

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE 78TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NEWAYGO

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,

-v-

File No. 14-2887-FY

MATTHEW WAYNE JONES,

Defendant.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,

-v-

File No. 14-2889-FY

PAUL MICHAEL JONES,

Defendant.

PROBABLE CAUSE HEARING

BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE, JONATHAN J. MORSE

White Cloud, Michigan - Monday, June 23, 2014

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WITNESSES:

None.

EXHIBITS:

None.

1 White Cloud, Michigan

2 Monday, June 23, 2014 - 3:53 p.m.

3 THE MAGISTRATE: The 78th District Court is now on
4 record with File Number 14-2889-FY, the defendant's name
5 is Matthew Wayne Jones, and Paul Michael Jones, being
6 charged with count one, co-defendants, homicide - murder --
7 murder first degree premeditated. Here to swear on the
8 complaint is Detective Rios.

9 Mr. Rios, can you please raise your right hand?
10 Do you solemnly swear, attest, and affirm that the informa-
11 tion in these documents is the truth to the best of your
12 knowledge and information, so help you God?

13 DETECTIVE RIOS: I do.

14 SCOTT RIOS

15 sworn by the Magistrate at 3:53 p.m., testified as follows:

16 DETECTIVE RIOS: Your Honor, on July 17th, 1989,
17 Robert Siders, the father of Shannon Siders, left work
18 approximately 10:30 p.m. Shannon was left at home at that
19 time. On July 18th, 1989, when Robert Siders returned home,
20 Shannon was not there. He eventually reported her missing
21 on July 20th, 1989.

22 On October 15th of 1989, Shannon's body was dis-
23 covered in Brooks Township, Newaygo County, by a bow hunter.
24 An autopsy was conducted by Doctor Graeser, who was the
25 medical examiner at the time, who indicated the cause of

1 death was blunt force trauma to the head, and the manner of
2 death is homicide. There were also mul -- multiple other
3 injuries.

4 Investigators started to work on this case at
5 that time, at -- at the time, and Detective/Sergeant Miller,
6 along with other investigators, were able to determine that
7 Shannon Siders on July 17th, had met up with Norm Shields,
8 Billie Shields, Clint Guthrie, Ricky Gomez, Michelle Burns,
9 Darrin Sackett, Paul Jones and Matt Jones.

10 On July 18th, at 1:30 a.m., a witness reported
11 that Shannon stopped by her house to pick up a cassette
12 tape. Also on July 18th, Shannon was last scene riding with
13 a Matt and Paul Jones, leaving the Grant area, headed
14 towards Newaygo.

15 A witness reported that they observed the Jones
16 vehicle turning eastbound on 88th from M-37, which is the
17 direction which Shannon's body was recovered. That vehicle
18 was -- in the vehicle was Paul Jones, and Matt Jones, and
19 Shannon Siders.

20 Pat -- Paul Jones initial interview -- initial
21 interview indicated that they had dropped Shannon off
22 between 12:00 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. There were two separate
23 witnesses that indicated they went to Shannon's residence
24 several times up to 3:00 a.m. in the morning, however, she
25 was not home.

1 Two additional witnesses came across Paul Jones
2 and another male introduced as his brother not far from
3 the area where Shannon's body was located. And Paul asked
4 the witness if they saw a female walking around. Just
5 prior to daylight, the same two witnesses came across the
6 same vehicle being driven by Paul Jones and -- were occupied
7 by Paul Jones and Matt Jones on a two-track. As they
8 approached, they could see a female laying on the ground
9 and Paul Jones standing over Shannon Siders. The witness
10 exited his vehicle and approached, tripped and fell to the
11 ground. Paul Jones kicked the witness in the face. Another
12 male subject walking behind the vehicle, holding some type
13 of tool.

14 A witness observed Paul Jones then grab Shannon
15 and dragged her back towards their vehicle. The two wit-
16 nesses described Shannon as limp and blood on her face. The
17 area in which the witnesses observed Paul, and Matt, and
18 the limp body of Shannon, were just east of the location
19 where her body was discover -- discovered in a pine row.

20 Detective/Sergeant Miller described these rows
21 as approxi -- described these pines as approximately 10 feet
22 high, 10 feet tall, I'm sorry. The area is known as the
23 hole in the woods. A location in which witnesses observed
24 Paul, and Matt, and Shannon were in close proximity, and
25 fairly accessible via two-tracks.

1 An independent witness from that area reported
2 hearing screams in the area the same night in which the
3 two previous witnesses observed Paul and Matt.

