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July 1, 2021

Via OPRA Machine: opra+request-24320-e92919d8@requests.opramachine.com

Re: Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Request
OCPO Case# 20002489 – Jamal Preston

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find the Complaint Warrants, Affidavits, Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Reports and Indictment, pursuant to your request made under the New Jersey Open Public Records Act (OPRA). Personal identifying information has been redacted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1, et seq.

Please be advised that there are no responsive documents pursuant to your request for Arrest Reports, Global Subject Activity Reports, Plea Forms, Criminal Information Forms and Sentencing Information.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 732-929-2027, x3135.

Yours very truly,

Dina R. Khajezadeh

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Assistant Prosecutor

DRK/dp

Enclosures

FW: OPRA request - Case reports

Khajezadeh, Dina

Sun 6/27/2021 10:00 AM

To: Carey, Erin <ECarey@co.ocean.nj.us>;

Categories: IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Resident <opra+request-24320-e92919d8@requests.opramachine.com>

Date: 6/26/21 11:35 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Khajezadeh, Dina" <DKhajezadeh@co.ocean.nj.us>

Subject: OPRA request - Case reports

Dear Ocean County Prosecutor's Office,

This is a request for public records made under OPRA and the common law right of access. I am not required to fill out an official form. Please acknowledge receipt of this message.

Records requested:

Any relevant arrest reports, global subject activity reports, preliminary law enforcement incident reports, complaint warrants, complaint summonses, affidavits, indictments, criminal information forms, plea forms, and sentencing information, where applicable, for the following defendants:

Matthew Harlan (Case # 19001832)

Bruce Tocci (Case # 19002031)

Vera Griatzky (Case # 19002256)

Patricia Sullivan (Case # 19002495)

Jamal Preston (Indicted 6/24/21) 20002489

Yours sincerely,

Resident

Please use deliver records electronically via email to the below UNIQUE address for all replies to this request:
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COMPLAINT - WARRANT

COMPLAINT NUMBER

1514**W****2020****000709**

COURT CODE

PREFIX

YEAR

SEQUENCE NO.

LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT**231 THIRD ST****LAKEWOOD****NJ 08701-0000****732-364-2500** COUNTY OF: **OCEAN**

of CHARGES

4

CO-DEFTS

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POLICE CASE #:

20-070011

COMPLAINANT

PTL P**KEARNS #336**

NAME:

231 THIRD STREET**ATTN WARRANTS****LAKEWOOD****NJ 08701****THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY****VS.****JAMAL M PRESTON**

ADDRESS:

110 THEODORE AVENUE**EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP NJ 08234-5512**

DEFENDANT INFORMATION

SEX: **M** EYE COLOR: **BROWN**DOB: **12/15/1994**

DRIVER'S LIC. #:

DL STATE: **NJ**

SOCIAL SECURITY #:

SBI #:

TELEPHONE #:

LIVSCAN PCN #:

By certification or on oath, the complainant says that to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief the named defendant on or about **08/22/2020** in **LAKEWOOD TWP**, **OCEAN** County, NJ did: WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, COMMIT AGGRAVATED ARSON BY STARTING A FIRE AT 10 HANNAH DRIVE IN LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY WITH THE PURPOSE OF DESTROYING A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE OWNED BY MELANIE BROWN, SPECIFICALLY BY POURING GASOLINE ON THE GARAGE PORTION OF THIS RESIDENCE AND THEN LIGHTING THE GASOLINE WITH MATCHES IN AN ATTEMPT TO IGNITE THE HOUSE ON FIRE AND CAUSING VISIBLE DAMAGE TO THE GARAGE PORTION OF THE RESIDENCE

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in violation of:

Original Charge

1) **2C:17-1A(2)**2) **2C:17-1A(1)**3) **2C:17-1A(1)**

Amended Charge

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signed: **PTL P KEARNS #336**Date: **08/25/2020**

You will be notified of your **Central First Appearance/CJP** date to be held at the **Superior Court** in the county of **OCEAN** at the following address: **OCEAN SUPERIOR COURT**

120 HOOPER AVE

Date of Arrest:

Appearance Date:

Time:

TOMS RIVER**NJ 08753-0000**Phone: **732-504-0700**

PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION AND ISSUANCE OF WARRANT

☐ Probable cause **IS NOT** found for the issuance of this complaint.

Signature of Court Administrator or Deputy Court Administrator

Date

Signature of Judge

Date

☒ Probable cause **IS** found for the issuance of this complaint. **LOURDES SERRANO JUDICIAL OFFICER** **08/25/2020**

Signature and Title of Judicial Officer Issuing Warrant

Date

TO ANY PEACE OFFICER OR OTHER AUTHORIZED PERSON: PURSUANT TO THIS WARRANT YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO ARREST THE NAMED DEFENDANT AND BRING THAT PERSON FORTHWITH BEFORE THE COURT TO ANSWER THE COMPLAINT.

