



**AFFIDAVIT AND APPLICATION FOR SEALED ARREST WARRANT
AND THE ARREST WARRANT FOR THE PERSON OF:**

Delonta Dwight Crank DOB: 10/05/1978, a black male, approximately 5'08" & 190 pounds, for the charge of **Child Abuse Resulting in Serious Bodily Injury (18-6-401, a class 3 felony)**.

I, Detective Daniel D. Andrews 96015 of the Denver Police Major Crimes Division, the Affiant, state under oath that the facts known to the Affiant which establish probable cause to believe that a criminal offense was committed, and that the offense was committed by the above named person are the following:

On Wednesday, July 08, 2015 at 8:37 a.m. the Denver Combined Communications Center received a 911 call from St. Joseph's Hospital ER, 1375 E. 19th Ave. The call was made by [REDACTED] who identified herself as the [REDACTED]. She requested an officer respond for a "pediatric death with trauma." She told the call taker that some family members were present but it was unclear who the suspect was. She said the mother "Candice" was present in the waiting room and described her as being hysterical.

Denver Police Officer Sharon Hughes 94022 responded to the hospital and completed a written report which your Affiant reviewed. Officer Hughes reported that upon arriving she learned that at approximately 8:10 a.m. an unknown black male (later identified as [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]) arrived at the hospital with an unresponsive male child.

The medical staff reported evidence of abuse to the child (avulsions or burns to his buttocks, chest, thigh and genitals, and blood in one ear) and were unable to resuscitate him. Dr. Anthony Heckert pronounced the child deceased at 8:30 a.m. The child has been identified as Javion Johnson DOB: 07/19/2013 (herein after referred to as the victim) and is said to reside at [REDACTED] N. Franklin St. # [REDACTED]

Detectives of both the Homicide and Child Abuse Units responded to investigate.

The victim's mother, Candice Lampley DOB:05/12/1986 provided an interview to Homicide Unit Detective Troy Bisgard at Denver Police Headquarters. Ms. Lampley explained that she has been dating Delonta Crank DOB: 10/05/1978 (hereinafter referred to as the suspect) for about the past 8 months. She said that on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 in the afternoon or evening she received a call from the suspect who told her that he had to "whoop the baby" because he'd defecated on the floor. She also stated that this morning the suspect told her that the victim wasn't in bed, but was instead found on the floor. He claimed to have noticed that the victim was breathing when he picked him up and put him back in bed.

The victim's three siblings, [REDACTED] were forensically interviewed by Jodi Byrnes of Denver Human Services. These children reported that "Donta" (the suspect) does most of the disciplining because their mom "doesn't whoop good enough." They also reported that he uses a stick and a belt. They said that the victim had a potty training

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accident which upset the suspect. One of the siblings reported the victim had been placed in his high chair and that the suspect repeatedly hit him in the head. The child also said that their mother (Ms. Lampley) usually bathes the children but the suspect gave the victim a bath last night. Upon admittance at the hospital today the victim appeared to have suffered burns to his buttocks, which may be consistent with being placed in scalding hot water. Jamal also reported that the suspect told him not to say anything about what had occurred.

This morning (Wednesday, July 8, 2015) [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] arrived at [REDACTED] Franklin # [REDACTED] to babysit the children while the suspect drove Ms. Lampley to work. Mr. [REDACTED] told investigators that about 10 minutes after Ms. Lampley and the suspect left he received a call from the suspect asking him to check on the victim. Mr. [REDACTED] did so visually, and called the suspect to tell him that the victim appeared to be fine. The suspect then specifically asked Mr. [REDACTED] if the victim was breathing. Mr. [REDACTED] checked the victim while still on the phone with the suspect and reported that the victim was not breathing. He told the couple that he was taking the victim to the hospital. Mr. [REDACTED] then took the victim and his three siblings to the hospital in his white Nissan.

Upon arrival at the hospital the victim was rushed into treatment. Mr. [REDACTED] took the three siblings home to dress them more appropriately since he'd rushed them out of the house to get the victim help. Mr. [REDACTED] then returned to the hospital with the three siblings.

In the meantime, Ms. Lampley and the suspect arrived at the hospital. Nurse [REDACTED] later wrote a statement that Ms. Lampley told her the victim had been standing in front of an oven when it was opened and inhaled smoke, and also said that he pulled a cup of hot coffee on himself on the 4th of July.

Hospital Ambassador [REDACTED] also completed a written statement regarding her observations while attempting to comfort Ms. Lampley. She reported that a man entered the room and Ms. Lampley identified him as her fiancée. This man (the suspect) told Ms. [REDACTED] that he was cooking dinner last night when a large amount of black smoke came out of the oven and he saw the victim inhale it. She said he told her that the victim appeared dizzy so he took him outside for some fresh air, and then checked on him every 15 minutes throughout the night. He claimed the victim appeared fine throughout the night. Ms. [REDACTED] reported that the suspect attempted to take Ms. Lampley outside so that he could "talk to her." The suspect told Ms. [REDACTED] that it wasn't his fault and said that he takes good care of the kids. Shortly thereafter the suspect told Ms. [REDACTED] that he'd found the victim not breathing this morning and consequently took him to the hospital.

The suspect soon left the hospital with the three siblings in an apparent attempt to prevent them from being taken into protective custody. He left the kids at a house in Park Hill and was at large until he voluntarily came into DPD headquarters where he's now providing a statement.

Denver Health Medical Center/Family Crisis Center Dr. Kathryn Wells was consulted and shown photographs of the victim. She opined that the victim had in fact suffered serious bodily injury.

Based on the suspect's own admissions that he "whooped the child" for a potty training accident, the statements of the siblings that they witnessed him hitting the victim in the head and that he gave the victim a bath last night, as well as his specific instructions to Mr. [REDACTED] to check to see if the victim

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was breathing this morning, your Affiant respectfully requests an arrest warrant for Delonta Crank DOB: 10/05/1978 for the charge of child abuse resulting in SBI .

Pursuant to Rule 41 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, the Affiant listed herein has requested and received approval to have this affidavit sealed from public release of the information herein contained due to the media coverage of this case, to assure that this case is not compromised, so that witnesses mentioned in this warrant can be protected from any type of early reprisals, so that this investigation can continue.

I affirm this information to be true and correct

Det. D Andrews
Signature of Affiant

Subscribed under oath before me on

7.8.15 2032 hrs
Date Time
John Lucci
Judge of Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

ARREST WARRANT

To all Sheriffs, Peace Officers and Police Officers with the said State:

You are hereby commanded to take the person of the defendant and bring him without unnecessary delay before a Judge of the County Court to be dealt with according to law.

Bail fixed at \$

No Bond

John Lucci
Signature of Judge

Date

7/8/15

John Lucci
Printed name of Judge

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I executed the above warrant on (date) _____ by taking _____ (name of person arrested) into custody and placing said person in the _____ jail for safekeeping until further order of the court.

Signature of Arresting Officer