

FACTS CONSTITUTING PROBABLE CAUSE

On Thursday, November 12, 2009, at approximately 2:15 a.m., a 911 call was made to report a fire near the crosswalk overpass at Lake Hamilton School. At 2:21 a.m. the first 70 West firefighters arrived on the scene at 3450 Old Airport Road, the residence of Edward Gentry, Sr.

There are two residences on this property. The first residence is a trailer with an address of 3458-A Old Airport Road. It had been damaged by fire and contained the bodies of Jeremy Robert Gentry (white male, date of birth of 10/07/85), Kristyn Nichole Warneke (white female, date of birth of 8/16/90), Pamela Fern Gentry (white female, date of birth of 11/03/57), and Edward Earl Gentry, Jr. (white male, date of birth of 1/02/54). In the other residence, a permanent structure, which had not been damaged by fire was located the body of Edward Gentry, Sr. (white male, date of birth of 7/26/29).

On the above date at 2:30 a.m., the Hot Springs Fire Department and the Hot Springs Police Department responded to a vehicle fire at 189 Davidson Drive. The vehicle was a white GMC truck registered to Edward Gentry, Sr.

The medical examiner ruled that the manner of death for each individual was homicide.

Partial findings were as follows:

1. Edward Gentry, Jr.'s death was caused by a gunshot wound of the head. A .45 caliber projectile was recovered from the body.
2. Jeremy Gentry's death was caused by one gunshot wound of the head. No projectile was recovered.
3. Kristyn Warneke's death was caused by two gunshot wounds of the head. A .25 caliber and a .45 caliber projectile was recovered from the body.
4. Pamela Gentry's death was caused by at least 3 bullets that caused 10 gunshot wounds. A .22 caliber projectile was recovered from the body. A 9 mm projectile was recovered from the body bag of the deceased.
5. Edward Gentry, Sr.'s death was caused by two near contact gunshot wounds of the head. Two non-jacketed .22 caliber projectiles were recovered from the body.

Surviving family members reported missing guns, tires and rims, televisions and two checkbooks belonging to Edward Gentry, Sr.

Shannon Shepherd, Special Agent for the Arkansas State Police, investigated the fire at Old Airport Road. Based on the burn patterns present and the physical evidence found at the fire scene, it is his professional opinion that the fire originated in the bedroom located in the southwest corner of the trailer. Also, it is his opinion that the fire was intentionally set and that some type of accelerant was used to generate a high heat release at floor level.

Tom Braughton, Assistant Fire Marshall with the Hot Springs Fire Department,

investigated the abandoned vehicle belonging to Edward Gentry, Sr., that was located at 189 Davidson. In his professional opinion, the fire originated at the interior compartment, spreading outward with no point of origin being found. By having two separate burn patterns, one on the interior compartment and the other at the gas fill compartment, he believed the fire was intentionally set.

On November 13, 2009, Theresa Hunter, girlfriend of Detric Conway, pawned (4) 24 inch Incubus rims and tires and four (4) 26 inch Milanni rims and tires at Central Pawn located at 3617 Central Avenue, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Detric Conway is the brother of Sam Conway. The four (4) 26 inch Milanni rims and tires were identified by Joe Gentry as belonging to the deceased, Jeremy Gentry.

On Friday, November 13, 2009, Sean Green went to the apartment of Shayla Kriese and Sam Conway at Oaklawn Villa, No. 6, and observed 3 flat screen televisions. The only person in the apartment was Jeremy Pickney. Pickney stated to Mr. Green that there was a larger television set for sale but at a different location. He also stated that they had some 24 inch and 26 inch rims that were for sale. He stated that they came from the "lick" they hit. Sean Green bought a 47 inch LG flat screen television from Jeremy Pickney.

Mr. Pickney also said that he had a double barrel shotgun he needed to sell and that he had gotten this when they "hit a lick out by Lake Hamilton School."

Sean Green also stated that Sam Conway drives a gray Cadillac Fleetwood.

Michael Kinsella, a friend of Jeremy Gentry, states that the television purchased by Sean Green from Jeremy Pickney looks like a television owned by Jeremy Gentry. Joe Gentry, brother of Jeremy Gentry, stated that from the front the television looked like the television that was in Jeremy Gentry's bedroom.

On November 18, 2009, at 11:30 a.m., a Drug Task Force informant purchased a set of four (4) 26 inch tires and rims from Marvin Stringer. These tires and rims were identified by Mike Stolz, Cindy McLaughlin, Sean Jarvis and Michael Kinsella as belonging to Jeremy Gentry.

