



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA)
)
VS)
)
CHAVIS, KEITH DEON)

CASE NO.: CC-2024-001380.00

MOTION FOR BOND REDUCTION AND/OR CONSOLIDATION

COMES NOW the Defendant, in the above-styled case, by and through his attorney of record, and moves this Honorable Court for a reduced bond in the above-styled cases and, as grounds therefore, states:

1. The Defendant has been incarcerated since his arrest on July 19, 2024;
2. The Defendant has been declared indigent by this Court;
3. The Defendant’s current bond is set at twenty thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). The Defendant is charged with Domestic Violence by Strangulation or Suffocation, Domestic Violences Assault in the Second Degree, & Domestic Violence in the Third Degree.
4. The Defendant is unable to make this ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) bond;
5. The Defendant is entitled to the least onerous bond, which will secure his appearance in court.
6. The undersigned contacted hospitals in Louisiana regarding admission for evaluation.
7. A Louisiana hospital will not recognize an Alabama Court order regarding mental health evaluation of a Defendant.
8. The undersigned contacted the family of the Defendant regarding affidavits to assist with Defendant’s appearance in court.
9. Please find attached a letter from the mother of Defendant.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, the Defendant respectfully requests this Honorable Court to grant the Defendant a bond in an amount sufficient to secure his presence in court, or in the alternative, hear this motion at the preliminary hearing.

Respectfully submitted, and a copy provided to the District Attorney via the Court's electronic filing system, this the 17th Day of February 2025.

/s/ Andrew J. Clay

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing document, filed through the Alabama Judicial System on this the 17th Day of February 2025, will be sent to the District Attorney's Office either electronically or via courthouse box.

/s/ Andrew J. Clay

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Shona Chavis

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Dear Mr. Clay,

I am writing to respectfully request your assistance in advocating for my son, Keith Chavis, to be released on bond and allowed to return to Louisiana under specific conditions. My concern stems from his current circumstances, including the absence of family support where he is currently detained and the significant impact this is having on his mental health.

Keith has faced a noticeable decline in his mental health over the past four to five years, and I firmly believe that being in a full-time mental health facility in Louisiana would provide him with the stability and care he urgently needs. I respectfully ask if it would be possible to present a request to the judge for Keith to be bonded out and released to a mental health facility where he can safely reside and receive the necessary treatment while awaiting trial.

I bring this concern to you not only as Keith's mother but also as someone with professional experience in the fields of mental health and domestic violence. I am a certified Mental Health First Aider, a Domestic Violence Expert Witness, and the Health Partnerships Coordinator for the Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence. In addition, I provide contract training to law enforcement through the Attorney General's Office in Baton Rouge, specializing in trauma-informed care. My background and experience compel me to advocate for justice and appropriate care for those facing mental health challenges, including my son.

I take charges related to domestic violence very seriously, as I am a survivor myself. However, I also understand the importance of ensuring that individuals receive the necessary support and treatment to address their mental health needs. Keith's release to a mental health facility would not only promote his safety and well-being but also ensure a structured environment conducive to his rehabilitation until his trial.

Please let me know if this arrangement could be presented as a viable option to the court. I am more than willing to provide additional information or documentation to support this request. I can be reached at **Shonachavis@ymail.com** or **225-620-5431**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Shona Chavis