

IN THE FAULKNER CIRCUIT COURT

STATE OF ARKANSAS

v.

CONNOR RYAN ATCHLEY

8 Glendale Circle
Greenbrier, AR 72058

DOB 7/20/1998
RACE W
SEX Male

2nd DIVISION

NO. CR

15-704

PLAINTIFF
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DEFENDANT
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FELONY INFORMATION

Cody Hiland, Prosecuting Attorney of the Twentieth Judicial District of Arkansas, in the name and by the authority, and on behalf of the State of Arkansas charges Connor Ryan Atchley with the crime(s) of Murder 1, Theft by Receiving - Credit/Debit Card or Account Number and Theft by Receiving Value > \$1,000 =< \$5,000 as follows:

COUNT 1: Murder 1 ARK. CODE ANN. § 5-10-102. The said defendant in FAULKNER COUNTY, did unlawfully and feloniously on or about July 21, 2015, acting alone or with one or more other persons did commit or attempt to commit a felony and in the course of an in the furtherance of the felony or in immediate flight therefrom, he or an accomplice did cause the death of a person under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life,

Thereby committing the offense of Murder 1, said offense being a CLASS Y FELONY against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas.

COUNT 2: Murder 1 ARK. CODE ANN. § 5-10-102. The said defendant in FAULKNER COUNTY, did unlawfully and feloniously on or about July 21, 2015, acting alone or with one or more other persons did commit or attempt to commit a felony and in the course of an in the furtherance of the felony or in immediate flight therefrom, he or an accomplice did cause the death of a person under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life,

Thereby committing the offense of Murder 1, said offense being a CLASS Y FELONY against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas.

COUNT 3: Theft by Receiving - Credit/Debit Card or Account Number ARK. CODE ANN. § 5-36-106(e)(3)(B). The said defendant in FAULKNER COUNTY, did unlawfully and feloniously on or about July 21, 2015, receive, retain or dispose of the stolen property of another person, know that the property was stolen, or having good reason to believe that the property was stolen, said property being a credit card or credit card account number, or a debit card or debit card account number,

Thereby committing the offense of Theft by Receiving - Credit/Debit Card or Account Number, said offense being a CLASS D FELONY against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas.

COUNT 4: Theft by Receiving Value > \$1,000 =< \$5,000 ARK. CODE ANN. § 5-36-106(e)(3)(A). The said defendant in FAULKNER COUNTY, did unlawfully and feloniously on or about July 21, 2015, Retain or dispose of the stolen property of another person, knowing or having good reason to know that it was stolen, said property valued at more than \$1,000 but less than \$5,000,

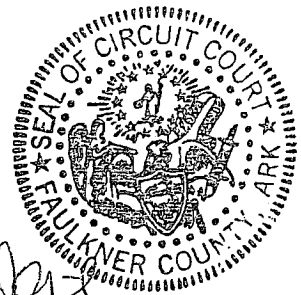
Thereby committing the offense of Theft by Receiving Value > \$1,000 =< \$5,000, said offense being a CLASS D FELONY against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas.

CODY HILAND
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

By

Hugh Finkbeiner

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of Sep, 2015.



RHONDA WHARTON
Circuit Clerk

By: [Signature]
Deputy Circuit Clerk

TO THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAULKNER COUNTY, ARKANSAS

Based upon the sworn testimony of Det. Mike Welsh and other materials presented therewith, I am satisfied that there is probable cause to believe that the offense alleged in the above Felony Information was committed by the person above described and that there exist probable cause for the issuance of a Warrant for Arrest.

Dated this 17 day of SEPTEMBER, 2015.

[Signature]
JUDGE

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S
FORM AFFIDAVIT
Cody Hiland
Prosecuting Attorney
Faulkner County

Date: 9/17/2015

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAULKNER COUNTY, ARKANSAS

AFFIDAVIT FOR WARRANT OF ARREST FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSON

POTENTIAL DEFENDANT'S NAME: Connor Ryan Atchley
ADDRESS: 8 Glendale Cir., Greenbrier, AR 72058
Race: W Sex: M DOB: 07/20/1998 SID#: DL#: 933590024

VICTIM NAME(S): Robert Cogdell
VICTIM ADDRESS: 4803 Quail Run Circle, Conway, AR 72034

VICTIM NAME(S): Patricia Cogdell
VICTIM ADDRESS: 4803 Quail Run Circle, Conway, AR 72034

Pursuant to Rule 7.1 of the Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure, the undersigned Affiant(s) duly sworn deposes and states that he has reason to believe that the above named person has committed the offense(s) of violating Arkansas Code Section,

Charge 1: 2 counts of Murder, 1st degree 5-10-102

Charge 2: 2 counts of Theft by Receiving 5-36-106 D-felony

On or about July 21, 2015 in Faulkner County Arkansas, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas.

