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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition has been filed in the Court of Common Pleas of Fayette County, Pennsylvania, seeking to change the name of Aria Ann Kelley to Aria Ann Kelley-Chester. A hearing on the Petition will be held on September 28, 2022 at 1:30 o'clock p.m. in Courtroom No.5 at the Fayette County Courthouse, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, at which time any persons interested may attend and show cause, if any, why the Petition should not be granted.

Erica Jo Chester for Aria Ann Kelley % Dellarose Law Office, PLLC Melinda Deal Dellarose 99 East Main Street Suite 101 Uniontown, PA 15401 (724)437-3200

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JUDICIAL OPINION

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CRIMINAL DIVISION

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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VS.

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DAYOGE BUSH. : No. 1831 of 2021

Defendant. : Honorable Judge Nancy D. Vernon

OPINION AND ORDER

VERNON, J. August 1, 2022

Before the Court is a Motion for Bond filed by Defendant Dayoge Bush, who has been charged with criminal homicide and is facing a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. Under Article I, § 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution and 42 Pa.C.S. §5701, a defendant is ineligible for bail if the Commonwealth presents evidence establishing a prima facie case of murder in the first degree. Article 1, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution provides for bail as follows:

All prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, unless for capital offenses or for offenses for which the maximum sentence is life imprisonment or unless no condition or combination of conditions other than imprisonment will reasonably assure the safety of any person and the community when the proof is evident or presumption great; and the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in case of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it.

Pa. Const. Art. I, § 14

On October 10, 2020, an eyewitness drove William Brown to Evans Street in Uniontown, Pennsylvania to purchase marijuana. Preliminary Hearing N.T., 8/24/2021 at 4-6. Defendant Bush approached the passenger side of the car to sell marijuana to Brown when the two men "exchanged words about a rumor" of Brown wanting to rob Bush. Id. at 6-7. The witness saw Bush draw a gun into the passenger's side of his vehicle, a couple inches away from Brown, and fired more than five shots at or into Brown. Id. at 8, 23. There were no weapons in the witness's vehicle and no weapons on Brown's person. Id. at 8-9. Brown was shot in the legs and stomach area, and was driven to the hospital, bleeding and in pain, where he later died from the gunshot wounds. Id. at 8-10. Bush had the gun concealed in his waistband. Id. at 10.

A prima facie case consists of evidence which, when read in the light most favorable to the Commonwealth, sufficiently establishes both the commission of a crime and that the accused is probably the perpetrator of that crime. Commonwealth v. Black, 108 A.3d 70, 77 (Pa. Super. 2015). The prima facie standard does not require the Commonwealth to prove the elements of the crime beyond a reasonable doubt. Commonwealth v. Lees, 1135 A.3d 185, 190 (Pa.Super. 2016). Rather, a prima facie case in support of an accused's guilt consists of evidence that, if accepted as true, would justify submission of the case to a jury. Commonwealth v. Huggins, 836 A.2d 862, 866 (Pa. 2003). In determining the presence or absence of a prima facie case, the prosecution must be afforded the benefit of all inferences reasonably drawn from the evidence which would support a guilty verdict. Commonwealth v. Landis, 48 A.3d 432, 444 (Pa.Super. 2012).

The elements of first-degree murder are that: (1) a human being was unlawfully killed; (2) the defendant was responsible for the killing; and (3) the defendant acted with malice and a specific intent to kill. Commonwealth v. Woodard, 129 A.3d 480, 490 (Pa. 2015). Section 2502 of the Crimes Code identifies murder of the first degree as an "intentional killing," which, in turn, is defined as a "willful, deliberate and premeditated killing." 18 Pa. C.S. § 2502(a), (d). "Premeditation and deliberation exist whenever the assailant possesses the conscious purpose to bring about death and can be formulated in a fraction of a second." Commonwealth v. Cash, 137 A.3d 1262 (Pa. 2016).

The specific intent to kill does not require "previous thought or any particular length of time" and "can occur quickly." Commonwealth v. Eichinger, 108 A.3d 821, 844 (Pa.2014). "The Commonwealth may prove specific intent through purely circumstantial evidence." Commonwealth v. Haney, 131 A.3d 24, 36 (Pa. 2015). "It is well-settled that specific intent to kill can be established through circumstantial evidence such as the use of a deadly weapon on a vital part of the victim's body." Commonwealth v. Johnson, 107 A.3d 52, 66 (Pa. 2014).

Malice exists if "the defendant consciously disregarded an unjustified and extremely high risk that his actions might cause death or serious bodily injury." Commonwealth v. Packer, 146 A.3d 1281 (Pa.Super. 2016). "Malice may be inferred by considering the totality of the circumstances." Commonwealth v. Thompson, 106 A.3d 742, 757 (Pa.Super. 2014). Like the specific intent to kill, "[m]alice may be inferred from the use of a deadly weapon on a vital part of the victim's body." Commonwealth v. Garland, 63 A.3d 339, 345 (Pa.Super. 2013).

Based upon the Commonwealth's evidence submitted at the preliminary hearing, Defendant's use of a deadly weapon on a vital part of the decedent's body provides circumstantial proof under Pennsylvania law that he acted with malice and a specific intent to kill when he shot the decedent. The Commonwealth has demonstrated a prima facie case of first degree murder against him, thereby rendering Defendant constitutionally and statutorily ineligible for bail. Therefore, Defendant's Motion for Bond must be DENIED

ORDER

AND NOW, this 1st day of August, 2022, upon consideration of the Motion for Bond filed by Defendant Dayoge Bush and the record, it is hereby ORDERED and DECREED that the Motion is DENIED.

BY THE COURT, NANCY D. VERNON, JUDGE

ATTEST: Clerk of Courts

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Fayette County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference
Wednesday, October 12, 2022
The Historic Summit Inn

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- 8:30 Meet the Sponsors & Breakfast Buffet
- 9:00 **Getting Paid Financial Management & Marketing Tips**Ellen Freedman, CLM Law Practice Management Coordinator
 1.5 Ethics and 0.5 Substantive CLE Credits
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Practice and Procedure Panel Discussion with the Judges of the Fayette County Court of Common Pleas

President Judge John F. Wagner, Jr., Judge Steve P. Leskinen, Judge Nancy D. Vernon, Judge Linda R. Cordaro, and Judge Joseph M. George, Jr. 1.0 Substantive CLE Credit

12:15 Remarks by Special Guests

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12:30 Lunch Buffet

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Fayette County Bar Association Bench Bar Conference Wednesday, October 12, 2022 The Historic Summit Inn

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The Judges of the Fayette Court of Common Pleas are accepting questions for the panel Q&A discussion. Questions may cover trial tactics, local practice and procedure, or general legal questions, but should not inquire about cases pending or adjudicated before the Court. Questions are due by Wednesday, October 5th. To submit a question for consideration, please follow the link in your email invitation or email to cindy@fcbar.org.

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