

**IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR
ADAIR COUNTY**

This Complaint and Affidavit is to be:

- Filed with Court Clerk (cc: CA)
 Submitted to County Attorney
 Filed with JCO - Defendant is a Juvenile

Agency Case Number: **2019028075**

Arrest Date: _____

THE STATE OF IOWA

VS.

OFFENDER

Last COMLY		First RANDALL		Middle LEE	Suffix
Address 615 SW 7TH STREET APARTMENT #1				City STUART	State IA Zip Code 50250
DL# [REDACTED]	State IA	DL Class C	DL Endorsements	DL Restrictions	
Date of Birth 07/14/1967	Gender MALE	Race WHITE - W		Ethnicity NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN - N	
Height 5' 11"	Weight 170 LBS	Eye Color BLUE - BLU	Hair Color BROWN - BRO		

OFFENSE

State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>	Code Section 707.11(5)(A)	Crime Description ATTEMPTED MURDER OF A PEACE OFFICER			Speed	in	Zone
Class FELB		Serious P.I. <input type="checkbox"/>	Fatal Accident <input type="checkbox"/>	Civil Damage Assessment <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>		
Location Type 20 - RESIDENCE/HOME							
Literal Description 615 SW 7TH STREET APARTMENT #1							
Address 615 SW 7TH STREET APARTMENT #1				City STUART		State IA	Zip Code 50250
Is Date and Time of Incident Known? YES	Incident Date or Low Range 10/17/2019	Upper Date Range	Incident Time or Low Range 22:45	Upper Time Range			

STATUS OF OFFENDER/JUVENILE

<input type="checkbox"/> TAKEN INTO CUSTODY	CUSTODY	<input type="checkbox"/> SUMMONS TO APPEAR (Citation Issued)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WARRANT REQUESTED	<input type="checkbox"/> NO CONTACT ORDER REQUESTED	<input type="checkbox"/> RELEASED TO PARENT/GUARDIAN

NARRATIVE

Narrative of Offense Committed

On or about the above stated date and time, the Defendant did unlawfully and intentionally attempt to cause the death of Guthrie County Sheriff's Deputy Kent Gries with the knowledge that Guthrie County Sheriff's Deputy Kent Gries was a peace officer acting in the officer's official capacity, and not under circumstances which would justify the person's actions, the person does any act by which the person expects to set in motion a force or chain of events which will cause or result in the death of the other person

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF IOWA, ADAIR COUNTY

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, state that all facts contained in this Complaint and Affidavit, known by me or told to me by other reliable persons form the basis for my belief that the defendant committed this crime

State all facts and persons relied upon supporting elements of alleged crime

I, Special Agent Don Schnitker of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, know the following facts and information directly and/or indirectly from other law enforcement personnel I know to be reliable.

On October 17, 2019, Guthrie County Sheriff's Deputies and a Stuart Police Officer traveled to 615 SW 7th Street, Apartment #1 in Stuart, Iowa (Adair County) in an attempt to locate Randall Comly. Comly had an active arrest warrant in Clarke County on the charge of felony Arson and was being sought by law enforcement. 615 SW 7th Street, Apartment #1 was known by law enforcement to be a residence in which Comly frequented and/or lived.

At approximately 10:40 pm, Guthrie County Deputies Kent Gries, Jim Mink, Steven Henry, and Stuart Police Officer Tyler Defransico approached the front door of 615 SW 7th St. Apartment #1 and knocked. All deputies and officers present were dressed in law enforcement uniforms that made them clearly indefinable as police officers. Sheriff's Office patches and police badges were visible on multiple places on the officer's/deputy's uniforms. After a brief period of time, an occupant of the apartment came to the door at spoke to the officers. Officer's identified themselves to the occupant, who was identified as Joseph Reynolds, and asked Reynolds if Randall Comly was inside. Reynolds confirmed to law enforcement Randall Comly was inside the apartment. Additionally, while talking to Reynolds law enforcement observed a bedroom light turn on and off inside the apartment, indicating another occupant was inside.

Deputy Kent Gries, Deputy Jim Mink, and Officer Tyler Defransico entered the apartment in an attempt to locate and apprehend Comly. Officers made several announcements asking Comly by name to come out and show himself to law enforcement. Officers searched the apartment and located a closed closet door in the bedroom. Deputy Gries attempted to open the closet door but found the door was being held closed from the inside. Officers gave verbal commands for the person inside the closet to exit with no response.

While Deputy Gries and Officer Defransico were positioned near the closet door Randall Comly abruptly opened the door wielding a handgun. Comly charged Officer Gries and Defransico and fired the handgun multiple times at the officers, nearly striking them. Comly fired a total of 6 rounds, the maximum capacity of the handgun, in the direction of Deputy Gries and Officer Defransico. Officer returned fire, striking Comly in the arm. Officers exited the apartment and Comly surrendered approximately 90 minutes later.

A female, identified as Ashley Richards, was also found to be inside the home during the shooting. Richards told law enforcement that prior to the shooting she told Randall Comly that police officers were at the door. Richards told law enforcement that after hearing that information Comly went into the bedroom closed the door.

The investigation into the shooting by the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation finds evidence that supports the fact that Randall Comly was aware law enforcement was inside the apartment searching for him. Additionally the investigation supports the fact that Comly hid inside a closet armed with a handgun. The evidence at the scene supports the fact that Comly exited the closet and fired 6 rounds at police officers in an attempt to kill them. The shots fired by Comly stuck areas in close proximity to Deputy Gries and Officer Defransico.

This affiant believes probable cause has been found to charge Randall Comly with attempted murder of a Police Officer.



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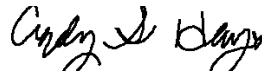
Signature of Complainant or Officer, Officer Name & Number

GENERAL PROBABLE CAUSE

Defendant Implicated
02 - CAUGHT IN ACT, 07 - IDENTIFIED BY WITNESSES, 08 - CRIME OBSERVED BY OFFICERS, 09 - NEAR SCENE OF CRIME, 10 - POSSESSION/DISPLAY/USE OF DANGEROUS WEAPONS, 13 - CAUSED PERSONAL INJURY, 14 - OTHER PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, 15 - ATTEMPTED TO INFLICT SERIOUS INJURY

Operating Motor Vehicle in County	Other Physical Evidence	Attempted To Inflict Injury GUN
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STATE OF IOWA, ADAIR COUNTY

	Subscribed and sworn to before me by the person(s) signing the Complaint and Affidavit(s) on 10/22/2019	
	Notary Name CINDY S. HAYES	Signature of Verifying Party 
	Commission Number 709364	
	My Commission Expires 04/11/2022	<input type="checkbox"/> Peace Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notary <input type="checkbox"/> Prosecuting Attorney