

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
COUNTY OF: ALLEGHENY



**POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
VS.

MDJ: ACT 33 CASE  
Magisterial District Number: 00-0-00  
Address:

DEFENDANT: (NAME and ADDRESS):  
ZAIJUAN SHAWNTEZ HESTER  
First Name Middle Name Last Name Gen.

7539 MELROSE ST #5 SWISSVALE, PA 15218

Phone:

NCIC Extradition Code Type  
Felony - Full Extradition  
Distance:

**DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION**

CR-536018

Docket Number: 16-27-18  
Date Filed: 10-27-18  
OTN/LiveScan Number: G 811870-3  
Complaint/Incident Number: 12268-18  
SID:  
Request Lab Services?  Yes  
GENDER: MALE DOB: 12/09/2000 POB: Add'l DOB: Co-Defendant(s)   
RACE: BLACK First Name: Middle Name: Last Name: Gen.:  
ETHNICITY: AKA:  
HAIR COLOR: BLK (BLACK) EYE COLOR: BRO (BROWN)  
Driver License: State: PA License Number: 32916977 Expires: WEIGHT (lbs):  
DNA: DNA Location: 190  
FBI Number: MNU Number: FT HEIGHT (in):  
Defendant Fingerprinted: 5 10  
Fingerprint Classification:

**DEFENDANT VEHICLE INFORMATION**

Plate #: State: Hazmat: Registration Sticker (MMYY): Comm'l Veh. Ind.: School Veh.: Oth. NCIC Veh. Code: Reg. Same as Def.   
VIN: Year: Make: Model: Style: Color:

Office of the attorney for the Commonwealth  Approved  Disapproved because:

(The attorney for the Commonwealth may require that the complaint, arrest warrant affidavit, or both be approved by the attorney for the Commonwealth prior to filing. See Pa.R.Crim.P. 507).

Name of the attorney for the Commonwealth: (Signature of the attorney for the Commonwealth) (Date)

I, TODD DOLFI (Name of the Affiant) 37063 (PSP/MP/ETC - Assigned Affiant ID Number & Badge #)  
of ALLEGHENY COUNTY POLICE PA0022800 (Police Agency ORI Number)  
(Identify Department or Agency Represented and Political Subdivision)  
do hereby state: (check appropriate box)  
1. X I accuse the above named defendant who lives at the address set forth above  
I accuse the defendant whose name is unknown to me but who is described as \_\_\_\_\_  
I accuse the defendant whose name and popular designation or nickname are unknown to me and whom I have, therefore, designated as John Doe or Jane Doe  
with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at 449 ORTH BRADDOCK BOR.  
(Subdivision Code) (Place-Political Subdivision)  
In Allegheny County 02 on or about 06/19/2018 20:27  
(County Code)

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The acts committed by the accused are described below with each Act of Assembly or statute allegedly violated, if appropriate. When there is more than one offense, each offense should be numbered chronologically. (Set forth a brief summary of the facts sufficient to advise the defendant of the nature of the offense(s) charged. A citation to the statute(s) allegedly violated, without more, is not sufficient. In a summary case, you must cite the specific section(s) and subsection(s) of the statute(s) or ordinance(s) allegedly violated. The age of the victim at the time of the offense may be included if known. In addition, social security numbers and financial information (e.g. PINS) should not be listed. If the identity of an account must be established, list only the last four digits. 204 PA Code §§213.1 – 213.7.)

Inchoate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18.901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18.902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18.903					
X	2702	A1	of the 18	2	F1			
Lead?	Offense#	Section	Subsection	PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code
PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number			<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone		<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone		
Statute Description/Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:								
18 2702A1 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT F1 2 COUNTS								
The actor attempted to cause serious bodily injury to THOMAS COLE JR or caused such injury intentionally, knowingly or recklessly under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, in violation of 18 Pa.C.S. §2702(a)(1).								
The actor attempted to cause serious bodily injury to Unknown individual or caused such injury intentionally, knowingly or recklessly under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to the value of human life, in violation of 18 Pa.C.S. §2702(a)(1).								

