

Superior Court of the District of Columbia
CRIMINAL DIVISION

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF AN ARREST WARRANT

USW NO.:

DEFENDANT'S NAME: Ricardo Joseph Botts	DOB: 9/27/1988	PDID: 634897	FBI NUMBER: 336276HD8	CCN: 25-144-348
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NICKNAME: Unknown	ALIASES: None found
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SEX: M	RACE: B	HEIGHT: 6'2"	WEIGHT: 185	EYES: Bro	HAIR: Blk	COMPL: Med	SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS: Tat – UL Arm, UR Arm, Chest, LF Arm, RF Arm, Hnd
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DEFENDANT'S HOME AND/OR BUSINESS ADDRESS: 2137 32 nd Place, Southeast, Washington, DC 20020	TELEPHONE NUMBER: (202) 971-2126
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COMPLAINANT'S NAME: Pamela Botts

LOCATION OF OFFENSE(S): 2137 32 nd Place, Southeast, Washington, DC 20020

DATE(S) OF OFFENSE(S): Sunday, September 21, 2025	TIME(S) OF OFFENSE(S): 3:53 am
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CAUTION AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS (CMC) Select a valid CMC code below for wanted person when using the caution indicator:				
<input type="checkbox"/> 00 = Armed and Dangerous	<input type="checkbox"/> 15 = Explosive Expertise	<input type="checkbox"/> 30 = Sexually Violent Predator	<input type="checkbox"/> 60 = Allergies	<input type="checkbox"/> 80 = Medication Required
<input type="checkbox"/> 05 = Violent Tendencies	<input type="checkbox"/> 20 = Known to Abuse Drugs	<input type="checkbox"/> 50 = Heart Condition	<input type="checkbox"/> 65 = Epilepsy	<input type="checkbox"/> 85 = Hemophiliac
<input type="checkbox"/> 10 = Martial Arts Expert	<input type="checkbox"/> 25 = Escape Risk	<input type="checkbox"/> 55 = Alcoholic	<input type="checkbox"/> 70 = Suicidal	<input type="checkbox"/> 90 = Diabetic

GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHAT HAPPENED:

Initial Police Response

On Sunday, September 21, 2025, at approximately 3:53 am, the District of Columbia Office of Unified Communications (“OUC”) received a 9-1-1 call from a phone number belonging to the Complainant. Upon receiving the phone call, OUC heard a male and a female speaking, neither speaking directly to OUC, with the male mentioning being hit by the female. Approximately one minute later, OUC received a phone call from Witness-1 who reported a male was assaulting someone. As a result of the 9-1-1 calls received, Sixth District Metropolitan Police Department (“MPD”) officers responded to 2137 32nd Place, Southeast to investigate. Upon arriving to the scene, officers were allowed into the home by Witness-1 where they observed the Complainant on a sofa, bleeding heavily from the head/face area – appearing to be suffering from multiple stab wounds – as Witness-1 stated, “he went out the back.” District of Columbia Fire & Emergency Services (“DCFEMS”) personnel responded to the scene to provide medical attention and to hospital transportation service to the Complainant. The Complainant was transported to a local hospital via DCFEMS. After confirming the suspect, hereafter referred to as Defendant **Botts**, was no longer in the home, officers interviewed Witness-1, learning that an argument had occurred between the Complainant and Defendant **Botts** prior to the Complainant being injured.

Scene

A request was made for a detective to respond to the scene, and the Affiant responded to assume investigative responsibility. 2137 32nd Place, Southeast is a single-family, private home situated on the west side of a two-way, residential street. At the time of the offense, it was dark outdoors, and the street was dimly lit with streetlights. Upon the Affiant’s arrival to the scene, a sofa was observed in the living room with articles of clothing strewn about it, along with apparent blood matter spilled on it, and a butcher knife on the same cushion as the clothing. No blood could immediately be observed on the knife. Additionally, spilled 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.

Department of Forensic Sciences personnel responded to the scene to render crime scene search services. Wet and dry swabs of suspected blood were recovered from the interior door knob on the back door of the home. Additionally, the butcher knife observed on the sofa was recovered as evidence.

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Witness Interview

The Affiant interviewed Witness-1 who reported that the Complainant is IT's daughter and Defendant **Botts** is IT's grandson who has a mental health condition. Witness-1 informed the Affiant that IT heard the Complainant and Defendant **Botts** hollering at each other from IT's bedroom upstairs so IT went downstairs with IT's house phone to see Defendant **Botts** standing over the Complainant – in the Complainant's room, yelling at her. Witness-1 then went to the dining room to call 9-1-1 with the house phone, and while attempting to request help, Defendant **Botts** took the phone from IT. Witness-1 then went upstairs to retrieve IT's cell phone to call 9-1-1, but Defendant **Botts** came upstairs to take the cell phone from IT before he returned back downstairs. Witness-1 began to hear "blows" which IT believed to be the sound of Defendant **Botts** hitting the wall because he sometimes does that to refrain from striking IT and the Complainant.

Witness-1 descended the stairs from IT's bedroom and once at the bottom of the stairs, IT saw Defendant **Botts** standing over the Complainant in the living room. At this time, Witness-1 returned to IT's bedroom to yell out of a window for help. It should be noted that Witness-1 informed the Affiant that IT's memory of what occurred after yelling for help was fuzzy or not clear. Nonetheless, Witness-1 further advised IT returned back downstairs after yelling for help to the front door to go outside and yell for help again, but IT closed the front door upon seeing a figure approaching the front door. After closing the door, Witness-1 saw Defendant **Botts** heading toward the rear of the house. The figure Witness-1 saw at IT's front door was determined to be an MPD officer. Witness-1 was asked if IT, the Complainant, and Defendant **Botts** were the only people in the house at the time of the original argument that prompted IT to call 9-1-1; Witness-1 responded in the affirmative. Witness-1 stated IT never saw Defendant **Botts** with a knife and IT never saw Defendant **Botts** assaulting the Complainant.

Identification of Defendant

The Affiant presented Witness-1 with a confirmation photo sheet featuring a photo of Defendant **Botts**, followed by five questions. Upon viewing the confirmation photo sheet, Witness-1 completed it as follows:

Do you recognize this person? yes
How long have you known this person? since his birTh
What is their name? RiCARDo JosEPH BoTTs
What is their relationship with/to you? grandson

On September 21, 2025, what did they do (CCN 25-144-348)? My grandson + my daughter were arguing + Then he atTacked her. I did noT wiTness The aTTack I only saw him sTanding over her.

Hospital Follow-up

Detectives, to include the Affiant, responded to the hospital to obtain updated information regarding the Complainant's condition. It was learned that the Complainant 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 Complainant suffered facial fractures. The Complainant was not conscious, but was breathing, and had been experiencing brain bleeding along with active bleeding behind the left eye; the Complainant's injuries threaten to cause the loss of her left eye.

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 Complainant is imminent.

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