

IN THE CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR  
HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FL

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ARREST REPORT

HIGHLANDS COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE

REPORT NO: HCSO18ARR001807

Jail Booking No HCSO18JBN001667	Offense No HCSO18OFF003588	Other No HCSO18CAD030539	OBTS
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[ SUSPECT ]

Last First Middle Title Race Sex DOB Age Hgt Wgt  
ABLES JOSEPH EDWARD W M 1/13/1949 69 5'09" 180  
Eyes Hair MNI Number SSN ID. No. St Type OCA/Agency ID  
HAZ GRY HCSO06MNI004881 [REDACTED] A142485490130 FL DL

Birth Location: City: GADSTEN County: State: ALABAMA Nation: UNITED STATES Citizenship: UNITED STATES  
Address

234 BALTIMORE WAY LAKE PLACID FL 33852

Occupations (Current/Last Known is Listed First)

Business: UNEMPLOYED, Job Title: DISABLED, Entered: 9/17/2015

Aliases (Last, First Middle Title DOB)

\* none found in MNI \*

Street Names

\* none found in MNI \*

[ INCIDENT INFORMATION ]

Occurred Date Range: 5/6/2018 19:30 to 5/6/2018 19:45 Lat / Long 27.25406 / -81.39482  
No. Di Street Apt/Lot City ST Zip (GEO)  
234 BALTIMORE WAY LAKE PLACID FL 33852 SODT - 4 - -

[ CHARGES ]

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HOMICIDE

MURDER DANGEROUS DEPRAVED WO PREMEDITATION

<u>Counts</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>GOC</u>	<u>UCR</u>	<u>NCIC</u>	<u>AON</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>
1	Felony	First	Attempt	090A		0999	

790.23.1a

POSSESSION OF WEAPON

OR AMMO BY CONVICTED FLA FELON

<u>Counts</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>GOC</u>	<u>UCR</u>	<u>NCIC</u>	<u>AON</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>
1	Felony	Second	Principal	5200		5212	

843.01.

RESIST OFFICER

WITH VIOLENCE

<u>Counts</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>GOC</u>	<u>UCR</u>	<u>NCIC</u>	<u>AON</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>
1	Felony	Third	Principal	9000		4801	

918.13.

EVIDENCE-DESTROYING

TAMPER WITH OR FABRICATE PHYSICAL

<u>Counts</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>GOC</u>	<u>UCR</u>	<u>NCIC</u>	<u>AON</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>
1	Felony	Third	Principal	9000		4804	

948.06.

PROB VIOLATION

PROBATION VIOLATION

<u>Counts</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>GOC</u>	<u>UCR</u>	<u>NCIC</u>	<u>AON</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>
1		N/A	Principal	9000		5012	

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[ STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / NARRATIVE ]

On 05/06/2018, at approximately 1939 hours, the Highlands County Sheriff's Office Consolidated Dispatch received a call for service in reference to an animal complaint. The complainant, Susan Naylor, of 345 Chicago Way N.E. in Lake Placid, Highlands County, Florida, stated someone had shot and killed her cat. Naylor suspected a neighbor was responsible for the killing of the feline.

Upon the arrival of Highlands County Sheriff's Office Deputies, an investigation was initiated in reference to the deceased feline. Naylor stated her belief was the resident known to her as "Joe" of 234 Baltimore Way in Lake Placid, Highlands County, Florida, was responsible for the shooting.

Deputy William Gentry proceeded to this residence to make contact with the resident of 234 Baltimore Way in Lake Placid, Florida. Shortly thereafter, assisting Deputies on scene as well as witnesses heard what sounded like gun shots. Assisting Deputies proceeded to the scene from the complainant's residence. At that time, the garage door of the residence began to open. Deputies observed a vehicle running in the garage, and a white male suspect standing near the opened driver's door. Deputies asked the suspect, identified as Joseph Edward Ables, about the shooting. Ables, henceforth referenced as the DEFENDANT dropped his shoulders, lowered his head and sighed in a submissive manner. The DEFENDANT was later determined to be the only occupant within the residence.

The Deputies then observed Deputy Gentry laying inside the front screened area at the entrance of the residence. Deputy Gentry had suffered life threatening injuries to his head described as gunshot wounds. Deputy Gentry was unresponsive and was later removed by Emergency Medical Services and transported to a nearby trauma center for further medical treatment.

The DEFENDANT was secured and placed in a nearby patrol vehicle while Deputies rendered aid to Deputy Gentry and cleared the residence to confirm there was no one else inside. A search of the DEFENDANT'S residence revealed no additional persons present.

