



## HENDRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

### Press Conference – ARREST ON BOLMAN SLATER AKA “Bee Love”

Scheduled: Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at 1:00pm

Arrival Time for those participating – 12:45pm

Location: Hendry County Sheriff's Office, 101 S. Bridge Street, Labelle, Florida

Agencies participating:

Hendry County Sheriff's Office

Speaker Line-up Planned (in order):

Sheriff Steve Whidden

### Members in attendance:

Sheriff Steve Whidden

Captain Susan Harrelle – PIO

Chief Deputy Kevin Nelson

Captain Donald Weathers - CID

Lt. Major Crimes Unit, Michael Rowan

Major Crimes Investigator, Darren McNeil

Captain Shawn Reed

### ADDITIONAL STAFF ASSISTING

Sherry Rowan – Social Media

Dale Conyers – Media Relations

FAMILY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wunda Williams – Mother  
Duke LaFerran Hall- Brother  
Ron'seiah Steph - Brother  
Boneka Slater – Sister  
Tara Newberry – Aunt  
Mary Ford – Aunt  
Afra Williams – Aunt  
Keo Williams –Uncle  
April Williams – Aunt  
Trina Ford – Cousin  
Krista Ford – Cousin  
Kashaw Newberry – Cousin  
Fabian Washington - Cousin



### ARREST ON BOLMAN SLATER AKA "Bee Love"

#### Marcus Lynell Thompson

In the morning hours of December 22, 2021, Investigators with the Hendry County Sheriff's Office executed an arrest warrant on 35 year old Marcus Lynell Thompson, of 516 Gamble Street, Moore Haven, FL 33472.

Thompson was arrested on charges of:

***1<sup>st</sup> Degree Homicide - Accessory After the Fact***

***Arson - Accessory After the Fact***

Today is a good day for the family of Bolman "Bee Love" Slater and the community. Major Crimes Detectives have worked hand in hand with our local State Attorney's Office and together they have approved and issued an arrest warrant for the suspect in this horrendous crime.

This homicide investigation is still very much active. Detectives continue to follow up on leads and are sifting through all evidence received through executed search warrants.



# **Hendry County Sheriff's Office**



**Thank you all for attending this afternoon's Press Briefing.**

**I would like to extend my sincere condolences to the Bolman Slater family, here with us today.**

**Today marks two years and three months since the brutal and inhumane homicide of Bolman Slater, AKA: "Bee Love" of Pahokee Florida.**

**On Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at approximately 2:19 in the morning, Deputies with the Hendry County Sheriff's Office responded to a call of a vehicle fire located on Virginia Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street in the Harlem area of Clewiston. It was determined after the fire was extinguished that a person had perished inside the burned vehicle.**

**The Major Crimes Unit was notified, and detectives responded. During the course of their investigation the vehicle and driver were identified and notification was made to the family.**

**Detectives worked nonstop around the clock obtaining information and collecting any possible evidence for future prosecution.**

**Early in the investigation, detectives established persons of interest. Detectives also understand the importance of proving a subject's guilt and equally the importance of clearing a person of interest if that person is innocent.**

**Detectives reached out to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) for assistance, early in this investigation, to request manpower and the use of FBI labs.**

**To date, Detectives have interviewed several hundred people and written and executed fifty-six (56) search warrants.**

**Today, this homicide investigation is still very much active. Detectives continue to conduct follow up on leads and sifting through all evidence received through executed search warrants.**

**But today is a good day for the family of Bolman “Bee Love” Slater and the community. Major Crimes detectives have worked hand in hand with our local State Attorney’s Office and together they have approved and issued an arrest warrant for the suspect in this horrendous crime.**

**Marcus Lynell Thompson (DOB: 09/09/1986) of Moore Haven Florida has been arrested and charged with:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Degree Homicide - Accessory After the Fact**

**Arson - Accessory After the Fact**

**The Hendry County Sheriff’s Office and its Major Crimes detectives have worked diligently and long hours to obtain justice for the family of Bolman “Bee Love” Slater.**

**We are unable to provide any of the specifics of this case because it is still an active investigation.**

**OPEN FOR QUESTIONS**

**Thank You**



## WARRANT - SERVED

HENDRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
101 S BRIDGE ST  
LABELLE, FLORIDA 33935

OBTS

Report Date / Time <b>10/18/2021 16:12</b>	Report Number <b>HCSO21WAR001349</b>	Case Number/CAD Number <b>HCSO19OFF003170 /HCSO19CA D090986</b>	Reporting Officer Name
Court Case Number <b>WALK ROWAN</b>	Court Warrant Number	Other Number <b>2699936 SAO</b>	
Originating Agency ORI <b>FL0260000</b>	Occurrence Date Time Range <b>09/04/2019 02:19 - 09/04/2019 02:19</b>	Jurisdiction <b>In Jurisdiction</b>	
Received From Court <b>12/22/2021 00:00</b>	Court County <b>HENDRY</b>	Court <b>HENDRY COUNTY TRAFFIC COURT A- L</b>	Judge <b>DARRYL HILL</b>
Court Location 1 <b>25 E. HICKPOOCHEE AVE</b>		Court Location 2 <b>LABELLE, FLORIDA 33935</b>	

