

WPD Case/Citation #:97-11615

SUPERIOR COURT FOR CHELAN COUNTY

In Re: Jason E. Bush, dob: 08-11-74

STATE OF WASHINGTON

County of Chelan

The undersigned on oath states: That affiant believes that:
The crime(s) of Murder 2nd Degree has (have) been committed by the defendant.
Today's date is: June 11, 2009 The time is now: 1400 hrs

The affiant's belief is based on the following facts and circumstances:

During the early morning hours of July 24th, 1997 a Hispanic male transient was wrapped in a blanket and apparently sleeping next to a grain silo behind a store at 733 S. Wenatchee Avenue in the City of Wenatchee, Chelan County, Washington.

The man, Hector Lopez Partida, was stabbed seven times by an unknown assailant at that location. Lopez Partida, managed to walk to a nearby parking lot where he collapsed. An unknown subject called "911" to report a man down. Wenatchee Police officers responded to 733 S. Wenatchee Avenue where they contacted Lopez Partida. When asked who did this to him he replied, "Gavachos (white guys)". Lopez Partida was unable to say anything else and died a few minutes later from his wounds. The coronor ruled the manner of death was a homicide (and caused by the stabbing).

Searching the crime scene, officers found a shirt 75 to 100 yards south of the attack site. The shirt appeared to be new. It had fresh blood stains on the front, outside portion of the shirt. Officers and detectives followed up on this case interviewing a number of subjects. No suspects were identified at that time.

In 2005 the Wenatchee Police Department submitted the above mentioned shirt and other evidence to the Washington State Patrol Crime Lab for DNA analysis. On January 29th, 2009 the Crime Lab reported the blood found on the outside of the shirt came from Hector Lopez Partida. A swab taken from a swatch of the shirt in the armpit area came back with a DNA match for a convicted felon named Jason E. Bush, dob 08-11-74. I spoke with Anna Ballard, the Crime Lab Technician who analyzed this shirt. She believes there is no indication that any other DNA except for the victim's and the suspect's is on the shirt.

A check of local records shows Jason Bush lived in Wenatchee from May of 1997 until he was incarcerated (in Nov/Dec 1997) and then sent to prison in

October of 1998. During that time he was cited for a misdemeanor assault in June of 1997, named as a potential suspect in an attempted arson/fire-bombing on July 21st, 1997 and was arrested for a felony assault on a fellow jail inmate in April of 1998. He was sent to prison from Wenatchee for local convictions regarding felony arrests for stolen property (Aug 97), Unlawful Possession of a Firearm 2nd Degree (Sep 97) and Taking a Motor Vehicle without Permission (Nov 97). After his release from prison in 2003 he went to Northern Idaho and lived in the Sandpoint – Hayden Lake area through 2007. I have learned Bush has had long standing ties to Aryan Nations groups that commonly believe in white superiority over other races and have been known to be violent towards non-white races. He espoused these beliefs to associates in Wenatchee in 1997.

On June 10, 2009 I learned that Bush is a potential suspect in the double homicide of a Hispanic adult male and nine year old Hispanic female in Pima County, Arizona. Bush may have also attempted to murder an adult Hispanic female in this incident that was described to me by the Pima County Sheriff's Office as a home invasion where Bush shot all three subjects.

On June 11th I spoke with a confidential informant (CI) who has known Jason Bush for over 12 years. The CI stated that in the summer or fall of 1997 Bush told him/her that he and another man killed a man because he was "a Mexican". Bush allegedly told the CI that he and the other man found the man behind a store. They stomped him, stabbed him, and left him to bleed out.

On June 11th I spoke with another confidential informant (CI No. 2). This informant has also known Bush for several years. This informant stated that Bush bragged to him/her of killing three different people in Wenatchee.

On the evening of June 11th, 2009 Bush was apprehended by law enforcement officials in Arizona for a probation violation warrant from the Chelan County Sheriff's Office in Washington State. He is currently in custody in Arizona.

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

John Kove
Affiant

John Kove
Print Affiant's Name

Wenatchee, SGT, 1K9
Agency, Title and Personnel No.

Wenatchee, WA
City and State

*****ORDER*****

On this _____ day of _____, _____,
(Day) (Month) (Year)

I reviewed the foregoing affidavit and hereby (find) (do not find) that probable cause exists for the arrest of the defendant on the enumerated charges.

Time: _____

JUDGE