

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR SUWANNEE COUNTY,
FLORIDA.

22-97-CF

STATE OF FLORIDA

-vs-

Artavius Morgan
Defendant,

RACE/SEX: BLACK MALE

DOB

SSN: [REDACTED]

ARREST WARRANT

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, TO ALL AND SINGULAR
SHERIFFS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

Having received and considered the sworn affidavit of Heather Whitfield,
dated March 15, 2022, said affidavit alleging:

MALICIOUS BATTERY (PRINCIPAL) 5,000
TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE (PRINCIPAL) 5,000
FALSE REPORT 2,500

THESE ARE THEREFORE TO COMMAND YOU TO FORTHWITH ARREST
AND BRING THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT BEFORE ME TO BE DEALT
WITH ACCORDING TO LAW.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL this 15 day of March, 2022, at
Suwannee County, Florida.

BAIL BOND IS FIXED AT \$ 12,500.00

WAFB

HONORABLE JUDGE _____

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

OBTS #		1. Arrest Affidavit	3. Complaint Affidavit	4	Juvenile	N
ORI #	FL037275C	Office of Inspector General - DC		Report #	22-03700	
Location of Offense Suwannee Correctional Institution 5964 US Highway 90, Live Oak FL 32060				Date of Offense	03/08/2022	
Name: Artavius Morgan				22-97		
Race W - White B - Black	I - Indian American O - Oriental Asian	B	Sex M	DOB or Age	Height 5'10"	Weight
					Eye Color Bro	Hair Color BLK
					Complexion DRK	Build MED
Address (Street, Apt, Number)				(City)	(State)	Phone () -
LKA: [REDACTED]				[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Parent <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Legal Custodian <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Other				Name of Parent or Custodian (Last, First, Middle)		Residence Phone () -
Address (Street, Apt, Number)				(City)	(State)	Business Phone () -
Notified By: (Name)			Date	Time	Juvenile Disposition 1. Handled / Processed within Dept and Released 2. Turned over to DOH/C&F 3. Incarcerated (County Jail)	
Released to: (Name)			Relationship	Date	Time	
Activity: N. N/A P. Posses	S. Sell B. Buy T. Traffic	R. Smuggle D. Deliver E. Use	K. Dispense / Distribute	M. Manufacture / Produce / Cultivate	Z. Other	Type: N. N/A A. Amphetamine
						B. Barbiturate C. Cocaine E. Heroin
						H. Hallucinogen M. Marijuana O. Opium / Deriv
						P. Paraphernalia / Equipment S. Synthetic
						U. Unknown Z. Other
Charge Description Malicious Battery (Principal)			Counts 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord	State Violation Number: 944.35 (3)(a)(1) / 777.011	
Violation of Section (ORD)						
Activity N	Type N	Amount / Unit		State Attorney Number		Court Number
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PC <input type="checkbox"/> Capias <input type="checkbox"/> AC <input type="checkbox"/> BW <input type="checkbox"/> PW <input type="checkbox"/> Juv. PU <input type="checkbox"/> Citation			Date Issued	Writt. Att. #	<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Viol Inj. <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Arrest	
Charge Description Tampering with Evidence (Principal)			Counts 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord	State Violation Number: 918.13 (1a) / 777.011	
Violation of Section (ORD)						
Activity N	Drug Type N	Amount / Unit		State Attorney Number		Court Number
<input type="checkbox"/> PC <input type="checkbox"/> Capias <input type="checkbox"/> AC <input type="checkbox"/> BW <input type="checkbox"/> PW <input type="checkbox"/> Juv. PU <input type="checkbox"/> Citation			Date Issued	Writt. Att. #	<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Viol Inj. <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Arrest	
Charge Description False report			Counts 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Ord	State Violation Number: 944.35(4)(b)	
Violation of Section (ORD)						
Activity N	Drug Type N	Amount / Unit		State Attorney Number		Court Number
<input type="checkbox"/> PC <input type="checkbox"/> Capias <input type="checkbox"/> AC <input type="checkbox"/> BW <input type="checkbox"/> PW <input type="checkbox"/> Juv. PU <input type="checkbox"/> Citation			Date Issued	Writt. Att. #	<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Viol Inj. <input type="checkbox"/> Order of Arrest	
The Undersigned Certifies and swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that the above-named Defendant committed the following Violation of the law: On the 8 th day of March, at 10:04 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM. <input type="checkbox"/> PM (Specially include facts constituting cause for arrest)						

Your Affiant is Inspector Heather Whitfield with the Office of Inspector General for the Florida Department of Corrections, and the Defendant is Officer Artavius Morgan. Your Affiant has conducted an investigation into, Malicious Battery, Tampering with Evidence, and False Report which occurred at Suwannee Correctional Institution (SWCI).

