## ARREST WARRANT

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| STATE OF FLORIDA  -vs- Jamal Levon Riggins Jr. Defendant  DOMESTIC VIOLENCE  |  | Agency: Indian River County Sheriffs Office<br>Agency#: 2018-67786<br>Lead Officer: Aaron Scranton<br>ASA: William Long for ASA Jeff Hendriks<br>ASA Approve Initials&Date: |              |  |                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| In the name of the State of Florida - To all and Singular Sheriffs of the State of Florida and to Any State Attorney Investigator - Greetings:   |  |   |              |  |                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| Whereas upon the sworn affidavit, complaint or other sworn testimony of Aaron Scranton of the Indian River County Sheriffs Office the undersigned Judge, has found that there exists probable cause to believe that one Jamal Levon Riggins Jr., in Indian River County, Florida did commit the below listed offenses, contrary to the provisions of Florida Statutes. |  |   |              |  |                      |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Def Name: Address: DOB: Race/Sex: Ht/Wt: Eye/Hair: SSN: DL#: FDLE: FBI Alias:  | JAMAL LEVON RIGGINS JR. 764 5Th Place Sw, Vero Beach, FI 09/22/1998 B/M 5'11"/150 BRN/BLK  R252-432-98-342-0 7706728 935551ND5 Jamal Levon Riggins Jr. | L 32962   |              | CLERK OF STATE COURT MIDION PARTIES COURT FL | 2010 MAY 14 PM 4: 33 | THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY O |  |  |  |  |
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premeditated design to effect the death of any human being, kill and murder Christard Lennard Hicks, a human being, in violation of Florida Statute 782.04(1)(a);

- COUNT 2: On or about April 20, 2018, Jamal Levon Riggins, Jr. did unlawfully, with a premeditated design to effect the death of any human being, attempt to kill and murder Quintin Jones, a human being, in violation of Florida Statute 782.04(1)(a) and 777.04;
- COUNT 3: On or about April 20, 2018, Jamal Levon Riggins, Jr. did unlawfully, with a premeditated design to effect the death of any human being, attempt to kill and murder Akeemia King, a human being, in violation of Florida Statute 782.04(1)(a) and 777.04;
- COUNT 4: On or about April 20, 2018, Jamal Levon Riggins, Jr. did unlawfully, with a premeditated design to effect the death of any human being, attempt to kill and murder Christopher Curtis Lee, a human being, in violation of Florida Statute 782.04(1)(a) and 777.04;
- COUNT 5: On or about April 20, 2018, Jamal Levon Riggins, Jr. did unlawfully, with a premeditated design to effect the death of any human being, attempt to kill and murder Maxina Titanna Timothee, a human being, in violation of Florida Statute 782.04(1)(a) and 777.04;
- COUNT 6: On or about April 20, 2018, Jamal Levon Riggins, Jr. did unlawfully, with a premeditated design to effect the death of any human being, attempt to kill and murder Un-Named Witness, a human being, in violation of Florida Statute 782.04(1)(a) and 777.04;
- COUNT 7: On or about April 20, 2018, Jamal Levon Riggins, Jr. did own or have in his or her care, custody, possession, or control any firearm, ammunition, or electric weapon or device, or did carry a concealed weapon, including a tear gas gun or chemical weapon or device, after that person had been in violation of Florida Statute 790.23;
- COUNT 8: On or about April 20, 2018, Jamal Levon Riggins, Jr. did wantonly or maliciously shoot at, within, or into, or did throw a missile or hurl or project a stone or other hard substance which would produce death or great bodily harm at, within, or in a public or private building, a public or private bus, train, locomotive, railway car, caboose, cable railway car, street railway car, monorail car, or vehicle of any kind which is being used or occupied by any person, or any boat, vessel, ship, or barge lying in or plying the waters of this state, or aircraft flying through the airspace of this state, in violation of Florida Statute 790.19;

Defendant may go to victim's residence one time with a law enforcement officer to get Defendant's clothing and personal effects;

court proceedings, or within 500 feet of the victim's residence or place of employment, or 100 feet of any

Defendant may speak to victim on the telephone *only* to discuss sharing parental responsibility for their minor child(ren).