Bail Amount Set: _____ by: _____

(if different from judicial officer that issued warrant)

☐ Domestic Violence – Confidential☐ Related Traffic Tickets or Other Complaints☐ Serious Personal Injury/ Death Involved

Special conditions of release:

☐ No phone, mail or other personal contact w/victim☐ No possession firearms/weapons☐ Other (specify): _____**ORIGINAL**

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Original Charge

4) 2C:17-1A(1)

Amended Charge

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COMPLAINT – WARRANT (Court Action)													
COMPLAINT NUMBER				STATE V. JAMAL M PRESTON									
1514	W	2020	000709										
COURT CODE PREFIX YEAR SEQUENCE NO.													
FTA Bail Information		Date Bail Set:		Amount Bail Set: \$			by:			☐ Bail Recog. Attached			
Released on Bail (✓)	R.O.R.	Committed Default	Committed w/o Bail	Place Committed:					Date Referred to County Prosecutor:				
Date of First Appearance:		☐ Advised of Rights by					Defendant Desires Counsel: ☐ Yes ☐ No						
Prosecuting Attorney Information					Defense Counsel Information								
Name:					Name:								
State	County	Municipal	Other		None	Retained	Public Def	Assigned	Waived	Other			
Original Charge		1) 2C:17-1A(2)			2) 2C:17-1A(1)			3) 2C:17-1A(1)					
Amended Charge													
Waiver Indt/Jury													
Plea/Date of Plea		Plea:		Date:		Plea:		Date:		Plea:		Date:	
Adjudication (* see code)		Finding Code:		Date:		Finding Code:		Date:		Finding Code:		Date:	
Jail Term		Jail time credit		Susp. Imp		Jail time credit		Susp. Imp		Jail time credit		Susp. Imp	
Probation Term				Susp. Imp				Susp. Imp				Susp. Imp	
Cond. Discharge Term													
Community Service													
D/L Suspension Term													
Fines/Costs		Fines:		Costs:		Fines:		Costs:		Fines:		Costs:	
VCCB/SNSF		VCCB:		SNSF:		VCCB:		SNSF:		VCCB:		SNSF:	
DEDR/Lab Fee		DEDR:		LAB:		DEDR:		LAB:		DEDR:		LAB:	
CD Fee/Drug Ed Fnd		CD:		DAEF:		CD:		DAEF:		CD:		DAEF:	
DV Surch/Other Fees		DV:		Other:		DV:		Other:		DV:		Other:	
Restitution Beneficiary:													
Miscellaneous Information, Adjournments, Companion Complaints, Co-Defendants, Case Notes:										* Finding Codes 1 – Guilty 2 – Not Guilty 3 – Dismissed – Other 4 – Guilty but Merged 5 – Dismissed-Rule 6 – Dismissed Lack of Prosecution 7 – Dismissed – Pros Motion/Vic Req 8 – Conditional Discharge D – Dismissed- Prosecutor Discretion M – Dismissed- Mediation P – Dismissed-Plea Agreement S – Disposed at Superior W – Dismissed-False ID			
Related Traffic Tickets and Complaints:													
COMPLAINT - WARRANT (Court Action)													
JUDGE'S SIGNATURE						DATE			Page 3 of 10		NJ/CDR2 1/1/2017		

COMPLAINT – WARRANT (Court Action)

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FTA Bail Information

Date Bail Set: _____

Amount Bail Set: \$ _____

by: _____

☐ Bail Recog. AttachedReleased
on Bail
(v)

R.O.R.

Committed
DefaultCommitted
w/o Bail

Place Committed: _____

Date Referred to

County Prosecutor: _____

Date of First
Appearance:☐ Advised of Rights by _____

Defendant Desires Counsel:

☐ Yes ☐ No**Prosecuting Attorney Information****Defense Counsel Information****Name:****Name:**

State County Municipal Other None Retained Public Def Assigned Waived Other

Original Charge

4) 2C:17-1A(1)

Amended Charge

Waiver Indt/Jury

Plea/Date of Plea

Plea:

Date:

Plea:

Date:

Plea:

Date:

Adjudication (* see code)

Finding
Code:

Date:

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Finding
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Date:

Jail Term

Jail time credit

Susp. Imp

Jail time credit

Susp. Imp

Jail time credit

Susp. Imp

Probation Term

Susp. Imp

Susp. Imp

Susp. Imp

Cond. Discharge Term

Community Service

D/L Suspension Term

Fines/Costs

Fines:

Costs:

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VCCB/SNSF

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Other:

Restitution

Beneficiary: _____

Miscellaneous Information, Adjournments, Companion Complaints, Co-Defendants, Case Notes:*** Finding Codes**

- 1 – Guilty
- 2 – Not Guilty
- 3 – Dismissed – Other
- 4 – Guilty but Merged
- 5 – Dismissed-Rule
- 6 – Dismissed Lack of Prosecution
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Related Traffic Tickets and Complaints:**COMPLAINT - WARRANT (Court Action)**

JUDGE'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

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LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT 231 THIRD ST LAKEWOOD NJ 08701-0000 732-364-2500 COUNTY OF: OCEAN			
# of CHARGES 4	CO-DEFTS 0	POLICE CASE #: 20-070011	
COMPLAINANT NAME: PTL P KEARNS #336		DEFENDANT INFORMATION SEX: M EYE COLOR: BROWN DOB: 12/15/1994 DRIVER'S LIC. #: [REDACTED] DL STATE: NJ SOCIAL SECURITY #: [REDACTED] SBI #: () TELEPHONE #: [REDACTED] LIVESCAN PCN #: [REDACTED]	

THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

VS.

