

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
CIRCUIT CRIMINAL DIVISION**

STATE OF FLORIDA  
**vs**  
KEETLEY, MICHAEL EDWARD

**Case No:** 10-CF-018429-A

**Division:** TD3

**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO SET REASONABLE BAIL  
AND ORDER SETTING BOND AMOUNTS AND ORDER SETTING TERMS AND  
CONDITIONS OF PRE-TRIAL RELEASE**

This Order results from the Defendant's Motion to Set Reasonable Bail filed May 18, 2018. The State filed its Response and Memorandum in Opposition to the Defendant's Motion on May 29, 2018. Testimony and evidence were taken and heard on May 31, 2018. Both sides presented evidence and exhibits in support of their pleadings.

Based upon the totality of circumstances, this Court finds the state's evidence, although not insufficient to convict for a capital or life offense, is arguably impeached in substantial respects by other evidence and is rendered doubtful by substantial contradictions and discrepancies and is based largely on circumstantial evidence, so that the proof is not **stronger than** beyond a reasonable doubt and, accordingly, the accused is entitled to pretrial bail as a matter of right for such offense. *State v. Perry*, 605 So. 2d 94 (Fla. 3rd DCA 1992) citing, inter alia, [Russell v. State, 71 Fla. 236, 71 So. 27 \(1916\).](#)

Taking into account, though, pursuant to Fla. R. Crim. Proc. 3.131, the substantial evidence itself, (at least one identification, ballistics ties to the Defendant, the Defendant's conduct in painting the vehicle used in the homicides the day after the homicides); the possible penalties involved (death penalty or life in prison on two counts, 25 year minimum mandatory sentences on the other counts and scoring almost 23 years on the attempted homicides alone); the motivation for the murders (which, in the light most favorable to the State, was a "vigilante-style point blank execution of an entire group of people in retribution for the Defendant's having been a "victim" of them having robbed him previously); the Court finds that there is a very real and high probability of danger the Defendant poses to the community. If the State does prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt; he will have been shown to have "taken the law into his own hands;" thus showing a real and present danger of his capability to do so again.

It is uncontroverted that he and his family have had the ability to amass funds together to pay over \$75,000 in attorneys' fees. Though no testimony was taken on this issue, it is asserted in the Defendant's motion that "the source of funds used to post bail will be a collection of money **available to Mr. Keetley from his parents.**" So, though having been declared indigent for costs by a predecessor judge, it is clear from his motion that he does have money available to him from which to post bond.

Bond is therefore set as follows:

Counts 1 and 2: \$250,000 on each count.

Counts 3, 4, 5 and 6: \$100,000 on each count.

Total bond: \$900,000.

If the Defendant does indeed post bond, the following terms and conditions of his release are as follows:

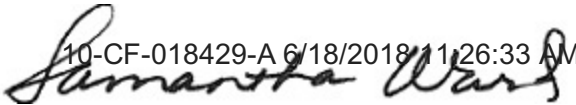
The Defendant shall be monitored via GPS by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

The Defendant is confined to his home except for documented medical or legal (case-related) appointments. The Defendant shall be transported to said appointments by a member of his family.

The Defendant shall not drive and is to be accompanied by an adult family member or his attorney for any appointments described above.

The Defendant shall have no contact of any kind with any named witness in this case; nor any family member of any named witness in this case.

Done and Ordered in Hillsborough County, Florida this 18th day of June, 2018.

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Samantha Ward, Judge

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