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vehicle regularly driven by the victim;

If marked, Defendant shall be held without bond until the First Appearance Hearing. (SEAL) JUDGE



## INDIAN RIVER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2018 CF 643

## **WARRANT AFFIDAVIT**

| CASE#: 2018-67  | 7786<br>ME: <u>Aaron Scranton</u>                       | <b>#</b> 5270  |                 | L PM L: 33                   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| DEFENDANT:  |   |                |                 |                              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Address - Home:   | 764 5 <sup>th</sup> Place SW<br>Vero Beach, Florida     | 1              | Phone – Home:   | 772-501-9729                 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Address – Work:   | Unemployed  |                | _ Phone – Work: | N/A                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| PHYSICAL DESCR  | RIPTION:  |                |                 |                              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Age: 19   | DOB:  | 09/22/1998     | SSN#:           |                              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Race: Black   | k Height:   | 6'2"           | Hair:           | Black                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sex: Male   |   | 185 lbs.       | Eyes:           | Brown                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| OFFENSE:  CT 1 FSS 782.04 1 <sup>st</sup> degree murder  CT 2 - 6 FSS 782.04 / 777.04 1 <sup>st</sup> degree attempted murder  CT 7 FSS 790.23 Possession of a firearm by convicted felon  CT 8 FSS 790.19 Shooting or throwing deadly missiles  DATE/TIME OF OFFENSE:  Friday, April 20, 2018 at approximately 4:52 PM |   |                |                 |                              |  |  |  |  |  |
| OFFENSE LOCATION: 4411 25 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Vero Beach, FL 32967   |   |                |                 |                              |  |  |  |  |  |
| VICTIM: CT 1: Christard Hicks (deceased) CT 2 – 6: Christopher Lee, Quintin Jones, Akeemia King, Maxina Timothee & an un-named witness (at this time) whom has identified him/herself to me utilizing government issued ID. CT 7: State of Florida CT 8: State of Florida   |   |                |                 |                              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Address - Home:   | Christopher Lee:<br>4411 25 <sup>th</sup> Ave. Vero     | Beach, FL      | Phone – Home:   | 772-501-6933                 |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Quintin Jones:<br>1385 20 <sup>th</sup> Ave. SW \<br>FL | Vero Beach,    |                 | 772-643-5543<br>772-501-0451 |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Akeemia King:<br>4536 33 <sup>rd</sup> Ave. Verd        | Beach, FL      |                 | 561-614-9876                 |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Maxina Timothee:<br>5011 Sanibel Ave. I                 | Ft. Pierce, FL | _               | 772-201-3716                 |  |  |  |  |  |

WITNESSES:

Christopher Lee, Quintin Jones, Akeemia King, Maxina Timothee & an un-named witness (at this time) whom has identified him/herself to me utilizing government issued ID.

## NATURE OF COMPLAINT:

On Friday, April 20, 2018, I responded to 4411 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue Vero Beach, Florida in reference to a shooting that occurred at approximately 4:52 PM. Upon my arrival I made contact with Indian River County Sheriff Criminal Investigations Detective Christopher Lester who informed me that preliminary interviews conducted prior to my arrival revealed that a young adult male was shot while standing in the front yard with friends. I spoke with Indian River County Sheriff Crime Scene Detective Christian Yanchula who was processing the scene. Detective Yanchula told me that spent .223 rifle rounds were located on the ground east of the home and near the roadway and that .223 projectiles were found in the homes walls. I was advised that the victim was transported to the Indian River Medical Center in critical condition. I responded to the Indian River Medical Center and made contact with medical staff who stated that the victim was in emergency room 15 and that he was pronounced deceased by Dr. Thompson at 5:30 PM due to a gunshot wound he suffered during the shooting. The victim was identified as 19-year-old Christard Hicks.

During the course of the investigation, detectives found that Christard was driven to the residence by Maxina Timothee and that other occupants in her vehicle were Akeemia King, Quintin Jones and a third witness who will not be named until a later time. Also present at the home was resident, Christopher Lee, who provided an initial statement to Deputy Haffield; however, Lee has been unreachable since the shooting for further questioning by detectives. An excerpt from Deputy Haffield's case report regarding his interview with Christopher is below:

"I then made contact with witness Christopher Lee. Lee stated he was hanging out on the front porch of the residence with several friends when a black Chrysler 300 drove past them. Several minutes later, the same vehicle drove past the residence a second time. Lee stated he noticed this to be suspicious. When the vehicle passed directly in front of the residence, the passenger side front window rolled down and Lee observed a rifle sticking out of the window. Lee stated at this point, he turned and ran away from the vehicle along the north side of the residence. Lee informed me he heard approximately 8 shots in a close consecutive sequence. Once the shooting stopped, Lee went back to the front of the residence at which point he heard Maxina Timothee screaming from the south side of the residence stating Hicks had been shot. 911 was then called and Lee awaited Law Enforcement arrival."

