

Complaint No. 086195 - IC

Date of Offense: 8/31/2024

Name: DYLAN ZANE BLACK

Race: White Sex: Male Age: 22

DOB: 2/24/2002

Bond Recommendation: \$500,000

No Contact with LaToi Johnson, Electronic Monitoring.

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COMPLAINT

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, Adrian Hernandez, the Affiant, and who after being by me duly sworn, deposes and says: Affiant has good reason to believe and does believe that, DYLAN ZANE BLACK, on or about the 31st day of August, 2024, and before the making and filing of this Complaint, in Potter County, Texas, did then and there, while in the course of knowingly committing a felony, namely, Deadly Conduct - Discharge of a Firearm, intentionally or knowingly commit an act clearly dangerous to human life, namely discharging a firearm at or in the direction of an individual or individuals that caused the death of Felita Bailey, while the defendant was in the course of and in furtherance of the commission of the felony offense.

MY BELIEF IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

Affiant has participated in the investigation of the offense alleged above and has received information that law enforcement officers learned the following facts after investigating the offense alleged above: On Saturday morning, August 31st, 2024, a 911 phone call was made at 0318 hrs. about a loud party and shots being fired at 1314 S Avondale. This was followed by several other 911 phone calls reporting the same. As officers were arriving on the scene, a separate report of two gunshot wound victims was made. The two victims arrived by private conveyance at Northwest Texas Hospital. One victim was Latoi Johnson, who had a gunshot wound to his leg (non-fatal). The other victim was Felita Bailey. She had a fatal injury to her upper torso and shoulder area.

When officers arrived, they found multiple witnesses on the scene, as well as four spent cartridge casings in the street from a 9mm firearm. The story was that Latoi Johnson, Antonio Marrero, Josue Marrero, Carley Carpenter, Brayden Sanders, Treyton Minifield, Madison (full ID unknown), and Lizet (full ID unknown) were all at Bodega's in the 700 block of Polk until closing time. After closing time, around 2 AM, all of these people went Josue and Antonio's house at 1314 S Avondale. Their parents were sleeping in the back room. While they were at the house, several other people began showing up, several of which were uninvited. Latoi Johnson arrived shortly after Antonio, Josue, and their friends arrived. They estimated that about 40 uninvited people came into the home without permission. Josue asked Latoi to help him kick all the uninvited people out of the house. As Latoi was doing this, several unidentified people began assaulting Latoi. Latoi reported that he was pulled out of the house and drug out to the street. While getting assaulted in the street, he heard multiple rounds of gunfire. He got up and started to run. He then felt that he was shot. He said that an unknown vehicle driven by a female and a male in the front passenger seat gave him a ride to the hospital. He was unaware that another person was shot and eventually died. He mentions nothing about Dylan Black (DZ), who is later identified as Latoi's friend and shooting suspect.

It is unknown where Felita was when she was shot. Relatives took her to the hospital from the scene.

This affiant viewed several videos. One was a SnapChat video that showed Latoi being assaulted by several people and Felita in the crowd of people inside of the residence. This was when they were still in the living room before going outside to the yard and the street. Another video is of the Ring doorbell camera

at 1314 S Avondale. That Ring doorbell camera captures the audio of a large fight. Carley Carpenter later identified one person in that video at the front door as Dylan Black. Dylan wore a black New York Yankees hat, a ski mask, a Nike Chicago Bulls hoodie, dark pants, and dark shoes. A minimal end of the butt of a handgun can be seen in his waistband. His right hand is on it the entire time in the Ring video. He says something about shooting someone. He looks like he is trying to force himself into the house to join the fight. Since it is a motion-detected Ring doorbell, the video clips are very short.

Officer Cody Adams was at Northwest Texas Hospital as people began arriving to check on the two victims. I watched the video from the hospital and observed Dylan Black and Ta'Leigha Tabor arrive and briefly spoke to Officer Adams. Dylan had the same build as the person in the mask. He was wearing a similar hat, pants, and shoes. He was not wearing the same hoodie or ski mask. He told Officer Adams that he wasn't at the party. He said that he was called and told about Latoi being shot. This was later found to be a false statement. Several hours later, Dylan is seen wearing a white tank top and shorts, which shows that he had changed his clothes.

