

THE STATE OF TEXAS

F4-16-470

ARREST WARRANT AFFIDAVIT

COUNTY OF CORYELL

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared the undersigned affiant, who after being duly sworn on oath deposes and says; My name is Jason Bobo of the Texas Rangers and I have good reason to believe and do believe that on or about the 13th day of January, 2016, **Chet SHELTON, white male, DOB: 09-25-1988**, did then and there commit the offense of:

AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT (OF A CHILD UNDER SIX YEARS OF AGE), 1st DEGREE FELONY, in violation of Penal Code § Sec. 22.021.

Your AFFIANT, Texas Ranger Jason BOBO, based on personal knowledge, interviews and discussions with the individuals herein identified and review of reports generated by the mentioned agencies, etc. is aware of the following information:

On 01-13-2016, **Gatesville Police Department Investigator Cody LEE** was called to investigate the death of an infant child, **Makai Brooks Lamar (W/M, DOB: 06-21-2013)**. Investigator LEE was informed by fellow officers from his department that the infant child had died after being taken to the Coryell Memorial Hospital emergency room for treatment. They also informed Investigator LEE that **Chet SHELTON**, the person in care custody and control of the infant child, had been taken to the Gatesville Police Department. Investigator LEE interviewed Chet SHELTON there at the police department. During that interview SHELTON told Investigator LEE the following information:

SHELTON stated he was caring for the infant all or the majority of the day, as the child's mother, Madeline LAMAR, was working a double shift at a local restaurant. SHELTON told Investigator LEE that Madeline LAMAR came home for a short time to pick up some school work and returned to work. SHELTON asked Madeline LAMAR to bring food for the child and himself for supper. After eating, the child fell asleep on the couch in the living room of the residence. SHELTON reported after the child had been asleep for a period of time, SHELTON moved the infant child to the child's bed room and placed him in the child's bed. SHELTON left the child sleeping, unattended, and stepped outside the residence to smoke a cigarette. SHELTON said that during that time he was also downloading applications on his cell phone. When SHELTON was done, SHELTON re-entered the residence, planning to take a shower. SHELTON checked on the child and found the child was not breathing. SHELTON reported he began CPR in attempt to revive the child. SHELTON realized his efforts were unsuccessful and took the child from the residence to a neighbor, a Coryell County Deputy Sheriff for medical assistance. SHELTON, during this interview, also relayed to Investigator LEE that he had used Methamphetamine within the past 48 hours.

Officer Christopher CATO, a patrol officer with Gatesville Police Department, spoke with SHELTON at various times throughout the evening and SHELTON told him that when he came in from outside the reason he went into the child's room was to move his blankets around to allow the child breathe better. SHELTON did not tell Officer CATO that he was coming in to take a shower.

On 01-14-2016, Ranger BOBO received a request to assist the Investigator LEE and the Gatesville Police Department with the Questionable Death Investigation of Makai LAMAR.

A review of emergency medical personnel reports indicated a response to the Deputy's home near 34th Street where the infant child had been taken by SHELTON. Notably, the reports indicated the emergency personnel found the child on the floor nude. The emergency personnel were told by SHELTON that he had gone outside and left the child asleep unattended for a period of approximately 30 minutes before returning inside to find the child unresponsive. The emergency personnel on the scene reported that the injuries child appeared inconsistent with marks that might be left from emergency medical treatment. The emergency personnel documented injuries to the head, face, abdomen, and extremities that included various bruises and burns. They also indicated that there were at least 3 abrasions or lacerations that seem to be consistent with the child having been struck multiple times on the right side of the head with the same object.

Officer CATO, who responded to the scene indicated that the child's bed, which is a toddler bed, had bedding on it, but that he removed the bedding in an attempt to locate any foreign objects within the child's immediate area. The bedding was left on the floor of the home at that time. Officer Cato reported that there was a quarter sized stain that appeared to be blood located on the child's sleeping pillow, as well as a larger stain that also appeared to be blood on the comforter that had been on the child's bed.

Ranger BOBO reviewed photographs of Makai LAMAR taken while he was at the Coryell Memorial Hospital. A review of the photographs indicated numerous injuries to the infant to included apparent contusions, marks, and suspicious markings. Notably, a review of the photographs showed a bloody substance and possible fecal matter originating from the infant child's rectal area and buttocks.

Investigator LEE and Texas Ranger J. ODOM attended the autopsy of Makai LAMAR at the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences on 01-15-2016 in Dallas, Texas. Dr. Stephen LENFEST conducted the autopsy. The preliminary cause of death provided to the investigators indicated the death of Makai LAMAR was caused by blunt force trauma. Makai LAMAR had injuries to his head and internal organs. Dr. LENFEST also relayed Makai LAMAR had been anally penetrated causing severe, distinct trauma.

The investigators conducted numerous interviews and obtained a timeline of events to establish who the caregivers to Makai LAMAR were and who had possession of Makai LAMAR prior to his death on 01-13-2016. The information gleaned clearly shows Chet SHELTON'S possession of Makai LAMAR throughout the day and into the night. This information, coupled with SHELTON'S admissions that he was in possession of the child throughout the day and the events preceding the child's death, clearly indicate Chet SHELTON was in care, custody, and control of Makai LAMAR.

Moreover, the interviews and discussions with Chet SHELTON, to include information SHELTON provided to others relative to this investigation, reveal numerous discrepancies with SHELTON's story and timeline of events. The child's mother, Madeline LAMAR, and other caregivers indicated the child always slept clothed and logically in a diaper. When SHELTON took the infant child to the neighbor's house for medical assistance, the infant was wearing no clothing, not even a diaper.

A review of SHELTON's criminal history revealed numerous sexual assaults of children, aggravated sexual assaults of children as well as Indecency offenses with children. The following is a summary of offenses reported on SHELTON's criminal history as reported by the Texas Department of Public Safety's crime records:

In May of 2007, SHELTON was charged with 3 counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child.

In December of 2007, SHELTON was charged with 3 counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child.

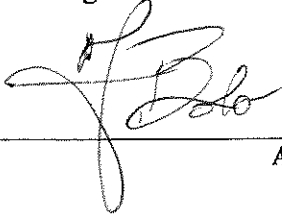
In October of 2010, SHELTON was charged with 2 counts of Agg. Assault Causing Serious Bodily Injury.

In May of 2007, SHELTON was charged with 4 counts of Indecency with a Child – Sexual Contact

That based upon the facts being related to him as a result of this investigation your affiant has reason to believe and does believe that CHET SHELTON committed the offense of AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT (OF A CHILD UNDER SIX YEARS OF AGE), 1st DEGREE FELONY, in violation of Penal Code § Sec. 22.021.


WHEREFORE, I request that an arrest warrant issue for the suspect hereinbefore designated according to the laws of this State.

WITNESS my signature this the 17 day of January, 2016.



AFFIANT

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME this the 17 day of January 2016.



MAGISTRATE IN AND FOR CORYELL COUNTY, TEXAS
JP 4 Coryell County

TITLE AND OFFICE HELD BY MAGISTRATE