

22ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY, STATE OF LOUISIANA
ARREST WARRANT

STATE OF LOUISIANA
VERSUS
RANDALL CARTER SMITH - WHITE/MALE



[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
DL/ID #: [REDACTED]
Height: 5'10" Weight: 240
Eye Color: Brown Hair Color: Brown
D/M:

TO ANY COMMISSIONED PEACE OFFICER:

WHEREAS, complaint has been made to me, upon the sworn affidavit of Special Agent Steven Brens, with the Louisiana Bureau of Investigation, charging one Randall Carter Smith with:

- 1 Count(s) of 14:34.1--SECOND DEGREE BATTERY--(Felony)
- 1 Count(s) of 14:103.1--DISTURBING THE PEACE BY ENGAGING IN A FISTIC ENCOUNTER--(Misdemeanor)
- 1 Count(s) of 14:103.3--DISTURBING THE PEACE APPEARING IN AN INTOXICATED CONDITION--(Misdemeanor)

Committed on or about the date(s) of 05-29-2026.

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 4 day of June 2026 at Covington, LA

*Bond: \$10,000.00 Signature Bond
special conditions:
no contact with alleged
victim.
Judge Div I
6/4/26*

[Signature]
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I, Special Agent Steven Brens, with the Louisiana Bureau of Investigation, certify under oath based on the information outlined below, that there is probable cause to believe Randall Carter Smith on or about the date(s) of 05-29-2026 did commit:

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within this State and Parish at: 165 LA 21, Madisonville, Louisiana 70447 in St. Tammany Parish and the jurisdiction of the 22nd Judicial 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 May 29, 2026, at approximately 4:31 p.m., the St. Tammany Parish Emergency Communications Center received multiple 911 calls, regarding a fight at Keith Young's Steakhouse, [REDACTED] Madisonville, Louisiana. Callers described an incident involving two male customers, with one individual placing another in a "chokehold." The perpetrator was described as a white male, tall, in his late 50s, wearing a blue button-up shirt and khaki or grey pants. The victim, later identified as Robert "Bobby" Couvillion, also contacted 911 to report that he had been attacked and requested Emergency Medical Services due to injuries sustained during the attack. (The victim was later transported [REDACTED] for treatment of injuries he sustained because of the incident.)

Members of the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office (STPSO) Patrol Division responded to the scene and were advised while enroute that the incident involved an off-duty law enforcement officer. Upon arrival, STPSO Deputy Ashley Carroll learned that the suspect, identified as Randall "Randy" Smith, Sheriff of St.

Tammany Parish, had already departed the scene. Responding deputies interviewed multiple witnesses and spoke with the victim, who identified Randall Smith as the individual who attacked him without provocation. Mr. Couvillion stated that while he was seated at the bar with his wife, Smith approached him from behind and placed him in a chokehold. Smith then used the chokehold to forcefully pull Couvillion backward off the elevated bar stool, causing him to strike the left side of his head and face on the floor. While on the ground, Smith, according to Couvillion, punched and kicked him in the face and body with his boots. According to Couvillion, during the battery, Smith repeatedly threatened him, stating "I'm going to kill you, you motherfucker" and "You're a dead motherfucker." Multiple witnesses corroborated that Smith initiated the attack from behind without any prior confrontation between the parties.

Due to the nature of the incident and to avoid any conflict of interest, the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office contacted the Louisiana Attorney General's Office, Louisiana Bureau of Investigation (LBI), to assume the investigation. At approximately 6:20 p.m., Special Agents from LBI, including Special Agent Steven Brens and Supervisory Special Agent Michael Moore, arrived on scene and began conducting interviews of witnesses. Special Agents Johnny Morse and Brian Phillips traveled to St. Tammany Parish Hospital in Covington, where they interviewed Mr. Couvillion [REDACTED] and documented Couvillion's injuries through photographs. Agent Brens personally observed numerous injuries to Couvillion's face, including contusions on the inside and outside of his mouth, swelling to the left side of his face, injuries to his arm, an abrasion and contusion to his right ankle, and an abrasion approximately six inches in length to his back. Mr. Couvillion reported smelling a strong odor of alcohol on Smith's breath during the close-quarters struggle. Couvillion further stated that he is now in fear for his life based on Smith's threats and his position of authority as Sheriff.

Since Randall Smith had already fled the scene, prior to the arrival of law enforcement, Mr. Smith was not available to make a statement to the Agents at the initial time of the investigation.

While at Keith Young's, Agents Moore and Brens [REDACTED] and obtained approximately one hour of the recorded surveillance video from one surveillance camera in the bar area where the incident had occurred. Agent Brens also obtained a copy of the receipt from Randall Smith's visit to Keith Young's Steakhouse with a total amount of \$346.21 which included food and the bar tab. Further examination of the bar tab included five (5) glasses of Walking Fool wine, four (4) HH (Happy Hour) Vodka Martinis, seven (7) Titos Vodkas, one (1) Tanqueray, and one (1) Ketel One Vodka.

During a review of this video, [REDACTED] Shortly after this, Sheriff Randall Smith, who is seen clad in a blue button-down short sleeve shirt wearing dark colored pants and a wristwatch on his left arm, approaches Couvillion from behind. Couvillion was seen wearing a white color pullover short sleeve shirt with dark colored pants seated in the corner of the bar nearest the center of the bar area. Smith can be seen walking quickly towards Couvillion and immediately once behind him, lunging towards Couvillion, with Smith's left foot leaving the ground and his right arm clubbing Couvillion's neck before wrapping the choke hold. Couvillion is seen attempting to clinch Smith's choke holding arm with his right arm, as he is being violently pulled from his tall bar style seat to the ground by Smith. As Smith is pulling Couvillion to the ground, it does appear that while in the backwards fall, Smith slams Couvillion onto the concrete as he (Smith) is landing on top of him. Once on the ground, Smith maintains a side control stance on top of Couvillion and delivers a strike to Couvillion using his right hand. The two continue to struggle and fight on the ground with Smith on top of Couvillion, as the view from the initial camera angle gets obstructed with responding patrons, who struggle to pull Smith off Couvillion.

It should be noted that following a review of the restaurant's video surveillance footage this attack appeared to be unprovoked by Couvillion with Smith attacking him from behind with no warning or signs. The video suggests that Randall Smith attacked Couvillion in such a manner that Couvillion, unbeknownst to him of the impending attack, had little to no time to defend himself or de-escalate and protect himself from Smith's aggression and physical attack.

On May 30, 2026, pursuant to the investigation, Agent Brens obtained a court-authorized search warrant to seize the digital video surveillance recording device from the restaurant. During the execution of the search warrant, Agents seized [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] containing surveillance footage of the altercation. The device was transported to the LBI Office in Baton Rouge for forensic examination.

On June 1, 2026, Agent Brens obtained an additional search warrant authorizing a complete forensic examination of the DVR to review footage from multiple camera angles and to identify all participants involved in the incident.

Several days after the altercation, Mr. Couvillion sought additional medical care from a Dentist and Physician relative to the injuries that he sustained.

Following the initial investigation, Agents visited Mr. Couvillion's medical providers to obtain complete documentation of his injuries. Medical records obtained revealed that Couvillion suffered a level two concussion as a result of the altercation with Randall Smith. Additionally, medical providers documented that Couvillion's two front teeth were moved from their normal position as a direct result of the altercation with Smith during the battery. These injuries constitute serious bodily injury as defined under Louisiana law, including neurological impairment in the form of a concussion and potential long term or permanent disfigurement, specifically his teeth.

Based on the totality of the evidence gathered during this investigation, including witness statements from multiple individuals present at the scene, surveillance video footage, photographic documentation of injuries, medical records confirming serious bodily injury, and the victim's statement, there exists probable cause to believe that Randall "Randy" Smith did intentionally inflict serious bodily injury upon Robert Couvillion in violation of Louisiana Revised Statute 14:34.1, Second Degree Battery. The evidence demonstrates that Smith, without legal justification or provocation, attacked Couvillion from behind, placed him in a chokehold, threw him violently to the ground causing him to strike his head, and then proceeded to strike him while he was defenseless on the floor. The resulting injuries, including a level two concussion and displacement of his front teeth, meet the statutory definition of serious bodily injury.

Additionally, because Randall Smith, was the aggressor in an unprovoked illegal fistic encounter while in a restaurant with patrons in the immediate vicinity who were seen in disarray due to his actions, Agents believe that Randall Smith is in violation of Louisiana Revised Statute 14:103.1, Disturbing the Peace, Engaging in a Fistic Encounter and 14:103.3, Disturbing the Peace Appearing in an Intoxicated Condition. Video evidence clearly shows patrons in the vicinity of Randall Smith were disturbed and concerned about the encounter, with several patrons leaving their table to attempt to stop the situation. Additionally, the victim made a statement indicating that Randall Smith's breath emitted a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage during the battery. Also, during the initial investigation, Agents obtained Smith's table bar tab, showing a large amount of alcoholic drinks being purchased over several hours. The reported odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from Smith's person coupled with the bar tab suggests that Smith's alleged intoxicated state contributed to his actions, and the resulting injuries suffered by the victim.

Therefore, an arrest warrant is respectfully requested for Randall Smith for the above-mentioned criminal charges.

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



Special Agent Steven Brens
Affiant

THUS DONE AND PASSED on the 4 day of June ²⁰²⁶ at Covington, LA

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