

SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
CRIMINAL DIVISION

UNITED STATES

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Feb. 15, 2024

On February 14, 2024, at approximately 07:31 AM members from the Metropolitan Police Department Criminal Apprehension Unit (CAU), along with members from the Washington Humane Society, responded to 5032 Hanna Place Southeast to locate Defendant Julius James in reference to an Arrest Warrant. All members of the Criminal Apprehension Unit were wearing external vests adorned with Police identifiers to include badge, name tag and the word "POLICE" on the front and "METROPOLITAN POLICE" on the back.

The Arrest Warrant was for Animal Cruelty, issued by Washington, DC Superior Court; warrant number: 2024CRWSLD000478. Washington Humane Society had provided to CAU a photo of Julius James that shows a dark complexion black male with his hair done up above his head in a distinctive manner.

Once at 5032 Hanna Place Southeast, Members of CAU had a full perimeter surrounding 5032 Hanna Place Southeast. Officers knocked and announced that they were the POLICE multiple times. Additionally, officers made multiple announcements about who they were utilizing their police vehicle's loudspeakers.

A man was observed by Officer Creamer through the windowpane on the front door walking down the stairs from the second floor and made contact with MPD officers. Officer Creamer identified this man as being the same person as the photo provided by Washington Humane Society. At approximately 08:03 AM MPD officers issued a warning to Defendant James who still refused to open the door thereafter, MPD officers utilized a breaching tool in an attempt to open the front door of 5032 Hanna Place Southeast.

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At approximately 08:04 AM, MPD officers partially opened the front door, but were stopped by several aggressive dogs. Sergeant M.N ("CW1"), stood in the door opening with a fire extinguisher in his hand (fire extinguishers can used to pacify aggressive animals). At this point, gunfire was heard coming from inside of the residence. Sergeants Millsaps and CW1, Officers G.B. ("CW2"), Creamer, King and A.N. ("CW3") retreated from the front door area of the residence, across the front lawn and sought cover.

As a result of the gunfire, the following injuries were sustained by members of CAU:

CW2 sustained a gunshot wound to his lower left leg. CW3 sustained a gunshot wound to his lower left leg. CW1 sustained a gunshot wound to his lower left leg and a graze wound to his left arm. CW1 had bruising on his chest and back consistent with bullet impacts on his ballistic vest. The radio microphone on the center of CW1's chest had a defect consistent with bullet impact.

Between the first knock at 07:32 AM and the attempted entry at 08:04 AM members only observed Defendant James, no other persons were observed inside or outside of the residence. No one was ever observed exiting the location before or after the first shots were fired.

The 6th District Watch Commander declared a barricade and the MPD Emergency Response Team was notified and responded to the scene.

As Defendant James was barricaded within the residence, sporadic gunfire came from inside of the residence. At least 3 rounds of gunfire struck the front

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driver's door of an MPD ERT Armored Truck (#8730) while it was in the immediate area of the residence.

As this was occurring, MPD Officer Freeman, who is assigned to the Seventh District, was working the daywork tour of duty and received a missed call from a man he knew as "Mike" (later identified as Defendant James). Officer Freeman then received another call from "Mike", so he answered. While on the phone, Defendant James stated that some people were at his home earlier in the day, and out of fear, he shot multiple times through the front door. Officer Freeman attempted to calm Defendant James and told him to walk outside with his hands up and surrender to the police. Defendant James said that "he?" not going to surrender his dogs, and they will have to kill me." Officer Freeman put Defendant James on hold and notified the Sixth District Dispatcher. Later, ERT Negotiators Officers McCoy (#2337) and Fautneroy (#3444) began speaking to Defendant James on the same phone number (202-749-XXXX) he used to call Officer Freeman.

During their phone conversations with Defendant James, Officers McCoy and Fautneroy said that Defendant James told them there were police officers trying to serve paperwork on him that morning. When the officers were at his door, Defendant James fired off rounds because he was under the impression that the police were going to harm him and his dogs. Defendant James said that he knew if the police came into his residence, his dogs were going to attack the police, resulting in the police killing his dogs so the Defendant fired warning shots at the door. The Defendant said that he was unaware that he wounded the officers until later in the day when he received phone calls from friends telling him that he had wounded the police officers. Defendant

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James admitted to firing several rounds later in the day because it was taking too long for him to get his cigarettes.

Defendant James explained he doesn't take medication for any mental health issues, but he is "not right" in the head and needs help.

Officers McCoy and Fautneroy said that Defendant James agreed to surrender and come outside. Defendant James then came outside and was taken into custody by members of ERT and was then transported to the Sixth District for processing without further incident.

After Defendant James had exited his residence, ERT members entered and cleared the residence of any additional victims or suspects and to secure the residence for the Humane Society to take custody of the Defendant's dogs. No persons were located inside of the residence.

While securing the premises, ERT members observed a disassembled handgun on a bed on the second-floor bedroom in plain view. The disassembled handgun was a Glock pistol with serial # UVA597. The slide, barrel, frame and extended magazine are separated from each other; no pieces of the firearm appear to be missing when viewed. As a result, the firearm itself is designed to be fired by the use of a single hand, has a barrel length of less than twelve inches, appears designed to expel a projectile by means of an explosive action and despite being disassembled, if reassembled, would appear to be fully functional.

Humane Society Officers recovered approximately 31 dogs from the residence

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where they were taken to an animal shelter without incident.

At approximately 21:57 hours Detective Shoemaker executed a DC Superior Court Search Warrant.

