

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION :  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :  
FOR A SEARCH WARRANT FOR THE :  
PERSON OF DARNELL CREWS a/k/a :  
DONNELL CREWS, DATE OF BIRTH :  
PDID 516-880 :  
SPECIFICALLY CHEEK :  
CELLS/SALIVA SAMPLES (BUCCAL) :

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**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF SEARCH WARRANT**

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Charles Rooney, Special Agent ("SA") with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), Washington Field Office ("WFO"), Washington, D.C., (hereinafter "your affiant") being duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

**GENERAL BACKGROUND**

1. I am an "investigative or law enforcement officer of the United States" within the meaning of Section 2510 (7) of Title 18, United States Code, that is, an officer of the United States who is empowered by law to investigate and to make arrests for offenses enumerated in Section 2516 of Title 18 and 21, United States Code.

2. I am a duly appointed Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and have been employed as such since 2008. I am currently assigned to a squad, which investigates Violent Crimes out of the FBI's Violent Crimes Task Force of the Washington, D.C. Field Office of the FBI and I have been assigned to this squad since September of 2008. Prior to being appointed to the FBI, I served as a Police Officer for approximately eight years with the Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax, VA. During the course of my participation in law enforcement I have conducted arrests, obtained search warrants and court orders. I have investigated

crimes involving bank robberies, armored car robberies, assaults, malicious wounding and carjacking, which have resulted in arrests and convictions.

3. This affidavit is based, in part, upon information provided to me by other Special Agents of the FBI and officers of the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), witnesses, physical surveillance, and other information gathered during the course of this investigation. Since this affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of obtaining a search warrant for one person, I have not included each and every fact known to me concerning this investigation. I have set forth only the facts which I believe are necessary to establish probable cause for the issuance of this search warrant.

4. Based on my experience and training I am aware that when items such as clothing, hats, scarves and gloves come into direct contact with human skin, and are subsequently removed, epidermis cells from human skin are frequently transferred and remain on the items. I further understand that such cells contain biological material that are subject to DNA analysis and comparison.

5. As a result of my personal participation in this investigation, as well as through interviews with and analysis of reports submitted by other Special Agents of the FBI and officers of the MPD and other law enforcement agencies who are involved in this investigation, I am familiar with all aspects of this investigation. On the basis of this familiarity, and on the basis of other information which I have reviewed and determined to be reliable, I allege the facts to show there is probable cause to believe that fruits and evidence of offenses involving violations of: (i) interference with interstate commerce by threats or violence, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, § 1951(a); will be found

within will be found within the person of Darnell C. Crews, a/k/a Donnell C. Crews, DOB PDID 516-880, currently housed at either the Central Treatment Facility or the Central Detention Facility in Washington, D.C.

5. Attachment A describes the person to be searched. Attachment B describes the items to be seized from that person, and the process that will be used. All statements made in Attachments A and B are adopted into the body of this Affidavit as if fully set forth herein.

### **THE INVESTIGATION**

6. On September 21, 2011, Garda, an armored truck company, during the normal course of business, dispatched an armored truck staffed by one armed guard and one unarmed driver to deliver and pick up United States currency from various commercial businesses located in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. The Garda truck began its route in Maryland, and crossed into the District of Columbia.

7. On September 21, 2011 at approximately 10:50 a.m., the Garda armored truck arrived at the CVS located at 6514 Georgia Ave Northwest Washington, D.C. The Garda armored truck armed guard entered the CVS, where he delivered one bag of United States currency and picked up two new bags containing United States currency. CVS is a national commercial drugstore chain, and the items sold there travel in interstate commerce. The driver of the truck remained in the Garda armored truck, which was parked near the front door entrance to the CVS.

8. As the armed guard was exiting the CVS from the front door with the United States currency he had received from a CVS employee, he was approached by three black men, two of whom were armed with handguns. One of the armed

individuals demanded that the Garda armed guard “give up” the money. Subject 1 (S1) pointed his handgun at the Garda armed guard, at which point the guard drew his handgun. At that point there was an exchange of gun fire between the suspect and the Garda Armored Car employee. The Garda guard stated that he believed he struck one of the subjects. The driver of the Garda armored truck witnessed the attempted robbery. The Garda guard and driver said that the three men fled by running westbound on Van Buren Street, NW.