FACTS CONSTITUTING PROBABLE CAUSE

Sgt. Mike Welsh, summary:

On Wednesday, July 21, 2015, Officers responded to 4803 Quail Run regarding a welfare concern call. It was relayed to the police department that Robert Cogdell did not show up for work or call to say that he would not be coming in. Patrol officers and detectives responded. Justin threatened bodily harm to his grandparents and himself. Upon arrival, officers entered the house to check on Robert and Pat Cogdell. Officers found a large amount of blood in the hallway in front of the bedroom. Officers also found a vehicle in the garage with a broken passenger side door window and blood in the front passenger seat. A search of the property was then conducted. Robert and Pat Cogdell's bodies were found inside the wood line on the west side of the property. They appeared to have been shot multiple times. A white Toyota Tundra truck belonging to Robert Cogdell was discovered missing from the house. A search warrant for the house was obtained and executed. Several .22 shell casings (spent and live) were found in the area of the blood and also in the garage. Two .22 caliber rifles were found in the garage. One is a Ruger, model 10-22, and the other is a High Standard rifle. Blood was found and collected from a tractor parked in the yard. The rug from the living room area was missing from the house.

During the execution of the search warrant, Det. Brad Fornash and I proceeded to 128 Pine Valley Road. We had received information that Justin's mother, Michelle Staton, lived at this address and Justin had recently commented to a family member that he would soon be living with her. Upon our arrival, we were met in the driveway by Justin's grandfather (Michelle's dad). Randy Staton advised that his grandson was in the house. When we asked to speak to Justin, Randy advised us that an arrest would be made. We asked if Justin admitted to being involved in

the death of Robert and Pat, he said yes. Randy handed me a piece of paper with the name, Hunter Drexler, and advised that this is the name of the other responsible person. We entered the house and placed Justin into custody. The missing white Toyota truck was found hidden behind a workshop next to Randy and Michelle's house. A search warrant for the truck was obtained and executed. During the search, we found an AK-47, a 12 gauge shotgun, a black Smith & Wesson .22 caliber pistol with a red dot scope, and a 1911 style .45 caliber pistol. Pistol magazines and ammo for both pistols and the shotgun were found.

During two interviews with Justin on this date, he advised that he and Hunter were talking and he (Justin) mentioned some issues with him and his grandparents. Justin advised that Hunter suggested that the grandparents be shot and killed. Justin advised that he thought Hunter was kidding but when his grandparents arrived, Hunter shot both of them. Justin advised that when the shots were fired, he was holding a loaded .22 caliber pistol and accidentally fired one round, striking Conner Atchley in the upper left area of the chest. Justin advised that this was the only round he fired from the pistol. Justin admitted to helping Hunter move the bodies of his grandparents and showed Hunter how to operate the tractor. Justin admitted to taking money from his grandfather's wallet after he was killed. During interviews with Michelle Staton (Justin's mother), Randy Staton (Justin's grandfather), and Abe Heflin (Michelle's boyfriend) we learned that Justin and Hunter came to the residence on Pine Valley with two people, later identified as Conner Atchley and Anastasia Roberts. Hunter, Conner and Anastasia had been entered into ACIC as runaways. Hunter, Conner and Anastasia were not at the house when Justin was arrested. They were detained several hours later by the Graham Police Department in Texas.

Det. David Short and I met with officers in Graham, Texas and completed a search of Hunter Drexler's vehicle. The search was conducted with the use of a search warrant signed by the area District Judge. Robert Cogdell is a department head in Maumelle. Credit cards for the City of Maumelle, in the name of Robert Cogdell, were found in the vehicle, as well as Robert Cogdell's personal Lowes card, Home Depot card and VA card. Rags with suspected blood stains were also recovered, as well as cotton DNA swabs of several stains. We also discovered cell phones, additional live shells and spent casings. \$580 was confiscated from Conner Atchley's property at the Young County jail in Graham, Texas. The money confiscated from Conner was part of the \$1,000 he accepted from Justin.