An interview with Maxina was conducted on Friday, April 20, 2018. While speaking with Maxina she told me that while gathering in the front yard of 4411 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, her friends told her they noticed a black Chrysler 200 with tinted windows just drove by the home. Moments later, Maxina saw the black Chrysler 200 approach the home that her friends had just described with the front passenger side window down. Maxina told me that the Chrysler 200 slowed in front of the home and that a black male occupying the front passenger seat wearing a black skull cap and a black short sleeved T-shirt with a black long sleeved shirt underneath stuck the barrel of a black rifle out of the window, pointed it at the crowd and fired the rifle several times in their direction. Maxina told me that one of the rounds fired struck Christard. During the interview, I asked Maxina how she knew the vehicle was a Chrysler 200 and she told me that her sister drives a newer

model Chrysler 200 and that she is familiar with the body styles of the 200 model. Maxina stated that the Chrysler that drove by was an older model 200. Maxina was asked if she knew the shooters name or if she could provide further details; however, Maxina still appeared to be in shock during this interview and stated she was unable.

During a later follow up interview with Maxina on Friday, April 27, 2018, she told investigators that the person who shot Christard was Jamal Riggins. Investigators asked Maxina how she knew the shooter was Jamal. Maxina told investigators that moments prior to the shooting she and her passengers left "This and That" (Four Points convenience store 3453 45<sup>th</sup> Street Vero Beach, Florida) and drove to the 4500 block of 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue where her passengers gathered outside the car as she remained within her vehicle. Maxina told investigators that while on 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, she saw Jamal Riggins outside across the street wearing his Auntie Annie's work shirt, khaki pants and a hat. During interviews with other witnesses, investigators were told that Jamal made contact with the group of friends and argued with Quintin; however, Maxina does not mention the argument in her follow up statement. I made contact with Maxina following this interview to ask if she had seen Jamal approach her friends and argue with Quintin. Maxina told me that because she never exited her vehicle with the other occupants, she never saw an altercation between Quintin and Jamal.

Maxina stated that when her friends got back into her vehicle they all left 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and while enroute to 4411 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, she and the occupants saw Jamal following behind them as the driver in a white vehicle (believed to be his girlfriend Ariel Sapp's vehicle). Maxina also noticed that while Jamal was following them that he was using his cellular phone. Maxina stated that once she and her passengers arrived at the home on 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, the white vehicle Jamal was driving continued driving away out of sight. Maxina then reiterated what she told investigators earlier about the sighting of the Chrysler 200 and stated not long after Jamal found out where they were at on 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue her friends saw a black Chrysler 200 drive past the home. Maxina stated that at approximately 4:45 PM she exited her vehicle and her friends pointed out the same black vehicle to her, but that this time the front passenger side window was down which revealed Jamal brandishing a rifle and shooting into the crowd at the home, striking Christard. Maxina stated that the person who was shooting at them was the same person she identified as Jamal Riggins while gathering on 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

After Maxina's follow up interview, detectives reviewed video surveillance footage from Four Points convenience store and located the footage that Maxina described; it should be noted that the video surveillance footage was one hour behind the current time. On the footage, detectives observed Maxina arrive at the establishment at 4:12 PM (adjusted time to compensate for the one-hour difference noted) in her gray 2010 Chevrolet Malibu. Christard exited the front passenger compartment and Quinton exited the rear passenger compartment, both of them then entered the store while Maxina waited outside in her vehicle. While in the store, Christard and Quinton made a small purchase and exited the store. At 4:14 PM, both Christard and Quinton re-enter Maxina's vehicle and are driven away east bound on 45<sup>th</sup> Street towards 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue (one block to the east) out of camera view where she gathered with friends on the west side of 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue.

An interview with Quinton Jones was conducted on Friday, April 20, 2018. While speaking with Quinton he told me that while gathering in the front yard of 4411 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue he noticed a black four door Chrysler 200 with tinted windows drive past the home with its passenger side windows up. Quinton stated that moments later the same Chrysler 200 approached the home again; however, this time the passenger side window was down.

Quinton stated that the Chrysler slowed in front of the home and that an unknown black male occupying the front passenger seat wearing all black stuck the barrel of a black rifle out of the window, pointed it at the crowd and fired the rifle several times in their direction. Quinton told me that one of the rounds fired struck Christard. During this interview, Quinton seemed hesitant to provide more information to investigators as he was in fear for his life of retaliation from the shooter; therefore, Quinton did not provide more detailed information about the incident at this time.

A follow up interview was conducted with Quintin on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. During the follow up interview, Quintin added to his original statement that prior to the shooting he was driven to Four Points convenience store by Maxina and that he and Christard went into the store to make a purchase. Quintin stated that after leaving the store, Maxina drove himself, Christard, Akeemia and another witness to the 4500 block of 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and that while there, they parked on the west side of the road to gather. Quintin told investigators that while on the west side of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Jamal Riggins approached him from the east. Quinton previously heard rumors that while Jamal was incarcerated in prison he was "talking trash" about him to one of his close friends who was incarcerated in the same prison.