Inchoate Offense	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18.901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18.902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18.903					
	2	2501	A	of the 18	1	F1		
Lead?	Offense#	Section	Subsection	PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code
PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number			<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone		<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone		
Statute Description/Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:								
18 901A CRIMINAL ATTEMPT F1 1 COUNT								
The actor committed an attempt when, with intent to commit the crime of 18:2501:A, the said actor did the act or acts of Attempted Homicide of an Unknown Individual, which constituted a substantial step toward the commission of the aforesaid crime, in violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §901(a).								



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Inchoate Offense:	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903						
Lead?	3	2702	A4	of the	18	1	F2	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code
PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number			<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone		<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone			
Statute Description/Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:									
18 2702A4 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT F2 1 COUNT The actor attempted to cause or intentionally or knowingly caused bodily injury to THOMAS COLE JR with a deadly weapon in violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §2702(a)(4).									

Inchoate Offense:	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903						
Lead?	4	3925	A	of the	18	1	F2	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code
PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number			<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone		<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone			
Statute Description/Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:									
18 3925A RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY F2 1 COUNT The actor intentionally received, retained, or disposed of movable property, namely a firearm belonging to Jon-Little knowing that it had been stolen, or believing that it had probably been stolen and without intent to restore it to the owner thereof, in violation of 18 Pa.C.S. §3925(a) and 3903(a)(3)									

Inchoate Offense:	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903						
Lead?	5	6105	A1	of the	18	1	F2	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code
PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number			<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone		<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone			
Statute Description/Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:									
18 6105A1 PERSONS NOT TO POSSESS, USE, MANUFACTURE, CONTROL, SELL OR TRANSFER FIREARMS F2 1 COUNT The actor, who was previously convicted of an offense enumerated in subsection (b), namely Possession of Firearm by Minor within or without this Commonwealth, regardless of the length of sentence, possessed, used, controlled, sold, transferred, manufactured or obtained a license to possess, use, control, sell, transfer or manufacture a firearm, in violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §6105 (a).									



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<input type="checkbox"/> Indicate Offense	<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt 18 901 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation 18 902 A	<input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy 18 903					
Lead?	Offense#	Section	Subsection	PA Statute (Title)	Counts	Grade	NCIC Offense Code	UCR/NIBRS Code
	6	6110.1	A	18	1	M1		
PennDOT Data (if applicable)	Accident Number			<input type="checkbox"/> Safety Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Work Zone			
Statute Description/Acts of the accused associated with this Offense:  18 6110.1A POSSESSION OF FIREARM BY MINOR M1 1 COUNT The actor, a person under 18 years of age, possessed or transported a firearm, in violation of 18 Pa. C.S. §6110.1 (a).								



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- I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the defendant be required to answer the charges I have made.
- I verify that the facts set forth in this complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge or information and belief. This verification is made subject to the penalties of Section 4904 of the Crimes Code (18 PA.C.S. §4904) relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.
- This complaint is comprised of the preceding page(s) numbered \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_

The acts committed by the accused, as listed and hereafter, were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and were contrary to the Act(s) of the Assembly, or in violation of the statutes cited.  
(Before a warrant of arrest can be issued, an affidavit of probable cause must be completed, sworn to before the issuing authority, and attached.)

\_\_\_\_\_ 6-27-18 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Date) (Signature of Affiant)

AND NOW, on this date 6-27-18 I certify that the complaint has been properly completed and verified.  
 An affidavit of probable cause must be completed before a warrant can be issued.