On March 08, 2022, Inmate [REDACTED] was being escorted from SWCI Main Unit to the Annex for confinement after being found in possession of tobacco. Inmate [REDACTED] was being escorted by Officer Daniel McIntosh and Officer Morgan. Inmate [REDACTED] at SWCI Main Unit prior to arriving at the SWCI Annex [REDACTED]. After being placed in a holding cell for approximately 15 minutes Inmate [REDACTED] was then placed in a secured cell within the dorm. While the serving of lunch, a housing officer observed [REDACTED] and removed Inmate [REDACTED] from the cell [REDACTED].

The fixed wing video [REDACTED] was reviewed by your Affiant who observed Officer McIntosh entering into a holding cell with Inmate [REDACTED] who was restrained in hand restraints. Officer Morgan is seen holding the cell door shut with his body and foot while Officer McIntosh was inside. While Officer McIntosh was inside the cell alone with Inmate [REDACTED] Officer Morgan can clearly see the activity inside the cell. Officer McIntosh appeared back on camera after being in the holding cell with Inmate [REDACTED] for 30 seconds. [REDACTED] is visible on Officer McIntosh's right arm right above his gloves. Officer McIntosh, after visiting a bathroom, obtains a set of clean inmate clothing and is seen on camera providing Inmate [REDACTED] the clothing in the holding cell. Inmate [REDACTED] is then escorted out of a holding cell by Officer McIntosh and Officer Morgan and taken to a secure cell within the dorm. On camera, Inmate [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] during the escort and [REDACTED].

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Witness testimony from Inmate Armond Ricks DC# K56639, who is assigned to work in the area of the incident, testified that Inmate [REDACTED] upon entering the holding cell and that Inmate [REDACTED] exited the holding cell [REDACTED]. Inmate Ricks also indicated that he was ordered to clean up [REDACTED] and clothing in the holding cell by Officer McIntosh. This testimony is corroborated by the video that shows Inmate Ricks entering the holding cell for cleaning purposes, then entering and exiting the holding cell with [REDACTED]. Inmate Ricks identified this bag as containing Inmate [REDACTED] clothing and the bag was left at the front door of the dorm. Pictures of the [REDACTED] clothes were obtained at the location where Inmate Ricks testified, he left them.

Officer Morgan submitted an incident report stating that Inmate [REDACTED] was being escorted to confinement at the Annex. Officer Morgan stated that Officer McIntosh entered the holding cell to conduct a thorough search of Inmate [REDACTED] including a search of the band of his pants, undergarments and then had Inmate [REDACTED] removed his boots and socks to be searched, although Officer McIntosh was only inside the holding cell for 30 seconds. Officer Morgan stated he was at the door of the holding cell as precautionary measure in the event Inmate [REDACTED] began resisting the search. Officer Morgan reported (*via written Incident Report*) he and Officer McIntosh then escorted Inmate [REDACTED] to a secure cell without any incident. Officer Morgan reported that at no time did Officer McIntosh or himself use any force throughout the escort and search.

Officer Morgan not only held the door shut while Officer McIntosh was inside the holding cell, but Officer Morgan participated in the changing of the clothing by opening the door flap to allow Officer McIntosh to hand Inmate [REDACTED] the clean clothing and did not report the incident truthfully.

Your Affiant respectfully submits probable cause has been established indicating Officer Artavius Morgan did commit the violation of Tampering with Evidence (Principal) 918.13 (1)(a) / 777.011, Malicious Battery (Principal) 944.35 (3)(a)1 / 777.011, and False Report (Principal) 944.35 (4)(b) / 777.011 in Suwannee County, Suwannee Correctional Institution on March 8, 2022.

All supporting documents referred to in this affidavit will be available for judicial review and will be further explained in your Affiant's report of investigation.

PC. Exists for Charge(s)		Judge's Signature	Date					
<input type="checkbox"/> Miranda Warning	Hold for Agency Name:	Verified By:	Date:	Bond Charge #	Bond Charge #	Bond Charge #		
<input type="checkbox"/> Adults Only Hold for First Appearance			Bond Type	3. Surety	5. Cert	Type	Type	Type
<input type="checkbox"/> Do not Bond Out Reason:			1. ROR	4. Bail / Bond	6. Other			
I swear/Affirm the above and attached statements are true and correct		Sworn to And subscribed before me, the undersigned authority this 15 th day of March 22	Returnable Court Date		Returnable Court Time		<input type="checkbox"/> AM	<input type="checkbox"/> PM
Heather Whitfield Inspector's / Complainant's Signature		Name/Title of Person Authorized to Administer Oath	Release Date		Release Time		<input type="checkbox"/> AM	<input type="checkbox"/> PM
Heather Whitfield Name (Printed)		115136 ID# / Dist	Releasing Officer					Page 2 of 2