9. After the attempted robbery, law enforcement followed a trail of blood from the CVS, down Van Buren Street, NW, to 13th Place, NW, and began canvassing that area. Witness 1 (W1) informed law enforcement that shortly after the shooting, it saw two black men on 13th Place, NW, and overheard them arguing, and one instructed the other to “run home.” One of the men matched the description of one of the robbers. Discarded latex gloves were found where W1 saw the two men arguing. Another witness (W2) saw a gold compact SUV with two bumper stickers leaving the area at a high rate of speed. A third witness (W3) informed law enforcement that it heard gunshots, and shortly thereafter it saw two black men running from the north alley onto the 6600 block of 13th Place, NW, and proceeded to turn right onto Aspen Street, NW. W3 then observed the two black men continue running eastbound on Aspen Street, NW, across Georgia Avenue.

10. Within minutes of the robbery, in the 900 block of Aspen Street, NW, law enforcement stopped two individuals who matched the description of two of the robbery subjects. During the stop the subjects were identified as: Donnell Crews and Anthony James, both of whom reside at 808 Butternut Street Northwest Washington, D.C.

Butternut Street, NW, is one block from where Crews and James were stopped by law enforcement. A canvass of the 800 block of Butternut Street Northwest Washington, D.C. revealed a white Jaguar bearing D.C. tag number of DT1645 parked near 808 Butternut Street Northwest Washington, D.C. Further investigation revealed that the white Jaguar bearing D.C. tag number DT1645 is owned by Kirk Anthony Dean.

11. Law enforcement conducted a show up with the guard and the driver, at which they presented Donnell Crews and Anthony James. The driver of the armored car positively identified both Donnell Crews and Anthony James as subjects who participated in the attempted robbery of the armored car. The guard stated that one subject looked like the person who attempted to rob him, and was unsure about the other. During a later interview with law enforcement the guard said "yes, I think it was him" referring to the individual he had identified at the show up. Based on the investigation conducted by law enforcement, that included observations of the suspects and their clothing, the guard's identification was of Anthony James.

12. Law enforcement searched the area and in the north alley from which the two black men were seen running, discarded clothing and latex gloves were found on the street and in a recycling bin. The owner of the recycling bin was interviewed and stated that the clothing found in his recycling bin did not belong to him and was not there when he put the bin out the night before.

13. At approximately 11:00 a.m., a black male drove a gold Toyota Matrix SUV with two bumper stickers up to Washington Hospital Center, left the Matrix there, and fled. Medical personnel responded to the vehicle and located a black male suffering from gunshot wounds and with a chrome revolver in his lap and latex gloves

on his hands. The subject was identified as Kirk Anthony Dean. Dean was pronounced dead at 5:56 p.m.

### **CONCLUSION**

14. Based upon these facts, there is probable cause for the issuance of a search warrant to seize Darnell Crews's cheek cells/saliva for purposes of comparing it any DNA identified from the Toyota Matrix, and/or the items of clothing found near the scene of the September 21, 2011 attempted armored car robbery, and/or from the chrome revolver found with Kirk.

15. Wherefore, pursuant to Rule 41 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, I respectfully request a warrant to search the person of Darnell C. Crews, a/k/a Donnell C. Crews, DOB ; PDID 516-880. Law enforcement would go to either the Central Treatment Facility or the Central Detention Facility in Washington, D.C. to complete the buccal swab<sup>1</sup> necessary to obtain the DNA sample

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<sup>1</sup> A buccal swab is a cotton-tipped applicator that will be used to collect cheek cells from inside Ricardo Edward Hunter's mouth. Buccal swabs provide the least invasive way to conduct DNA testing.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*X Charles Rooney*

Special Agent Charles Rooney  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

**SEP 28 2011**

Sworn and subscribed to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2011.

*John M. Facciola*

Magistrate Judge  
United States District Court  
for the District of Columbia

**JOHN M. FACCIOLA**  
**U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

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Attachment A

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Attachment B

Cheek cells/saliva samples, which will be recovered through the use of a buccal swab.