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TO ANY SHERIFF OR CONSTABLE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, GREETINGS:

You Are Heraby Commanded To Arrest Brandon Dale Woodruff

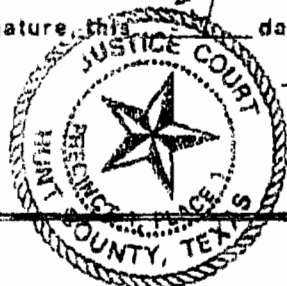
If to be found in your County and bring him/her before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for Precinct Number 1, Place Number 1 of Hunt County, Texas, at my office in _____ in said County, immediately, then and there to answer THE STATE OF TEXAS, wherein said Defendant is charged with the offense of _____

Capital Murder

of which he stands accused by the written complaint, under oath of Sgt. Jeffery T. Collins, filed before me.

Herein Fail Not, but of this writ make due return, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my official signature, this 10 day of OCTOBER, A. D., 2005



JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PRECINCT 1
PLACE 1, HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS

File No. <u>3199X</u>	IN JUSTICE'S COURT	Precinct No. <u>1</u> Place No. <u>1</u>	Hunt County, Texas THE STATE OF TEXAS Vs. Brandon Dale Woodruff W/M DOB: 09/06/1986 TEXAS DL #00585720	WARRANT OF ARREST	Issued <u>10-27</u> 20 <u>05</u> <u>Jeffery T. Collins</u> J.P. Precinct No. <u>1</u> Place No. <u>1</u> Of Hunt County
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SHERIFF'S OR CONSTABLE'S RETURN

Came to hand the _____ day of _____ 20____ at _____ o'clock ____ m., and executed On the _____ day of _____ 20____ at _____ o'clock ____ m., by arresting The within named _____ At _____ in _____ County, Texas, and "taking his/her Bond, "placing him/her in jail at _____ I actually and necessarily traveled _____ mile in the service of this writ, in addition to any other mileage I may have traveled in the service of other process in this cause during the same trip.

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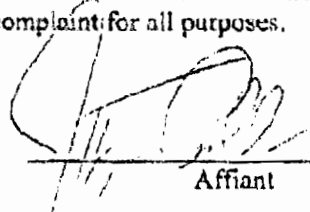
Charge: Capital Murder

In the Name and by Authority of the State of Texas:

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared the undersigned affiant, who after being by me duly sworn, on oath deposes and says that he has good reason to believe and does believe and charge that **Brandon Dale Woodruff W/M D.O.B. 09/06/1986** on or about the 16TH day of October, A.D. 2005, and before the making and filing of this complaint, in the County of Hunt, State of Texas, did then and there murder more than one person during the same criminal transaction, to wit: **Brandon Dale Woodruff** did then and there intentionally and knowingly cause the death of an individual, **Dennis Dale Woodruff**, by shooting him with a firearm and stabbing him with an unknown object, and the said **Brandon Dale Woodruff** did then and there intentionally and knowingly cause the death of an individual, **Norma Faye Woodruff**, by shooting her with a firearm and stabbing her with an unknown object.

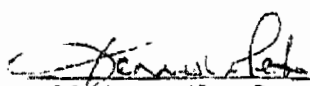
AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Affiant, Sgt. Jeffery T. Collins is employed by the Texas Department Of Public Safety, Texas Ranger Division and bases his belief on the facts and information in the attached Exhibit A, which is incorporated in this complaint for all purposes.



Affiant

Sworn and subscribed before me this the 24th day of October A.D. 2005.



Magistrate, Hunt County, Texas

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Belonged to Parents of Girl Friend

Bullets

Your affiant was told by Michelle Lee, when Lee turned over the leather holster and belt containing the ammunition consistent with the ammunition recovered from the bodies of the victims and the crime scene, that Brandon Woodruff indicated that Woodruff was leaving after the funeral of the victims and was not going to return to Abilene Christian University or the Hunt County or Rockwall County areas.

Michelle Lee also stated that several weeks ago Brandon Woodruff had called her and said he was afraid he had "screwed up" with school and he wasn't sure if he should be there. Michelle Lee also stated that Brandon Woodruff had missed curfew so many times since the beginning of the semester at Abilene Christian University that he would receive an academic dismissal if he missed curfew again. Affiant knows that Brandon Woodruff missed curfew on October 16, 2005.

