

ORLEANS PARISH CRIMINAL DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF ORLEANS
STATE OF LOUISIANA

ITEM NUMBER:
24-403

WARRANT NUMBER:

AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST WARRANT

STATE OF LOUISIANA

VERSUS

STERLING WILLIAMS - BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN/MALE

DOB: 01-13-1992

[REDACTED] Bundy Road New Orleans, Louisiana 70127

DL/ID #: LA [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

Height: 5' 08"

Weight: 130

Eye Color: Brown

Hair Color: Black

D/M:

I, [REDACTED], with the Louisiana Bureau of Investigation, certify under oath based on the information outlined below, that there is probable cause to believe Sterling Williams on or about the date(s) of 05-16-2025 did commit:

10 Count(s) of 24:110-- Principal to Simple escape-- (Felony)

1 Count(s) of 14:134-- Malfeasance in office-- (Felony)

within this State and Parish at: Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office Correctional Center 2800 Perdido Street, New Orleans, LA 70119 in Orleans Parish and the jurisdiction of the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, contrary to the form of the statutes of the State of Louisiana in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the same, in that the following did occur:

On Friday 5/16/2025 at approximately 4:00 PM, Louisiana Bureau of Investigation (LBI) Special Agent [REDACTED] was assigned an investigation involving the escape of 10 inmates from the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office (OPSO), Correctional Center.

According to initial information, the 10 inmates escaped from the correctional center at approximately 1:01 AM on 05/16/2025. Initial information received from the OPSO Sheriff indicated that the inmates escaped by removing a sink toilet combination unit from a cell, then using an unknown apparatus to saw steel bars behind the cell room sink. After bending the bars, the inmates escaped to an outdoor unsecured pipe walk area, before eventually scaling the jail wall to complete the escape.

LBI Agents were assigned to review information in attempt to determine if anyone, from the OPSO staff or outside personnel, assisted in the escape.

During a mirandized interview with Williams, he explained to Agents that he turned the water off from the outside pipe walk area on the exterior of cell 6 under direction of a light skinned black male with tattoos on his face, whom he named as "Massey," formally known as Antoine Massey, who threatened to

shank him if he did not turn the water off. Massey was one of the inmates who escaped the OPSO Correctional Center.

Additionally, Williams was observed on video surveillance footage in the 1D pod, standing in the open door, talking with Derrick Groves, Antoine Massey and another unidentified inmate. Williams stated at that time, Groves tried to take his phone from him and attempted to get Williams to bring a book with cash app information to his cousin in the next pod over.

In closing, Williams confessed to agents that he did in fact go to the pipe chase, via the outside door on the rear loading dock, and turn off the water by closing the valve. By turning off the water to cell 6 bottom in the 1D dorm, Williams willfully and maliciously assisted with the escape of the 10 inmates. With the water being turned off, the inmates were able to successfully make good on their escapes. Williams admitted to Agents he committed the acts after he was directed to do so by one of the inmates who escaped, Antoine Massey.

Because of Williams' actions, 10 inmates from the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office Correctional Center were able to escape from the plumbing area where Williams turned the water off at the behest of Massey. If the inmates removed the sink in the cell and disconnected the rest of the plumbing with the water still on, the plan to escape would not have been successful and potentially flooded the cell, drawing attention to their actions. For these reasons, Agents believe that Williams to be a principal to 10 counts of simple escape. Additionally, due to the fact that Williams acted under the order of an inmate to turn the water off in cell 6 bottom, the cell the inmates used to execute their plan, he is in violation of malfeasance in office.

Furthermore, Williams did not notify authorities of the plan the inmates had to escape; instead he committed acts that ultimately assisted the inmates with making good on their escapes. Williams did not come forward and when confronted by Agents, Williams was initially very evasive and untruthful, but eventually became forthcoming and provided evidentiary information.

I hereby certify under oath the information contained herein to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, under penalties of perjury.

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Affiant

THUS DONE AND PASSED on the 19 day of May, 2025 at 10:22 PM.

Peter J. Hamilton III



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TO ANY COMMISSIONED PEACE OFFICER:

WHEREAS, complaint has been made to me, upon the sworn affidavit of ██████████ with the Louisiana Bureau of Investigation, charging one Sterling Williams with:

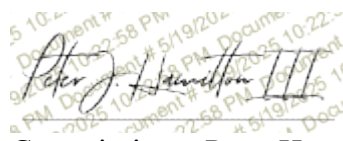
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Now, therefore, you are hereby commanded, in the name of the State, to apprehend and arrest and book the said accused to answer the said complaint. You are further commanded to keep the said accused in safe custody until released according to law, and this shall be your warrant.

Given under my official signature, this 19 day of May, 2025 at 10:22 PM.

The image shows a handwritten signature, "Peter J. Hamilton III", in black ink. The signature is written over a circular notary seal. The seal contains the text "Document # 5192025 10:22 PM" and "Document # 5192025 10:22 PM" repeated around the perimeter. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Commissioner Peter Hamilton
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