



DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR Anne Arundel County

Located at 7500 Gov Ritchie Hwy, Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061

Case No. D-07-CR-25-001820

STATE OF MARYLAND

VS. KEEL, AARON MARSHALL

COMPLAINANT:

Officer: TEWELL

Agency/Subagency: OFM 10

Officer ID: [REDACTED]

93 EASTWAY

SEVERNA PARK, MD 21146

CC#: 25711411

LID:

Race: W Sex: M

DOB: 09/24/1965

SID:

DL#: K400028585739 MD

Ht: 5' 8" Wt: 200

Home phone: [REDACTED]

FBI#:

Hair: BRO Eyes: BRO

Cellphone:

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

UPON THE FACTS CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION OF Officer: TEWELL IT IS FORMALLY CHARGED THAT KEEL, AARON MARSHALL at the dates, times and locations specified below:

NUM	CHG/CIT	STATUTE	PENALTY	DESCRIPTION OF THE CHARGE
001	1 6500	CR 6 102 ((a))	30 Y &/or \$50,000.00	ARSON-FIRST DEGREE On or About 04/13/2025 3 BELHAVEN CT SEVERNA PARK, MD did wilfully and maliciously set fire to and burn a dwelling, to wit: 3 Belhaven Ct, Severna Park MD, in violation of CR 6-102(a) the Annotated Code of Maryland. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.
002	1 6501	CR 6 103	20 Y &/or \$30,000.00	ARSON 2ND DEGREE On or About 04/13/2025 3 BELHAVEN CT SEVERNA PARK, MD ...did wilfully and maliciously set fire to a structure, to wit: 3 Belhaven ct Severna Park MD, in violation of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.
003	1 6502	CR 6 104 ((b))	5 Y &/or \$5,000.00	MALICIOUS BURNING/1ST DEG On or About 04/13/2025 3 BELHAVEN CT SEVERNA PARK, MD ...did wilfully and maliciously set fire to the personal property of Stefanie Johnson, to wit: 3 Belhaven Ct Severna Park MD, the damage to the property being \$1,000.00 or more, in violation of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.
004	1 6503	CR 6 105 ((b))	18 M &/or \$500.00	MALICIOUS BURNING/2ND DEG On or About 04/13/2025 3 BELHAVEN CT SEVERNA PARK, MD ...did wilfully and maliciously set fire to the property of Stefanie Johnson, to wit: 3 Belhaven Ct Severna Park MD, the damage to the property being less than \$1,000.00, in violation of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.
005	1 1338	CR 6 202 ((b))	25 Y	HOME INVASION On or About 04/13/2025 3 BELHAVEN CT SEVERNA PARK, MD ... did break and enter the dwelling house of Stefanie Johnson, located at 3 Belhaven Ct Severna Park MD, with the intent to commit a crime of violence in violation of CR 6-202 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.
006	2 3020	CR 6 204	10 Y	BURGLARY-THIRD DEGREE On or About 04/13/2025 3 BELHAVEN CT SEVERNA PARK, MD did break and enter the dwelling of Stefanie Johnson, located at 3 Belhaven Ct

Date : 04/29/2025 Time : 7:14 PM

Tracking No. 251003172254

Judicial Officer: [Signature]

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007	2 3030	CR 6 205 ((a))	3 Y	Severna Park MD to commit a crime, to wit: Arson, in violation of CR 6-204 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.
				BURGLARY- 4TH DEGREE-DWELL On or About 04/13/2025 3 BELHAVEN CT SEVERNA PARK, MD ...did break and enter the dwelling of Stafanie Johnson , located at 3 Belhaven Ct Severna Park MD, in violation of CR 6-205(a) of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.
008	3 4030	CR 6 301	3 Y &/or \$2,500.00	MAL DESTR PROP VALUE \$1,000+ On or About 04/13/2025 3 BELHAVEN CT SEVERNA PARK, MD did willfully and maliciously destroy residence located at 3 Belhaven Ct Severna Park MD , the real/personal property of Stefanie Johnson . Against the Peace, Government, and Dignity of the State.



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DEFENDANT

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2660 Riva Road, Suite 290
Address
Annapolis, MD 21401
City, State, Zip
OFM 10
Agency, Sub-agency, and I.D. # (Officer Only)

Keel, Aaron Marshall
Printed Name
93 Eastway
Address
Severna Park, MD 21146
City, State, Zip
CC# 25-71411
Telephone

DEFENDANT'S DESCRIPTION: Driver's License # K400028585739 Sex M Race W Ht 5'08 Wt 200
Hair Brwn Eyes Brwn Complexion White Other DOB 9/24/1965 ID

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(Include a statement of facts within your personal knowledge (what you saw or heard, what someone said to you, etc.) showing that there is probable cause to believe that a crime has been committed and that the defendant has committed it. Please see the "NOTICE TO APPLICANT FOR A CHARGING DOCUMENT" for further information.)

NOTICE: DO NOT INCLUDE ANY IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF A MINOR VICTIM WITHIN THIS FORM.

