

**ARREST AFFIDAVIT FOR JOSE FELICIANO FOR MURDER-W-2009-000042-1404**

David Frisk of the Morris County Prosecutor's Office, of full age, duly sworn upon his oath, deposes and says:

1. I am a Detective in the Morris County Prosecutor's Office, assigned to the Major Crimes Unit. Thus, I am a police officer authorized to make this application for the issuance of an arrest warrant charging the defendant Jose Feliciano, date of birth March 14, 1945, with Murder, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:11-3(a)(1) and (a)(2); Possession of a weapon (knife) for an unlawful purpose, in violation of N.J.S.A. 39-4(d); Unlawful possession of a knife, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39-5(d); and Hindering Apprehension or Prosecution, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:29-3(B)(1). Said charges are contained in Complaint No. W-2009-000042-1404.
2. I have participated in the investigation described herein and have knowledge thereof. Some is personal knowledge and some is based on information given to me by witnesses and other officers.
3. At approximately 8:03 a.m., in the rectory of the St. Patrick's Church in Chatham Borough, N.J., Father Edward Hinds, date of birth January 14, 1948, was found dead. Father Hinds suffered multiple stab wounds to his body.
4. On October 24, 2009, Dr. Ronald Suarez, M.E., completed an autopsy of Father Hinds. Dr. Suarez determined the cause of death to be "multiple sharp force injuries." He determined "homicide" to be the manner of death.
5. On the morning of October 22, 2009, Jose Feliciano, went to the rectory where he, and others, discovered Father Hinds's body on the floor in the kitchen. A 9-1-1 call was placed to the Chatham Borough Police Department.

6. Mr. Feliciano has been employed as a janitor by St. Patrick's Church since approximately 1992.
7. Father Hinds's cellular telephone was not found near his body or elsewhere in the rectory.
8. An investigation in to the use of Father Hinds's cellular phone indicated that the phone had been used in Easton, Pa. It was also determined that Mr. Feliciano resides in Easton, Pa. On October 23, 2009, a garbage can was located in a public park 50 yards from Mr. Feliciano's residence. In the garbage can, law enforcement officers discovered a t-shirt and rags saturated with what appeared to be fresh blood.
9. On October 24, 2009, Marisol Feliciano, Jose's wife, was interviewed. After waiving her Miranda rights, Mrs. Feliciano indicated that on October 22, 2009, she and her daughter picked her husband up from St. Patrick's between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m.
10. On October, 24, 2009, Mr. Feliciano was also interviewed. After waiving his Miranda rights, Mr. Feliciano confessed to the murder of Father Hinds. Mr. Feliciano stated that he entered Father Hinds's living quarters at the church rectory at 5:00 p.m. on October 22, 2009. He further stated that an argument ensued. Mr. Feliciano exited the rectory, retrieved a knife and returned to the rectory where he ultimately killed Father Hinds. He relayed that he utilized rags and paper towels to clean up blood from the killing, which he then placed in a black bag. Mr. Feliciano further stated that upon returning to his home in Easton, Pa., he discarded the blood-saturated rags in a trash can located in a park adjacent to his home. He also stated that he threw the knife away after he returned to his home. Mr. Feliciano stated that he destroyed Father Hinds's cellular phone while back at his residence in Easton, Pa.
11. Based on the above, the undersigned requests that the Court issue the attached arrest warrant.



DET. DAVID FRISK  
MORRIS COUNTY  
PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Sworn and subscribed before me  
this 24 day of October, 2009



HON. B. THEODORE BOZONELIS, A.J.S.C.  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT