

**IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO  
CRIMINAL DIVISION**

<b>STATE OF OHIO,</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>CASE NO. 2024 CR 3226</b>
<b>Plaintiff,</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Judge Steven K. Dankof</b>
<b>v.</b>	<b>:</b>	
<b>Jonathan Eric Link</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Petition for Certification that a</b>
<b>Defendant.</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Material Witness is Needed in</b>
		<b>Montgomery County, State of Ohio</b>

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Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 2939.27 the State of Ohio, by and through the Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office, petitions this Court for Certification that Ambree Johnson is a Material Witness in this matter. Ambree Johnson, resides in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in Armstrong County.

The trial for State v. Jonathan Eric Link is scheduled to begin Monday, December 8, 2025, and last through at least December 17, 2025, in this Court. Defendant Jonathan Eric Link is charged with two counts of murder, for the blunt force trauma killing of victim Shannon Anderson.

The victim was last seen by her children and co-workers, and Defendant, on July 28, 2001. Weeks later her decomposed body was located in a remote area, her skull crushed. Later investigation revealed blood splatter on the ceiling over the foot bed area of the deceased's bed. Investigators further learned that just days after the deceased had been identified as Shannon Anderson, Defendant purchased a new mattress, the former mattress was located and found to be clean on the surface, but soaked deep with the deceased's blood at the end of the mattress.

The only witnesses present in the home the night of the homicide were Ambree Johnson, age 9 in 2001 and her 7 year old sister. Interviews with both sisters separately confirm an argument had occurred between their mother and Eric the last night they saw her. That both heard bumps and thumps. The sisters had grown up estranged, and lived in separate states. Yet, both now grown women, when interviewed in 2023 drew sketches of where they had seen Defendant cleaning a red spot in their mother's room the day after she went missing. The area they indicate was by the foot of the bed, and directly below where the blood spatter was on the ceiling.

Further investigation prior to indictment investigators were able to obtain and search Defendant's work computer, and found among many addresses on file the Stingy Lane Road Address, in Ross County, which is the remote farm land wherein victim's body was dumped. Moreover, Defendant's former co-worker provided details that Defendant had talked about taking days off of work and he and Shannon taking a trip to Atlanta, right before she learned on the news about Shannon being missing. That trip Defendant spoke of was after Shannon would have been deceased. Importantly, Shannon's vehicle was ultimately located abandoned in the Atlanta airport.

As Ambree Johnson is one of the only two witnesses present at the time she is a necessary material witness. The Montgomery County Prosecutor's Office would require Ambree Johnson's testimony on December 8, 2025 through no later than December 17, 2025. Further the undersigned attorney certifies that as required by 2939.26 and 2939.27 the witness's travel expenses, accommodation if requested, and per diem will be paid for by the State of Ohio.

The State of Ohio has adopted the Uniform Act to Secure the Attendance of Witnesses from Without a State in Criminal Proceedings as found in R.C. 2939.25 through 2939.29, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has similarly codified this Uniform Act in Consolidated Statute Title 42 Chapter 59 Section 64, 5964.

Therefore, the State respectfully requests a Certificate that Ambree Johnson is a Material Witness in a Criminal Prosecution and her Testimony on December 8, 2025 through December 17, 2025 is Required.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the forgoing has been served upon Dennis Lieberman, Attorney for Defendant, via electronic filing on the date of filing.

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