I, the undersigned, apply for a statement of charges and a summons or warrant which may lead to the arrest of the above-named defendant because on or about April 13, 2025 at 3 Belhaven Court, Severna Park, MD 21146
Date Place
the above-named defendant

Please see Page 2

(Continued on attached pages) (DC-CR-001A)

I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of this document are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

4/29/2025

Date

Tewell Officer's Signature
Printed Name

I have read or had read to me and I understand the notice on the back of this form.

Date

Applicant's Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me

4.29.25

at

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Printed Name
☐ AM ☒ PMDate
Judge/Commissioner

I.D. Number

I understand that a charging document will be issued and that I must appear for trial ☐ on
at ☐ when notified by the clerk, at the court location shown at the top of this form.
Time

Applicant's Signature

☐ The applicant requests reasonable protection for safety of the alleged victim or the victim's family.

(Describe)

☐ I have advised applicant of the right to request shielding. ☐ The applicant declines shielding. ☐ Minor Victim(s)
☐ I declined to issue a charging document because of lack of probable cause.

Date

Commissioner

I.D. Number

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On April 13, 2025 at or about 0635am, Anne Arundel County Fire Department (AAFD) received a call for a residential structure fire located at 3 Belhaven Court, Severna Park, MD 21146, which is located in the Severndale Community. On-duty investigators assigned to Anne Arundel County Fire and Explosives Investigation Unit, were dispatched to conduct an origin and cause investigation as to where and how the fire started with the assistance of Annapolis City Fire Investigation & Explosives Ordinance Disposal Unit. Your affiant and his colleagues located numerous individually set fires throughout the structure that were non-communicating in nature, meaning one fire could not scientifically be responsible for the origin and cause of another fire. After considering every possible hypothesis as to how these numerous fires on separate levels of the home originated to include the attic and basement, it was determined that each fire was intentionally set by the use of an external ignition source as a result of a human interaction, which prompted an arson investigation.

3 Belhaven Court was a vacant home that was currently undergoing renovations, which your affiant observed with his own eye and learned through various witness interviews. During the course of your affiant's investigation, I learned that the home that was set on fire, 3 Belhaven Court, is owned by Stefanie Johnson. Stefanie resides at the neighboring house, 4 Belhaven Court, Severna Park, MD 21146. Stefanie came into ownership of 3 Belhaven Court in the early months of 2025 after the home was deeded to her after the death of her neighbor, the previous owner of 3 Belhaven Court.

Your affiant was able to locate and obtain various surveillance footage from a variety of residences and buildings within the immediate vicinity of 3 Belhaven Court. Through this, I was able to locate a suspect that was independently identified from multiple sources to include your affiant through unique vehicle descriptions and comparing numerous CCTV and surveillance footage with one another.

3 Belhaven Court sits at the end of a cul-de-sac with both homes on each side, 2 Belhaven and 4 Belhaven, having home surveillance that would alert to any motion in the front of the street. After reviewing this footage, your affiant was able to determine that the suspect did not enter from the front of the property and had to have entered from the woodline that's adjacent to the property.

Your affiant was able to locate surveillance footage at Oak Hill Elementary School and 102 Truck House Rd, Severna Park, MD 21146 that allowed me create a timeline for this arson and identify Aaron Keel as the person responsible for entering 3 Belhaven Court and committing arson to the same property. Significant events captured by footage from these structures in conjunction with footage and audio from 4 Belhaven Court allowed your affiant to create the following timeline:

2:22am - A vehicle (later learned to be the vehicle of Aaron Keel) makes a left onto Truck House Road.

2:23am - The vehicle parks on the side of a 'cut-through' in the woods approximately forty yards behind 3 Belhaven Ct. The driver of the vehicle (later learned to be Aaron Keel) retrieves an item from his vehicle and briefly walks into the woods before returning to his vehicle and departing the area.

2:25am - Aaron Keel drives his vehicle to the dumpsters located at Oakhill Elementary School and disposes of an unknown item. It is at this point that your affiant can positively identify Aaron and his vehicle.

2:27am - Aaron Keel departs the school and drives back towards the direction of the Severndale community, which is directly across the street.

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2:34am - Aaron Keel walks in the opposite direction of the Severndale community towards the direction where he parked his vehicle.

2:37am - Aaron Keel walks into the woods at the same location that he previously parked at, which is approximately 40 yards from 3 Belhaven Court.

2:42am - The door to the rear of 3 Belhaven Court is heard opening and then closing, which would be five minutes after Aaron Keel is seen entering the woods.

2:48am - A switch operated light was utilized, which indicates a human had to have been in the residence at this time.

3:13am - A light that is consistent with a cell phone, flash light, or otherwise was seen through the window.

3:21am - Aaron Keel walks out of the woods and back onto Truck House Road.

3:25am - Aaron Keel walks back to Oak Hill Elementary School and throws another unknown item away

3:28am - Aaron Keel walks back towards the direction of the Severndale neighborhood.

4:05am - Smoke detectors inside the residence at 3 Belhaven Court are heard through the audio of the footage from 4 Belhaven Court.

