

SEARCH WARRANT

RECORDER'S 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 KYLE LAMONT GADSON B/M, DOB 07/24/71

~~and on the premises known as (in the vehicle)~~ currently incarcerated at the Walter Mitchell, Jr. Complex Detention Center, 1050 Rungler Pit Road, Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia

Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia

there is now being concealed the following: the human hair of KYLE LAMONT GADSON, which is tangible evidence of the crime of Homicide

~~the possession (sale) of which is~~ in violation of the laws of Georgia, which is thereby subject to seizure pursuant to O.C.G.A. 17-5-21 (a)(5)

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Deponent submits the following under oath in support of the foregoing for the purpose of obtaining a warrant to search said person ~~(premises)(vehicles)~~. I, Detective Gregory L. Mitchell, presently assigned as an Investigator for the Savannah Police Department, Violent Crimes Division, 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 Ham, Jr. and his wife, Carolyn H. Ham, were at this intersection 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.

Many nearby residents heard the shots and responded to aid the Ham's. Medical personnel and police were summoned. Witnesses indicated they saw the two suspects flee South through the Savannah Oaks Apartment Complex and subsequently hide an unknown object in the bushes near the Southwest section of the apartment complex that borders Skidaway Road.

Charles 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.

Witnesses were interviewed and a crime scene and area search were initiated. The location where the object was observed being hidden revealed a black knit skully cap

Gregory L. Mitchell
Deponent GREGORY L. MITCHELL

DETECTIVE

Title of Deponent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4
day of June 19 92

Janis E. Dewey
Judge, Recorder's Court of Savannah

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Judge signed his

SEARCH WARRANT

COURT OF SAVANNAH

GEORGIA, CHATHAM COUNTY

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 KYLE LAMONT GADSON, B/M, DOB 07/24/71

..... currently incarcerated at the Walter Mitchell, Jr. Complex Detention Center, 1050 Bunger Pit Road, Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia

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Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia

for ~~XXXXXX~~ human hair of KYLE LAMONT GADSON, which is tangible evidence of the crime of Homicide

in violation of the laws of Georgia; and whereas..... DETECTIVE GREGORY L. MITCHELL and 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 of the person~~ 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 of the person~~ 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 ^{1/16}..... day of June....., 19..92..... at 11:35..... o'clock A..M.

Travis E. Davis
.....
Judge, Recorder's Court of Savannah

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in continuation of the foregoing affidavit of deponent. _____

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

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 Ham, Jr.'s body and the person of Carolyn Ham. Forensic tests confirmed this weapon to indeed be the murder weapon that took the life of Charles Ham, Jr..

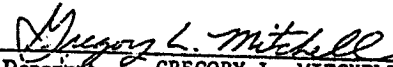
In addition, microscopic examination of the cap and weapon revealed several hair fibers present. Tests by the GBI Crime Lab revealed these to be human hairs with Negroid characteristics.

Investigation of this Homicide has established two suspects in this case. Deponent received an information sheet from Silent Witness indicating that Kyle Lamont Gadsop, B/M, DOB 07/24/71, and Melvin J. Griffin, B/M, DOB 11/19/75, were heard bragging about killing a man at a pay phone on Pennsylvania Avenue a few months ago. My investigation reveals that Melvin J. Griffin was in possession of the murder weapon at least two days prior to the Homicide, and Griffin admitted to this of his own accord.

In March of 1992, a composite drawing of the shooter in this Homicide was completed by a police artist. This composite is a part of the Homicide case file. This Investigator compared a recent photograph of Kyle Lamont Gadsop to that of the suspect depicted in the composite. There exists a very strong resemblance of the two. In addition, my investigation reveals Griffin and Gadsop are close friends and are in the company of each other frequently.

In light of the aforementioned, Deponent respectfully requests the issuance of a Search Warrant to obtain hair samples from the above mentioned subject, Kyle Lamont Gadsop, for the purpose of DNA fingerprint comparison with the hair fiber recovered from the black knit skull cap that contained the murder weapon which was recovered on February 23, 1992.

On June 4, 1992, Melvin J. Griffin was advised on this pending Search Warrant and gave verbal consent for hair samples to be obtained by this Investigator. Samples of head, facial, and arm hair were obtained and logged as evidence for Crime Lab processing.

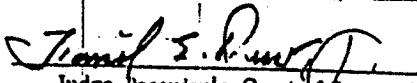

Deponent GREGORY L. MITCHELL

DETECTIVE

Title of Deponent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4

day of June, 19 92


Judge, Recorder's Court of Savannah

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RETURN

After receiving the foregoing search warrant on 24th June, 1992 executed it as follows:

On 4 day of June, 1992 at 2⁰⁰ o'clock P.M. I searched the person named and the premises (vehicle) described in the warrant. I left a copy of the warrant with Kyle Lamont Gadson together with a receipt for the items seized.

The following is an inventory of property taken pursuant to the warrant:

- # 1 collection of hair specimens from Kyle Gadson's right and left arm
- # 2 collection of facial hairs from Kyle Gadson's beard
- # 3 collection of hair specimens from Kyle Gadson's head.

This inventory was made in the presence of Kyle Lamont Gadson

I swear that this is a true and detailed inventory of all the property.

Det. Gregory L. Mitchell

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11 day of June, 1992

Samuel L. Dwyer
Judge, Chatham Co
Court of Chatham Co

No.

COURT OF SAVANNAH

CRN: 92-02-11841

SEARCH WARRANT

THE STATE

Versus

KYLE LAMONT GADSON

B/M, DOB 07/24/71

Location of Premises: Currently Incarcerated
Walter Mitchell, Jr. Complex Detention
Center, 1050 Bunger Pit Road, Savannah,
Chatham County, Georgia

GREGORY L. MITCHELL

Deponent

SAVANNAH POLICE DEPARTMENT CIB, VIOLENT CRIMES UNIT

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