PMC \_\_\_\_\_ [Signature] \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Magisterial District Court Number) (Issuing Authority)

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REGIS C. WELSH, JR.  
 SENIOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE  
 COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY  
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## AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE

### 1. WHEN:

a) Date when Affiant received information:

06/25/2018

b) Date when the source of information (Police Officers, Informant, Victim, Co-Defendant, Defendant, etc.) received information:

06/19/2018

### 2. HOW:

a) How Affiant knows this particular person committed crime: (personal observation, defendant's admissions, etc.):

Video evidence and witness statements.

b) How the source of information knows this particular person committed the crime:

Video evidence and witness statements.

c) How both Affiant and/or source of information knows that a particular crime has been committed:

Video evidence and witness statements.

### 3. WHAT CRIMES:

18 2702 A1 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

18 6110.1 A POSSESSION OF FIREARM BY MINOR

18 6105 A1 PERSONS NOT TO POSSESS, USE, MANUFACTURE, CONTROL, SELL OR TRANSFER FIREARMS

18 901 A CRIMINAL ATTEMPT

18 3925 A RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY

18 2702 A1 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

18 2702 A4 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT

### 4. WHERE CRIME(S) COMMITTED:

BALDRIDGE AVE AND JONES AVE NORTH BRADDOCK PA

### 5. WHY AFFIANT BELIEVES THE SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

X Source is presumed reliable, i.e. other Police Officer, Eyewitness, Victim of Crime, etc.

Source has given information in the past which has led to arrest and/or conviction

X Defendant's reputation for criminal activity

This source made declaration against his/her penal interest to the above offense

X Affiant and/or other Police Officers corroborated details of the information



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Your Affiant is Detective Todd Dolfi of the Allegheny County Police Department and is assigned to the Homicide Unit. Affiant is a law enforcement officer of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is empowered to make arrests for criminal offenses enumerated within this document. Your Affiant has been a police officer for 14 years with 7 years in investigations, 5 of those years investigating Homicides. As a patrol officer and as a criminal investigator your affiant has conducted hundreds of investigations and participated in the prosecution of criminal acts within the jurisdiction of Allegheny County and the District of Columbia.

All of the information contained in this affidavit was learned directly by the affiant, or was communicated to him by other law enforcement officers, victims, witnesses, or medical clinicians and technicians.

On June 19, 2018, the North Braddock Police Department requested the investigative assistance of the Allegheny County Police Homicide Unit in reference to a shooting. Detectives Dolfi and Foley along with Scientists Jason Clark and Bill Best responded to the scene for processing. Detective Gril responded to AHN Forbes Hospital to speak with the victim.

The initial investigation revealed that, at approximately 8:28PM, the North Braddock Police Department received 911 calls for service for a shooting at Jones Avenue and Baldrige Avenue. Officers arrived on scene and located the victim, who was identified as Thomas Cole, Jr. He suffered a gunshot wound to the abdomen. Cole was transported to AHN Forbes Hospital for treatment and was released following treatment.

Upon arrival, North Braddock Police officers were receiving reports of a tan- or gold-colored Chevy Cruze that was involved in the shooting made right turn from Jones Avenue onto North Avenue. An alert was broadcast for officers to be on the lookout for this vehicle.

During the scene processing, Detectives recovered nine spent .40 caliber casings, four spent .45 caliber casings, and 7 projectile fragments.

During the course of the investigation, it was learned that surveillance cameras are located on the building at the corner of Baldrige Avenue and Jones Avenue. Review of footage from those cameras revealed that, at approximately 8:27PM, a light-colored Chevy Cruze, was traveling east on Baldrige Avenue. As the vehicle approached the intersection of Baldrige Avenue and Jones Avenue, the rear passenger-side window goes down and a gun comes out the window. Several gunshots were fired from the rear passenger side of the vehicle. The vehicle then makes a left onto Jones Avenue and a right onto North Avenue. As the vehicle is making the two turns, the surveillance camera captures the victim and a black male wearing a red shirt on the opposite side of Jones Avenue. The black male with the red shirt is then seen producing a handgun and returning fire at the Chevy Cruze. The victim and the black male with the red shirt then leave view of the camera.