As Jamal approached, Quintin confronted him and verbally disrespected him in public. Quintin stated that the two argued momentarily and that Jamal asked with hostility where Quintin was going to be at later. After the two exchanged words Jamal began to walk away and make a phone call. While Jamal was on the phone, Quintin said that he and his friends entered Maxina's car and began to leave the area enroute to 4411 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Quintin stated that as they were leaving, Jamal entered the driver's seat of a white four door vehicle with a female in the passenger seat and followed behind them. Quintin said that Jamal followed behind them, to the house on 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and that after they parked, he could see Jamal through the windows of the white vehicle on his phone looking back at them. Quintin stated that once the white vehicle was out of sight, approximately 7-10 minutes later was when he noticed the black Chrysler 200 drive by the first time followed by the second time which is when the shooting occurred. Investigators asked Quintin if he could identify any of the occupants in the Chrysler 200 and he stated that he could not because prior to the shooting his back was toward the road and when the shooting started he turned briefly then sought cover.

An interview with Akeemia King was conducted on Friday, April 20, 2018. While speaking with Akeemia she told investigators that while gathering in the front yard of 4411 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue she noticed a black four door Chrysler 200 with tinted windows drive past the home with its passenger side windows up. Akeemia stated that moments later the same Chrysler 200 approached the home again; however, this time the passenger side window was down. Akeemia stated that the Chrysler slowed in front of the home and that a black male occupying the front passenger seat wearing a black long sleeve shirt with a black durag stuck the barrel of a black rifle out of the window, pointed it at the crowd and fired the rifle several times in their direction. Akeemia told me that one of the rounds fired struck Christard.

Akeemia was asked if she knew the passenger and initially was hesitant to reply. Akeemia is 16 years old and her mother, Miranda Simmons, was present for the interview. Miranda interjected and told her daughter not to keep anything from investigators. Miranda then asked Akeemia who shot the gun and if she had seen the suspects face. Akeemia stated that she did see the shooters face and told investigators "Jamal L. Riggins shot that bitch, I seen his face". I then asked Akeemia if she was 100% positive and she replied

stating that she was 100% positive. Investigators asked Akeemia how she was able to positively identify Jamal as the shooter. Akeemia replied stating that she had seen him in the passenger seat of the Chrysler 200 and that she knows how he looks. Furthermore, Akeemia and Miranda live three homes south of Jamal's family's residence on 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Gifford and Akeemia grew up around Jamal.

Investigators also questioned Akeemia about the driver of the Chrysler 200 and asked if she knew the driver's identity. Akeemia was unable to see the driver in the vehicle; however, Akeemia and Miranda stated that the owner of the vehicle and suspected driver of the black Chrysler 200 is a 'Riggins' and is Jamal's cousin. Through investigation, detectives were able to locate a black older model 2011 Chrysler 200 registered to Dominique Riggins, who is Jamal's cousin. After speaking with Akeemia and Miranda, an attempt to locate was created and disseminated to law enforcement to be on the lookout for a black 2011 Chrysler 200 bearing Florida license plate GNZH96 registered to Dominique Riggins.

An interview with Jamal Riggins was conducted on Friday, April 20, 2018, at approximately 11:58 PM, after he responded voluntarily to the sheriff's office. While speaking with Jamal, he was read his Miranda rights, which he waived. Post Miranda, Jamal told investigators that on Friday, April 20, 2018, he was at work at Auntie Annie's Pretzel within the Indian River Mall (6200 20<sup>th</sup> Street Vero Beach, FL) from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Jamal stated that after his shift he was picked up by his girlfriend, Ariel Sapp, at approximately 4:10 PM and that Ariel drove him to Publix (2040 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue Vero Beach, Florida) to cash his paycheck. Jamal stated that he was not in Publix long and that afterwards he re-entered Ariel's vehicle. Detectives later verified that Jamal was at work and clocked out at 4:00 PM on April 20<sup>th</sup> and that he did cash his paycheck at Publix and exited the store at 4:20 PM.

Jamal told detectives that after leaving Publix at 4:20 PM, Ariel drove him to his grandma's house on 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in Gifford, Florida (later determined to be 4566 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue). Jamal stated that he and Ariel stayed at the home together until approximately 5:00 PM or 5:30 PM and that his mother (Sherice Watson) was also inside the home with them. Jamal advised that somewhere between 5:00 PM and 5:30 PM, Sherice drove him to Jackie's Sandwich Shop (5470 45<sup>th</sup> Street Vero Beach, Florida) while Ariel followed behind them separately in her vehicle. Jamal stated that he and Sherice went into the store while Ariel waited outside. Once Jamal and Sherice exited the store, Sherice left to go back to the home on 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue while Jamal entered Ariel's vehicle. Jamal then stated Ariel drove him to his father's home located at 764 5<sup>th</sup> Place SW Vero Beach, Florida, where they remained until Jamal came in on his own for an interview.

