

SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CRIMINAL DIVISION

UNITED STATES

RICARDO BOTTS

Sep. 23, 2025

1. On September 22, 2025, an associate judge of D.C. Superior Court issued an arrest warrant (2025 CRWSLD 004151) for assault with intent to kill while armed and aggravated assault while armed for defendant Ricard Botts (DOB 9/27/1988; PDID 634897). Later that same day, the defendant was arrested in Chantilly, Virginia. At the time of his arrest, the defendant was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt or jacket and was in possession of a backpack that contained, among other things, a white t-shirt with horizontal stripes and suspected blood, as well as a machete-style knife with a black handle in a black sheath. The knife appeared to contain some small-isolated spots of discoloration on the blade, but it is unclear whether those spots are blood or some other substance.

2. After the defendant's arrest, detectives spoke to him. In very brief summary, the defendant questioned whether detectives had appropriately and accurately identified him, questioned whether the detectives and any other person were real, and suggested one of the detectives was a robot. When asked about the victim and about the defendant's mother, the defendant stated he did not know if that is his mother, if he ever had a mother, or if that is a real person. He stated he could have been made in a test tube and raised by God, in the streets, the dictionary, in the Koran, and Google. When asked about the cut on his hand, he said he did not know what detectives were talking about.

3. The defendant also wore a bandage on his right hand, but refused to remove the bandage or to allow members of law enforcement to observe what was underneath the bandage.

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Subscribed and sworn before me this September 23, 2025

/s/ Jeffery Clay

D1-1321

/s/ Tania Bell

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4. As indicated in the arrest warrant affidavit, detectives responded to the hospital to obtain updated information regarding the victim, identified as Pamela Botts's condition. It was learned that the victim was in critical unstable condition after having suffered at least three (3) apparent stab wounds to the face/head area: in the forehead area, under the left eye, and in the left nostril/cheek/lip area. In addition to the stab wounds, the victim suffered facial fractures. The victim was not conscious, but was breathing, and had been experiencing brain bleeding along with active bleeding behind the left eye; the victim's injuries threaten to cause the loss of her left eye.

5. On September 21, 2025, MPD detectives learned from hospital staff that the Complainant remains in critical and unstable condition with minimal brain activity. The staff also advised that death of the victim was imminent.

6. On September 23, 2025, at approximately 7:26 a.m. Dr. Adam Kardon pronounced Pamela Botts dead. Your affiant expects that Ms. Botts's body will be taken from the hospital to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for the District of Columbia for purposes of conducting an autopsy to determine cause and manner of death.

7. Your affiant has reviewed some, not all BWC. In reviewing a portion of it from Officer Rosenthal, your affiant could hear a female voice from the direction of the crime scene screaming for an ambulance and for police to respond to 2137 32nd Place Southeast as Officer Rosenthal approached the location. When the Officer approaches the front door of 2137 32nd Place SE, the front door opens and a figure your Affiant believes to be W-1 appears and

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then the front door closes again. W-1 later explained that IT thought the officers might be ITs grandson returning to the house and IT attempted to close and lock the door so he could not come in. About 30 seconds after closing the door, W-1 opened the door and said words to the effect of, "Help. Help. Help. My grandson. My daughter. My grandson. He went out the back. He went out the back. My daughter. Please. Please. He went out the back. He went out the back. Please help my daughter." W-1 made some of these statements numerous times. At some point, an officer asked W-1 what ITs grandson had on. W-1 said, "He just had on pants. I don't think he had on a top." When asked to confirm that he did not have on a top, W-1 reiterated that he did not have on a top. As W-1 said this, an officer asked W-1 whether he (presumably referring to the grandson) was the person standing here, referencing a "black dude standing right here with a hoodie," or words to that effect. W-1 said that was him (presumably referring to ITs grandson). During the early portion of the on-scene investigation, several officers appeared to discuss the victim?s injuries and some of their observations of the crime scene in the presence of W-1. Later while police were on scene, W-1 said again that ITs grandson did not have on a shirt. W-1 noted ITs grandson is "mentally ill" and had recently been seen by mental health professionals.

8. As referenced in the arrest warrant affidavit, when 6D detectives viewed the scene there was a sofa in the living room with articles of clothing strewn about it, along with apparent blood matter on it, and a butcher knife on the same cushion as the clothing. No blood could immediately be observed on the knife. A partial review of BWC indicates that this knife was underneath the decedent's body when paramedics arrived and were treating

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her. Additionally, blood matter was observed upon a glass coffee table as well as on the wall behind the sofa. A trail of sporadic drops of blood was observed from the living room to the back door of the home, and blood was observed on the interior door handle of the back door. Suspected blood was also observed on the wall and ceiling of the kitchen.

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