On November 19, 2009, two Drug Task Force agents arranged for a confidential informant to buy two firearms from Marvin Stringer. The two guns purchased were a .40 caliber glock and a 9 mm glock. The .40 caliber glock was identified as belonging to Edward Gentry, Sr. The 9 mm glock was identified as belonging to Scott McNeely, son-in-law of Edward Gentry, Sr.

On November 19, 2009, arrest warrants were obtained for Marvin Stringer, Jeremy Pickney and Sam Conway.

Marvin Stringer was located at the Rodeway Inn located at 1125 East Grand and was shot and killed as officers attempted to make entry into his hotel room.

At the time Marvin Stringer was killed he was in possession of a .45 caliber Glock handgun. This firearm was identified as belonging to Edward Gentry, Sr.

On November 20, 2009, at approximately 1:10 a.m., the Hot Springs Police Department

and Drug Task Force conducted a traffic stop on Central Avenue and arrested Samuel Conway. Detric Conway was driving the vehicle. Theresa Hunter was in the front passenger seat and Samuel Conway was in the rear passenger seat.

On this same date at approximately 2:32 a.m., officers conducted another traffic stop in the 300 block of Central and arrested Jeremy Pickney.

On December 7, 2009, Shayla Kriese, the girlfriend of Sam Conway and the mother of his child, was interviewed in Houston, Texas. Ms. Kriese stated that she lived at 119 Manor Lane, Apt. 6, Hot Springs, Arkansas, with Samuel Conway, Jeremy Pickney and Adrienne Perry. She stated that on the morning of November 11, 2009, that her boyfriend Sam Conway told her that Jeremy Gentry had tried to steal some of Ernest Conway's "stuff." Sam Conway stated that Jeremy Gentry tried to steal "our stuff" so we are going to go steal "his stuff." Sam told her that he was going to go "hit a lick" that night.

On that same date, Ms. Kriese stated that Sam Conway, Jeremy Pickney and Marvin Stringer gathered at her apartment.

All 3 of these individuals stated that they were going to go "hit a lick."

According to Ms. Kriese, Sam Conway, Jeremy Pickney and Marvin Stringer left the apartment around 7:00 or 8:00 p.m.

Sam Conway stated to Ms. Kriese that he was going to Jeremy's house.

The 3 returned later that evening.

When Sam Conway returned he was in possession of a .22 or .25 caliber pistol.

Sam Conway mentions to Ms. Kriese that the 3 of them just "hit a lick" and they had all this stolen "shit" in the gray Cadillac Fleetwood.

Upon their return, Jeremy Pickney and Sam Conway get into a loud argument. The Hot Springs Police Department responds to a disturbance call at 119 Manor Lane. Hot Springs Police Officers Hrvatin, Adkins and Schaber arrive at approximately 11:11 p.m. They observe a gray Cadillac Fleetwood parked at the apartments and when they look inside they observe 2 or 3 flat panel televisions in a back seat but were unable to obtain any serial numbers.

Ms. Kriese stated that when the Hot Springs Police Department left, that Jeremy Pickney, Marvin Stringer and Sam Conway brought in the television sets, some guns and an ID that belonged to Jeremy Gentry, and a black checkbook.

Ms. Kriese stated that although the 3 individuals said that they were going to get wheels and rims, that she did not see any of these items.

On December 7, 2009, Adrienne Perry was interviewed. She was identified as the girlfriend of Jeremy Pickney. She and Pickney were living with Sam Conway and his girlfriend Shayla Kriese at No. 6, 106 Manor Circle.

She stated that on November 11, 2009, that Sam Conway and Jeremy Pickney had a

loud verbal argument that evening and they made such a commotion that the police came to the apartment.

She stated, "I looked out the window and saw the police looking in Sam Conway's car," a gray Cadillac Fleetwood.

She observed Sam Conway, Jeremy Pickney and Marvin Stringer unload the Cadillac of the televisions and bring them into the apartment.

Sam Conway, Jeremy Pickney and Marvin Stringer, talked about how they had all this stolen stuff in the car and they needed to get it upstairs.

She stated that she saw an ID for Jeremy Gentry that was in the possession of Sam Conway and Shayla.

