

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

**OFFENSE**

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

*S/A Don Schnitker*

**Schnitker, Donald**

**1121**

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**

**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**

*Cindy S. Hayes*

My Commission Expires **04/11/2022**

Peace Officer

Notary

Prosecuting Attorney