On Saturday, April 21, 2018, at approximately 5:33 PM, an interview was conducted with Ariel Sapp in an effort to establish Jamal's alibi. While speaking with Ariel to prove or disprove Jamal's whereabouts, Ariel told me that after picking up Jamal from work and taking him to Publix to cash his paycheck that she began to drive Jamal south to his father's home, but that he received a phone call on his cellular phone and asked her to turn around and drive to Jackie's Store so he could meet his mother. Ariel told investigators that the two would have arrived at Jackie's Store at approximately 4:30 PM and that Jamal's mother was already in the parking lot waiting on them to arrive. Ariel told investigators that she and Jamal remained at Jackie's store for approximately 50 minutes (creating an alibi for the time of the homicide) and that after meeting with Jamal's mother and leaving Jackie's Store she drove Jamal to his father's home where she remained

with him until approximately 10:00 PM. Ariel was asked if she ever drove Jamal to his mother's home or other location east of Jackie's Store and she stated she did not.

After Ariel's interview, investigators responded to Jackie's Store and reviewed video surveillance footage. During a review of the footage, investigators found that Jamal, Ariel and Sherice did meet at Jackie's store, but that it was from 6:06 PM to 6:08 PM; after the homicide which occurred at approximately 4:52 PM. Both vehicles drove from the Gifford Area together (east to west on 45<sup>th</sup> Street) and Jamal Riggins was occupying Ariel's vehicle, not his mother's as Jamal Riggins claimed.

After reviewing the surveillance footage, investigators confronted Ariel about discrepancies in her statement with a follow up interview on Monday, April 23, 2018. Prior to the interview, Ariel was read her Miranda rights, which she waived. Ariel was also warned that lying in a homicide investigation is a crime and that she can be arrested. While speaking with Ariel she admitted she lied to investigators in an effort to mislead them in their investigation because she was scared for Jamal. Ariel re-canted her original statement and now told investigators that after leaving Publix, she drove Jamal to the area of 41st Street and 58th Avenue where she dropped him off at approximately 4:30 PM. Ariel told investigators that she does not know where Jamal went or what he did for approximately one hour. Ariel told investigators that approximately one hour later, she received a message from Jamal's phone asking that she pick him up at 4207 28th Court (Dominique's home). Ariel began driving to Dominique's home, but received another message from Jamal's phone asking that she now pick him up in the area of Victory Park Apartments in Gifford. Ariel told investigators that she picked up Jamal Riggins from Victory Park Apartments and that afterwards she drove him to Jackie's Store as the video surveillance shows.

On Tuesday, May 1, 2018, investigators conducted an interview with Sherice at her home on 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. While speaking with Sherice she told investigators that Jamal was working on Friday, April 20, 2018, and that shortly after getting off work he came home to ask for assistance in renting a vehicle. Investigators asked Sherice who drove Jamal to her home, but Sherice advised she was unsure because she was inside the home in her bathroom. Sherice stated that Jamal was not at the home long and that she did not know who provided him transportation away from her home as she never exited or made contact with anyone other than Jamal. Sherice told investigators that she later called Jamal to borrow \$10.00 and he told her to meet him and Ariel in Victory Park. Sherice stated that she got a ride from Jamal's aunt, Jamie Tierney, to Victory Park and met with Jamal at Shantana Grier's home (3952 Lincoln Drive Vero Beach, Florida). Sherice said that Jamie provided her with transportation to Jackie's Store while Jamal followed as a passenger in Ariel's car and that after leaving the store each vehicle and its occupants parted ways.

After finding more inconsistencies with Ariel's first and second statements, she was interviewed a third time on Friday, May 4, 2018. During the third interview with Ariel, she was read her Miranda rights, which she waived. Ariel was warned again that lying in a homicide investigation is a crime and that she can be arrested. While speaking with Ariel she changed her testimony again and said that this time she wants to be honest. Ariel now stated that after Jamal cashed his paycheck at Publix he drove her in her vehicle to Sherice's home on 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. Ariel told investigators that Jamal was arguing on the phone with somebody and that when he exited the drivers compartment of her vehicle he entered Sherice's home. Ariel stated that while Jamal went inside the home, she got back into the driver's seat and left. Ariel stated she went east on 45<sup>th</sup> Street and south on US Highway 1 back to Jamal's fathers home and that upon arriving at the home she stayed for

approximately 30-40 minutes. Ariel stated that while at Jamal's fathers home she spoke with Jamal over the phone and he provided her with Dominique's address, asking her to come pick him up from 4207 28<sup>th</sup> Court. Ariel left Jamal's fathers home and began driving to Dominique's house, but while enroute she spoke with Jamal again and said he was now asking that she come pick him up in Victory Park.

