

In the District Court of Douglas County, Kansas
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Lawrence, Kansas 66044

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DISTRICT COURT
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STATE OF KANSAS,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MAJOR C EDWARDS JR
DURRELL A JONES,

Defendants.

3-06-2620

Case No. 2008CR0359
DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS

INFORMATION

David Melton, Assistant District Attorney, of lawful age, being first duly sworn on oath, for complaint against the above shown defendant, alleges and states:

Count 1

That on or about the 14th day of October, 2006 to the 15th day of October, 2006, in Douglas County, Kansas, one Major C Edwards Jr and Durrell A Jones, did then and there unlawfully feloniously, intentionally and with premeditation kill a human being, to-wit: Anthony J Vital, all in violation of K.S.A. 21-3401(a). (Murder in the First Degree, Off Grid/Person/Felony)

Penalty section: K.S.A. 21-4704

Witnesses:

Anthony J Vital
Dr. Erik Mitchell
Jay Armbrister
Scott Bonham
Sean M Brown
Steven Buchholz
Gary Bunting
Lisa Burdett
Amy Coody
Dale Flory
Rita Mays Fulton
Jason Grems
Gayland Guinn
Lyle Hagenbuch
Kevin Hughes
John Lewis
Mike E McAtee
Dean Ohman
Patrick L Pollock

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Witnesses (continued):

Scott D Slifer

Christopher Thomas

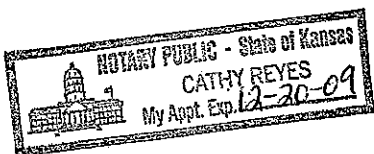
Doug Woods

David Melton

David Melton, 18784

Assistant District Attorney

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of March, 2008.



Cathy Reyes

Notary Public

Term Expires: 12-20-09

Warrant issued – appearance bond requirement per warrant is ----- \$ _____

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PRESS RELEASE
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Two Suspects Charged in the Murder of Anthony Vital

District Attorney Charles Branson and Sheriff Ken McGovern announced today that Major C. Edwards, Jr., 28, and Durell A. Jones, 23, have both been charged with first degree murder in the October 2006 death of Lawrence resident Anthony Vital, who was 28 at the time of his murder.

Edwards and Jones are currently in federal custody. Edwards is awaiting sentencing on a federal weapons violation. Jones is awaiting sentencing on federal drug charges later this month.

Vital was found dead on October 15th, 2006, near 780 Highway 40 west of Lawrence. From the time the Douglas County Sheriff's Office was called to investigate Mr. Vital's murder, detectives have tirelessly worked leads, conducted interviews and collected evidence with the intent to find the truth that would ultimately lead to the arrest and conviction of the suspects. The District Attorney has worked closely with law enforcement reviewing the submitted reports so the defendants would be properly charged. The charge of first degree murder carries a mandatory life sentence with the possibility of parole after 25 years.

These charges are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.