JAMAL M PRESTON

ADDRESS:

110 THEODORE AVENUE

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP NJ 08234-5512

By certification or on oath, the complainant says that to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief the named defendant on or about **08/22/2020** in **LAKEWOOD TWP**, **OCEAN** County, NJ did: WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, COMMIT AGGRAVATED ARSON BY STARTING A FIRE AT 10 HANNAH DRIVE IN LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY WITH THE PURPOSE OF DESTROYING A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE OWNED BY MELANIE BROWN, SPECIFICALLY BY POURING GASOLINE ON THE GARAGE PORTION OF THIS RESIDENCE AND THEN LIGHTING THE GASOLINE WITH MATCHES IN AN ATTEMPT TO IGNITE THE HOUSE ON FIRE AND CAUSING VISIBLE DAMAGE TO THE GARAGE PORTION OF THE RESIDENCE

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in violation of:

Original Charge	1) 2C:17-1A(2)	2) 2C:17-1A(1)	3) 2C:17-1A(1)
Amended Charge			

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment
Signed: **PTL P KEARNS #336** Date: **08/25/2020**

You will be notified of your Central First Appearance/CJP date to be held at the Superior Court in the county of **OCEAN**
at the following address: **OCEAN SUPERIOR COURT**
120 HOOPER AVE TOMS RIVER NJ 08753-0000
Date of Arrest: Appearance Date: Time: Phone: **732-504-0700**

PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION AND ISSUANCE OF WARRANT

☐ Probable cause IS NOT found for the issuance of this complaint.

Signature of Court Administrator or Deputy Court Administrator

Date

Signature of Judge

Date

☒ Probable cause IS found for the issuance of this complaint. **LOURDES SERRANO JUDICIAL OFFICER** **08/25/2020**

Signature and Title of Judicial Officer Issuing Warrant

Date

TO ANY PEACE OFFICER OR OTHER AUTHORIZED PERSON: PURSUANT TO THIS WARRANT YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO ARREST THE NAMED DEFENDANT AND BRING THAT PERSON FORTHWITH BEFORE THE COURT TO ANSWER THE COMPLAINT.

Bail Amount Set: by:

(if different from judicial officer that issued warrant)

☐ Domestic Violence – Confidential

☐ Related Traffic Tickets
or Other Complaints

☐ Serious Personal Injury/ Death
Involved

Special conditions of release:

☐ No phone, mail or other personal contact w/victim

☐ No possession firearms/weapons

☐ Other (specify):

COMPLAINT - WARRANT (DEFENDANT'S COPY)

COMPLAINT - WARRANT

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Original Charge

4) 2C:17-1A(1)

Amended Charge

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COMMITMENT

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LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT**231 THIRD ST****LAKEWOOD****NJ 08701-0000****732-364-2500**COUNTY OF: **OCEAN**

of CHARGES

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CO-DEFTS

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POLICE CASE #:

20-070011

COMPLAINANT

PTL P**KEARNS #336**

NAME:

231 THIRD STREET**ATTN WARRANTS****LAKEWOOD****NJ 08701***THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**VS.***JAMAL M PRESTON**

ADDRESS:

110 THEODORE AVENUE**EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP NJ 08234-5512**

DEFENDANT INFORMATION

SEX: **M** EYE COLOR: **BROWN**DOB: **12/15/1994**

DRIVER'S LIC. #:

DL STATE: **NJ**

SOCIAL SECURITY #:

SBI #:

TELEPHONE #:

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LIVESCAN PCN #:

To any Law Enforcement Official of New Jersey, You are commanded to transport this defendant to the Warden of this county who is required to keep the defendant in custody until a release or detention decision is made.

Offense

Aux Offense

Drug Code

Degree

Offense Description

1.

2.

3.

4.

