

COMPLAINT

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BENTON COUNTY, MISSOURI
ASSOCIATE DIVISION

FILED

STATE OF MISSOURI,)
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 Plaintiff,)
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 Vs.)
)
 ROBERT BLAKE BLURTON)
 427 W. 6th Ave.)
 Garnett, Ks)
 SSN: [REDACTED]) DOB: 05/03/1964)
 Defendant.)

JUN 26 2009
 3:50pm
 Clerk of the Circuit Court
 Benton County

Case No. 09BE-CR00405
 OCN:
 PA File No. 015002673

Karen Woodley, Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Benton, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, Robert Blake Blurton committed the following:

COUNT: I

In violation of Section 565.020, RSMo, committed the class A felony of murder in the first degree punishable upon conviction under Section 565.020, RSMo, in that on or about June 7th, 2009, in the County of Benton, State of Missouri, the defendant, either acting alone or in concert with others, after deliberation, knowingly caused the death of Donald Luetjen by shooting him.
 Charge Code 1002101.0

COUNT: II

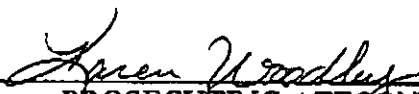
In violation of Section 565.020, RSMo, committed the class A felony of murder in the first degree punishable upon conviction under Section 565.020, RSMo, in that on or about June 7th, 2009, in the County of Benton, State of Missouri, the defendant, either acting alone or in concert with others, after deliberation, knowingly caused the death of Sharon Luetjen by shooting her.
 Charge Code 1002101.0

COUNT: III

In violation of Section 565.020, RSMo, committed the class A felony of murder in the first degree punishable upon conviction under Section 565.020, RSMo, in that on or about June 7th, 2009, in the County of Benton, State of Missouri, the defendant, either acting alone or in concert with others, after deliberation, knowingly caused the death of Taron Luetjen by shooting her.
 Charge Code 1002101.0

The facts that form the basis for this information and belief are contained in the attached statement(s) of facts, made a part hereof and submitted as a basis upon which this court may find the existence of probable cause.

WHEREFORE, the Prosecuting Attorney prays that an arrest warrant be issued as provided by law.



PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
County of Benton, State of Missouri,

WITNESSES:

SHF Rick FAJEN, Benton County Sheriff, ,,

WARRANT APPLICATION
BENTON COUNTY BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

DATE: 06/26/09

DEPUTY: Sheriff Rick Fajen
BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.
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3:15 pm
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Benton County

I, Sheriff Rick Fajen, A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, UPON MY OATH, AND UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, STATE AS FOLLOWS:

1: I HAVE PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED INDIVIDUAL:

DEFENDANT NAME: Blurton, Robert, Blake
DOB: 05/03/64
SOC#: [REDACTED]
MISSOURI SID.: MO74505526
FBI#:
ADDRESS: 427 West 6th Ave., Garnett, KS
PHONE #:

COMMITTED ONE OR MORE OFFENSE(S):

DESCRIPTION OF CHARGE: CLASS: STATUTE VIOLATED: CHARGE CODE:
1st Degree Murder: Class A Felony: Statute 565.020

ARRESTED:

2: THE FACTS SUPPORTING THIS BELIEF ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1:

I, Sheriff Rick Fajen, based on my training and experience as a law enforcement officer with the Benton County Sheriff's Department believe that on Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at approximately 1130 hours, officers were dispatched to the residence located at 802 South Elm in Cole Camp, Benton County, Missouri. Upon their arrival at the residence, Chief Storm Walker discovered the owners

and their daughter deceased inside the residence. The occupants inside the residence were victims of [REDACTED]. The victims were identified as Donnie Luetjen, Sharon Luetjen and a juvenile daughter identified as Taron Luetjen.

The two female victims were last seen by [REDACTED] during the evening hours of June 7, 2009 when she contacted Sharon and Taron at the Luetjen's residence.

On 6/17/09 RF
At approximately 10:16 pm, Benton County Central Dispatch located in Warsaw, Benton County, Missouri, received an emergency 911 call. The telephone recording system at the Central Dispatch trapped the incoming telephone number prior to the call being terminated. The number was assigned to [REDACTED]. The number was called back by the dispatch center resulting in the call going directly into a Voice Mail message box [REDACTED].