Ariel stated that she continued her route to Gifford and that when she arrived in the area she went to Dominique's house first instead of immediately responding to Victory Park. Ariel stated that Jamal then appeared in Dominique's doorway wearing a black tank top with a black du-rag on his head with his work shirt, work visor and a black long sleeved shirt bunched up in his hands. Jamal entered the passenger seat of Ariel's vehicle and he gave her directions to Victory Park. Ariel stated that while parked in her vehicle at Victory Park she could tell that something was wrong with Jamal. Ariel asked Jamal if he just got into a fight or did something wrong and he said he did not do either of those. Ariel then stated that Jamal exited the vehicle and sat on a front porch chair to the home they were visiting. Ariel described Jamal's demeanor while seated on the porch as having "his head down and was staring into space". Ariel exited her vehicle with her baby and walked over to Jamal to see what just happened and why he was upset. Ariel stated that Jamal began crying and that he said he's ready to leave. Jamal then told Ariel that Dominique was supposed to meet him in Victory Park, but Ariel said he never showed. Ariel said that Jamal then called Sherice and asked again for a rental vehicle. Shortly thereafter, Sherice arrived in Victory Park being driven by a female in a white SUV which is when Ariel and Jamal entered her vehicle and followed Sherice and the SUV to Jackie's Store.

Ariel told investigators that after leaving Jackie's Store she drove Jamal to his father's home and that while enroute she noticed Jamal was getting phone calls from people asking if he shot and killed Christard. Ariel confronted Jamal about the allegations and Jamal denied them. Ariel stated that while at Jamal's fathers home, Jamal's family was present and they too received phone calls from people saying Jamal was involved in a drive by shooting, but Jamal continued to state he didn't do anything.

Ariel said that throughout the evening she spoke with Jamal about the incident and continued asking if he was the shooter, but Jamal continuously denied being the shooter. Ariel then asked if Jamal knew who the shooter was and said that Jamal paused and didn't answer, leading her to believe Jamal knew who the shooter was. Ariel then recalled Jamal mentioning an altercation that Dominique and Quintin were involved in a few days prior to April 20<sup>th</sup> at a store in Gifford and that during the altercation, Quintin flashed a gun at Dominique, but Dominique didn't have a gun on him so he left and the altercation ceased. Ariel then told investigators she asked Jamal if that was why Christard got shot and Jamal replied to her stating, "Christard was never the target". Ariel asked Jamal again if he knew who the shooter was and Jamal paused, followed by stating he just wants his name lifted because he didn't shoot Christard.

On Monday, April 23, 2018, Indian River County Sheriff's Corporal Jacob Curby located the Chrysler 200 registered to Dominique Riggins. While the vehicle was mobile, Corporal Curby conducted a registration check on the vehicle and confirmed that it was the vehicle in the attempt to locate. Corporal Curby noticed that the vehicle no longer had tinted windows and could see the driver whom he was able to positively identify as Dominique Riggins. Corporal Curby conducted a driver's license check of Dominique Riggins and learned that his license has been expired since 9/26/2012. Corporal Curby and other law enforcement officers conducted a traffic stop on the Chrysler 200 and made contact with Dominique, who was transported to the Indian River County Sheriff's Office

for an interview. Dominique's vehicle was towed to the Indian River County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene compound where it was later processed after obtaining a search warrant.

During an interview with Dominique on Monday, April 23, 2018, he was read his Miranda rights, which he waived. Post Miranda, Dominique told investigators that he was the only person to drive his vehicle on Friday, April 20, 2018. Dominique stated that he only has one set of keys and that they were in his possession on that day and nobody else's. Investigators asked Dominique if Jamal was a passenger in his vehicle on Friday, April 20, 2018, and he stated he was not; furthermore, he never talked to or saw Jamal on that date. Investigators asked Dominique if he had any other passengers in his vehicle on Friday, April 20, 2018, and he stated he did not. Dominique was asked if there would be anything in his vehicle that we would be concerned about and he stated that there would be a small amount of marijuana on the floor and a loaded Ruger 5.56 rifle in the trunk that did not belong to him, but that his fingerprints would be on it. Based on my training and experience, I know that guns chambered in 5.56 can safely shoot .223 ammunition like the casings recovered at the crime scene. Dominique told investigators that the Ruger rifle was not involved in any crime to his knowledge and that it belonged to his friend, Michael Strapp Jr. Dominique stated that Michael contacted him on Saturday, April 21, 2018, and asked him to hold onto the rifle for him because he had been drinking alcohol. Also during the interview, investigators questioned Dominique about his Chrysler 200 and if it had tinted windows. Dominique told investigators that he had tinted windows on his vehicle, but that he removed the tint on Tuesday, April 17, 2018. Towards the end of the interview, Dominique grew agitated and was transported to the IRC jail on a charge related to Corporal Curby's traffic stop.

