



# PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

1. Arrest  
2. N.T.A.  
3. Request for Warrant  
4. Request for Capias

**1** JUVENILE **X**

A D M I N	OBTS Number		Agency ORI Number <b>FL 0502600</b>		Agency Name <b>PALM BEACH GARDENS POLICE</b>		Agency Report Number <b>7   8   18-001573</b>	
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D E F	Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>JOHNSON, COREY B</b>						Race <b>W</b>	Sex <b>M</b>
	Alias						Date of Birth <b>06/27/2000</b>	
C H A R G E S	Charge Description <b>782.04 FIRST DEGREE MURDER</b>				Charge Description <b>782.051(1) HOMICIDE - ATTEMPTED FELONY MURDER</b>			
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V I C T I M	Victim's Name (Last, First, Middle) <b>SIERRA BRAND, JOVANNI</b>						Race <b>W</b>	Sex <b>M</b>
	Local Address (Street, Apt. Number) (City) (State) (Zip) <b>2905 FRENCH AVE, LAKE WORTH, FL</b>						Phone <b>(561) 927-5229</b>	
	Business Address (Name, Street) (City) (State) (Zip) <b>STUDENT</b>						Address Source	
							Occupation	
P R O B A B L E  C A U S E  S T A T E M E N T	<p>The undersigned certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that the above named Defendant committed the following violation of law.</p> <p>The Person taken into custody...</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> committed the below acts in my presence. <input type="checkbox"/> was observed by _____ who told _____ that he/she saw the arrested person commit the below acts.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> confessed to _____ admitting to the below facts. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> was found to have committed the below acts, resulting from my (described) investigation.</p> <p>On the <b>12</b> day of <b>March</b>, <b>2018</b> at <b>05:45</b> (Specifically include facts constituting cause for arrest.)</p>							
	<p>On March 12, 2018 5:56 am Palm Beach Gardens Police Communications received a call via 911 advising an adult female and male juvenile had been stabbed with a knife at the address 334 Sunset Bay Lane, Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach County, Florida. Upon police arrival, they found two injured people, Elaine Simon and her son, Dane Bancroft, who were transported to a nearby trauma hospital.</p>							
	<p>Prior to transport, Ms. Simon told officers there were other injured victims in the home along with the suspect, Corey Johnson.</p>							
	<p>At the residence, Officers located Kyle Bancroft (Elaine's other son) who was unharmed, and the suspect, Johnson, who barricaded himself in a room. While initially checking the residence for injured victims, Officers found Jovanni Alexander Sierra Brand D.O.B. 3/12/2005 deceased laying on the floor in the upstairs loft.</p>							
	<p>Your Affiant responded to St. Mary's Medical Center and met with Ms. Simon. Ms. Simon advised she and her two sons, Kyle Bancroft (15) and Dane Bancroft (13) live at the residence. Last night, Sunday March 11th, 2018, Kyle had a friend, Corey Johnson W/M D.O.B. 06-27-00 sleepover and Dane had a friend, Jovanni Brand sleepover.</p>							
	<p>Elaine advised she went to sleep around 11:30 pm in her bedroom downstairs and was awakened at approximately 5:45 am by commotion upstairs. Elaine heard what she believed to be Jovanni moaning and went upstairs to see what was going on. As she got to the top of the stairs, Johnson lunged at her with a knife cutting her multiple times at the top of the stairs. Elaine advised while being attacked, Dane ran toward Johnson at the stairs to protect his mother and Johnson then began to stab Dane. Ms. Simon stated that she has known the suspect Johnson for over 10 years.</p>							
	<p>Corey Johnson was taken into custody and transported to the Palm Beach Gardens Police</p>							
	<p>SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME</p> <p><b>ANDERSON, RANDALL L</b> NOTARY PUBLIC / CLERK OF COURT / OFFICER (F.S.S. 117.10) <b>03/12/2018</b> DATE</p>							
	<p>SIGNATURE OF ARRESTING / INVESTIGATING OFFICER <b>BRASHEAR, JENNIFER R (288)</b> NAME OF OFFICER (PLEASE PRINT) <b>03/12/2018</b> DATE</p>							
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P R O B A B L E  C A U S E  S T A T E M E N T	<p>Department. Post Miranda, Johnson advised he bought a knife on Sunday March 11, 2018 and brought it to the residence. Johnson advised at 4:00 am he realized that everyone in the house was asleep. At that time, Johnson made the decision to kill Elaine, Dane and Jovanni in their sleep.</p> <p>Johnson went to where Jovanni was sleeping in the loft located upstairs, stabbed him multiple times and cut his throat. Elaine woke up and was making her way up the stairs, so Johnson stated he went to her and stabbed her multiple times, causing her to fall down the stairs. Johnson advised he also stabbed Dane multiple times.</p> <p>In his statement Johnson advised he stabbed the victims because of his Muslim faith. Johnson advised Jovanni was idealizing famous people and referencing them as gods (which went against the Muslim faith) and Johnson felt Dane "made fun of" his Muslim faith and the fact that Johnson prayed and kissed the ground. Johnson advised he watched violent videos on his phone and computers at different locations via the Internet and was reading The Quran from his phone just prior to the attack to give him courage to carry out his intentions.</p> <p>Detectives talked with Kyle who advised Johnson believes in the Muslim faith and although he (Kyle) doesn't believe in the faith the two often watch videos via the Internet about Muslim Jihadists. The videos are extreme and encourage death to non-believers. The videos are searched for and viewed on the computer and mobile devices. The two had watched a video on March 11, 2018 on their mobile cell phone.</p> <p>Corey Johnson W/M D.O.B. 06-27-00 did unlawfully from a premeditated design to affect the death of a human being, kill and murder Jovanni Alexander Sierra Brand D.O.B. 3/12/2005</p> <p>a human being, by stabbing to death, contrary to Florida Statute 782.04(1)(a)1.</p> <p>Corey Johnson W/M D.O.B. 06-27-00 did unlawfully attempt to commit First Degree Murder, an offense prohibited by law, and in such attempt did an act toward the commission of such offense by stabbing Elaine Miller but failed in the perpetration or was intercepted or prevented in the execution of said offense, and during the commission or attempt to commit any offense listed in Florida Statute 775.087(2)(a)1.</p> <p>Corey Johnson W/M D.O.B. 06-27-00 did unlawfully attempt to commit First Degree Murder, an offense prohibited by law, and in such attempt did an act toward the commission of such offense by stabbing Dane Lucas Bancroft but failed in the perpetration or was intercepted or prevented in the execution of said offense, and during the commission or attempt to commit any offense listed in Florida Statute 775.087(2)(a)1.</p> <p>Due to the above investigation, Corey Johnson W/M D.O.B. 06-27-00 was arrested and transported to the Palm Beach County Juvenile Detention Center.</p>							
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