A witness who resides in the block came outside and identified a vehicle with multiple bullet defects as belonging to him. IT stated that IT was watching out the window of his home as the officers were attempting to serve the warrant. He observed that the officers had opened the door a small amount, and then heard gunshots and observed bullets coming through the front door. IT saw the officers run for cover, and observed several of them behind vehicles, bleeding.

IT car is a dark blue Lexus RX330 4-door SUV, which was parked directly opposite 5032 Hanna Place SE. The vehicle had multiple defects which is consistent with gunshots on the driver side, and a bullet fragment was found on the ground alongside the vehicle.

Detective Logan received information from a member of Firearm examination office, who advised there are no firearms registered to 5032 Hanna Place Southeast, and there are no firearms registered to James Julius.

Back at the Sixth District, Defendant James was live scanned. As a result of the live scan, it was revealed that Defendant James' true name is Stephen Claude Rattigan, DOB: 9/30/1975, PDID #477093.

A check with CRS revealed that there are no firearms registered in the

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District of Columbia to Defendant Rattigan. A further check of the Glock's serial number by CRS also showed that this weapon is not registered.

Detective Wright attempted to interview of Defendant Rattigan. Defendant Rattigan, in summary, denied shooting at the police, denied knowledge of the firearm and requested legal advice.

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On January 5, 2024, the Washington Humane Society (WHS) received a call from a person (C1) stating that the male tenant living at 5032 Hanna Pl SE (S1) has four pit bull terrier type dogs that are being neglected. C1 states that the people that live in the neighborhood are complaining of the odor of urine and feces coming from the house. On January 6, 2024, WHS Officer Kurland arrived at 5032 Hanna Pl. SE and spoke to C1 on the phone prior to going to the door. C1 was concerned about several things. C1 was concerned that the man at the house was breeding dogs, mistreating the dogs and that they were living in their own waste. C1 also said that the dogs are frequently off leash causing safety issues for the neighborhood. WHS Officer Kurland explained to C1 that she (Kurland) could address the cruelty and neglect issue and the other issues would be addressed by an Animal Control Officer. C1 sent a link to a video that she claimed showed a confrontation between S1 and his dogs and a neighbor (W1). WHS Officer Kurland could not view the video at that time and approached the front door of the house and opened the storm door to knock. There was a strong odor of dog feces and urine at the front door, and WHS Officer Kurland noted that she could hear a lot of dogs barking from within but there was no answer. WHS Officer Kurland posted a

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notice on the door regarding failure to provide "proper air, light, space."

On January 8, 2024, Humane Officer Russell met with the resident of 5032 Hanna Pl SE to address the allegations of unsanitary living conditions. She met with a man at the front door who introduced himself as Julius James (S1) and the owner of the dogs within.

On January 11, 2024, C1 contacted WHS Officer Kurland again about S1 having 20 dogs, the video they had sent and again noted their public safety concerns. WHS Officer Kurland was able to open the video at that time. The video, which is Nest camera footage from an address neighboring S1's residence, clearly depicts an incident timestamped April 15, 2023, and shows an incident on the sidewalk in front of 5036 Hanna Pl. SE (next door to 5032 Hanna Pl.). In the video, two of S1's dogs approach a child and an adult (W1) in an excited and friendly manner on the sidewalk in front of the address. W1 appears concerned for the child's safety and calmly picks the child up out of reach of the dogs. S1 then enters the picture, coming from the direction of his address, and approaches one of the dogs, grabbing it and pulling it down/away from W1 and child. The dog stays, cowering from S1. S1 then proceeded to punch the dog in the face six times, causing the dog to yelp each time that it gets hit before then chasing it back to his property. The second dog was not involved and followed behind.

On January 12, 2024, Animal Control Investigator Williford arrived at 5032 Hanna Pl. SE to address the issue of the number of animals at the property and the need for a DC Hobby Permit. ACI Williford met with a man tending to 10 dogs in the rear of the address (more heard inside) and addressed him as

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Mr. James (S1) which he responded to in the affirmative.

On January 16, 2024, WHS Officer Kurland contacted C1 who had provided the video. C1 has close personal knowledge of and has had numerous interactions with the resident of 5032 Hanna Pl SE and positively identified the man in the video as Julius James (S1) and the owner of the dogs kept at the residence. C1 also stated that there is only one other adult (female) that resides at 5032 Hannah Pl. SE and that C1 has never seen anyone other than S1 tending to the dogs that are kept there.

WHS Officer Kurland showed the video to Officer Russell and Investigator Williford. Officer Russell believed the suspect seen in the video, based on body-type, hair and body language, was consistent with the man she met with on January 8th who identified himself as Julius James. Investigator Williford was confident that the man seen in the video was the same man that she met with on January 12th who responded to the name Mr. James and was tending to 10 of the dogs at 5032 Hannah Pl. SE.

On January 17, 2024, WHS Officer Kurland reached out to contacts with the Metropolitan Police Department to determine if they had any identifying information for S1. They were able to provide WHS Officer Kurland with a DOB of 07/14/1977 for a man identified as Julius James during a January 2023 family disturbance call at 5032 Hanna Pl. SE.

2024CRWSLD000478 was issued on January 31, 2024.

On February 15, 2024, upon the return of the livescan revealing that

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Defendant Julius James' true name to be Stephen Claude Rattigan, DOB: 9/30/1975, PDID #477093 a confirmation photo was sent to Investigator Williford who confirmed the person she spoke with on January 12, 2024, and who identified himself as "Julius James" was in fact the same person depicted in the confirmation photo.

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