During the course of the investigation and examination of the emergency 911 call was analyzed. A closer inspection of the audio content of the 911 call revealed that discussions could be heard in the background. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It was determined that the one of the male voices was directing Sharon Luetjen to sit down, put her arms behind her and at least two threats to shoot her and the other two victims. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The male(s) could be heard shouting commands and threats at the three victims.

On Wednesday, June 17, 2009, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] came to the Cole Camp, Benton County, Missouri to listen to the audio recording. [REDACTED] was given earphones and allowed to listen the audio recording at its normal speed. After hearing the recording, [REDACTED] was asked by Sheriff Rick Fajen if [REDACTED] recognized the male voices. [REDACTED]

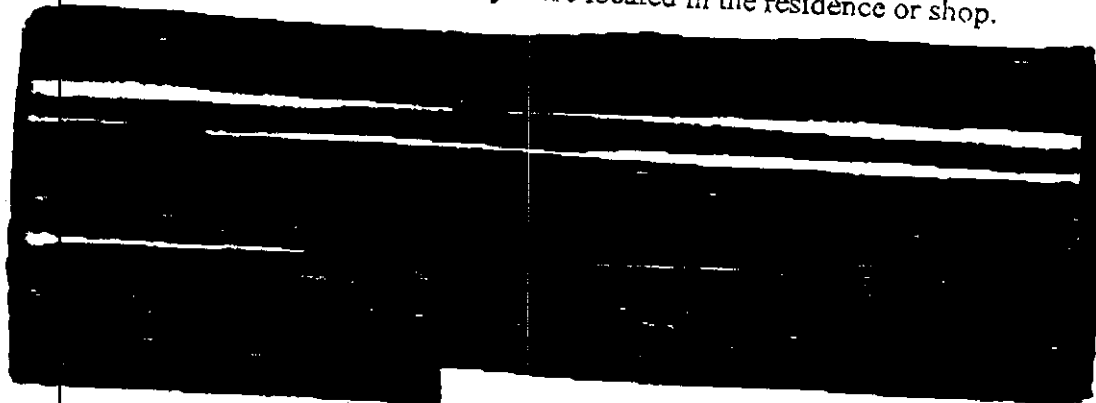
[REDACTED] shook [REDACTED] head in an affirmative manner. [REDACTED] continued to listen to the recording. Each time [REDACTED] listened to the recording, [REDACTED] lower lip began quivering and [REDACTED] breathing rate increased. [REDACTED] was then instructed to listen to the recording at a slower speed. When [REDACTED] listened to the recording, [REDACTED] was able to pick out [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Additional phrases and word were also identified which included a [REDACTED]. After listening at the recording at the slower speed, then [REDACTED] removed the earphones and said [REDACTED] it was Robbie.

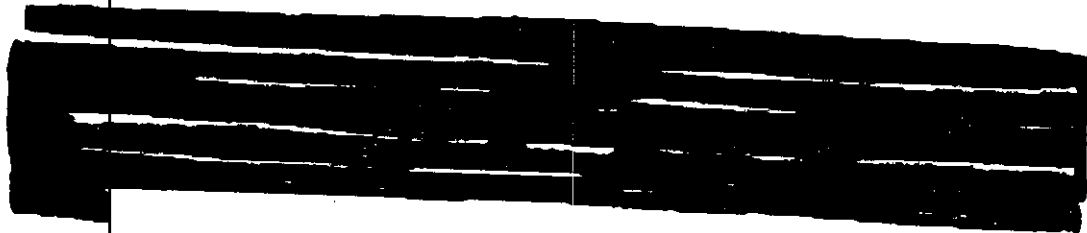
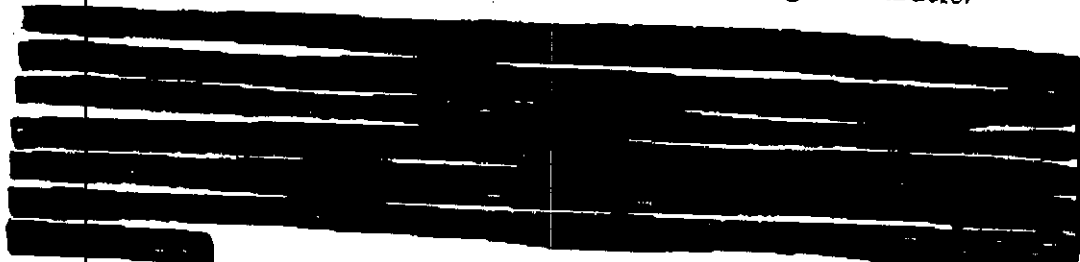
It was also discovered that Robert Blurton disclosed during an interview that he had lived with Donnie, Sharon and Taron Luetjen at their home located at 802 South Elm Street, Cole Camp, Benton County, Missouri. Robert Blurton lived the Luetjens for a period of time before he went to prison in 2003. Robert Blurton

