

THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

) AFFIDAVIT OF
) PROBABLE CAUSE

vs.

Knox, Eric Ray
08/22/81 B/M 446-80-2353

STATE OF OKLAHOMA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF OKLAHOMA)

AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned upon oath deposes and states as follow, to-wit:

Your affiant, Wade S. Ramsey, is a Midwest City Police Officer with over 13 years of law enforcement experience and is currently assigned as a Detective in the Investigations Division. On 12/21/09, I was called out in reference to a homicide that occurred at 6000 E. Reno #1016 at Willow Creek Apartments and learned the following facts:

At approximately 0445 hours on 12/21/09, Midwest City Police Officers Schones and Weatherly were at IHOP restaurant in MWC and were contacted by citizen, Cassandra Middleton. She notified them she had just been at Willowcreek Apartments delivering papers and a black male with blood on him had approached her car and was acting crazy. Officers responded to Willow Creek Apartments and located a black male near the entrance to the complex that fit the description she had given them. The officers made contact with the subject and identified him as Eric Knox. They observed he was wearing only jeans and had blood on his body and pants. The officers asked him what had happened and he told them he had just murdered someone. The officers asked him where this had happened and he pointed towards the complex and said in the apartments. The officers detained him and through further questioning learned from him that he possibly lived at apartment 1016. The officers responded there to check welfare and after getting no response, they entered the apartment through an unsecured front door. Inside in the living room floor they located the bloody body of a white female later identified as the victim, Stacey L. Beesley. The officers requested ambulance personnel and upon their arrival they checked her and determined she was deceased. The victim had severe trauma to her face and head and there were pools of blood and blood spatter throughout the living room area. A knife blade was found broken off in the mouth of the victim and the handle was entangled in her hair. The knife matched the other knives in the kitchen of the apartment.

Through further investigation, it was determined that Eric Knox lived at apartment 1016 and was the boyfriend of the victim. Knox was transported to the Midwest City Police Department where I interviewed him. He was read the Miranda Warning, which he stated he understood and agreed to speak with me. During the interview with Knox he stated he lived at apartment 1016 with his girlfriend, Stacey Beesley. He confessed to getting into an argument with her and described choking her with both of his hands, punching her repeatedly to the face, kicking her to the face and stabbing her with a knife. These statements were consistent with the injuries observed on the victim. I observed that the right fist of Knox was severely swollen consistent with having punched someone. During the interview, Knox also admitted that the victim was approximately 5 months pregnant with his child. This was confirmed through family and friends and through documents found in the apartment to include ultrasound photos. The victim's supervisor stated Knox was 21 weeks pregnant and had just found out she was having a girl.

Knox was transported to the Midwest Regional Medical Center for medical attention to his right hand. While he was being questioned by the nurse during the assessment about what had happened to his hand, Knox uttered he had gotten into an altercation with his girl this morning and murdered her.

Knox was placed under arrest and was booked into the Midwest City Jail at 0811 hours on 12/21/09. These acts occurred in Midwest City, Oklahoma County and the State of Oklahoma and are in direct violation of:

21 OS 701.7: Murder in the First Degree (2 counts)

Based on this information, the undersigned prays that this Honorable Court, issue a finding of fact that probable cause exists, to believe that a crime has been committed and that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant (s) above named committed that crime.


AFFIANT

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 Day of DEC, 2009
My Commission Expires:

12-10-12


NOTARY PUBLIC