



**THE THIRD DAUPHIN COUNTY
INVESTIGATING GRAND JURY**

IN RE: : 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: 03-2004-10**

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

PRESENTMENT NO. 1

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.

James S. Clark
Foreperson - Third Dauphin
County Investigating Grand Jury

DATED: MAY 4, 2005

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, occurring in the Swatara Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, pursuant to Notice of Submission of Investigation 03-2004-10, do hereby make the following findings of fact and recommendation of charge.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Swatara Township Police Department investigated a shooting incident that occurred at approximately 5:30 a.m. on April 8, 2005, in the 400 block of Eisenhower Boulevard near the Howard Johnson Motel. Rhileen Hill had been in a motel room with Kari Sheppard, the former girlfriend of Chanson Wright. Sheppard is the mother of Chanson Wright's child. Several days prior to the shooting incident, Wright and Sheppard had been in an altercation that resulted in criminal charges being brought against Wright. Sheppard had taken refuge with Hill in the Eisenhower Boulevard motel.

Driving Sheppard's car, Hill pulled onto Eisenhower Boulevard. At that point, the shooter fired seven shots through the back of the car. One of the bullets passed through the front seat and lodged in Hill's back. Because of its proximity to vital parts of Hill's anatomy, surgeons did not remove the

bullet. Several other individuals other than Hill were in the line of fire. Wright does not have a license to carry a concealed weapon as he is not eligible for such having been previously convicted of carrying a firearm without a license in 2003.

After being arrested on warrants related to the Steelton incident, Wright came in contact with Detective Christopher Everett of the Swatara Township Police Department. Wright asked Everett, "is the guy going to live?" At another point, Wright asked Officer William Shaub of the Steelton Police Department if he was going to be charged with attempted murder by the Swatara Township Police Department.

On the morning of April 8, 2005, Wright called his childhood friend, Michael M. Little, Jr. Little's mother had informed him that Wright had been involved in a shooting incident. Little informed Wright that he had seen the car on television and asked if Wright was alright. Wright was upset and responded, "I fucked up." Little told him to turn himself in. Wright indicated he was going to turn himself in. Little asked Wright, "what were you thinking?" Wright responded that he did not want anyone else around his kid or his girl and indicated that he couldn't believe that he had done that.

Cheryl Hawkins, the mother of Chanson Wright, testified before the grand jury. She testified that Wright called her by telephone at around 7:00 a.m. on April 8, 2005. At that time

Wright told her he had done something really bad and wanted to kill himself or make the police kill him. Hawkins picked up Wright that morning and she drove around with him trying to convince him to surrender to police. Wright again indicated that he had done something very bad and was going to make the police kill him. He indicated to his mother that he had thrown the gun in the river.

Mrs. Hawkins called Detective Timothy Carter of the Harrisburg Bureau of Police. She told Detective Carter what her son had told her. Detective Carter spoke to Wright who indicated that he had done something really bad.

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 Chanson Wright and charge him with Criminal Attempt (Murder), 18 Pa.C.S. 901; Aggravated Assault, 18 Pa.C.S. §2702(a)(1); Carrying a Firearm Without a License, 18 Pa.C.S. §6106; Stalking, 18 Pa.C.S. §2709.1; and Recklessly Endangering Another Person, 18 Pa.C.S. §2705.