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: IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF

DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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: NO. 487 M.D. 2004

THE THIRD DAUPHIN COUNTY INVESTIGATING GRAND JURY

NOTICE NUMBER: <u>03-2004-26</u>

ORDER OF COURT

AND NOW, this 3 Re day of MAY, 2006;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Presentment Number 7 is accepted. The Court finds as a matter of law that the facts stated in the Presentment establish a *prima facie* case to support each of the recommended charges. This Presentment shall be sealed and no person shall disclose a return of the Presentment except when necessary for issuance and execution of process, or as otherwise directed or permitted by order of the supervising judge. Disclosure is authorized for issuance and execution of process.

BY THE COURT:

AWRENCE F. CLARK, JR.

SUPERVISING JUDGE

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TO THE HONORABLE LAWRENCE F. CLARK, JR., SUPERVISING JUDGE:

PRESENTMENT NO. 7

We, the Third Dauphin County Investigating Grand Jury, duly charged to inquire into offenses against the criminal laws of the Commonwealth, have obtained knowledge of such matters from witnesses sworn by the Court and testifying before us. We find reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of the criminal laws has occurred. So finding with not fewer than twelve concurring, we do hereby make this presentment to the Court.

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Foreperson - Third Dauphin

County Investigating Grand Jury

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INTRODUCTION

We, the members of the Third Dauphin County Investigating Grand Jury, having received evidence pertaining to a possible violation of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code, pursuant to Notice of Submission of Investigation <u>03-2004-26</u>, do hereby make the following findings of fact and recommendation of charge.

FINDINGS OF FACT

On the evening of September 27, 2003, members of the Orwin Fire Company responded to a vehicle fire about three miles east of Dehart Dam on a paved driveway off of State Road 325, in Rush Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. This location is close to the Schuylkill County line. In extinguishing the fire, the fire fighters discovered the body of David J. Contrillo, Sr. in the backseat of the vehicle. The fire fighters responded to that location based on a 911 call reporting the vehicle fire received by Schuylkill County Control at 2306 hours. When the first responders arrived at 2320 hours, the vehicle was fully engulfed in fire. After extinguishing the fire, the vehicle was identified by its VIN number, 1G3AJ5134JG310264, a 1988 Oldsmobile sedan registered to the victim, David J. Contrillo, Sr.

Dr. Wayne K. Ross, a board certified forensic pathologist performed the autopsy on Contrillo. Dr. Ross determined that the cause of death was multiple traumatic injuries and the manner of death was homicide. According to the autopsy report, the traumatic injuries consisted of blunt head trauma, strangulation, and blunt chest trauma. Toxicological examination of the decedent's blood revealed a blood alcohol content of .16 percent.

On September 27, 2003, Anthony W. Hook was traveling on State Route 325 heading towards Tower City at approximately 2230 hours, when he observed two vehicles traveling in tandem in the same direction as he was about eight miles east of Tower City. The lead car was small and dark in color. The trail car was a light blue Oldsmobile. When shown a photograph of Contrillo's car, Hook indicated that it appeared identical to the vehicle he observed on September 27, 2003. Hook observed that a male was operating the Oldsmobile. Hook observed that the other vehicle was driven by a female.

Shannon Grimwood testified before the grand jury on January 5, 2006. Shannon Grimwood testified that she was working at Blockbuster Video Store in Enola on September 27, 2003. Shannon Grimwood falsely testified that both Todd Walter and Terry W. Grimwood, Jr. (hereinafter "Grimwood") picked her up from work on that day in the early evening. Shannon Grimwood claimed that the three of them then returned to her residence at 111A Verbeke Street, Marysville and had dinner. Shannon Grimwood falsely claimed under oath to have no knowledge, either first hand or second hand, of who killed David Contrillo. In fact, she participated in the disposal of the body and the destruction of evidence related to the murder.

Adam Karl Fisher testified before the grand jury. Fisher was a friend of Terry W. Grimwood, Jr. for approximately thirty years. Fisher resided with Terry and Shannon Grimwood at 4843 Spring Road, Carroll Township, Perry County for approximately 3 months at the end of 2005. While he was residing with Terry W. Grimwood, Jr., members of the Pennsylvania State Police questioned Fisher about

Contrillo's death at the Newport Station in Perry County. This occurred after Grimwood had been questioned by the Pennsylvania State Police regarding the murder several times. After the questioning, Fisher returned to the Spring Road residence and spoke to Terry W. Grimwood, Jr. while the two consumed alcoholic beverages. Because the body had been burned, Fisher referred to Contrillo as "the charcoal man." In response to Grimwood's question, Fisher indicated that it was the person found beaten up and burned in a car. Grimwood responded that Contrillo had come by the house and it had "gotten ugly."

