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GO # 2019-225367

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DEFENDANT			
Last Name [REDACTED]	First Name [REDACTED]	Middle	DOB [REDACTED]/02
Armed with			
Location of Arrest [REDACTED] S Yuma Street		Arrest Date 4/26/19	Arrest Time 4:45 pm

OFFICER MAKING STATEMENT			
Last Name Detective Meoni	First Name John	Middle	Serial No. 94005

COMPLETE THIS SECTION FOR ORIGINAL PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENTS AND ALL AFFIDAVITS FOR ARREST WARRANT

I am a police officer for the City and County of Denver, Colorado, and have knowledge regarding the arrest/incident of the above named party for the below listed offense, which offense occurred on or about the date of 4/11/19 at 9:20 am pm at or near the location of 145 South Yuma Street in the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado.

VIOLATION(S)	DESCRIPTION
C.R.S. 18-3-102	First Degree Murder, Class 1F

Statement of Probable Cause Affidavit for Arrest Warrant

On April 11, 2019 at approximately 9:20 am the Denver Combined Communications Center received a 911 call reporting a shooting in the 100 block S. Yuma St., City & County of Denver. Denver Police Officers were dispatched to the scene and found a male victim, later identified as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] dob; [REDACTED], on the ground suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. Denver Health Medical Center Ambulance #14 arrived on scene and the victim was transported to the DHMC where he was pronounced dead by Dr. Breyer at 9:42 am. The Denver Police Homicide Unit was notified of the death.

At approximately 9:45 am on April 11th Homicide Unit Detectives John Meoni 94005 and Daniel Tregembo 05041 were assigned to investigate the case. Detective Meoni (primary investigator) went to Headquarters to conduct interviews and Detective Tregembo went to the scene. Witnesses [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were interviewed at HQ by Detective Meoni. Both witnesses reported hearing three gunshots and seeing an unidentified male with a red backpack fleeing southbound on foot from where they heard the shots. Mr. [REDACTED] described the male as White or Hispanic with dark hair and Ms. [REDACTED] described the man she saw as an unknown race 17 year old male, average height and build.

At the scene, the victim was found on the ground at the passenger side of his 1992 Buick sedan (CO [REDACTED]) parked along the east curb line at West Bar Val Wood Park. During a search of the victim's vehicle officers located an Apple iPhone on the front driver seat. The phone was confirmed to belong to the victim, [REDACTED]

Detectives learned the victim was a student at Colorado High School Charter, 1175 N. Osage St., Denver, CO. On April 11, 2019 and again on April 12, 2019 Detectives Meoni and Tregembo spoke with [REDACTED] who provided names of students known to be friends with the victim. The named students declined to speak to detectives. However, school staff members reported hearing from students on the afternoon of April 11, 2019, that the victim contacted them by Facebook Messenger the morning before his death, requesting information on who to contact to purchase marijuana and/or acid. On April 12th at approximately 12:28 pm Detective Meoni received a phone call from a person who did not want to be identified. The person said they received a text from

the victim at 9:09 am on Thursday [day of homicide] asking where to buy "weed". They received another text from the victim at 9:16 am saying he was mobile and nothing after 9:16 am.

On April 12, 2019 Detective Meoni received verbal consent from the family of the victim to examine the contents of the victim's cellular telephone, (recovered from the driver's seat of the victim's 1992 Buick at the scene). Detective Meoni requested the Denver Police Department Technical Electronic Support Unit (TESU) conduct a forensic examination of the Apple iPhone. TESU provided a report of the information recovered from the phone. Detectives and Analyst Chris Gray reviewed the report and the phone itself. Facebook Messenger communication was identified between the victim and a Facebook user account under profile name "[REDACTED]" near the time of the victim's murder. An online search in the Facebook website for the account number identifier (which can never be changed) of the user [REDACTED] showed the page was unavailable, indicating the account may have been deactivated. The deactivated Facebook account number was identified as "[REDACTED]" with the Facebook address [https://www.facebook.com/\[REDACTED\]](https://www.facebook.com/[REDACTED]) On April 14, 2019 Detective Tregembo obtained a search warrant for Facebook account [https://www.facebook.com/\[REDACTED\]](https://www.facebook.com/[REDACTED]) approved by the Honorable Judge Olympia Fay. The warrant was served upon Facebook.

The Facebook Messenger communications between the victim and user "[REDACTED]" included written and audio messages dating back to April 4, 2018. Written messages exchanged between the two suggest meetings to buy/sell drugs. On April 6, 2018 the victim wrote, "you got an eighth" and the [REDACTED] user wrote back "Yeah bro" and "For 20". The two also exchanged messages indicating they may attend the same school. On April 6, 2018 the victim wrote "Wya" [where you at] and the [REDACTED] user wrote back, "School Where you at" and "How much you need bro". The victim wrote back, "By youth on record and I got ten". Youth on Record is an organization located at 1301 W. 10th Ave., Denver, CO. This location is only a few blocks from Colorado High School Charter, located at 1175 N. Osage St.