Commitment Reason:

You will be notified of your **Central First Appearance/CJP** date to be held at the **Superior Court**
at the following address: **OCEAN SUPERIOR COURT**

120 HOOPER AVEin the county of **OCEAN****TOMS RIVER****NJ 08753-0000**

Date of Arrest:

Phone: **732-504-0700**

Signature and Title of Judicial Officer Issuing Warrant

Date

COMMITMENT

Affidavit of Probable Cause

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LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT 231 THIRD ST LAKEWOOD NJ 08701-0000 732-364-2500 COUNTY OF: OCEAN			
# of CHARGES 4	CO-DEFTS	POLICE CASE #: 20-070011	
COMPLAINANT PTL P KEARNS #336 NAME: 231 THIRD STREET ATTN WARRANTS LAKEWOOD NJ 08701		DEFENDANT INFORMATION SEX: M EYE COLOR: BROWN DOB: 12/15/1994 DRIVER'S LIC. # [REDACTED] DL STATE: NJ SOCIAL SECURITY #: [REDACTED] SBI #: TELEPHONE #: () LIVESCAN PCN #:	

THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

VS.

JAMAL M PRESTON

ADDRESS:

110 THEODORE AVENUE

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP NJ 08234-5512

Purpose: This Affidavit/Certification is to more fully describe the facts of the alleged offense so that a judge or authorized judicial officer may determine probable cause.

1. Description of relevant facts and circumstances which support probable cause that (1) the offense(s) was committed and (2) the defendant is the one who committed it:

The Lakewood Township Police Department responded to a report of a fire at 10 Hannah Drive in Lakewood, New Jersey. The Ocean County Fire Marshal's Office and Ocean County Prosecutor's Office Arson Unit responded and determined that the fire was set using an ignitable liquid that was poured along the exterior of the front of the house. I was requested to respond to the scene to assist Detective Lopez of the Lakewood Police Department. Upon responding to the scene I was informed that witness statements were recorded and during which, statements were made describing a black vehicle initially believed to be a Nissan Rogue drive north on Hannah Drive, turn around drive south on Hannah Drive and then ultimately park in front of 12 Hannah Drive. I was also informed that several items of evidence were located at the scene including but not limited to a burnt gas can, match books, a spout to the gas can, and a cap to the gas can, all of which were found either in the front yard of the victim's house or her neighbor's. A 9-1-1 was made from the residence at the time of the fire and the caller indicated that "Jamal" had started the fire. The driver, described as a black male having neck-length braided style hair, dressed in all black clothing including a hooded black sweatshirt, and wearing a red face covering style mask, exits the vehicle and walks around to the front passenger door of the vehicle and retrieves something from the passenger seat area. This male is then observed walking near the garage area of 10 Hannah Drive. During this time he is seen pouring an unknown liquid around the house and then fleeing from the garage area and back to the vehicle. He enters the vehicle and drives away quickly making a left onto Swiss Mountain Drive. Officers at the scene were informed that the vehicle belonged to Jamal Preston. This vehicle was located in South Toms River. A search warrant of the vehicle was applied for and granted. During the search of the vehicle a receipt for \$16.02 was found in the center console of the vehicle from the Quick Foods, located at 370 Dover Road, South Toms River, New Jersey from August 22, 2020 at 11:50 AM. Detectives responded to the store and found that this receipt was for a one (1) gallon gas can and in speaking to the attendant at this store he informed detectives that a black male purchased said gas can on Saturday. The merchant sales copy matched the customer copy exactly. From there the black male is observed (Continued in box 2)

Affidavit of Probable Cause

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2. I am aware of the facts above because: (Included, but not limited to: your observations, statements of eyewitnesses, defendant's admission, etc.)

on camera at the Wawa convenient store in South Toms River located at 379 Dover Road, South Toms River, New Jersey. The male purchases one gallon of gasoline and then enters the store to get a few books of matches. The vehicle this male is driving is the same vehicle that is observed on Hannah Drive by the witnesses and captured on surveillance cameras in the area. The gas can purchased is the same gas can found at the scene and the match books from Wawa are the same as the match books found at the scene. The description of the male provided by the witnesses matches the male on video making said purchases. This convenient store is the closest convenient store to Monique Barney's residence, Jamal's girlfriend and mother of his child and the Wawa is also the closest to this address at which he is known to stay. When the vehicle was located Monique Barney was found (Continued in box 3)

I was either present for or provided information by other detectives assigned to investigate this cas

3. If victim was injured, provide the extent of the injury:

to be operating the vehicle. A search warrant was applied for and granted on her phone and during examination of the phone text message communication from Jamal to Monique indicated that the house was burning.

The victims were not physically injured however the house was damaged during the fire.

Certification:

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signed: PTL P KEARNS #336 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Date: 08/25/2020

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Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Report

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LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT 231 THIRD ST LAKEWOOD NJ 08701-0000 732-364-2500 COUNTY OF: OCEAN			
# of CHARGES 4	CO-DEFTS	POLICE CASE #: 20-070011	
COMPLAINANT PTL P KEARNS #336 NAME: 231 THIRD STREET ATTN WARRANTS LAKEWOOD NJ 08701		DEFENDANT INFORMATION SEX: M EYE COLOR: BROWN DOB: 12/15/1994 DRIVER'S LIC. #. [REDACTED] DL STATE: NJ SOCIAL SECURITY #: [REDACTED] SBI #: [REDACTED] TELEPHONE #: [REDACTED] LIVESCAN PCN #:	

THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY
VS.
JAMAL M PRESTON

ADDRESS: 110 THEODORE AVENUE
EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP NJ 08234-5512

Purpose: The Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Report (PLEIR) is intended to document basic information known to the officer at the time of its preparation. It is recognized that additional relevant information will emerge as an investigation continues. The PLEIR shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, any regular police arrest, incident, or investigation reports. Note that the PLEIR is specific to each defendant charged in an investigation.