### Location of Occurrence

Location Type		Location Description		
Street Number <b>1218</b>	Street <b>VIRGINIA AVE</b>			Apt/Lot/Bldg
County <b>HENDRY</b>	City <b>CLEWISTON</b>		State <b>FL</b>	Zip <b>33440</b>

### Suspect

First Name <b>MARCUS</b>	Middle Name <b>LYNELL</b>	Last Name <b>THOMPSON</b>	Suffix	Date Of Birth <b>09/09/1986</b>	Age <b>32</b>	Race <b>BLACK</b>	Sex <b>MALE</b>
SSN <b>590-44-0674</b>	MNI # <b>HCSO20MNI003950</b>	Place Of Birth	Height <b>5'11"</b>	Weight <b>250</b>	Hair <b>BLK</b>	Eyes <b>BRO</b>	
DL or ID Number <b>T512552863290</b>		ID State <b>FL</b>	ID Type <b>ID</b>	Address Type			
Street Number <b>516</b>	Street <b>GAMBLE ST</b>					Apt/Lot/Bldg	
County <b>GLADES</b>	City <b>MOORE HAVEN</b>		State <b>FL</b>	Zip <b>33472</b>	Phone Number	Extension	
Location Description							

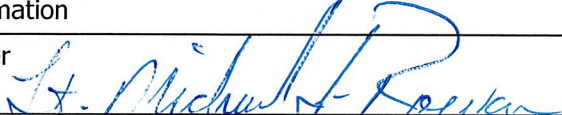
### Warrant Affidavit

Date/Time	Action Taken	Name	Added By
Judge	County	Court	Court Location

WARRANT - SERVED



**Offense Report Narrative**  
**Offense No. HCSO19OFF003170**  
**12/22/2021**

Narrative Type <b>SUPPLEMENT</b>	Call # <b>CH1</b>	Reporting Officer <b>ROWAN, MICHAEL</b>	
Narrative Description On Wednesday December 22, 2021 at approximately 8:57 am, Sergeant McNeil and I made contact with Marcus Lynell Thompson at Gate A of U.S. Sugar Corporation. Thompson had an active warrant for his arrest out of Hendry County for 1st Degree Murder (Accessory After the Fact) and (Arson Accessory After the Fact). Thompson was taken into custody without incident. Thompson was transported to the Hendry County Jail By Sergeant McNeil and I. At approximately 9:38 am, the warrant (Number 2699936) was served on Thompson.			
No further information			
Approving Officer 		Approval Date 12/22/21	Time 11:34 am

AMIRA D. FOX  
STATE ATTORNEY

Twentieth Judicial Circuit  
CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION  
1045 PRATT BOULEVARD, LABELLE, FLORIDA 33935

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FELONY WARRANT REQUEST DISPOSITION NOTICE

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SAO WARRANT NO. 2699936  
INTAKE ATTORNEY: Alyssa M. Wolf  
AGENCY: Hendry County Sheriff's Office  
AGENCY #: HCSO19OFF003170  
AFFIANT: Michael Rowan  
SUSPECT: Marcus Lynell Thompson  
SAO RECEIVE DATE: 10/19/2021 3:34:28 PM

REQUESTED CHARGES

Number of Counts: 1 - Arson 1st Degree, F.S. 806.01 (1), First Degree Felony  
Number of Counts: 1 - Homicide Murder Dangerous Depraved WO Premeditation, F.S. 782.04 (2), First Degree Felony

SAO DISPOSITION

1. Filed as Charged: 777.03(2)(a)  
Accessory After the Fact – First Degree Murder  
First Degree Felony  
2. Filed as Charged: 777.03(2)(b) *XC*  
Accessory After the Fact – Arson  
Third Degree Felony

If one or more counts are APPROVED please pickup Warrant as soon as possible.

If further evidence is developed as to any DENIED counts please resubmit with reference to above SAO Warrant No.