On January 29, 2019 the victim wrote to the [REDACTED] account user, "You know anyone sellin a pole?" and received the response "Nah bro". A "pole" is the term commonly used to refer to a gun. On April 9, 2019 the [REDACTED] account user wrote, "You need a pole?" to the victim. The victim wrote back "How much". [REDACTED] replied, "Offer" and included a twelve second video showing a silver and brown semi-automatic pistol. The victim asked if the gun was a "9" (9mm) and offered \$320. The victim asked if [REDACTED] could wait until Thursday (April 11, 2019) until he gets paid on Wednesday at midnight. The victim agreed to the purchase price and to meet on Thursday morning. On Thursday morning (April 11, 2019) the victim wrote to [REDACTED] saying, "Aye just woke up bro boutta leave the house in like 15 min where you wanna link?". The victim agreed to pick up [REDACTED] at his mother's house after first going to 7-11 to get money. [REDACTED] replied he could not stay at his mother's and sent a Pinned Location to the victim showing him at W. Dakota Ave. and S. Zuni St. This location is approximately four blocks from the crime scene.

On April 14, 2019 Detective Meoni received information from [REDACTED] reporting the victim took money from an ATM at the 7-11 store at 105 N. Knox Ct., just prior to his death. She said the bank statement showed [REDACTED] made two withdrawals on April 11th. Detective Meoni received a copy of the bank statement and saw a withdrawal at 8:58 am for \$200 and one for \$160 at 8:59 am on April 11, 2019. Detectives Meoni and Tregembo went to the 7-11 store and observed video surveillance footage showing the victim enter the store alone at approximately 8:48 a.m. and walk to the ATM. Exterior video surveillance footage from Mi Pueblo Market at 125 N. Knox Ct., adjacent to the 7-11, showed the victim leave 7-11, enter his car alone and drive north through the alley at approximately 8:55 am. This coincides with the time the victim and [REDACTED] communicating through Facebook Messenger, planned to meet.

Because of the following information; 1) the victim was seen running south from the scene on foot, 2) the pinned location sent by Facebook user [REDACTED] was most likely close to his mother's house and close to the crime scene, 3) it is possible both the victim and [REDACTED] go to the same school, detectives wanted to know which of the victim's male classmates at Colorado High School Charter live in the area near where the victim was killed. On April 17, 2019 Detectives Meoni and Tregembo obtained assistance from the Denver Police Intelligence Unit to query the roster for male students enrolled in Colorado High School Charter for the school years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. Detectives limited the search to include only basic identifying information such as name, date of birth, listed address, relatives and school photos.

In the query of the school roster, detectives identified a student named [REDACTED] with two separate addresses on file: [REDACTED] S. Eliot St. and [REDACTED] S. Yuma St. The [REDACTED] S. Eliot St. address is approximately seven (7) blocks due west from the S. Zuni St. and W. Dakota Ave. (location sent by Facebook account user [REDACTED] telling the victim where to pick him up for their arranged gun sale/purchase). The [REDACTED] S. Yuma St. address is one block due south of the crime scene. [REDACTED] was identified through school records as having a [REDACTED] with a listed phone number of 720-[REDACTED]. A public records search for this phone number identified the registered user as [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] S. Yuma St. [REDACTED] was also found to have a [REDACTED] with the same listed addresses and relatives.

On April 26, 2019 Detective Tregembo received the Facebook records for account number "[REDACTED]". The records did not have any information about the name of the account holder, but did provide the email address used to create the account. The email address was "[REDACTED]@gmail.com". Detectives and Unit Analyst Chris Gray searched the records and found several pictures of guns in the account and a conversation between Facebook user "[REDACTED]" and "[REDACTED]". On 04/04/2019 [REDACTED] asks, "When's your birthday" and user [REDACTED] replies, "[REDACTED] y tu?". The date matches the date of birth ([REDACTED] 2002) on school records for [REDACTED].

Additionally, detectives saw a house in the background of a picture from the Facebook records of [REDACTED] that appeared to be near the Denver Housing where the crime occurred. Detectives pulled up a Google map of [REDACTED] house at [REDACTED] S Yuma Street and compared the images. Both houses were the same single story, red colored brick construction with a white colored metal fence.

On April 26, 2019 at approximately 4:45 pm, the suspect [REDACTED] was arrested by the Denver Police Fugitive Unit on an unrelated warrant. He was brought to the DPD HQ building with his legal guardian, [REDACTED] who is [REDACTED]. Detective Meoni began a video recorded interview and read the Juvenile Rights Advisement to both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and gave them 10 minutes to discuss the advisement and situation in private with the video off. After 10 minutes, Detective Meoni began another video interview and [REDACTED] agreed to speak with Detective Meoni without a lawyer present. His [REDACTED] approved his decision.

[REDACTED] initially said he hadn't seen the victim in about a year, then said they agreed to meet because the victim wanted to buy a gun from him. [REDACTED] stated he met with the victim, handed the victim the loaded gun, but then struggled over the gun when the victim pointed it at him. [REDACTED] said he got the gun from the victim, shot him and then ran. [REDACTED] was arrested for First Degree Murder. JTM

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I affirm this information to be true and correct

Det. Imconi 94005
Signature of Affiant

Subscribed under oath before me on

Date

Time

Judge or Notary Public

My commission expires

ARREST WARRANT

To all Sheriffs, Peace Officers and Police Officers with the said State:

ADULT--You are hereby commanded to arrest the defendant named above and bring them without unnecessary delay before a Judge of the County Court to be dealt with according to law.

JUVENILE--You are hereby commanded to arrest the defendant named above, summons into court, process and release said defendant to appear before the court.

Bail fixed at \$ _____

Signature of Judge

Date _____

Printed name of Judge

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I executed the above warrant on (date) _____ by taking _____

_____ (name of person arrested) into custody and placing said person in the _____ Jail for

safekeeping until further order of the court.

Signature of Arresting Officer _____