- The charge was based on the observations/statements made by an eyewitness(es).
 - The witness statement(s) were recorded via:
 - *Dash Camera/MVR/DIVR
 - *Stationhouse interview room camera
 - *Audio recording only
- The defendant was known to the victim as:
 - Acquaintance
- Physical evidence was seized/recovered:
 - Other Type(s) of physical evidence gas can, receipt, matches
- A member of the public provided information to a 9-1-1 call center or dispatcher (or similar).
- The case involves a search warrant(s).
- The investigation involved the seizure of one or more cellphones, computers or similar electronic devices.
List the type of device(s) and total number of each recovered: iPhone 11

Certification:

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signed: PTL P KEARNS #336 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Date: 08/25/2020

Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Report

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COMPLAINT - WARRANT

COMPLAINT NUMBER

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SEQUENCE NO.

LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT**231 THIRD ST****LAKEWOOD****NJ 08701-0000****732-364-2500** COUNTY OF: **OCEAN**

of CHARGES

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CO-DEFTS

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POLICE CASE #:

20-070011COMPLAINANT
NAME:**PTL P****KEARNS #336****231 THIRD STREET****ATTN WARRANTS****LAKEWOOD****NJ 08701****THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY****VS.****JAMAL PRESTON**

ADDRESS:

110 THEODORE AVE**EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP NJ 08234-5512**

DEFENDANT INFORMATION

SEX: **M** EYE COLOR: **BROWN**DOB: **12/15/1994**

DRIVER'S LIC. #:

DL STATE:

SOCIAL SECURITY #:

SBI #: **175045G**

TELEPHONE #:

LIVESCAN PCN #: **151402009734**

By certification or on oath, the complainant says that to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief the named defendant on or about **08/22/2020** in **LAKEWOOD TWP**, **OCEAN** County, NJ did: WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, ATTEMPT TO COMMIT THE CRIME OF MURDER, SPECIFICALLY BY STARTING A FIRE AT 10 HANNAH DRIVE IN LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP, NEW JERSEY IN AN ATTEMPT TO CAUSE DEATH TO VALENTINE BROWN WHO WAS KNOWN TO THE DEFENDANT TO BE PRESENT INSIDE THE RESIDENCE WHEN HE POURED GASOLINE ON THE EXTERIOR OF THIS RESIDENCE AND USED A MATCH TO IGNITE THE GASOLINE CAUSING A FIRE

in violation of:

Original Charge

1) **2C:5-1A(1)**
2C:11-3A(1)

2)

3)

Amended Charge

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signed: **PTL P KEARNS #336**Date: **08/31/2020**

You will be notified of your Central First Appearance/CJP date to be held at the Superior Court in the county of **OCEAN** at the following address: **OCEAN SUPERIOR COURT**

120 HOOPER AVEDate of Arrest: **08/31/2020** Appearance Date:

Time:

TOMS RIVER**NJ 08753-0000**Phone: **732-504-0700**

PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION AND ISSUANCE OF WARRANT

☐ Probable cause **IS NOT** found for the issuance of this complaint.

Signature of Court Administrator or Deputy Court Administrator

Date

Signature of Judge

Date

☒ Probable cause **IS** found for the issuance of this complaint. **LOURDES SERRANO JUDICIAL OFFICER** **08/31/2020**

Signature and Title of Judicial Officer Issuing Warrant

Date

TO ANY PEACE OFFICER OR OTHER AUTHORIZED PERSON: PURSUANT TO THIS WARRANT YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO ARREST THE NAMED DEFENDANT AND BRING THAT PERSON FORTHWITH BEFORE THE COURT TO ANSWER THE COMPLAINT.

Bail Amount Set: _____ by: _____

(if different from judicial officer that issued warrant)

☐ Domestic Violence – Confidential☐ Related Traffic Tickets
or Other Complaints☐ Serious Personal Injury/ Death
Involved

Special conditions of release:

☐ No phone, mail or other personal contact w/victim☐ No possession firearms/weapons☐ Other (specify): _____**ORIGINAL**

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FTA Bail Information

Date Bail Set: _____

Amount Bail Set: \$ _____

by: _____

☐ Bail Recog. Attached

Released
on Bail
(v)

R.O.R.