After interviewing Dominique; Detective Lester and Detective Prouty conducted an interview with Michael Strapp. While Michael spoke with Detective's he told them that he did let Dominique borrow his Ruger rifle on Saturday, April 21, 2018, but that it was because Dominique asked to borrow it for protection and not because he had been drinking alcohol. It should be noted that subsequent to an executed search warrant on Dominique's Chrysler 200, investigators located a receipt that showed Dominique purchased a KelTec .223 rifle on January 31, 2018, from Indian River Sportsman located at 4157 US Highway 1 in Gifford, Florida. To date, detectives have been unable to locate the KelTec rifle.

During the course of this investigation and after speaking with Dominique, investigators recovered video surveillance footage from Citgo gas station located at 4105 US Highway 1 Vero Beach, FL that showed Dominique arriving at the gas station on Friday, April 20, 2018, at approximately 3:44 PM (approximately one hour prior to the shooting) with dark window tint affixed to all windows of his vehicle, disproving his statement that he removed the window tint on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, (three days prior to the shooting) that was described by all witnesses.

Also during this investigation, detectives obtained call records from Jamal's phone which revealed that Jamal made an outgoing phone call to Dominique at 4:38 PM that lasted 21 seconds and that at 4:41 PM Jamal received an incoming call from Dominique that lasted 32 seconds. Jamal's phone records show that there were no other calls or text messages made until after the shooting occurred at approximately 4:52 PM. It should be noted that after the homicide occurred, at 6:26 PM, Jamal received an incoming phone call that lasted 25 seconds from Dominique.

On Wednesday, April 25, 2018, Quinton responded to the Indian River County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene building where a show up of Dominique's seized vehicle was conducted. Quinton looked at the Chrysler 200 and realized that the vehicles window tint was missing. Even with the window tint missing, Quinton was able to positively identify the body of the Chrysler 200 as the same Chrysler 200 used in the drive by shooting.

On Thursday, April 26, 2018, Akeemia responded to the Indian River County Sheriff's Office Crime Scene building where a show up of Dominique's seized vehicle was conducted. Akeemia looked at the Chrysler 200 and realized that the vehicles window tint was missing. Even with the window tint missing, Akeemia was able to positively identify the body of the Chrysler 200 as the same Chrysler 200 used in the drive by shooting.

On Wednesday, May 2, 2018, Investigators located the whereabouts of another witness who was on scene during the shooting who shall remain nameless at this time. This witness is professionally known to me while in the scope of my law enforcement duties and has been positively identified using the Driver and Vehicle Information Database. During an interview with this witness, the witness told investigators that he/she was on scene during the time of the drive by shooting and that he/she could pick the suspect out of a photo lineup. I read the witness the photo lineup instructions and walked away so the witness could look over the photos of individuals. While standing at a distance, the witness almost immediately told me he/she made an identification. From a distance, I told the witness to refer to the instructions to complete the lineup. The witness began to tap on one of the suspects photos using an open tipped pen. I approached the witness and noticed several pen markings on photo number two, which was a photo of Jamal Riggins. The witness told me he/she positively identified photo two as the suspect, but refused to initial and date the photograph as the instructions described. While speaking with the witness, he/she told me that he/she has detailed information about the shooting and why it took place, but that he/she would not tell me until Jamal was incarcerated because he/she has received threats and was in fear for his/her life due to retaliation.

On Friday, May 4, 2018, investigators responded to Jamal's home located at 764 5<sup>th</sup> Place SW for a follow up interview. Upon arrival, contact was made with Jamal and he was advised that he was not under arrest and that he did not have to speak with investigators if he chose not to. Jamal agreed to speak with investigators and told us again that he was not the person who shot Christard. Investigators asked Jamal to go over his afternoon again after leaving Publix at 4:20 PM on April 20<sup>th</sup>. Jamal told investigators that Ariel drove him to Sherice's home on 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and that Jamal went inside to ask his mom to help him get a rental car while Ariel waited in her vehicle. Jamal said that Sherice refused to help him get a rental car so he called his Auntie Jamie (Jamie Tierney) on the phone, but she too refused to help him. Jamal stated that after speaking with Sherice inside the home and Jamie on the phone he came outside he discovered Ariel was gone.

Jamal stated he called Ariel and asked where she went. Jamal said that Ariel replied telling him that she left and was on her way to his dad's home (764 5<sup>th</sup> Place SW Vero Beach, Florida). Jamal asked Ariel to turn around and meet him at Dominique's house. Jamal said that while Ariel turned around to meet at Dominique's home he called her again and told her that he was no longer going to Dominique's house because he wouldn't answer his phone and he didn't know where he was at, so he asked Ariel to now meet him in Victory Park. Jamal then stated that Sherice asked Jamie to drop him off in Victory Park. Jamal claims Jamie gave him a ride from Sherice's house to Victory Park and that upon their arrival, he exited Jamie's vehicle and entered Ariel's vehicle at which time they left Victory Park and went to Jackie's Store followed by his dad's home.

