

IN THE DISTRICT/SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
AT Kotzebue

AFFIDAVIT by Police Officer
In Support of Complaint

Related Search Warrant(s): 3AN-15-1600SW

State of Alaska, Plaintiff, vs. Christopher Edward Cleveland Defendant 1 of 1.		
Date of Birth: 06/05/1976	APSIN: 6567452	
Operator License Number: 6567452		
State: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AK <input type="checkbox"/> CDL? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Mailing Address:		
City: Selawik	State: AK	ZIP: 99770

CASE NO. _____

Defendant(s)	ATN	CTN(s)	Date Offense	Offense Location
Christopher Edward Cleveland	112 652 388	001	07/06/15	Selawik

I, Investigator Brian Hibbs _____ attest to the following and state:
The following is based on information provided to me by Trooper Mitch Lewis and Investigator Scott Bartlett.

On 07/06/15 at approximately 0446 hours, the Alaska State Trooper (AST) Dispatch Center for the Native Village of Selawik, located in Ketchikan, Alaska, received a call from Clarence Snyder, former Selawik Village Police Officer, who reported that Christopher Edward Cleveland shot and killed Wade Cleveland along the boardwalk in the village of Selawik, Alaska.

Village Police Officer (VPO) Brent Norton called AST dispatch and said that at approximately 0200 hours, he was notified of a disturbance at Christopher Cleveland's residence. When he arrived on scene VPO Norton stated that Christopher Cleveland asked him to remove his girlfriend [REDACTED] from the area. VPO Norton estimated [REDACTED] level of intoxication to be a 4 or 5 on a scale of 1-10 and estimated Christopher Cleveland's level of intoxication to be a 5 or 6. VPO Norton stated that he detained [REDACTED] and brought her to the Selawik Police Office where she was held till approximately 0400 hours to sober up. VPO Norton stated he observed scratches and bruises to [REDACTED] arms and when asked about what happened she stated that Christopher Cleveland "Always tries to be violent."

VPO Norton stated he was patrolling the village on his ATV at 0430 hours, when he came across Wade Cleveland who was lying on the boardwalk, unconscious. VPO Norton stated that he heard someone yelling at him and could see Christopher Cleveland approximately 100 yards away from the boardwalk near his orange colored residence. VPO Norton said that Christopher Cleveland had what appeared to be a .22 LR pointed at him, which Cleveland then began to fire at him. VPO Norton stated he believed that Christopher Cleveland fired off approximately 10 rounds which he heard hitting the boardwalk and bridge next to him. VPO Norton described taking cover from being shot at by lying on the ground and crawling away. VPO Norton said he was able to get back to his ATV and leave the area to summon assistance and returned a few minutes later to retrieve [REDACTED] body. VPO Norton stated that Christopher Cleveland began to take more shots at him and said that he could hear him yelling, "I am going to shoot you." VPO Norton stated he moved [REDACTED] body onto his ATV and drove him to an apartment where he and others attempted to render first aid unsuccessfully.

Selawik Health Aide [REDACTED] stated that he was summoned at approximately 0500 hours, to render assistance to [REDACTED] whom he had heard had been shot. [REDACTED] said that as he was approaching the general location of [REDACTED] body people were yelling at him to stop and take cover. He then said he saw Christopher Cleveland enter his orange residence and then heard what appeared to be glass breaking. [REDACTED] believed that Christopher was breaking out a front window with a gun barrel by the sound and was in fear that he might be shot.

On 7/6/15 at about 1430 hours AST talked Christopher out of his residence and placed him under arrest. Christopher was taken to the SPD's holding cells where he was later interviewed. Christopher was read his Miranda Rights, he acknowledged understanding his rights and agreed to be interviewed. In essence, Christopher Cleveland stated: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] came to my house with R&R whiskey on 7/5/15 at about 6 or 7 PM. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were there too, so were [REDACTED]. We drank all of the whiskey and then drank some homebrew we had made. I got in an argument with [REDACTED] and she hit me. I snapped after she hit me. I was about to hit her when Wade stepped up and said I should hit a man. I hit Wade and then the others held me back. I told everyone I was going to my room and getting my .22 rifle to shoot everyone. I remember shooting at people. The last person I remember shooting at was [REDACTED]. I was inside my house and shot at [REDACTED] when he was by the brown building next to my house that they call the old shop. I also remember shooting at people who were at the bridge. I don't remember who the people at the bridge were. I don't remember shooting Wade. I ran out of bullets so I used an axe and broke into the store. (The store in next to his home) I was looking for bullets, but didn't find any. I was going to keep shooting if I found more bullets. I took some Kool brand cigarettes and went back to my house. I then broke my black .22 rifle because I was mad at myself.

[REDACTED] was interviewed on 7/6/15. [REDACTED] she was in a sexual relationship with Christopher Cleveland. She stated her and her two sons were living with Christopher and they had recently got engaged. She reported some people came over to their residence with R&R whiskey at about 2200 hours on 7/5/15. She stated they all drank the whiskey and were having a good time. She said Christopher had brewed some homebrew and they drank that after they ran out of the whiskey. She said Christopher got mad at her and called SPD on her. She said SPD took her away for about an hour. She walked back home and went to get her kids out of the house when

Christopher attacked her with his .22 rifle. She said he struck her several times with the rifle. (Several contusions were observed on ██████████ head, torso, and arms.) She said she exited the residence with her two boys when Christopher went to another room to get ammo for his .22 rifle. She stated she heard gunshots while walking away from the residence.

██████████ was interviewed on 7/6/15. He stated he was drinking at Christopher's residence with Christopher and several other people. He stated Christopher got his rifle and said he was going to shoot. He exited the residence and ran away. He stated he was trying to look for cover by the old shop when Christopher started shooting at him. He stated he got away without being shot.

Search warrant ██████████ was obtained for Christopher's residence. During the search the following items were discovered: Several spent .22 LR casings, a live .22 LR bullet, a black Ruger .22 long rifle which was broken into pieces, a carton of Kool cigarettes, an axe with a broken wooden handle, and other items.

A search of the boardwalk was conducted where VPO Norton described being shot (near the bridge) at while with Wade. Several apparent bullet defects were located on the wooden bridge.

VRA CERTIFICATION. I certify that this document and its attachments do not contain (1) the name of a victim of a sexual offense listed in AS 12.61.140 or (2) a residence or business address or telephone number of a victim of or witness to any crime unless it is an address used to identify the place of the crime or it is an address or telephone number in a transcript of a court proceeding and disclosure of the information was ordered by the court.

07/07/15
Date


Complainant's Signature

Investigator Brian Hibbs
Type or Print Name and Title

Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me at Kotzebue, Alaska, on 7/7/15.



Lorraine Craik
Notary Public or other person authorized to administer oaths.
My commission expires: with office

I certify that on 7/7/15 copies of this document were sent to: AST, KPD, DA, (S)AMCC, AS, ASAP, DEF, ATTY
Clerk RAC