Committed
Default

Committed
w/o Bail

Place Committed: _____

Date Referred to
County Prosecutor: _____

Date of First
Appearance:

☐ Advised of Rights by _____

Defendant Desires Counsel:

☐ Yes ☐ No

Prosecuting Attorney Information

Name:

State

County

Municipal

Other

Defense Counsel Information

Name:

None

Retained

Public Def

Assigned

Waived

Other

Original Charge

1) **2C:5-1A(1)**
2C:11-3A(1)

2)

3)

Amended Charge

Waiver Indt/Jury

Plea/Date of Plea

Plea:

Date:

Plea:

Date:

Plea:

Date:

Adjudication (* see code)

Finding
Code:

Date:

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Code:

Date:

Jail Term

Jail time credit

Susp. Imp

Jail time credit

Susp. Imp

Jail time credit

Susp. Imp

Probation Term

Susp. Imp

Susp. Imp

Susp. Imp

Cond. Discharge Term

Community Service

D/L Suspension Term

Fines/Costs

Fines:

Costs:

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VCCB/SNSF

VCCB:

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DV Surch/Other Fees

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Other:

Restitution

Beneficiary: _____

Miscellaneous Information, Adjournments, Companion Complaints, Co-Defendants, Case Notes:

Related Traffic Tickets and Complaints:

* Finding Codes

- 1 – Guilty
- 2 – Not Guilty
- 3 – Dismissed – Other
- 4 – Guilty but Merged
- 5 – Dismissed-Rule
- 6 – Dismissed Lack of Prosecution
- 7 – Dismissed – Pros Motion/Vic Req
- 8 – Conditional Discharge
- D – Dismissed- Prosecutor Discretion
- M – Dismissed- Mediation
- P – Dismissed-Plea Agreement
- S – Disposed at Superior
- W – Dismissed-False ID

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JUDGE'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

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COMPLAINT - WARRANT

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LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT 231 THIRD ST LAKEWOOD NJ 08701-0000 732-364-2500 COUNTY OF: OCEAN				ADDRESS: 110 THEODORE AVE EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP NJ 08234-5512	
# of CHARGES 1	CO-DEFTS 0	POLICE CASE #: 20-070011		DEFENDANT INFORMATION SEX: M EYE COLOR: BROWN DOB: 12/15/1994 DRIVER'S LIC. #. DL STATE: SOCIAL SECURITY #: SBI #: 175045G TELEPHONE #: () LIVSCAN PCN #: 151402009734	
COMPLAINANT NAME: PTL P KEARNS #336					
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in violation of:					
Original Charge	1) 2C:5-1A(1) 2C:11-3A(1)		2)	3)	
Amended Charge					
CERTIFICATION: I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment Signed: PTL P KEARNS #336 Date: 08/31/2020					
You will be notified of your Central First Appearance/CJP date to be held at the Superior Court in the county of OCEAN at the following address: OCEAN SUPERIOR COURT 120 HOOPER AVE TOMS RIVER NJ 08753-0000 Date of Arrest: 08/31/2020 Appearance Date: Time: Phone: 732-504-0700					
PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION AND ISSUANCE OF WARRANT					
☐ Probable cause IS NOT found for the issuance of this complaint.					
Signature of Court Administrator or Deputy Court Administrator		Date		Signature of Judge Date	
☒ Probable cause IS found for the issuance of this complaint. LOURDES SERRANO JUDICIAL OFFICER 08/31/2020 Signature and Title of Judicial Officer Issuing Warrant Date TO ANY PEACE OFFICER OR OTHER AUTHORIZED PERSON: PURSUANT TO THIS WARRANT YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO ARREST THE NAMED DEFENDANT AND BRING THAT PERSON FORTHWITH BEFORE THE COURT TO ANSWER THE COMPLAINT. Bail Amount Set: by: (if different from judicial officer that issued warrant)					
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Special conditions of release: ☐ No phone, mail or other personal contact w/victim ☐ No possession firearms/weapons ☐ Other (specify):				COMPLAINT - WARRANT (DEFENDANT'S COPY)	
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COMPLAINANT

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NAME:

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DRIVER'S LIC. #:

DL STATE:

SOCIAL SECURITY #:

SBI #: **175045G**

TELEPHONE #:

()LIVESCAN PCN #: **151402009734**

To any Law Enforcement Official of New Jersey, You are commanded to transport this defendant to the Warden of this county who is required to keep the defendant in custody until a release or detention decision is made.

Offense

Aux Offense

Drug Code

Degree

Offense Description

1.	<u>2C:5-1A(1)</u>	<u>2C:11-3A(1)</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1</u>	<u>CRIMINAL ATTEMP</u>
2.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
3.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
4.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Commitment Reason: **Criminal Justice Reform**

You will be notified of your Central First Appearance/CJP date to be held at the Superior Court

in the county of **OCEAN**at the following address: **OCEAN SUPERIOR COURT****120 HOOPER AVE****TOMS RIVER****NJ 08753-0000**Date of Arrest: **08/31/2020**Phone: **732-504-0700****LOURDES SERRANO JUDICIAL OFFICER****08/31/2020**

Signature and Title of Judicial Officer Issuing Warrant

Date

COMMITMENT

Affidavit of Probable Cause

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DL STATE:

SOCIAL SECURITY #:

SBI #: **175045G**

TELEPHONE #:

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LIVESCAN PCN #: **151402009734**

Purpose: This Affidavit/Certification is to more fully describe the facts of the alleged offense so that a judge or authorized judicial officer may determine probable cause.