On September 1st, Dylan was located at his house at 19421 Lantanna in Bushland, Potter County, Texas. He agreed to come to the police department to speak with me. He consented to a search of his room, and his mother, gave consent to search their house. A ball cap similar to the one he was wearing was in his room, and 3 9mm handguns were in a separate room. These items were seized. Sgt. Thurman and I interviewed Dylan for several hours. After reading the Peace Officers Warning of Constitutional Rights, he waived his rights and spoke to us. He provided several details to us. A lot of his details were proven to be false. He said that he was at a Polk St. party adjacent to Bodegas. He was friends with Latoi and Ta'Leigha. After the party was over and Bodegas shut down, he rode with Ta'Leigha to 1314 S Avondale to join the party. He said he knew Latoi at the party but not many others. He said he briefly went inside the house but was uncomfortable, so he waited outside. He lied about what he wore several times until confronted with the video evidence. He lied about having a gun until he was confronted with the video evidence. He said that a friend named "Dax" gave him a gun to hold on to while he was in front of 1314 Avondale. Notably, no one at the party identifies or even mentions that someone named "Dax" was present. He said that was when the fight broke out, and he went to the front door. He said the fight went to the street, and he was standing by Latoi trying to help him. He said before the shots were heard, "Dax" asked him for the gun back, and he gave it to him. He said shortly after that, gunshots started being fired. He heard multiple gunshots as he was right next to Latoi. He said he realized Latoi was shot, so he helped him into a car driven by a female and occupied by a male in the front passenger seat. He said he helped Latoi to the back seat. (This contradicts Latoi's account of the shooting). Dylan later changed his story to saying there could have been two shooters. He said he didn't know the description, then said it was possibly a black male with dreads. He changed his story several times. He said that he waited for Ta'Leigha and got in her car and they went to the hospital. I asked about the gun and he described it. He said it was a gray and black Taurus with a safety. He said he examined the gun when "Dax" gave it to him. He admits to holding onto it until giving it to "Dax". When I asked about him changing clothes, he said the clothes that he changed into he was already wearing under the clothes he originally had on. He said that he left the clothes in Ta'Leigha's car. He stayed with this story until he was later confronted about it being false. SWAT officers located Ta'Leigha, and she agreed to talk to me at the police department. She told me that she didn't give Dylan a ride to the Avondale house but she did give him a ride to someone's house where he changed clothes. She said she didn't go into the house but told me the house they went to was 711 S Jefferson in the northwest duplex. She said when they left this house, he was wearing different clothes.

Officers went to 711 S Jefferson and spoke to Monica Almazan, E.A., and Iziah Almanzan. The officers gained consent to search the house and found a black backpack with the Chicago Bulls Nike Hoodie and black pants inside of it. The backpack is similar to the backpack Dylan was seen with on Ring Video from his house when Latoi was picking him up earlier in the day prior to Polk St. The same officers located a gun just outside of E.A.'s window. By using Ta'leigha's Life 360 App, I learned that Ta'Leigha and Dylan went to 711 S Jefferson at 0434 hrs. This matched up to Monica, E.A., and Iziah's story. Monica was at work at 0434 hrs. Iziah was with his friends, and E.A. was home alone. Dylan confirmed that E.A. was home alone when he took the clothes over there to change. E.A. said that Dylan asked to change clothes and borrow a shirt. E.A. said that Dylan left a backpack at his house and Dylan told him to hold a silver

and black Taurus handgun for him. E.A. said that Ta'Leigha witnessed this event (contradicting part of Ta'Leigha's story). E.A. said there was one unspent casing in the chamber, so he took it out and put it in the magazine. He then put the gun under his drawer. When officers got to his house E.A. put the gun out of his window where the officer's located it. The gun was seized.

Dylan again described the gun that "Dax" gave him. He described the gun very similar to the one found at 711 S Jefferson. Sgt. Thurman showed him the gun and Dylan said that was the gun he gave "Dax". This proved that his story about obtaining and giving the gun to "Dax" was false. Sgt. Thurman shot all the guns collected for a function test and to get test fires for NIBN. On 9-1-2024. The cartridge casings from the scene (24-1502), the weapons found at 19421 Lantanna (24-1503), and the Taurus found at 711 S Jefferson (24-1504) were entered into NIBN.

Due to it being a holiday on 9-2-24 (Labor Day), TFO Sy Slover called ATF to ask them to compare the casings. The casings from the Taurus matched the casings found at the scene. This showed the only four casings found at the scene (1314 S Avondale) were fired by the gun that Dylan gave to E.A. to hide for him. The shots fired resulted in a fatal injury to Felita and a non-fatal injury to Latoi.

AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.


Affiant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on the 2 day of September, 2024.



First Assistant District Attorney
47th Judicial District
Potter County, Texas