During the course of the investigation, a witness referred to herein as Witness #1 provided information. The witness's identity has been specifically ascertained by officers. Your affiant has verified the witness's identity through positive proof of identification. To provide for the safety of the witness and to preserve the integrity of the investigation, the witness' identity is being withheld for the purpose of this affidavit.

On June 25, 2018, Witness #1 was interviewed at Allegheny County Police Headquarters. The interview was audio- and video-recorded. Witness #1 stated that, on Tuesday June 19, 2018, he/she traveled to Hawkins Village in Rankin sometime around 7:30PM. He/she said that, while at Hawkins Village, he/she was approached by two males in regard to giving them a jitney ride to Grandview Avenue in East Pittsburgh. Witness #1 stated he/she is familiar with the two males and he/she had given them jitney rides in the past.

Witness #1 continued that they left Hawkins Village on the jitney trip and made a stop on Third Street in North Braddock where



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the rear passenger exited the car, entered a house and returned a short time later. Witness #1 stated that they continued from there heading towards East Pittsburgh and that, when they slowed at a stop sign at the intersection of Baldrige Avenue and Jones Avenue, the male in the back passenger seat asked, "Is that him?" Witness #1 said that the male in the rear passenger seat then fired shots at an individual standing on the street. Witness #1 said that another individual on the street returned fire at his/her car as they fled the area. Witness #1 stated he/she never saw either of the passengers possess a gun, however, stated the shots definitely came from the rear passenger seat of his/her vehicle.

During the course of the investigation Zaijuan Hester was developed as a suspect in this incident. Your affiant created a photo array containing Zaijuan Hester and seven similar images. During the interview of Witness #1, the witness was shown the photo array.

In particular, Witness #1 was read ACP Form L3 (Photo Collection Instructions) which he/she understood and signed. Witness #1 was provided 10 folders containing 8 single images and two blank pages. Witness #1 viewed all of the folders individually. Witness #1 identified the individual in folder number 4 as one of the individuals he/she picked up in Hawkins Village. Further, Witness #1 confirmed the individual in folder #4 was the person in the rear passenger seat of his/her vehicle.

Zaijuan Hester was the individual in folder #4. The following are the identifiers used in the photo array:

1. 605721991
2. 917564242
3. 880896424
4. Zaijuan Hester
5. 735276626
6. 20541445
7. 735275706
8. 726075361
9. Blank
10. Blank

During the course of the investigation, a 2014 Chevy Cruze bearing PA Registration KLM6917 was processed. Witness #1 confirmed that this is the vehicle that had been used during the drive-by shooting in North Braddock. During processing, a Glock 22 .40 caliber pistol, serial number AKN560US, was collected from the rear passenger compartment of the vehicle. A check through NCIC revealed that the firearm was reported stolen from Lower Burrell, PA on August 5, 2016, by the registered owner, Jon Little. It was reported by Little that he last saw his firearm in his truck on August 3, 2016 and that he discovered the theft on August 4, 2016, when he arrived back at his residence from work. Along with the gun, Little report four magazines missing, two of which were fully loaded.

Upon analysis at the Allegheny County Medical Examiner Office's Crime Laboratory, it was confirmed that the stolen Glock pistol had discharged the nine spent .40 caliber casing recovered near the intersection of Baldrige Avenue and Jones Avenue following the drive-by shooting.

Based upon the above facts your affiant requests that a warrant be issued for Zaijuan Hester.





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I, TODD DOLFI, BEING DULY SWORN ACCORDING TO THE LAW, DEPOSE AND SAY THAT THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE FOREGOING AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION AND BELIEF.

*[Handwritten Signature]*

(Signature of Affiant)

Sworn to me and subscribed before me this 27 day of June, 2018

Date *[Handwritten Signature]*, Magisterial District Judge

My commission expires first Monday of January,



REGIS C. WELSH, JFL  
SENIOR MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGE  
COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA