspect in this case and Gadson gave a voluntary statement. Gadson admits to participating in the Homicide and states Griffin is his partner in the crime. Gadson related facts about the crime only someone present would know.

In addition, Gadson gave statements about an Armed Robbery he and Griffin participated in. This robbery also occurred on the 23rd of February, 1992. In this incident a pizza delivery man was robbed at gunpoint by a young black male. This occurred approximately forty-five minutes to an hour prior to the Charles E. Ham, Jr. Homicide.

Melvin Jerome Griffin is a black male whom is light complected with a curly box-type haircut and a light moustache and goatee. Griffin is approximately 5'9" in height, 155 pounds, and 16 years of age.

Affiant interviewed the victim of the robbery and he described the gunman's appearance of that as being very similar to Melvin J. Griffin. In addition, the pizza delivery man described the suspect's vehicle as an Oldsmobile Delta 88, four door model. My investigation reveals Melvin J. Griffin owns an Oldsmobile Delta 88.

In light of the aforementioned, Affiant respectfully requests the issuance of a Search Warrant to obtain a polaroid photograph of the above mentioned subject, Melvin Jerome Griffin, for the purposes of assembling a photographic line-up to be used in comparison and identification in regards to this Homicide and Armed Robbery investigation. The case report numbers are 92-02-11841, and 92-02-11834 respectively.

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To the Sheriff of the Municipal Court of Savannah and his lawful Deputies, all and singular the Sheriffs of this State and their lawful Deputies, lawful Constables of this State, the officers of the Chatham County Police Department, the Officers of the Police Department of the City of Savannah, the State Patrol, and all other law enforcement officers and agents authorized to serve search warrants, Greeting:

Whereas.....DETECTIVE GREGORY L. MITCHELL..... has made, sworn to, and subscribed the foregoing affidavit in order to obtain a warrant to search the person of MELVIN JEROME GRIFFIN, B/M, DOB 11/19/75 1814 Delesseps Avenue, Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia and the premises known as (vehicle)

DA COPY

Chatham County, Georgia

for the possession (state) of a polaroid photograph of MELVIN JEROME GRIFFIN, which is tangible evidence of the crime of Homicide and Armed Robbery, which is thereby subject to seizure pursuant to O.C.G.A. 17-5-21 (a)(5)

in violation of the laws of Georgia; and whereas.....DETECTIVE GREGORY L. MITCHELL..... and ha..... made, sworn to, and subscribed the foregoing affidavit(s) in support of the affidavit of

It is the finding of the undersigned, and it is hereby so found and held, that probable cause has been shown under oath and in writing for the undersigned to believe that the property so described is being concealed on the person and premises (in the vehicle) above described, and that the foregoing grounds for application for issuance of a search warrant have been established.

Therefore, you are hereby commanded to search forthwith the person named and premises (vehicle) described for the property specified, and to make such search in the day time (at any time in the day or night). If you find said described property, or any part thereof, in the execution of this warrant, seize the same, together with any discovered item, substance, object, thing, or matter whose possession is unlawful under the laws of Georgia or which is tangible evidence of the commission of a crime, and which may be seized under existing law. Leave with defendant a copy of this warrant and a receipt for the property taken, prepare an inventory of such seized property, and return this warrant to me within ten days from this date, as required by law.

This.....day of 19.....at..... o'clockM.

Judge. Court of Savannah

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