Michelle Lee also stated that when talking about the events that took place on the day Brandon Woodruff's parents were discovered dead, that Brandon Woodruff told Michelle Lee that he attempted to call his parents and let them know he had gotten back to Abilene Christian University safely on October 16, 2005. Brandon Woodruff told Michelle Lee that he got no answer and that on October 17, 2005 he called his sister to see if she had any contact with Norma and Dennis Woodruff. According to Brandon Woodruff, after many attempts to reach Norman and Dennis Woodruff, Brandon Woodruff called his aunt, Linda Matthews, and ultimately Brandon Woodruff called Todd Williams who ended up going to Norma and Dennis Woodruff's residence and found them deceased.

Arrest Record?

Michelle Lee and Michael Etherington, a former classmate and friend of Brandon Woodruff, both expressed concerns to investigators in reference to the mysterious deaths of several animals to include a horse, dogs, and lamb in Brandon Woodruff's care.

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Etherington also informed investigators that he had personal knowledge of Brandon Woodruff striking a mother cat in the head with a shovel in order to kill her and then dropping her kittens from an overpass.

Your Affiant was contacted by Dallas Police Officer Randy Ferguson. Ferguson advised your Affiant that his daughter attended Abilene Christian University and was a friend of Brandon Woodruff. Ferguson advised that his daughter and other friends of Brandon Woodruff had been asked by Brandon Woodruff to drive the 2001 Chevrolet Pickup from Abilene Christian University to Ferguson's residence at 293 Ashwood Sunnyvale, Dallas County, Texas. Ferguson stated that the vehicle was then to be transported to Texarkana, Texas for the funeral of the victims and given to Brandon Woodruff.

where in writing

Michael Etherington stated to investigators that on a web page utilized by Brandon Woodruff, Brandon Woodruff stated that he "Hated his fucking parents and wished they were fucking dead." Etherington went on to state that Brandon Woodruff indicated on the web page that his parent were losers and never did anything for him. Investigators were able to locate said web page and discovered a survey reportedly filled out by Brandon Woodruff that included the question: "Do you get along with your parents?" to which, investigators observed the answer to that question as, "ALL THE TIME.....LOL.....NO, Really, I LOVE THEM". While investigators were viewing the survey, Etherington called and advised that the entry about Brandon Woodruff's parents had been recently changed from what Michael Etherington told investigators to what was currently on the survey.

According to Etherington, Brandon Woodruff must have changed entries which are displayed via the internet on a website concerning incriminating comments about a strained relationship between himself and his parents.

High School

On October 23, 2005, Affiant conducted interviews with both Charla Woodruff and Brandon Woodruff, the children of the victims, in the presence of their attorneys. During the interview of Charla Woodruff, Affiant was told of "borderline" physical abuse and of strained relationships between the parents and the children. Charla Woodruff stated that she was forced by Brandon Woodruff to lie to their parents continually while they were growing up in order to cover up for Brandon Woodruff's misbehavior and that Brandon Woodruff would physically abuse her with a horse whip. Charla Woodruff also told Affiant that Brandon Woodruff is currently on probation for disorderly conduct stemming from a fight in Rockwall County. Charla Woodruff also indicated that Dennis Woodruff underwent electroshock therapy when she was a child for anger management and his explosive temper. Charla Woodruff indicated that Brandon Woodruff inherited their father's temperament.

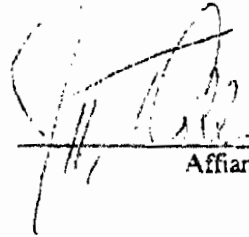
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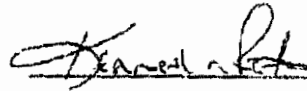
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Magistrate, Hunt County, Texas

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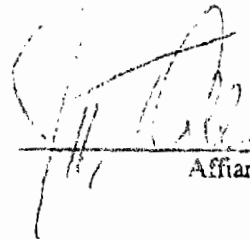
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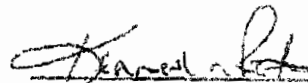
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Your affiant was told by Michelle Lee, when Lee turned over the leather holster and belt containing the ammunition consistent with the ammunition recovered from the bodies of the victims and the crime scene, that Brandon Woodruff indicated that Woodruff was leaving after the funeral of the victims and was not going to return to Abilene Christian University or the Hunt County or Rockwall County areas.