Further investigation revealed prior to the shooting, Deputy W. Gentry read the DEFENDANT'S drivers license information to this agencies Consolidated Dispatch. It was revealed the DEFENDANT was a convicted felon within the state of Florida and is currently on supervised felony probation.



The DEFENDANT'S drivers license was discovered in the same area in which Deputy Gentry was located, as well as a cellular telephone belonging to Deputy Gentry. This is consistent with the information obtained from Consolidated Dispatch that Deputy Gentry had requested the DEFENDANT'S Probation Officer to contact him.

A Search Warrant was obtained for the DEFENDANT'S residence. This search revealed an empty handgun holster in a bedroom and a 22 caliber revolver and ammunition in the front passenger seat of the DEFENDANT'S vehicle. A search of the handgun revealed several spent casings within the handgun and several live rounds in the chamber.

Post Miranda, the DEFENDANT stated he remembered the female complainant coming to his residence to ask if he was responsible for shooting her cat. The DEFENDANT further remembers a male approaching his front door. The DEFENDANT saw this person was wearing a gun belt with a gun. The DEFENDANT claims at this point he blacked out and remembers nothing. The DEFENDANT stated the next thing he remembers was being put on the pavement by law enforcement. The DEFENDANT claims to be a Vietnam War vet who suffers from PTSD. The DEFENDANT did state he lives alone within the residence and that he had no recent visitors at the residence before or during his contact with law enforcement.

Deputy Gentry is receiving medical services at the trauma center, but is not expected to survive from his injuries. Communication was received from the attending physician where the physician indicates Deputy Gentry appears to have received a gunshot wound to his head without any stippling observed and others where the physician indicates stippling is present.

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Probable cause exists to indicate the DEFENDANT shot uniformed Highlands County Sheriff's Deputy Gentry multiple times in the face and head area. Probable cause further exists to indicate the DEFENDANT did this while resisting law enforcement with violence. The DEFENDANT is a convicted felon within the State of Florida, and whose rights have not been restored. Despite this, the DEFENDANT was in possession of a functioning firearm and ammunition and the DEFENDANT had placed the handgun in the front passenger's seat of his vehicle in which it was apparent the DEFENDANT was preparing to leave the residence with the firearm used in these crimes.

Probable cause further exists to indicate the DEFENDANT did violate his probation, which he was placed on under Highlands County Court Case # 282015CF000523CFAXMX. This case was filed on 09/16/2015 and included felony charges of Battery on Elderly Person. The disposition date for this case was 06/08/2016, at which time the DEFENDANT was put on four (4) years probation.

I hereby swear (or affirm) that the facts established on this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature (Arresting Officer) \_\_\_\_\_ ST LAURENT, ROGER C JR Name 2233 ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 9 day of May A.D., 2018 by \_\_\_\_\_ who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_ LEO \_\_\_\_\_ CO

Commission No: \_\_\_\_\_ My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

[ PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ] [ NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED ]

[ ARREST INFORMATION ]

Arrested	Residency	Injured	Extent of Injury	Resist
5/6/2018	19:30	Within jurisdiction	Critical	Yes
		Arrested Prior	Alcohol	Drugs
		Yes	Unknown	Unknown
No.	Di	Street	A/L	City
234		BALTIMORE WAY		LAKE PLACID
Arresting Officer	Unit	(GEO)	SODT - 4 - -	Officer Type
2233	ST LAURENT, ROGER C JR	SHERIFF\CIU\INVESTIGATORS		
Reporting Officer	Unit	SHERIFF\CIU\INVESTIGATORS		Original Offense Jurisdiction
2233	ST LAURENT, ROGER C JR			HCSO

Forward to for approval  
SHERIFF\ADMIN\CENTRAL RECORDS

Bond Set by LEO at Time of Arrest & Booking: \$0.00  
( ) None ( ) Pro  
( ) ROR  
( ) Cash  
( ) Any  
( ) Pre Trial If Qualify

Bond Set by Judge ( ) None ( ) ROR/Sign  
( ) Cash/Surety ( ) PTR

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- SC \_\_\_\_\_

Return Court: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_

[ DISPOSITION ]

<u>Disposition Type</u>	<u>Release Type</u>	<u>Other Desc</u>
<u>Release Date</u> <u>Release Time</u> <u>Release Officer</u>		<u>Printed</u> <u>Printed By</u> No
<u>Released To</u>		
<u>Court Disposition Type</u>	<u>Court Disposition Description</u>	

[ ADDITIONAL PERSONS ]

[ INVESTIGATOR ]

<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Hgt</u>	<u>Wgt</u>
ST LAURENT	ROGER	(HCSO)	DET	W	M				0
<u>Eyes</u>	<u>Hair</u>	<u>MNI Number</u>	<u>SSN</u>	<u>I.D. No.</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>OCA/Agency ID</u>		
		HCSO06MNI002507							

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Information Private.