4 Over the years, Paul has made various statements
5 indicating he ran her -- ran her over. Face it, she's dead.
6 They were overheard talking to another individual and in-
7 dicated they hit her with a mirror and then began to beat
8 and rape her. They told witnesses they didn't know --
9 didn't remember what happened that night.

10 Paul Jones also told another witness he last saw
11 Shannon walking down -- walking together down a row of
12 pines with Matt.

13 Another witness, Paul indicated that they were at
14 a party and they left prior to Shannon. Matt has made
15 multiple statements as well. He also was involved with
16 talking to a witness indicating that he hit Shannon with a
17 mirror and they began to beat and rape her.

18 Told another witness -- witness they came out of
19 the house and Shannon, I'm sorry, they went to a house and
20 as Shannon came out of the house, a male was following her
21 and yelling at her. They went to a party, and Shannon got
22 out of the car and left with somebody.

23 Another witness statement that Matt Jones indi-
24 cated that she got into the car with some Mexicans and
25 left. And another witness yet indicated that Matt stated

1 they met Shannon at a party and left without her.

2 Subsequently, the last two known individuals to
3 be with Shannon were Matt Jones and Paul Jones. Two wit-
4 nesses observed Paul Jones and the other individual with
5 him, later identified as Matt Jones, Paul Jones standing
6 over the limp body of Shannon Siders.

7 Subsequently requested -- I'm requesting two
8 warrants, one for each individual for first degree murder.

9 THE MAGISTRATE: The Court finds probable cause
10 and will issue this complaint and warrant. Do you have any
11 concerns with bond in this matter?

12 DETECTIVE RIOS: I do, your Honor. There's -- both
13 these individuals have been known to leave the area when
14 being confronted by law enforcement. Neither individual has
15 a steady job. Neither has a permanent residence. However,
16 they do have family in the area.

17 In the last three years, Matt Jones has changed
18 residence during the course of this cold case investigation
19 at least three times. Matt Jones has also contacted a
20 number of the witnesses involved in this particular -- in-
21 volved in this case.

22 Investigators learned that there are unreported
23 sexual assault incidents in 1989 with Matt. Skip -- like I
24 indicated earlier, sir, Matt Jones is unemployed. Normally
25 -- he's currently working through Manpower, a temp service.

1 He'd also failed to report in 1998 for a traffic D-W-L-S.
2 Failed to appear in court in 1996 for traffic offenses. And
3 in 1990, failed to show in court.

4 For Paul Jones, after the body was found, Paul
5 moved out of the area. Later moving back to the Newaygo
6 area. Paul was arrested and convicted and spent time in
7 prison for home invasion.

8 During the course of this home invasion, he had
9 what I'll describe as a rape kit with him in 2006, which
10 included duct tape, condoms, and vaseline, and a stun gun.

11 Paul -- Paul Jones is a drug user, having recent-
12 ly been arrested and convicted for marijuana. He's also
13 lived at multiple addresses since being released in prison
14 in 2011.

15 In 2012, when investigators spoke with Paul Jones,
16 he left the state of Michigan and went to Texas. He's
17 currently back in Michigan. Paul Jones, again, is unem-
18 ployed and has an unsteady unemployment. He's currently
19 living in the basement of somebody else's house, and does
20 not own a residence in this area.

21 THE MAGISTRATE: Any consideration or bond condi-
22 tions regarding the witnesses in this matter, sir?

23 DETECTIVE RIOS: I would request no contact with
24 any of the witnesses. I didn't name the witnesses.

25 THE MAGISTRATE: Do -- do they have C-I numbers

1 possibly to keep their identity safe?

2 DETECTIVE RIOS: I do not. I do not have those.

3 THE MAGISTRATE: Well the Court is going to set --
4 is not going to -- is going to deny pre-trial release,
5 based on the nature of the charge and the possibility of
6 them leaving this jurisdiction. Bond condition orders will
7 be, if you can get the Court the confidential in -- confi-
8 dential information so the Court can put a bond condition
9 of no contact with those -- those victims just in case they
10 -- they were to bond out or to get out.

11 DETECTIVE RIOS: Thank you, your Honor.

12 THE MAGISTRATE: I guess you won't have to put a
13 bond condition on them because I'm denying their pre-trial
14 release.

15 (At 4:04 p.m., proceedings concluded)

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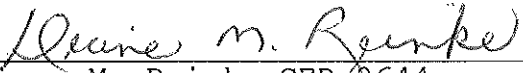
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I certify that this transcript, consisting of 10 pages,
is a complete, true and correct transcript of the proceedings
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June 24, 2014


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