Michelle Lee also stated that several weeks ago Brandon Woodruff had called her and said he was afraid he had "screwed up" with school and he wasn't sure if he should be there. Michelle Lee also stated that Brandon Woodruff had missed curfew so many times since the beginning of the semester at Abilene Christian University that he would receive an academic dismissal if he missed curfew again. Affiant knows that Brandon Woodruff missed curfew on October 16, 2005.

Michelle Lee also stated that when talking about the events that took place on the day Brandon Woodruff's parents were discovered dead, that Brandon Woodruff told Michelle Lee that he attempted to call his parents and let them know he had gotten back to Abilene Christian University safely on October 16, 2005. Brandon Woodruff told Michelle Lee that he got no answer and that on October 17, 2005 he called his sister to see if she had any contact with Norma and Dennis Woodruff. According to Brandon Woodruff, after many attempts to reach Norman and Dennis Woodruff, Brandon Woodruff called his aunt, Linda Matthews, and ultimately Brandon Woodruff called Todd Williams who ended up going to Norma and Dennis Woodruff's residence and found them deceased.

Michelle Lee and Michael Etherington, a former classmate and friend of Brandon Woodruff, both expressed concerns to investigators in reference to the mysterious deaths of several animals to include a horse, dogs, and lamb in Brandon Woodruff's care.

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Etherington also informed investigators that he had personal knowledge of Brandon Woodruff striking a mother cat in the head with a shovel in order to kill her and then dropping her kittens from an overpass.

Your Affiant was contacted by Dallas Police Officer Randy Ferguson. Ferguson advised your Affiant that his daughter attended Abilene Christian University and was a friend of Brandon Woodruff. Ferguson advised that his daughter and other friends of Brandon Woodruff had been asked by Brandon Woodruff to drive the 2001 Chevrolet Pickup from Abilene Christian University to Ferguson's residence at 293 Ashwood Sunnyvale, Dallas County, Texas. Ferguson stated that the vehicle was then to be transported to Texarkana, Texas for the funeral of the victims and given to Brandon Woodruff.

Michael Etherington stated to investigators that on a web page utilized by Brandon Woodruff, Brandon Woodruff stated that he "Hated his fucking parents and wished they were fucking dead." Etherington went on to state that Brandon Woodruff indicated on the web page that his parent were losers and never did anything for him. Investigators were able to locate said web page and discovered a survey reportedly filled out by Brandon Woodruff that included the question: "Do you get along with your parents?" to which, investigators observed the answer to that question as, "ALL THE TIME.....LOL.....NO, Really, I LOVE THEM". While investigators were viewing the survey, Etherington called and advised that the entry about Brandon Woodruff's parents had been recently changed from what Michael Etherington told investigators to what was currently on the survey.

According to Etherington, Brandon Woodruff must have changed entries which are displayed via the internet on a website concerning incriminating comments about a strained relationship between himself and his parents.

On October 23, 2005, Affiant conducted interviews with both Charla Woodruff and Brandon Woodruff, the children of the victims, in the presence of their attorneys. During the interview of Charla Woodruff, Affiant was told of "borderline" physical abuse and of strained relationships between the parents and the children. Charla Woodruff stated that she was forced by Brandon Woodruff to lie to their parents continually while they were growing up in order to cover up for Brandon Woodruff's misbehavior and that Brandon Woodruff would physically abuse her with a horse whip. Charla Woodruff also told Affiant that Brandon Woodruff is currently on probation for disorderly conduct stemming from a fight in Rockwall County. Charla Woodruff also indicated that Dennis Woodruff underwent electroshock therapy when she was a child for anger management and his explosive temper. Charla Woodruff indicated that Brandon Woodruff inherited their father's temperament.

During the interview of Brandon Woodruff, he claimed no abuse or strained relationships existed between any of the family members in disagreement with the statement made by Charla Woodruff. Brandon Woodruff provided Affiant a timeline