Brittney Brown was interviewed on December 17, 2009. Brittney Brown knew Jeremy Gentry and Ernest Conway, a/k/a E-Money. Ms. Brown stated that on November 11, 2009, that Jeremy Gentry had sent her a picture of his truck with 30 inch wheels on it, and then started sending pictures of the wheels. She stated that she was forwarding all of these photos to Ernest Conway, brother of Sam Conway. She was asking for advice from Ernest Conway as to what she should pay Jeremy Gentry for these items. Cell records from November 11, 2009, reflect 7 texts between Brittney Brown and Ernest Conway and 5 texts between Brittney and Jeremy Gentry. The last text between her and Jeremy Gentry was at 5:29 on November 11, 2009. The last text between Brittney Brown and Ernest Conway was 7:17 p.m. Cell records reveal that on November 4, 2009, Jeremy Gentry called Ernest Conway and that the duration of the call was 127 minutes. Also, cell records reflect that on November 8, 2009, Jeremy Gentry called Ernest Conway and the duration of the phone call was 23 minutes. Also on November 8, 2009, records reflect that there are 3 calls between Ernest Conway and Jeremy Gentry. Cell records reflect that on November 8, 2009, there were two phone calls between Jeremy Gentry and Detric Conway. On November 9, 2009, there are 7 text messages between Jeremy Gentry and Ernest Conway and 5 phone calls. On November 10, 2009, there are 6 texts between Jeremy Gentry and Ernest Conway.

Investigators developed information that Theresa Hunter drove a green Chevy Cavalier and it was located at Glen Ray's towing on November 24, 2009. Information had already been developed that Sam Conway drove a 1991 gray Cadillac Fleetwood and it was located at the residence of Shantell Henry on January 28, 2010.

Investigators retrieved a CD from S&S Plumbing located at 3020 Airport Road. A time line shows the following:

91741 p.m. A 1991 gray Cadillac westbound on Airport Road towards the Gentry residence. This vehicle was identified as belonging to Sam Conway.

93257 p.m. A green Cavalier was noticed westbound on Airport Road towards the Gentry residence. This vehicle has been identified as belonging to Theresa Hunter.

101236 p.m. A white truck eastbound on Airport Road heading towards Hot Springs. This vehicle has been identified as belonging to Edward Gentry, Sr.

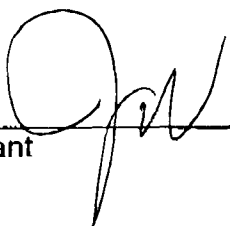
101410 p.m. The green Cavalier shown going eastbound towards Hot Springs.

101411 p.m. A gray Cadillac is observed heading eastbound on Airport Road towards Hot Springs.

When Sam Conway was arrested, his cell phone was seized and analyzed pursuant to a search warrant. Records obtained from the search warrant indicate that on November 19, 2009, Sam Conway was offering via text message at least two firearms for sale, a .25 caliber and a .45 caliber. The autopsy of Edward Gentry, Jr., revealed a .45 caliber projectile in the body of Edward Gentry, Jr. The autopsy of Kristyn Warneke revealed a .25 caliber projectile and a .45 caliber projectile in her body.

The search of the phone also revealed 3 videos. The first video was recorded on October 28, 2009, and revealed Sam Conway, Jeremy Pickney and Marvin Stringer in a hotel room discussing various gang activities, including robbery. In said video each person is armed with a handgun. The second video was recorded on November 9, 2009, and reveals Sam Conway with a firearm which he says is a .45 appearing to do a practice run of a robbery. The third video was recorded minutes after the second video and shows Jeremy Pickney appearing to do a practice run of a robbery while armed with a handgun.

On January 28, 2010, Shantell Henry stated that he knew Sam Conway because he had traded his Cougar vehicle for Sam's gray Cadillac Fleetwood some time during the week that Sam Conway was arrested on November 20, 2009. He stated that Sam Conway asked him "did you read about those 5 people who got burned up in the newspaper?" Sam further stated that "I'm the one that did that."


Affiant

I swear that the allegations contained herein are the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

Sgt. Joel R. Ware
Affiant's Signature

Affiant's Signature/Witness

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of March, 2010.

District Court Clerk
or
Circuit Court Clerk

By: _____
Deputy Clerk
By: _____
Deputy Clerk

My Commission Expires _____



Barbara G. Wright
Notary Public

I hereby find that this sworn affidavit demonstrates reasonable and probable cause for the issuance of a warrant of arrest for the above named individual for the above stated offense(s).

Date: March 5, 2010

[Signature]
Circuit Judge
18th Judicial Circuit East

District Court Judge
Hot Springs District Court, Hot Springs