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The Lee County Grand Jury convened Friday and issued an indictment against Fonnate D. James on seven charges, including two counts of First Degree Murder for the murders of Brittany Ervin and Shaniqua Williams on October 25, 2008. He was also indicted on two counts of Attempted First Degree Murder, one count of Shooting At, Within, or Into a Dwelling or Building, one count of First Degree Burglary While Armed and one count of Kidnapping While Armed.

James will be arraigned on these new charges on Monday, January 26th. He is being held in the Lee County Jail with no bond. A copy of the indictment is attached.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, LEE COUNTY, SPRING TERM, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND NINE

CASE NO. 08-21079CF

STATE OF FLORIDA

vs.

FONNATE D. JAMES

Race: Black Sex: Male

DOB: 11/17/1980

SS#

INDICTMENT FOR

- I. First Degree Murder, F.S. 782.04 (1) Capital Felony
- II. First Degree Murder, F.S. 782.04 (1) Capital Felony
- III. Attempted First Degree Murder, F.S. 782.04(1); 777.04, First Degree Felony
- IV. Attempted First Degree Murder, F.S. 782.04(1); 777.04, First Degree Felony
- V. Shooting At, Within, or Into Dwelling or Building, F.S. 790.19, Second Degree Felony
- VI. First Degree Burglary While Armed, F.S. 810.02 PBL
- VII. Kidnapping While Armed, F.S. 787.01 PBL

In the name of and by the Authority of the State of Florida:

The Grand Jurors of the State of Florida, impaneled and sworn to inquire and true presentment make in and for the County of Lee upon their oath do present that FONNATE D. JAMES:

- Count I: on or about October 25, 2008, in Lee County, Florida, did unlawfully, from a premeditated design to effect the death of a human being, or while engaged in the perpetration of or in the attempt to perpetrate a Burglary, kill and murder Brittany Ervin, a human being, by shooting her with a firearm, and did actually possess and discharge said firearm, contrary to Florida Statute 782.04(1),
- Count II: on or about October 25, 2008, in Lee County, Florida, did unlawfully, from a premeditated design to effect the death of a human being, or while engaged in the perpetration of or in the attempt to perpetrate a Burglary, kill and murder Shaniqua Williams, a human being, by shooting her with a firearm, and did actually possess and discharge said firearm, contrary to Florida Statute 782.04(1),
- Count III: on or about October 25, 2008, in Lee County, Florida, did unlawfully, from a premeditated design to effect the death of a human being, attempt to kill and murder Taronica Hall, a human being, by shooting at her with a firearm, and did actually possess and discharge said firearm, contrary to Florida Statute 782.04(1);777.04
- Count IV: on or about October 25, 2008, in Lee County, Florida, did unlawfully, from a premeditated design to effect the death of a human being, attempt to kill and murder Martinique Warren, a human being, by shooting at her with a firearm, and did actually possess and discharge said firearm, contrary to Florida Statute 782.04(1); 777.04.

- Count V: on or about October 25, 2008, in Lee County, Florida, did unlawfully, wantonly or maliciously, shoot a bullet or projectile from a firearm at, within, or into a public or private building located at or in the vicinity of 1509 Gilbert Avenue, Lehigh Acres, Florida, contrary to Florida Statute 790.19,
- Count VI: on or about October 25, 2008 in Lee County, Florida, did unlawfully enter or remain in a certain structure, to-wit: a dwelling located at or in the vicinity of 1509 Gilbert Avenue, Lehigh Acres, in the County and State aforesaid, the property of, Martinique Warren, as owner or custodian thereof, with the intent to commit an offense therein, to-wit: Murder or Assault or Battery and in the course of committing the offense, assault or battery, the defendant was armed, or armed himself within said structure with a dangerous weapon, to-wit: a firearm, contrary to Florida Statute 810.02,
- Count VII: on or about October 25, 2008 in Lee County, Florida, did, without lawful authority, forcibly, secretly, or by threat, confine, abduct, or imprison another person, to-wit: Taronica Hall or Tangie Zimmerman or Martinique Warren or Carnequia McClain or Peggy Zimmerman, against said person's will, with the intent to commit or facilitate the commission of a felony, to-wit: Murder or Burglary, contrary to Florida Statute 787.01,

Against the peace and dignity of the State of Florida.

I, Randall B. McGruther, Assistant State Attorney,
20th Circuit, as authorized and required by law,
have advised the Grand Jury returning the
indictment.

Randall B. McGruther
Assistant State Attorney

A TRUE BILL

Foreperson of the Grand Jury

Presented in open Court by
the Grand Jury and filed
this _____ 2009

CHARLIE GREEN
CLERK OF THE COURT

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