1. Description of relevant facts and circumstances which support probable cause that (1) the offense(s) was committed and (2) the defendant is the one who committed it:

The Lakewood Township Police Department responded to a report of a fire at 10 Hannah Drive in Lakewood, New Jersey. The Ocean County Fire Marshal's Office and Ocean County Prosecutor's Office Arson Unit responded and determined that the fire was set using an ignitable liquid that was poured along the exterior of the front of the house. I was requested to respond to the scene to assist Detective Lopez of the Lakewood Police Department. Upon responding to the scene I was informed that witness statements were recorded and during which, statements were made describing a black vehicle initially believed to be a Nissan Rogue drive north on Hannah Drive, turn around drive south on Hannah Drive and then ultimately park in front of 12 Hannah Drive. I was also informed that several items of evidence were located at the scene including but not limited to a burnt gas can, match books, a spout to the gas can, and a cap to the gas can, all of which were found either in the front yard of the victim's house or her neighbor's. A 9-1-1 was made from the residence at the time of the fire and the caller indicated that "Jamal" had started the fire. The driver, described as a black male having neck-length braided style hair, dressed in all black clothing including a hooded black sweatshirt, and wearing a red face covering style mask, exits the vehicle and walks around to the front passenger door of the vehicle and retrieves something from the passenger seat area. This male is then observed walking near the garage area of 10 Hannah Drive. During this time he is seen pouring an unknown liquid around the house and then fleeing from the garage area and back to the vehicle. He enters the vehicle and drives away quickly making a left onto Swiss Mountain Drive. Officers at the scene were informed that the vehicle belonged to Jamal Preston.

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2. I am aware of the facts above because: (Included, but not limited to: your observations, statements of eyewitnesses, defendant's admission, etc.)

This vehicle was located in South Toms River. A search warrant of the vehicle was applied for and granted. During the search of the vehicle a receipt for \$16.02 was found in the center console of the vehicle from the Quick Foods, located at 370 Dover Road, South Toms River, New Jersey from August 22, 2020 at 11:50 AM. Detectives responded to the store and found that this receipt was for a one (1) gallon gas can and in speaking to the attendant at this store he informed detectives that a black male purchased said gas can on Saturday. The merchant sales copy matched the customer copy exactly. From there the black male is observed on camera at the Wawa convenient store in South Toms River located at 379 Dover Road, South Toms River, New Jersey. The male purchases one gallon of gasoline and then enters the store to get a few books of matches. The vehicle this male is driving is the same vehicle that is observed on Hannah Drive by the witnesses and captured on surveillance cameras

3. If victim was injured, provide the extent of the injury:

in the area. The gas can purchased is the same gas can found at the scene and the match books from Wawa are the same as the match books found at the scene. The description of the male provided by the witnesses matches the male on video making said purchases. This convenient store is the closest convenient store to Monique Barney's residence, Jamal's girlfriend and mother of his child and the Wawa is also the closest to this address at which he is known to stay. When the vehicle was located Monique Barney was found to be operating the vehicle. A search warrant was applied for and granted on her phone and during examination of the phone text message communication from Jamal to Monique indicated that the house was burning. On the morning of August 31, 2020 the United States Marshal Service Fugitive Task Force located Jamal Preston and took him into custody. A subsequent interview was conducted by Detective Chris Bonner and I. SEE APENDIX A FOR FURTHER

Certification:

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signed: PTL P KEARNS #336 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Date: 08/31/2020

Affidavit of Probable Cause

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Brown would be home because he was aware of her work schedule and knew she didn't go in to work until the afternoon.

Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Report

COMPLAINT NUMBER				<i>THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY</i> <i>VS.</i> JAMAL PRESTON ADDRESS: 110 THEODORE AVE EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP NJ 08234-5512	
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COURT CODE	PREFIX	YEAR	SEQUENCE NO.		
LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT 231 THIRD ST LAKEWOOD NJ 08701-0000 732-364-2500 COUNTY OF: OCEAN					
# of CHARGES 1	CO-DEFTS	POLICE CASE #: 20-070011		DEFENDANT INFORMATION SEX: M EYE COLOR: BROWN DOB: 12/15/1994 DRIVER'S LIC. #. SOCIAL SECURITY #: [REDACTED] SBI #: 175045G TELEPHONE #: LIVSCAN PCN #: 151402009734	
COMPLAINANT PTL P KEARNS #336 NAME: 231 THIRD STREET ATTN WARRANTS LAKEWOOD NJ 08701					

Purpose: The Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Report (PLEIR) is intended to document basic information known to the officer at the time of its preparation. It is recognized that additional relevant information will emerge as an investigation continues. The PLEIR shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, any regular police arrest, incident, or investigation reports. Note that the PLEIR is specific to each defendant charged in an investigation.