  
Alyssa M. Wolf

12/20/21  
DATE



**OFFICE OF THE STATE ATTORNEY  
TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA**

# Memorandum

**To:** Hendry County Sheriff's Department, Records Division  
**From:** State Attorney's Office, Felony Intake Division  
**Re:** Preliminary Extradition Instruction on Warrant For:  
**Name:** Marcus Lynell Thompson  
**Race:** Black      **Sex:** Male      **DOB:** 9/9/1986

**Charge(s):**

- 1) Accessory After the Fact, F.S. 777.03(2)(a), First Degree Felony
- 2) Accessory After the Fact, F.S. 777.03(2)(c), Third Degree Felony

**Date:**

12 / 20 / 21

**Initials:**

*[Handwritten Signature]*

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FOR PURPOSES OF ENTRY OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED WARRANT INTO THE FCIC AND NCIC COMPUTER SYSTEMS, OUR PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE LIMITS OF EXTRADITION FOR THIS WARRANT ARE AS CHECKED BELOW:

- ☒ ENTIRE U.S.
- ☐ CONTINENTAL U.S.
- ☐ EASTERN AND SOUTHWEST U.S.
- ☐ EASTERN U.S.
- ☐ SOUTHEAST U.S.
- ☐ ADJACENT STATES
- ☐ FLORIDA ONLY (FCIC ONLY)

THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS ARE VALID AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE ONLY. PLEASE RECONFIRM EXTRADITION WITH STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE PRIOR TO ACTUAL EXTRADITION.

THE STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE RESERVES ITS RIGHT NOT TO EXTRADITE ANY SUBJECT AT ANY TIME, BASED UPON THE CASE SITUATION, FUGITIVE'S LOCATION, OR OTHER FACTORS EXISTING AT THE TIME THE FUGITIVE IS LOCATED.

**THIS MEMO SHOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE RECORDS COPY OF WARRANT**

AMW:WAM

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR  
HENDRY, FLORIDA CRIMINAL ACTION

**WARRANT TO ARREST**

STATE OF FLORIDA

vs.

MARCUS LYNELL THOMPSON

**Race:** Black                      **Sex:** Male  
**D.O.B.:** 9/9/1986              **Weight:** 250  
**Height:** 5-11                      **Eyes:** Brown  
**Hair:** Black  
**Address:** 516 Gamble Street  
                    Moore Haven, FL 33472

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA:

TO ALL AND SINGULAR SHERIFFS AND OTHER ARRESTING OFFICERS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Michael Rowan, Hendry County Sheriff's Office, has this day made oath before me, in Hendry County, Florida, that Marcus Lynell Thompson,

1. Between September 03, 2019 and September 04, 2019 in Hendry County, Florida, maintain or assist another person, knowing that the said other person had committed a felony, to-wit: First Degree Murder, a Capital Felony, or was accessory thereto before the fact, with the intent to aid the said other person, to avoid or escape detection, arrest, trial or punishment, contrary to Florida Statute 777.03(2)(a),

2. Between September 03, 2019 and September 04, 2019 in Hendry County, Florida, maintain or assist another person, knowing that the said other person had committed a felony, to-wit: Arson, a Second Degree Felony, or was accessory thereto before the fact, with the intent to aid the said other person, to avoid or escape detection, arrest, trial or punishment, contrary to Florida Statute 777.03(2)(c),


contrary to the statute in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the STATE OF FLORIDA.

AND it appears to the Court that probable cause for the issuance of this warrant has been shown and the Court being satisfied of the existence of the grounds thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, you are commanded forthwith to arrest the said Marcus Lynell Thompson and bring him before me or another County or Circuit Judge with jurisdiction to be dealt with according to law.

<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	Bond to be set by First Appearance Judge
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bond set at \$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	No Bond
<input type="checkbox"/>	Release on Own Recognizance

Given under my hand and seal this 20 day of December, 2021.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge, Hendry County

HENDRY COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA  
STATE OF FLORIDA VS. MARCUS LYNELL THOMPSON

CHARGE(S):

- 1) Accessory After the Fact, F.S. 777.03(2)(a), First Degree Felony
- 2) Accessory After the Fact, F.S. 777.03(2)(c), Third Degree Felony

Returnable the _____ day of _____, A.D., _____.
FILED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, _____.

Received This Warrant  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D.,  
\_\_\_\_\_, and executed it on the \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., \_\_\_\_\_,  
by arresting the within-named and having him  
now before the Court, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_.

FEES: Arrest..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Return..... \_\_\_\_\_  
Committing to Jail..... \_\_\_\_\_  
Mileage..... \_\_\_\_\_  
Release..... \_\_\_\_\_  
Approving Bond..... \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

AMW:wam

Arresting Officer

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WITNESS(ES) FOR STATE:

Hendry County Sheriff's Office

Arresting Agency CR#: HCSO19OFF003170

SAO Warrant #: 2699936

AMW:wam

## Hendry County Sheriff's Office

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Steve Whidden, Sheriff

West District – Administration

East District



# PRESS RELEASE

Date: December 22, 2021

To: Katarina Elkin, Debbie Akin, Caloosa Belle, Clewiston News, Okeechobee News, Sunday Morning News, Hendry/Glades News, HCSO FB, WAFC, WINK News, NBC-2 News, ABC-7 News, Fox 4, Fort Myers News-Press, WPEC TV, WPEC TV, WPBF, TV, FOX 29