Jodi L. Shinault testified before the grand jury. Shinault was a close friend of Terry W. and Shannon Grimwood. Shinault co-habitated with Terry W. Grimwood, Jr. at the Spring Road address. On several occasions at that residence, Grimwood admitted killing Contrillo. Grimwood claimed the killing was an accident and expressed remorse for the killing. On another occasion, Grimwood indicated that he had killed Dave, that it was an accident, and that not a day went by that he did not feel regret. Shortly after Contrillo's death, Shannon Grimwood asked Shinault about getting rid of evidence of the crime. Specifically, Shannon Grimwood asked if there was any way to get rid of physical evidence if the police wanted to come and conduct forensic search techniques in the home. Shannon Grimwood asked if washing the walls with alcohol and ammonia would be effective. Shinault responded that she should not let them in as if there was something there, they would find it.

The grand jury received a sworn statement of Todd A. Walter given on April 21, 2006, that described the circumstances of Contrillo's death and the burning of

his body. Walter was close friends with Terry W. Grimwood, Jr. and Shannon Grimwood who resided at the time on Verbeke Street in Marysville, Perry County. On September 27, 2003, Walter arrived at the Verbeke Street residence in the early afternoon. Only Terry W. Grimwood, Jr. was present when Walter arrived. A short time after Walter's arrival, David Contrillo came to the house. While the three men sat in a room, Grimwood stood up and slapped Contrillo. At that, Contrillo went to leave and Grimwood began to beat him and stomp him with his feet. Grimwood appeared angry and yelled as he beat Contrillo to the point of unconsciousness. After the beating, Grimwood asked Walter to pick up Shannon Grimwood at work because Grimwood indicated that he could not leave Contrillo unattended. When Walter and Shannon Grimwood returned to the Verbeke Street residence, Contrillo was still unconscious on the floor. According to Walter, Contrillo was either not breathing or his breathing was labored.

After it got dark, Terry W. Grimwood, Jr., Shannon Grimwood, and Walter took steps to dispose of the body. The three of them wrapped Contrillo's body and then Grimwood and Walter put it in his car. Walter suggested a location to dispose of the body near Dehart Dam. Grimwood drove Contrillo's car with Contrillo in it. Walter drove his own vehicle, a black Acura, with Shannon Grimwood as a passenger. The three left Contrillo's vehicle at a location near Dehart Dam and then Grimwood doused the car in gasoline and lit it on fire. The three then returned to the Verbeke Street residence and disposed of the living room rug which was soaked with blood.

RECOMMENDATION OF CHARGES

Based upon the evidence we have obtained and considered, which establishes a prima facie case, we, the members of the Third Dauphin County Investigating Grand Jury, recommend that the District Attorney or his designee, institute criminal proceedings against Terry William Grimwood, Jr., Shannon Nicole Grimwood, and Todd Allen Walter in connection with the above incident. Specifically, we recommend that the District Attorney or his designee charge Terry William Grimwood, Jr. with murder, 18 Pa. C.S. §2502, abuse of corpse, 18 Pa.C.S. §5510, and arson-reckless burning, 18 Pa.C.S. §3301(d), tampering with physical evidence, 18 Pa.C.S. §4910, and criminal conspiracy to tamper with physical evidence, 18 Pa.C.S. §903. We recommend that the District Attorney or his designee charge Shannon Nicole Grimwood with hindering apprehension or prosecution, 18 Pa.C.S. §5105(a)(3), criminal conspiracy to hinder apprehension, 18 Pa.C.S. §903, tampering with physical evidence, 18 Pa.C.S. §4910, criminal conspiracy to tamper with physical evidence, 18 Pa.C.S. §903, arson-reckless burning, 18 Pa.C.S. §3301(d), abuse of corpse, 18 Pa.C.S. §5510, and perjury, 18 Pa.C.S. §4902. The grand jury finds that Shannon Grimwood is liable for these offenses either as a principal, an accomplice or a co-conspirator. In light of his cooperation in the investigation of the Contrillo homicide, we recommend that the District Attorney or his designee charge Todd Allen Walter with tampering with physical evidence, 18 Pa.C.S. §4910.