- The charge was based on the observations/statements made by an eyewitness(es).
 - The witness statement(s) were recorded via:
 - *Dash Camera/MVR/DIVR
 - *Stationhouse interview room camera
 - *Audio recording only
- The defendant made statements/admissions.
 - It was recorded using:
 - *Stationhouse interview room camera
- The defendant was known to the victim as:
 - Acquaintance
- Physical evidence was seized/recovered:
 - Other Type(s) of physical evidence gas can, matches
- The case involves a search warrant(s).
- The investigation involved the seizure of one or more cellphones, computers or similar electronic devices.
 List the type of device(s) and total number of each recovered: **IPHONE 11, IPHONE**

Certification:

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signed: **PTL P KEARNS #336 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Date: **08/31/2020**

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SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY
LAW DIVISION - OCEAN COUNTY

THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

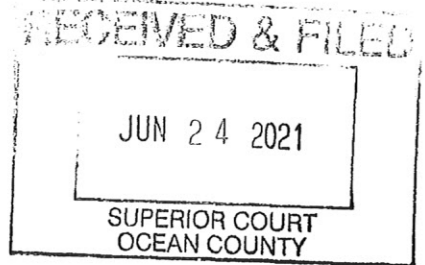
VS. :

JAMAL M. PRESTON :

Defendant :

INDICTMENT

NO. 21-06-813



COUNT ONE

ATTEMPTED MURDER-FIRST DEGREE

The Grand Jurors of the State of New Jersey, in and for the County of Ocean, upon their oaths present that JAMAL M. PRESTON, on or about August 22, 2020, in the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did purposely or knowingly attempt to cause the death of Valentine Brown, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-1 and N.J.S.A. 2C:11-3a(1) or (2), and against the peace of this State, the Government and dignity of the same.

COUNT TWO

AGGRAVATED ARSON-SECOND DEGREE

The Grand Jurors of the State of New Jersey, in and for the County of Ocean, upon their oaths present that JAMAL M. PRESTON, on or about August 22, 2020, in the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did purposely start a fire at 10 Hannah Drive, thereby purposely or knowingly placing another, namely Valentine

Brown, in danger of death or bodily injury, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:17-1a(1), and against the peace of this State, the Government and dignity of the same.

COUNT THREE

AGGRAVATED ARSON-SECOND DEGREE

The Grand Jurors of the State of New Jersey, in and for the County of Ocean, upon their oaths present that JAMAL M. PRESTON, on or about August 22, 2020, in the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did purposely start a fire at 10 Hannah Drive, thereby purposely or knowingly placing another, namely Melanie Brown, in danger of death or bodily injury contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:17-1a(1), and against the peace of this State, the Government and dignity of the same.

COUNT FOUR

AGGRAVATED ARSON-SECOND DEGREE

The Grand Jurors of the State of New Jersey, in and for the County of Ocean, upon their oaths present that JAMAL M. PRESTON, on or about August 22, 2020, in the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did purposely start a fire at 10 Hannah Drive, thereby purposely or knowingly placing another, namely Meghan Redding, in danger of death or bodily injury contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:17-1a(1), and against the peace of this State, the Government and dignity of the same.

COUNT FIVE

AGGRAVATED ARSON-SECOND DEGREE

The Grand Jurors of the State of New Jersey, in and for the County of Ocean, upon their oaths present that JAMAL M. PRESTON, on or about August 22, 2020, in the Township of Lakewood, County of Ocean, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, did purposely start a

fire at 10 Hannah Drive, with the purpose of destroying the building or structure of another, namely the residence at that address owned by Melanie Brown, contrary to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 2C:17-1a(2), and against the peace of this State, the Government and dignity of the same.

BRADLEY D. BILLHIMER
OCEAN COUNTY PROSECUTOR

DATED: 6.24.21

BY: s/Meghan M. O'Neill

MEGHAN O'NEILL
ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR

ENDORSED: Deane Shepard / DM
Foreperson

Superior Court of New Jersey
Law Division, Ocean County

THE STATE

VS.

JAMAL M. PRESTON

INDICTMENT NO.

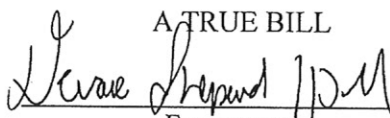
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INDICTMENT FOR

ATTEMPTED MURDER
AGGRAVATED ARSON

BRADLEY D. BILLHIMER
Ocean County Prosecutor

A TRUE BILL


Foreperson

Bail Eligible defendant under
 Bail Reform - DETAINED

Condition Of Bail _____