Through various investigative means, your affiant was able to locate Aaron Keel shopping at four home improvement stores in the Glen Burnie and Bowie areas on April 12, 2025, one day prior to the arson. Aaron Keel's only purchases were a single red gas can and pump sprayer at the improvement stores he went to.

Furthermore, your affiant was able to positively identify Aaron Keel as being the same individual who walked through a department store, who threw two separate items away at the dumpster at Oak Hill Elementary School at two separate times, and walk away towards the direction of the Severndale community. Your affiant was also able to identify the vehicle he used as a means of transportation for all previous mentioned events.

Aaron Keel is a neighborhood resident of Severndale and lives in a close proximity to the house that was set on fire. Through witness interviews it was learned that Aaron Keel attended an estate sale at the property he set fire to in late February of 2025. As such, he had knowledge of the dwelling itself along with the layout of the cul-de-sac that it is located on.

The victim, Stefanie Johnson, is married to Matthew Johnson, who also resides at 4 Belhaven Court, Severna Park, MD 21146. It should be noted that Matthew is [REDACTED] and through various interviews, I learned that this was common knowledge amongst the residents of Severndale, to include Aaron Keel.

Aaron Keel's unique knowledge of the neighborhood and occupation of Matthew are consistent with his level of preplanning and approach to break into the residence of 3 Belhaven Court. Aaron deliberately attempted to avoid detection from the neighboring

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houses by accessing the property through the woods instead of the front. He then set numerous fires in the home, including the attic and basement, before departing through the woods and returning back to the Severndale community:

Matthew, a [REDACTED] has been renovating the home at 3 Belhaven Court and is married to the legal owner, Stefanie Johnson, while also being the residing neighbor to the property with his spouse. Your affiant would depose that this is a logical reason as to why Aaron Keel took numerous steps to enter the residence through the woods at the rear of the property.

In attempting to understand any possible motive, your affiant learned that Aaron Keel [REDACTED] Matthew Johnson for public defamation, which has since been dismissed. Aaron has also had numerous HOA-related complaints and neighborly conflict through social media and board meetings with both Stefanie and Matthew Johnson.

It should be noted that your affiant had the opportunity to review numerous continuous recording CCTV in addition to motion detection home surveillance and your affiant can conclude that no other person entered the woods in the early morning hours behind 3 Belhaven Court, Severna Park, MD on the date of April 13, 2025. Aaron Keel entered the premises of 3 Belhaven Court and stayed in the home for such a period of time that allowed him to set a fire in the attic and numerous fires in the basement. Aaron Keel has been positively identified as the perpetrator of this crime by numerous individuals through the means of reviewing CCTV and surveillance footage.

As a result of the fires that Aaron Keel set, [REDACTED] AAFD, was injured during the suppression efforts that required him to be assessed at a local hospital.

As a result of the fires that Aaron Keel set, it is estimated that the property value loss is in excess of \$150,000.

In the early morning hours of April 13, 2025, Aaron Keel committed numerous crimes at the residence of 3 Belhaven Court, Severna Park, MD 21146. As such, your affiant request the following charges be applied:

CR 6-102(a) Arson 1st degree. Aaron Keel did willfully and maliciously set fire to a dwelling, to wit: 3 Belhaven Court, Severna Park, MD 21146

CR 6-202(b) Home Invasion. Aaron Keel did break and enter the dwelling house of Stefanie Johnson, located at 3 Belhaven Court, Severna Park, MD 21146 with the intent to commit a crime of violence.

CR 6-103 Arson 2nd degree. Aaron Keel did willfully and maliciously set fire to a structure, to wit: 3 Belhaven Court, Severna Park, MD 21146

CR 6-203(a) Burglary 3rd degree. Aaron Keel did break and enter the dwelling of Stefanie Johnson, located at 3 Belhaven Court, Severna Park, MD 21146 to commit a crime, to wit: 1st degree arson

CR 6-104(b) Malicious burning 1st degree. Aaron Keel did willfully and maliciously set fire to the personal property of Stefanie Johnson, to wit: various construction materials, the damage of the property being \$1,000 or more.

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CR 6-105(b) Malicious burning 2nd degree. Aaron Keel did willfully and maliciously set fire to the property of Stefanie Johnson, to wit: door framing and other household items; the damage to the property being less than \$1,000.

CR 6-205(a) Burglary 4th degree. Aaron Keel did break and enter the dwelling of Stefanie Johnson, located at 3 Belhaven Court, Severna Park, MD 21146

CR 6-301 Malicious destruction property - \$1,000. Aaron Keel did willfully and maliciously destroy the residence of 3 Belhaven Court Severna Park, MD 21146, the property of Stefanie Johnson.

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CR 3-204(a)(1) Aaron Keel did recklessly engage in conduct, to wit: setting a house on fire, that created a substantial risk of death or serious physical injury to L [REDACTED] AAJD

All of the above events occurred in Anne Arundel County, MD

I solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that the matters and facts set forth in the charging document are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

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