[ VICTIM ]

<u>Last</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>DOB</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Hgt</u>	<u>Wgt</u>
GENTRY	WILLIAM	(HCSO)	DET	W	M				0
<u>Eyes</u>	<u>Hair</u>	<u>MNI Number</u>	<u>SSN</u>	<u>I.D. No.</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>OCA/Agency ID</u>		
		HCSO06MNI000813							

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STATE OF FLORIDA	STATE OF FLORID	HCSO							0
<u>Eyes</u>	<u>Hair</u>	<u>MNI Number</u>	<u>SSN</u>	<u>I.D. No.</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>OCA/Agency ID</u>		
		HCSO15MNI001751							

Birth Location: City: County: State: Nation: Citizenship:  
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 434 FERNLEAF AVE SEBRING FL 33870  
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 Prosecution Approved

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Signature of Assistant State Attorney

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Date

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<u>Eyes</u> HAZ	<u>Hair</u> GRY	<u>MNI Number</u> HCSO06MNI004881	<u>SSN</u> [REDACTED]	<u>ID. No.</u> A142485490130	<u>St</u> FL	<u>Type</u> DL	<u>OCA/Agency ID</u>		

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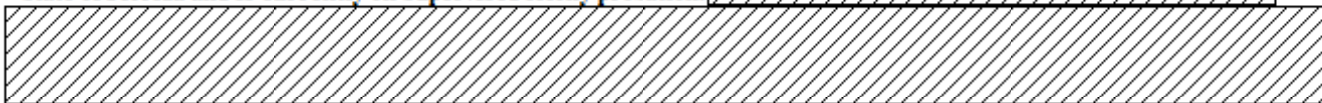
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Deputy Gentry received medical services at the trauma center, but did not survive his injuries. Deputy Gentry succumbed to his injuries and passed away on 05/07/2018 at approximately 1310 hrs. Communication was received from the attending physician where the physician indicates Deputy Gentry appears to have received a gunshot wound to his head without any stippling observed and others where the physician indicates stippling is present.

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I hereby swear (or affirm) that the facts established on this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature (Arresting Officer) \_\_\_\_\_ ST LAURENT, ROGER C JR 2233  
Name ID/SSN

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me this 9 day of May A.D., 2018 by \_\_\_\_\_  
who is personally known to me or has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_ LEO \_\_\_\_\_ CO

Commission No: \_\_\_\_\_ My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

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[ PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ] [ NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE LISTED ]

[ ARREST INFORMATION ]

Arrested 5/6/2018	09:40	Residency Within jurisdiction	Injured None	Extent of Injury N/A	Resist Yes
		Arrested Prior Yes	Arrest Jurisdiction Within jurisdiction	Alcohol No	Drugs No
No.	Di	Street	A/L	City	ST Zip
234		BALTIMORE WAY		LAKE PLACID	FL 33852
Arresting Officer 2233 ST LAURENT, ROGER C JR			Unit SHERIFF/CUINVESTIGATORS	(GEO) SODT - 4 - -	Officer Type
Reporting Officer 2462 RITENOUR, STEVEN D			Unit	Original Offense Jurisdiction HCSO	

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Bond Set by LEO at Time of Arrest & Booking: \$0.00

( ) None ( ) Pro

( ) ROR

( ) Cash

( ) Any

( ) Pre Trial If Qualify

Bond Set by Judge ( ) None ( ) ROR/Sign

( ) Cash/Surety ( ) PTR

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Return Court: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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[ DISPOSITION ]

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		<u>Printed</u> <u>Printed By</u>
		No
<u>Released To</u>		

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ST LAURENT	ROGER	(HCSO)	DET	W	M				0
<u>Eyes</u>	<u>Hair</u>	<u>MNI Number</u>	<u>SSN</u>	<u>ID. No.</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>OCA/Agency ID</u>		
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GENTRY	WILLIAM	(HCSO)	DET	W	M				0
<u>Eyes</u>	<u>Hair</u>	<u>MNI Number</u>	<u>SSN</u>	<u>I.D. No.</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>OCA/Agency ID</u>		
		HCSO06MNI000813							

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Signature of Assistant State Attorney                      Date

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