told investigators that he had not physically seen Donnie or Sharon since the night before he went to prison in 2003.

Robert Blurton, based on his living with the Luetjens, would have knowledge of their habits and mannerisms. He would have knowledge of the Luetjen's possessions and any monies Donnie or Sharon might have stored or concealed inside the residence and shop. He would also have knowledge of what weapons, firearms and artifacts and where they were located in the residence or shop.



One of Robert Blurton's alibis is that he spent Monday night following the Luetjen murders at the Economy Inn in Garnett, Kansas, because of a disagreement between him and [REDACTED]. A version of the story was told to investigators by [REDACTED] when interviewed by investigators. The argument and the eventual motel stay took place the evening following the murders.



Robert Blurton told investigators that he worked as a construction worker, however he had not worked since before Memorial Day of 2009.



[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

During the course of the homicide, several weapons and an unknown amount of US currency was missing from the home and from Sharon's purse. There was no evidence anything was ransacked and minimal objects were out of their normal storage places.

During the course of this investigation, Robert Blurton was interviewed several times. During these interviews, Robert Blurton gave several different stories as to his whereabouts during the time of the homicides. On one of the interviews, Robert was unable to give us a verifiable account of where he was at or what he was doing at the time of the homicides.

Marvin Travis Blurton, identified by family and friends as Travis, is the biological brother of Robert and Steven Blurton and the son of Robert (Bobby) Blurton and is married to Misty Blurton. When interviewed, Marvin told investigators that his brother Robbie may have owed money to inmates he associated with while in prison and in June he was called by one of those inmates in an attempt to locate Robbie. Marvin also told investigators that his brother Robbie has some "pretty shady friends that would be worth checking out". He also provided investigators with two cellular telephone numbers, [REDACTED]

During an interview of Robert Blurton by Sergeant Greg Martin, Robert Blurton told them that he had not seen or talked to Donnie or Sharon Luetjen since he was in prison in either 2004 or 2005. Robert Blurton also told investigators that he was certain that he had not been to Donnie and Sharon's house since Christmas of 2003.

On June 26, 2009, information received from the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Crime Laboratory in Jefferson City, Missouri, that positive DNA evidence was located on [REDACTED] that was submitted as evidence. Shawn Bailes advised the DNA profile on the [REDACTED] was consistent with the DNA profile developed from a Whitman Omni Swab sample from Robert Blake Blurton.

[REDACTED]

According to Robert B. Blurton's criminal history, he was been convicted for twelve felony violations including 1st Degree Robbery and Burglary.

The information contained within this affidavit is based on the affiant's knowledge, experience, training as an investigator, as well as witness statements made in reference to this homicide investigation.

3. IN THE EVENT THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY ELECTS TO FILE MISDEMEANOR CHARGES, I SEEK THE ISSUANCE OF A WARRANT IN A MISDEMEANOR CASE FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH IN THE MARKED PARAGRAPHS BELOW:

I BELIEVE THAT THE DEFENDANT WILL NOT APPEAR IN COURT IN RESPONSE TO A CRIMINAL SUMMONS BECAUSE:

I BELIEVE THAT THE DEFENDANT POSES:

A DANGER TO A CRIME VICTIM BECAUSE:

A DANGER TO THE COMMUNITY OR ANY OTHER PERSON BECAUSE: OF THE FACTS STATED ABOVE.


SIGNATURE