After speaking with Jamal, investigators conducted an interview with Jamie on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. While speaking with Jamie, she told investigators that on Friday, April 20, 2018, she took her son to a barber shop in Gifford to get a haircut. Jamie told investigators that while her son was getting his hair cut she went to Sherice's home on 33rd Avenue and gave her a ride in her white Dodge Journey SUV to Victory Park so Sherice could meet with Jamal. Jamie stated that after picking up Sherice she went west on 45th Street from 33rd Avenue and north onto 40th Avenue. Jamie stated that when she came to Victory Park she took the first right hand turn (which would be Kennedy Court) and followed the road around a corner where she located Jamal and Ariel in Ariel's vehicle. Jamie stated that she never even stopped her vehicle and that Ariel began to follow her out of Victory Park. Jamie stated that she exited Victory Park on the middle road (which would be Washington Terrace) and went south on 40<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 45<sup>th</sup> Street on the way to Jackie's Store. Video surveillance footage from Victory Park confirms Jamie's statements. The video from Victory Park is seven minutes fast and recorded Jamie and Ariel's vehicle on camera at 6:09 PM (actually 6:02 PM). Jamie stated that she was only at Jackie's store for a couple of minutes (confirmed on Jackie's video) and that afterwards she gave Sherice a ride back to her home while Jamal and Ariel went their separate way together. Once Sherice was dropped off, Jamie picked up her son from the barber and drove back to her home in Sebastian. Investigators asked Jamie if she ever gave Jamal a ride to Victory Park on April 20<sup>th</sup> as Jamal claimed and she told investigators she did not.

On Tuesday, May 8, 2018, I responded to the home of the aforementioned witness and requested the witness meet with me and Assistant State Attorney Jeff Hendriks. The witness agreed to meet and followed me to ASA Hendriks' office. While meeting with the witness, he/she told me that while Jamal was incarcerated in prison he was "talking trash" about Quintin. The witness told me that while gathering on 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue with Maxina, Akeemia, Christard and Quintin that Jamal arrived as a passenger in a white car driven by a black female. The witness stated that when Jamal exited the vehicle he went into a residence and after a short period of time, he exited and walked over to Quintin to shake his hand. The witness stated that Quintin disrespected Jamal by not shaking his hand and confronted him about the trash talking Jamal did while in prison. The witness stated that the two became engaged in a verbal argument and that during the argument, Jamal asked Quintin in a hostile manner where he would be later. The witness stated that he/she then heard Quintin reply to Jamal, telling him to come find him. The witness stated that Jamal left the crowd and began making phone calls while entering the driver's seat of the white vehicle he arrived in moments prior. Jamal's phone records obtained via court order show that Jamal made an outgoing phone call to Dominique at 4:38 PM that lasted 21 seconds and that at 4:41 PM Jamal received an incoming call from Dominique that lasted 32 seconds. Jamal's phone records show that there were no other calls or text messages made until after the shooting.

The witness stated that while Jamal was on the phone, he/she and the four others entered into Maxina's vehicle and began to drive away from 33<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. The witness stated that while they were leaving the area, Jamal followed behind them in the white vehicle. The witness stated that when they arrived to 4411 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Jamal continued driving past the home and out of sight.

The witness stated that approximately 10-15 minutes later, he/she was gathering in the front yard with Akeemia, Christard and Quintin when he/she noticed a black Chrysler 200 with chrome door handles, other chrome trim accessories and tinted windows that were all rolled up drive past the home. The witness stated that less than one minute later the same Chrysler 200 approached the home again at a slow speed and that this time the front

passenger side window was down. The witness stated that as the vehicle approached the home, it slowly drove by and that Jamal Riggins was seen occupying the front passenger seat wearing a black shirt and black du-rag brandishing a rifle. The witness stated that Jamal began shooting at the crowd and that everyone began to take cover. The witness advised that after the shooting occurred, he/she realized that Christard was shot. The witness was shown a photograph of Dominique's Chrysler 200 that was captured from video surveillance camera at Citgo before the shooting with the window tint still intact. The witness was able to positively identify Dominique's vehicle as the same vehicle Jamal occupied during the shooting.

Investigators made contact with Dominique on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, for a follow up interview; however, he requested legal counsel and refused to speak without a lawyer present.

On Monday, May 14, 2018, a criminal history for Jamal Riggins was requested. The results of Jamal's criminal history showed that on Friday, June 9, 2017, he was convicted of two third degree felony's; carrying a concealed firearm and child abuse intentional act; therefore, it is illegal for him to possess a firearm and/or ammunition.

I SWEAR THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS CORRECT AND TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Law Enforcement Officer or Notary

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