

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PIKE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

CRIMINAL DIVISION

A.T. NO. _____

CIRCUIT NO. _____

IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION OF:

RYAN NUTT

DEFENDANT

W/M, DOB: 04/28/76

DLN: 902082411

APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF REASONABLE AND PROBABLE

CAUSE FOR WARRANTLESS ARREST

Pursuant to A.R.Cr.P. Rule 4.1 and 8.3, the undersigned law enforcement officer hereby makes application for determination that reasonable cause and probable cause existed for the warrantless arrest of the above-named defendant for having committed the following criminal offenses in Pike County, Arkansas, to-wit:

COUNT I: MURDER IN THE SECOND DEGREE in violation of A.C.A. 5-10-103(a)(2), a class A Felony, in that on or about September 11, 2011, with the purpose of causing serious physical injury to another person, he caused the death of a person, all against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas.

COUNT II: POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY CERTAIN PERSONS in violation of A.C.A. 5-73-103, a class B Felony, in that on or about September 11, 2011, possessed a firearm, during the commission of another crime and being previously convicted of a class A Misdemeanor battery against a person, all against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas.



COUNT III: TERRORISTIC THREATENING IN THE FIRST DEGREE in violation of A.C.A. 5-13-301, a class D Felony, in that on or about September 11, 2011, with the purpose of terrorizing another person, he threatened to cause death or serious physical injury to another person, all against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas.

COUNT IV: ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE in violation of A.C.A. 5-13-205, a class A Misdemeanor, in that on or about September 11, 2011, recklessly engaged in conduct that created a substantial risk of death or serious physical injury to another person, all against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas.

FACTS CONSTITUTING REASONABLE CAUSE

I, the undersigned certified law enforcement officer, employed as an Arkansas State Investigator with the Arkansas State Police, do hereby state on oath the following facts to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, to-wit:

On September 11, 2011, the above-named defendant assaulted CHRISTOPHER C. PALMER, W/M, DOB 05/06/90, by stabbing him in the leg with a knife causing the death of Palmer. He then retrieved a firearm from within his residence and threatened the remaining individuals in the residence to leave or he would kill them.

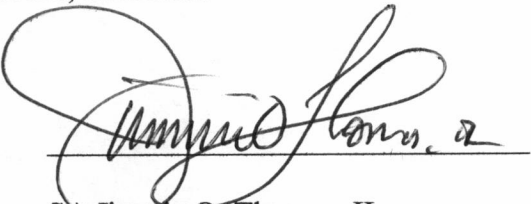
An argument had taken place earlier in the night between the above-named defendant and Palmer. The argument arose again and became violent when the above-named defendant stabbed Palmer in the leg with a knife. Palmer was transported to the Saint Joseph's Hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he was pronounced dead upon his arrival.

The above-named defendant made a statement after being advised of his Miranda rights that he stabbed Palmer in the leg with a knife from his kitchen. He stated that Palmer jumped on his back and he stabbed him due to his natural reflexes.

Three other individuals were present at the time of the incident. One of these individuals stated that the above-named defendant and the victim were involved in a physical altercation in the living room and she broke the fight up. She further stated that they both began to fight again, this time on the couch in the living room. She stated that they were punching each other and then she saw blood. She said that she then overheard the victim say that he had been stabbed. The other two individuals made statements that the above-named defendant went to another room in the house, came back out of it holding a rifle and stated to them, "Get the Hell out of my house or I will kill you!"

Based upon the above-stated facts, I hereby request that reasonable cause and probable cause exists for the arrest of RYAN NUTT for the offense(s) stated herein and that said be detained under a reasonable bond in the amount of \$ 150,000.00 until initial appearance and arraignment in the Pike County Circuit Court in Murfreesboro, Arkansas.

DATE: 9/12/2011



SA Jimmie O. Thomas, II

Arkansas State Police

Criminal Investigation Division