

IN THE FAULKNER CIRCUIT COURT

STATE OF ARKANSAS

V.

NO. CR

PLAINTIFF

SETH ALDREN STONE

DEFENDANT

DOB 4/9/1998
RACE W
SEX Male


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 **Seth Aldren Stone** with the crime(s) of **Terroristic Threatening 1st** as follows:

COUNT 1: Terroristic Threatening 1st ARK. CODE ANN. § 5-13-301. The said defendant in FAULKNER COUNTY, did unlawfully and feloniously on or about February 1, 2017, with the purpose of terrorizing another person, threaten to cause death or serious physical injury or substantial property damage to another person,

Thereby committing the offense of Terroristic Threatening 1st, said offense being a CLASS D FELONY against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas.

CODY HILAND
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

By  _____

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

Based upon the sworn testimony of Det. Thomas Cole, CPD, 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 6 day of February, 2017



JUDGE

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

Date: 02/06/17

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FAULKNER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
AFFIDAVIT FOR WARRANT OF ARREST FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSON**

POTENTIAL DEFENDANT'S NAME: Seth Aldren Stone



Race: W **Sex:** M **DOB:** 04/09/98  **CSN:** 8531470

SID # 4102220 **Date of Offense:** On or around 02/01/17

VICTIM: State of Arkansas
&
Conway School District

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: 5-13-301 – Terroristic Threatening – 1st Degree – **Felony D**

Habitual Offender: No **Small (2-3 Prior Felonies)** **Large (4+ Felonies)**
Currently Out on Bond: No **Yes**

FACTS CONSTITUTING PROBABLE CAUSE

On 02/04/17 officers with the Conway Police Department were notified of a possible threat that had been regarding a possible planned school shooting at Conway High School. Officers spoke with Earl Williams, a parent of a Conway High School student. Mr. Williams' child showed him posts on the social media site "Instagram" made by user seth_rock_studios. Mr. Williams provided screen shots of the posts to officers. At the time of the report, the time stamp on the posts indicated that they were made "3 days ago", which puts them around 02/01/17.

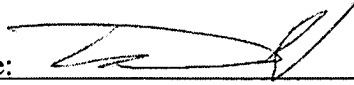
One post was a picture of a young man taking a "selfie" style photo holding what appeared to be an assault-style rifle. A second post was a photo of a similar looking young man (though he is wearing sunglasses in this picture) with his hand positioned as if it were holding a gun and pointing it at the camera. This post had a caption by user seth_rock_studios saying "See you at school tomorrow" followed by a small, cartoonish graphic of a human skull. The third post included a video, which Mr. Williams had made a copy of and provided to police. The video was only a few seconds long, but in it can be seen the barrel of a gun and a piece of wood set up as a target with an orange bulls eye style target drawn in the center. The video appears to have been recorded by the person holding the gun, based on the angle of the footage and its

proximity to the gun. What sounds like a young man's voice can be heard saying, "Y'all thought I was playing" just before the gun is fired. A gunshot can be heard, and a hole appears in the target. This post included a caption, again by sETH_rock_studios, saying, "Y'all thought I was playing?" Immediately following that question were the following "hashtags": #guns #shotgun #shootuptheschool.

Mr. Williams identified the male in the photos as Seth Stone, a student at Conway High School. At that time I was contacted and briefed on the situation. Based on the posts referencing school shootings and the video indicating Seth had both access to and a working knowledge of guns that would enable him to carry out his threats, I advised officers to make a Probable Cause arrest if they were able to locate him. Officers were able to obtain an address, and they made contact with Seth at his parents' house, where he also resided. Officers first made contact with Seth's father, Steven Stone, and asked him to have Seth come downstairs. While waiting, Officer M. Boyd overheard Seth ask his father if the police presence was in reference to posts he had made online. Seth was taken into custody without incident.

The next morning, on 02/05/17, I interviewed Seth at Conway Police Department. I advised him of his Miranda rights in writing, and he acknowledged understanding his rights. Seth admitted to making the posts, and he admitted that he was the one firing the gun in the video. He insisted the posts were all made as a joke, even though his audio commentary on the video and the caption that accompanied the video indicated that it was not a joke. Seth said other students at his school, including some of his friends, often refer to him as a "school shooter" because he dresses in black clothing. He said his posts were essentially just him embracing that joke and playing along. Seth denied having any thoughts about or intentions of actually hurting anyone at his school.

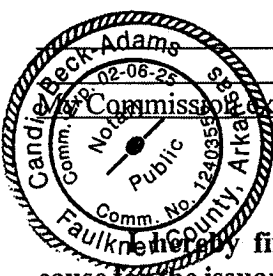
After speaking with Seth, I contacted Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Joan Shipley and reviewed the case with her. She approved the charge of Terroristic Threatening – 1st Degree.

Affiant's Signature: 

Print Name: Det. Thomas Cole

Address: 1105 Prairie St.; Conway Phone: (501) 450-6130
State of Arkansas
County of Faulkner

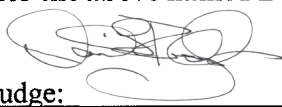
SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 6th day of February, 2017



Candie Beck-Adams
NOTARY PUBLIC
Commission Expires: 2-6-2025

Prosecutor Accepting Charges: Joan Shipley

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: 

DATE: 2/6/17