

IN THE CIRCUIT OR COUNTY COURT  
OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF  
FLORIDA IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY

State of Florida

vs

Home Invasion/Robbery with firearm F.S.S. 812.135(2)(a)  
Theft from a person 65 years of age or older >\$300 < \$10,000 F.S.S.  
812.0145(2)(c)

Kevin Eugene Leeks Jr.

LCSO 190094722

**AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

Comes now, the affiant, Detective Michael Hauss II of the Lake County Sheriff's Office, a sworn law enforcement officer, who personally appeared before a notary public or certified officer, makes this affidavit, which has been electronically submitted to the Court. The affiant swears under oath that he has probable cause to believe that certain laws have been violated in Lake County, Florida and that on or about 07/11/19, Kevin Eugene Leeks Jr. did commit Home Invasion/Robbery with firearm F.S.S. 812.135(2)(a) & Theft from a person 65 years of age or older >\$300 < \$10,000 F.S.S. 812.0145(2)(c).

1. That on 07/11/19 deputies responded to 3624 CR 48 in Okahumpka, FL in Lake County in reference to a home invasion & robbery that had just occurred.
2. That the Victim, Willard VanOrder (97 years of age) advised that he had gone to the nearby convenience store on his lawn mower and, upon returning home, entered his house with groceries. When he went to secure the door, a black male was there with a green gun. The Victim did not get to say anything other than, "no, no, no..." It is believed that the Victim was then struck and rendered unconscious at this point, as he later awoke and was found by family.
3. That the Victim had suffered head injuries consistent with being struck with an object and was found to be missing his wallet (from his left rear pants pocket) that had contained approximately four hundred dollars in cash. One of the items of evidence collected at the crime scene near the front door of the residence was a Black and Mild cigarillo tip that appeared to be new. I asked the Victim and his family if any of them smoke those and none of them did.

4. That in subsequent investigation video was obtained from the convenience store that is several hundred yards away from the Victim's residence. This is the store the Victim had bought groceries at. In the video, a black male is observed near the Victim as the Victim is paying for his groceries with several hundred dollars in cash visible in his wallet. The black male is observed buying a Black and Mild cigarillo also and is seen to be driving a dark colored passenger car (later identified via LCSO case#190095828 as a 2016 Chevy bearing Florida tag LACT10). Later in the videos I observed the Victim drive his lawnmower home and a dark colored vehicle drive down the same path. Note that the Victim and Kevin Eugene Leeks Jr. both left the convenience store minutes apart, based on observing the video.
5. That the above-mentioned black male was later identified as Kevin Eugene Leeks Jr. via LCSO Case#190095828. In that case I traveled to the Lake County Jail and spoke with Kevin Eugene Leeks who I identified via the surveillance video I had observed. I told him this and that he had bought a black and mild when I showed him the picture of him from the surveillance video. He admitted that it was him in the image, but declined to answer any questions without counsel.
6. That in a jail call from Kevin Eugene Leeks Jr., the person he speaks with states, "We gotta' take advantage of these veterans..." Note that the Victim is a veteran of WWII.
7. That the Black and Mild tip that was located at the crime scene was found, by FDLE, to have DNA that would be viable for comparison. That a sample was obtained from Kevin Eugene Leeks Jr. via a search warrant and was submitted to FDLE.
8. That on 01/29/2020 this detective received the FDLE report in reference to the above comparison. The report stated that in reference to the DNA on the Victim's pants, *"Kevin E. Leeks Jr (Item 5) is included as a possible contributor to the mixed DNA profile obtained from Item 2 (left rear pocket). The observed mixed DNA profile is greater than 700 billion times more likely to occur if the sample originated from Willard VanOrder (Item4) and Kevin E. Leeks Jr (Item 5) than from Willard VanOrder (Item 4) and an unrelated individual."*
9. That in reference to the Black and Mild tip recovered at the scene, the above-referenced FDLE report stated, *"The DNA profile obtained from Item 3 (Black and*

*Mild tip) matches the DNA profile from Kevin E. Leeks Jr. (Item 5). The observed DNA profile is greater than 700 billion times more likely to occur if the sample originated from Kevin E. Leeks Jr (Item 5) than from an unrelated individual."*

10. The above-referenced report also stated:

During a search of CODIS, a match occurred between the eligible donor to the mixed DNA profile obtained from Item 2 (left rear pocket, submission 1) and a qualifying offender sample. The information for the qualifying offender is as follows:

Name:	Kevin Leeks
DOB:	12-15-1990
DOC Number:	C07547
SID/FDLE Number:	07279120

11. That this detective then drafted this probable cause affidavit based on the above evidence.

Your Affiant believes that probable cause exists for the arrest of Kevin Eugene Leeks Jr. for Home Invasion/Robbery with firearm F.S.S. 812.135(2)(a) & Theft from a person 65 years of age or older >\$300 < \$10,000 F.S.S. 812.0145(2)(c).

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Detective Michael Hauss II  
Lake County Sheriff's Office

Sworn to and Subscribed before me

this 29th day of January, 2020.

Lt J. D. Moore III

Circle One: Notary Public - Certified Officer

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Personally known to me

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Produced identification

Type: