

COMPLAINT / PROBABLE CAUSE
AFFIDAVIT

FILE NO. 23043060

STATE OF TEXAS

vs

Connor Lynn Hilton
1805 La Salle Street
Friendswood, Texas 77546



Justice of the Peace
Precinct No. 4
Galveston County, Texas
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BOND: \$1,000,000.00

OFFENSE TYPE: F-1

DOB: [REDACTED]
TXDL# [REDACTED]
W/M 6'02 162 Red/Blue

Probable Cause Arrest

DA INTAKE: S Donnelly

Warrant Request

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IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared J. Seago #2376 who, after being by me duly sworn, on oath deposes and says: That heretofore, to-wit, on or about the 23rd of December, 2023, and before the making and filing of this Complaint, in the County of Galveston and the State of Texas, Connor Lynn Hilton

Did then and there unlawfully,
intentionally and knowingly cause the death of an individual, namely Ethan Riley, by shooting him in the head with a firearm.
This action was a violation of:

09990030 MURDER 19.02(c) PC F1

The AFFIANT bases his belief on the following facts: (Probable Cause Statement)

On December 23, 2023 at approximately 2051 hours the Friendswood Police Department dispatch received a call reporting gunshots coming from inside the residence at 1805 La Salle Street. This is a two-story, single family residence located in the Galveston County portion of Friendswood, Texas 77546. The caller, [REDACTED] W/M DOB: [REDACTED] stated that he was hiding in a bathroom, heard two gunshots, and there were other people inside the residence.

Sergeant M. Shmidt #2388 and Officer B. Milling #2384 arrived on the scene at approximately 2052 hours. Officer Milling advised Affiant that he observed a female subject conversating with a white male subject who was sitting on the street curb just right of the concrete walkway leading from the residence, 1805 La Salle Street, to the street. Officer Milling advised Affiant that the male was identified as Connor Hilton DOB: [REDACTED]. Affiant was advised that Sgt. Schmidt approached Hilton, who was visibly distraught, and asked if anyone was hurt. Affiant was advised that Hilton responded by nodding his head indicating yes and was asked who was hurt. Sgt. Schmidt advised Affiant that Hilton held up his hand with two fingers extended, motioned towards the residence, and stated there were two teenagers inside that Hilton believed to be deceased.

Affiant was advised that Sgt. Schmidt opened the front door of the residence and located the caller, and witness, [REDACTED]. Affiant was advised [REDACTED] was escorted out of the residence. Affiant was advised that [REDACTED] reported being in the bathroom, hearing the gunshots, and then it was silent in the residence. Affiant was advised that [REDACTED] reported hearing Hilton walk by the bathroom door crying and stating "What have I done".

Officer Milling advised Affiant that, upon entering the residence, he observed one male subject laying on the floor wearing a black T-shirt and black shorts, and a gathering of blood underneath the subject's head. Affiant was advised that the subject was identified as Ethan Riley W/M DOB: 10/13/2005. Officer Milling advised Affiant that he observed a second subject identified as Benjamin Blik W/M DOB: [REDACTED] lying on his back towards the back of the residence. Officer Milling advised Affiant he observed both Riley and Blik to have gunshot wounds to their heads. Officer Milling advised that he observed a revolver with a teal handle and grey finish on a table in the residence. Friendswood EMS arrived on scene and transported Blik to UTMB Clear Lake Hospital and Riley was transported to HCA Clear Lake Hospital.

Hilton was transported to the Friendswood Police Department for further investigation. Affiant arrived at the Police Department and conducted a gun shot residue swab of Hilton's right and left hands. Detective N. McCanless and Affiant conducted an interview with Hilton on December 24, 2023 at approximately 0038 hours. Affiant read Hilton his Miranda Rights at approximately 0038 hours. Hilton stated that he understood his rights and stated that he would talk with investigators. Throughout the interview Affiant observed Hilton to confess to shooting Blik and Riley.

Hilton stated to Affiant that he had thought about, and wanted, to commit a homicide for a long time. Hilton stated to Affiant that Blik, Riley, and [REDACTED] arrived at his residence together, and Hilton had called [REDACTED] asking him to go over to the residence.

Hilton stated to Affiant that he had a handgun he talked his mother into buying for him. Hilton stated that he wanted the gun with the intent of shooting someone and/or himself. Hilton stated to Affiant that all of them were in the main area of the residence when he was showing the other subjects the gun. Hilton stated that there was no disturbance between him and the other subjects to include any disagreement on the date of this incident. Hilton advised Affiant that he decided to shoot Riley, Blik, and [redacted] once inside the residence. Hilton stated that he stood up, raised the gun, and shot Riley first in the left side of the head. Hilton stated that he then turned to his right and shot Blik in the left side of the head. Hilton was specific stating that Blik raised his hands in a defensive manner when Hilton shot him. Hilton stated that he fully understands what he had done and that he should be held accountable.

On December 24, 2023 I was advised that Ethan Riley succumbed to his injuries and is now deceased. Affiant spoke with Medical Examiner R. Garcia on December 25, 2023 and he advised the preliminary report is ruled as a homicide. ADA S. Donnelly was advised of the incident. ADA Donnelly accepted the charge of murder and set a \$1,000,000.00 bond.

Affiant is J. Seago #2376, employed by the Friendswood Police Department. Affiant is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division where his duties are to investigate all crimes that occur inside the city to include the crime of:

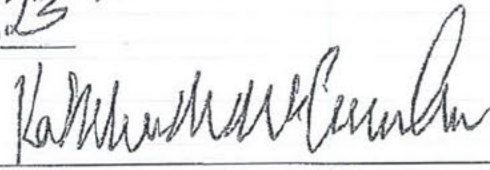
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Against the peace and dignity of the State.


Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before, this 25 day of December AD, 2023

Witnesses' _____



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Galveston County, Texas

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on the _____ day of _____, 20_____

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS
 WITNESSED BY A SWORN PEACE OFFICER
STATE OF TEXAS