

**COMPLAINT/AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST WARRANT**

THE STATE OF TEXAS	§	
	§	IN THE NAME OF AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
COUNTY OF McLENNAN	§	

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day, personally appeared B. DeLange #296, known by me to be a credible person who after being duly sworn, upon oath deposes and says that he has good reason to believe and does believe that *(name of defendant)* James Keylan Willis, heretofore on or about the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, A.D. 2022, in the State of Texas and County of McLennan, did then and there intentionally or knowingly cause the death of *(name of decedent)* Stanley Wilcox. Affiant bases his belief up on the following facts:

On 12/29/2022 a report for a missing person was received by the Waco Police Department. On 12/30/2022, affiant was assigned to investigate and follow up on the missing person case of Stanley Wilcox DOB 05/02/1963 from 802 Garrett Ave in Waco Texas. On 12/30/2022, affiant obtained a cell phone that belonged to Stanley Wilcox that was turned in by a homeless female to a local convenience store that the affiant traveled to and collected. Affiant was also able to confirm that a gym he regularly worked out at reported that Stanley had not been to the gym in over ten (10) days which was highly uncharacteristic even despite the Christmas holiday. Affiant traveled to 802 Garrett Ave on 12/30/2022 and contacted three parties who were living in the house that Stanley Wilcox was the legal owner of. These individuals identified themselves to me as: James Keylan Willis DOB 01/08/2004, [REDACTED] DOB 05/07/2004, and Brandon Xavier Stephens DOB 11/05/2003. James provided information that Stanley had left the home at 802 Garrett Ave on or near 12/24/2022 after leaving his car keys with James. James gave consent to enter the residence to the affiant who went inside and observed several suspicious circumstances such as: Stanley's bedroom bed was stripped of the bed sheets, there was glass near the threshold of the door, Stanley's identification and debit card were in the living room in odd locations, and many other issues that required explanations. In front of the home was the interior of a car spare tire that was just left next to the front porch, and when asked about this item James claimed to have emptied out the back of a white 2021 Ford Escape with North Carolina plates parked in the driveway to make room for camping equipment. James noted that when he was loading the vehicle to go camping that the vehicle was pulled around the back of the home where it got stuck in the mud. James and the affiant went to the back porch where the affiant observed several other items of interest that were collected as potential evidence. These items included: tools, knife, personal papers belonging to Stanley, packaging tools, and cleaning products. The vehicle was subsequently held, and a search warrant was written.

Upon searching the vehicle there was indication of a large amount of blood that was cleaned up in the trunk area of the car. After confirming this, there was a search warrant written for the home due to the strong belief that the

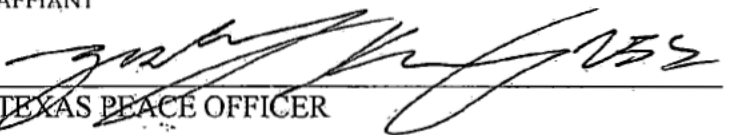
crime occurred inside the home and a body was transferred into the back of the car. A search warrant was executed on 01/06/2023, and all three parties were inside the home at the time of the search warrant service. All three individuals agreed to consensually interview with detectives, and while interviewing, James Keylan Willis and Brandon Xavier Stephens admitted to being present for and taking active roles in the shooting death of Stanley Wilcox. Both Brandon and James admitted to also cleaning the crime scenes and disposing of Stanley's body in a location that was pointed out in the interview. Detectives along with Crime Scene went to the location pointed out in the interview and recovered a body that bore the same wounds consistent with the criminal offense described by Brandon and James and was wrapped in the bedding that was described by James. Pending autopsy results, there are strong reasons to believe that the body recovered was that of Stanley Wilcox the reported missing person from 12/29/2022. [REDACTED] admitted to knowing about the murder but was not placed at the immediate scene nor admitted to any involvement of cleanup or disposal of the body.

Specific criminal details of the death of Stanley being verified against the body recovered gives unique knowledge that only the murderer or associate of the murderer would know, and therefore the confessions were believed to be valid. Both Brandon and James gave the same story of the obtaining of the murder weapon as well as its disposal, which also gave validity to their presence in a plan to conceal the criminal offense of murder. Brandon and James confirmed that a confrontation with Stanley ensued that led to a gunshot being discharged that injured the victim and was confirmed through separate stories. It was reported near the end of the confrontation while Stanley was wounded that they should, "put him out of his misery," showing mental processing of the aggressive act of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and the clear conscious decision to knowingly cause the death of another person, namely Stanley Wilcox.

AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE.

 #296

AFFIANT



TEXAS PEACE OFFICER

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January A.D. 2023.

  
MAGISTRATE, McLENNAN COUNTY, TEXAS

Thomas C West  
PRINTED NAME

19th DISTRICT COURT

# Warrant

Warrant No: BD1-22-21243JW

Waco PD Case No: 22-21243

The State of Texas

Vs James Keylan Willis

Race: W Sex: M DOB: 01/08/2004

Suggested Bail: 1,000,000.00

Charge: Murder Penal Code: 19.02(b)(1) 1F

Issued on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

By: Judge Thomas C West  
19<sup>th</sup> District Court, McLennan County, TX

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To any Sheriff or any other Peace Officer of Texas greeting:

Whereas complaint in writing has been filed before the undersigned Judge of the Waco Municipal Court, McLennan County, on the oath of B. DeLange #296 that James Keylan Willis in said County and State, on or about the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2022, did then and there unlawfully commit the offense of: Murder.

Location of offense: 802 Garret Avenue, Waco Texas.

You are hereby commanded to take the body of said James Keylan Willis forthwith, bringing him before said Judge of the District Court in Waco, McLennan County, then and there to answer the aforesaid complaint and to be further dealt with according to law.

Herein fail not, but have you then and there this Warrant with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my official hand, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

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Judge

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Printed Name

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Came to hand on the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
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arresting the within named defendant and incarcerating \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ by:

Waco Police Department, Waco McLennan County, Texas

Fees: Arrest: \_\_\_\_\_ Bond: \_\_\_\_\_ Release: \_\_\_\_\_ Mileage: \_\_\_\_\_ Commitment: \_\_\_\_\_  
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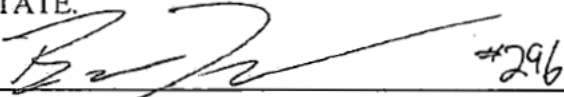
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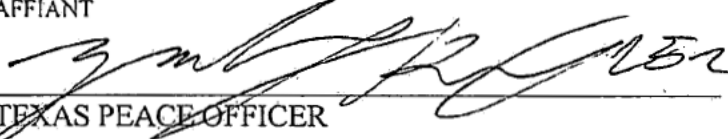
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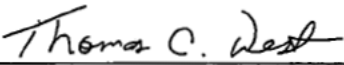
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