

IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, BEREA MUNICIPAL COURT  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO

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IN RE:  
CHRISTIAN M. BRYANT  
DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
Report #: 2026-010257  
Arresting Agency: Strongsville Police

) AFFIDAVIT ESTABLISHING  
) PROBABLE CAUSE FOR  
) WARRANTLESS ARREST  
) R.C. 2935.08  
) ARREST WARRANT

I, Detective Zaki Hazou, #7111, being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that the probable cause that the above-named person committed the offense(s) of Murder – 2903.02(A) – An Unclassified Felony for which said person was arrested is as follows:

On Saturday, April 26, 2026, at approximately 5:43 PM, 22-year-old Christian M. Bryant, while working as a long-haul truck driver from Fort Worth, Texas, was located in the parking lot of Costco Wholesale, located at 16690 Royalton Road Strongsville, Ohio.

While walking toward the front doors of the store with a drum magazine protruding from one of his pockets, Christian Bryant was confronted by a Costco employee, \_\_\_\_\_ who was attempted to prevent him from entering the store with the firearm. During the confrontation, witnesses reported that Christian Bryant brandished a black semi-automatic handgun with the drum magazine loaded into the firearm. Contemporaneously, \_\_\_\_\_ brandished a pocket knife.

Witnesses reported Christian Bryant fire one (1) round into the body of \_\_\_\_\_ who fell to the ground, and after a "split-second" pause, he fired many more, one after another, with no pause. Consequently, \_\_\_\_\_ succumbed to his injuries at MetroHealth Medical Center. He was pronounced deceased at 6:45 PM.

While processing the crime scene, Strongsville Police Detectives located thirteen (13) fired .40 calibre shell casings.

Additionally, responding officers recovered a .40 calibre Springfield XD-40 (S/N: MG230295), loaded with a "drum" magazine containing an additional thirty-seven (37) rounds loaded into the magazine, as well as one (1) loaded in the chamber. The weapon was located near Bryant at the time of his arrest.

While being taken into custody, Christian Bryant repeatedly uttered "a white man approached me with a knife for no reason," and "I defended myself."

Date/time of arrest: April 26, 2026 at 6:00 PM

The basis for this is in whole or in part based upon the following evidentiary sources and information: Police Report; Witness statement(s); and/or Investigative materials.

Sworn to and signed by Zaki Hazou #7111  
(Officer/Detective)

Sworn to and signed before me \_\_\_\_\_  
(Judge/Clerk/Deputy Clerk/Peace Officer Authorized Pursuant to R.C.2935.081)

**JUDICIAL REVIEW OF INFORMATION**

Upon review of the Statement of Facts and/or the complaint, I find:

There IS probable cause at this time and the defendant is to remain in custody. This finding shall serve as a post-arrest warrant pursuant to R.C. 2935.08.

Bond is set at \$5,000,000 cash/surety

JOSEPH J. DENNIO  
CLERK OF COURTS

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