From: Capt. Susan Harrelle  
Public Information Officer

Subject: Media Release

*For Immediate Release:*

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# **PRESS RELEASE**

**Date:** September 4, 2019

**To:** Caloosa Belle, Clewiston News, Okeechobee News, Sunday Morning News, Hendry/Glades News, HCSO FB, WAFC, WINK News, NBC-2 News, ABC-7 News, Fox 4, Fort Myers News-Press, WPEC TV, WPEC TV, WPBF, TV, FOX 29

**From:** Capt. Susan Harrelle  
Community Services

**Subject:** Media Release

*for Immediate Release:*

## **BODY FOUND IN BURNED VEHICLE**

In the early morning hours of Wednesday, September 4, 2019, Hendry County Deputies received a call of a vehicle fire in the area of 13th St. and Virginia Ave., Harlem, in the Clewiston area.

Once on scene Investigators found a body in the vehicle. Investigators are not releasing the name of the victim at this time, however are asking for the community's help.

If you have any information about this incident or if you saw anything suspicious please contact the Hendry County Sheriff's Office at 863-674-5600 or you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-8020-780-TIPS (8477), where you may be eligible for up to a \$3,000.00 cash reward.

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# PRESS RELEASE

Date: September 5, 2019

To: Caloosa Belle, Clewiston News, Okeechobee News, Belle Glade Sun, Hendry Sunday Morning News, Hendry/Glades News, Hendry FBpage, WAFC, Nicole, WINK TB, NBC-2, ABC-7, FOX 4 Now, Fort Myers News-Press, Michael Braun (FMNP), WPTV, WPEC, WPBF, WFLX-29

From: Capt. Susan Harrelle  
Community Services Davison

Subject: Media Release

*For Immediate Release:*

## *INVESTIGATORS CONTINUE TO TRY TO IDENTIFY BURNED BODY*

*Hendry County Investigators are continuing to follow up on information, regarding the body of an unidentified person found in a burning vehicle. Investigators have said that the body of the occupant has been burned beyond recognition.*

*Hendry County Sheriff, Steve Whidden said, vehicle, in the morning hours of September 4, 2019.*

*"if you saw anything suspicious we are asking that you contact us immediately".*

*If you have any information about this incident or if you saw anything suspicious please contact the Hendry County Sheriff's Office at 863-674-5600 or you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-780-TIPS (8477), where you may be eligible for up to a \$3,000.00 cash reward.*

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# PRESS RELEASE

Date: September 6, 2019

To: Caloosa Belle, Clewiston News, Belle Glade Sun, Okeechobee News, Sunday Morning News, Hendry/Glades News, WAFC – Nicole, Fort Myers News-Press, Michael Braun, WINK TV, NBC-2, ABC-7, FOX4NOW, WPEC, WFLX, WPTV, WPBF

From: Capt. Susan Harrelle  
Community Service Division

Subject: Media Release

*For Immediate Release:*

## *BURNED BODY IDENTIFIED*

*Hendry County Investigators are now releasing the name of the victim found in a burned vehicle in Clewiston, Wednesday morning September 4 as 23 year-old Bolman Slater, VI, of Pahokee, Florida.*

*Detectives are currently investigating what the motives may be*

*If you have any information regarding the death of Slater, please contact the Hendry County Sheriff's Office at 863-674-5600 or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-780-TIPS(8477).*

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# **PRESS RELEASE**

Date: September 23, 2019  
To: Media  
From: Capt. Susan Harrelle  
Community Services Division  
Subject: Media Release

*For Immediate Release:*

## **SEARCH WARRANT ON HOME OF PERSON-OF-INTEREST RELATED TO THE DEATH OF BOLMAN SLATER**

Shortly after 10:00am this morning, September 20, 2019, Hendry County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division, along with the HCSO Special Response Team, Road Patrol units and the State Fire Marshal's Office conducted a search warrant at 501 S. W.C. Owens in Clewiston Florida.

"We are currently conducting a search warrant at this home regarding the circumstances surrounding the death of Bolman Slater, who we found dead, the body burned inside the vehicle", said Hendry County Sheriff Steve Whidden. "This continues to be an ongoing criminal investigation. We are following up on every lead, every bit of information we get," continued Whidden. "This homicide has been one of the most gruesome homicides I've seen."

Bolman Slater, VI was found dead in the vehicle on September 4, 2019 when deputies responded to a call of a vehicle fully engulfed in flames, in the Harlem Community near Clewiston.

If you have any information about this incident or if you saw anything suspicious please contact the Hendry County Sheriff's Office at 863-674-5600 or you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-780-TIPS (8477), where you may be eligible for up to a \$3,000.00 cash reward.