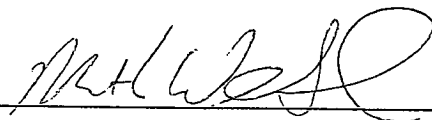
During several interviews with Conner and Anastasia, it was confirmed that Conner had been shot in the upper left chest area. We also discovered that Anastasia was shot in the left forearm. Neither sought medical treatment until they were arrested in Graham, Texas (approximately 30-36 hours later). Both injuries occurred while they sat on the grandparents' bed when Robert Cogdell was shot. Bullets fired towards Robert passed through the wall and struck Conner and Anastasia. Anastasia stated that Robert did not die from his initial gunshot wounds. She advised that he was choking and gurgling while he sat on the floor outside of the bedroom. Anastasia told Justin that he need to do something about the noise Robert was making and suggested that Robert be put out of his misery. She advised that Justin walked over and shot Robert 1 or 2 times. She did not witness the shots being fired but Hunter was nowhere around and Justin was standing over Robert immediately after the shots were fired. Anastasia advised that there was a plan to shoot and kill Justin's grandparents. She and Conner planned to run away and were promised a BMW to use on their run. Pat Cogdell was shot multiple times while sitting in their BMW in their garage. Before they left the house for Michelle's home, Justin gave Hunter \$500 and gave Conner \$1,000. Anastasia advised that she and Conner left the Cogdell's house in the white Toyota truck belonging to Robert Cogdell. Anastasia and Connor both drove the vehicle at different times on the way to Randy Staton's home. She and Conner later left the truck with Michelle Staton and ran away with Hunter Drexler, leaving Justin with his mother.

Conner Atchley confirmed Anastasia's statement. He added that this plan was conceived while he, Justin and Hunter were in juvenile jail together. He advised that Justin's plan was to shoot and kill his grandparents, split a large sum of money and credit cards between the three of them and then they would all run away. Justin estimated their take at \$50,000 to \$90,000. Conner confirmed that Justin gave him \$1,000 that he thought Justin had taken from Robert Cogdell's wallet, and gave Hunter \$500. Hunter's contribution to Justin's plan was furnishing weapons, stolen from his father's collection. Conner's contribution to Justin's plan is his vast knowledge of marijuana (buying, selling, and growing). Conner told Anastasia about the plan after he was released from jail. They both admit to knowing that Robert and Pat were to be killed. They were to receive one of Robert and Pat's vehicles (BMW), some cash and use of their credit cards. Justin admitted to shooting the pistol one time, striking Conner.

Tests conducted by Det. Short on the spent shell casing he recovered at the scene confirm that two different weapons (Ruger rifle and Smith & Wesson pistol) were used to shoot Robert Cogdell, while one weapon (Ruger rifle) was used to fire the shells recovered in the garage where Pat Cogdell was shot. The High Standard rifle found in the garage does not appear to have been used to fire any of the recovered shell casings.

Anastasia admitted that she cleaned up blood in the house that she thought belonged to Conner. Conner and Anastasia admitted, and Walmart video shows, that Connor attempted to use one of Robert Cogdell's credit card, but it was declined

Affiant's Signature: _____



Print Name: Sgt. Mike Welsh

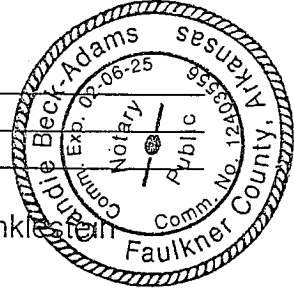
Address: 1105 Prairie Street, Conway, AR 72032 Phone: (501) 450-6130

State of Arkansas
County of Faulkner

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 17th day of September, 2015

Camille Beck-Adams
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission expires: 2-6-2025



Prosecutor Accepting Charges: Cody Hiland, Hugh Fink

I hereby find that this sworn affidavit demonstrates reasonable and probable cause for the issuance of Warrant of Arrest for the above named Defendant, for the above stated offense(s).

(SEAL)

Judge: Troy Bell

DATE: 9-17-15