

**STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE / AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST WARRANT** Page 1 of 3

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DEFENDANT			
Last Name CHOLO	First Name Bereket	Middle Teslaye	DOB 9/11/84
Armed with Knife			
Location of Arrest Aurora CO 80013		Arrest Date 11/27/19	Arrest Time 9:40 a.m.

OFFICER MAKING STATEMENT			
Last Name Andrews	First Name Daniel	Middle D	Serial No. 96015

**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 11/27/19 at 7:40  am  pm at or near the location of 7675 E. Colfax Ave. In the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado.

VIOLATION(S)	DESCRIPTION
18-3-102 (1)(a)	Investigation of Murder in the first degree

Statement of Probable Cause       Affidavit for Arrest Warrant  
 Your Affiant, Detective Daniel ANDREWS, 96015, has been a police officer employed by the City & County of Denver since November of 1996. After serving in the patrol division for over 16 years as a field training officer and eventually achieving the rank of Corporal, he became a Detective in November of 2012. Your Affiant spent about 2.5 years working the night shift handling nearly all of the initial major crime investigations that occurred overnight before going to the Cold Case Unit for 6 months. Your Affiant then transferred into the Homicide Unit as a Detective in November of 2015, and holds that position today.

On Wednesday, November 27, 2019, at 7:41 a.m. the Denver Combined Communications Center received a 911 call from the 7-Eleven store at E. Colfax Ave. & N. Syracuse St. (7675 E. Colfax Ave., City & County of Denver). The caller, [REDACTED], stated that someone just got stabbed and said he was bleeding to death. He described the suspect as "an employee" who's "black/Ethiopian," and said that he fled the store after the stabbing.

Denver Health Paramedics were nearby and responded immediately, along with Denver Police Corporal Brian McNeill and Recruit, Officer John Wickiser, among others. Upon their arrival the store owner, Tamerat Abebe, DOB: 04/09/1976, was found down, and suffering from several very substantial apparent stab wounds to his neck and head. He was bleeding severely, and was rushed to Denver Health Medical Center. Unfortunatley he could not be saved and was pronounced deceased by Dr. Lawless at 8:14 a.m.

The 7-Eleven store was secured as a crime scene, and [REDACTED], who witnessed the incident was transported to Denver Police Department Headquarters where she was interviewed by Your Affiant. In summary she stated that the suspect, "Bereket" is a Manager, who works for the victim/store owner, "Tamerat." She stated that the two men were talking about money and she heard Bereket say that some amount was "taken from me." She described Bereket as "yelling and screaming," while Tamerat was soft spoken and calm. She said she didn't see anything in Tamerat's hands.

She stated that she was [REDACTED] while Tamerat was [REDACTED] as Bereket argued with him. All of a sudden she saw that Tamerat was [REDACTED] as both men moved from behind the registers and around towards the front door. She then saw Bereket stab Tamerat in the neck, before leaving the store.

At 8:52 a.m. Your Affiant was notified that a man who identified himself as "Bereket Cholo" and said he was calling from (303) [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] had called Aurora 911 to report an incident. Your Affiant has since listened to a recording of that call. Bereket told the call taker that he was having financial problems with his employer, who'd cut his paycheck by \$562. He said that he called his employer earlier this morning to ask him why he did that.

The call taker then explains that this sounds like a civil matter, to which Bereket responds, "[REDACTED]" Bereket stated that this happened an hour ago in the store at Colfax & Syracuse. Aurora Police Officers responded to the [REDACTED] location, along with Corporal McNeill and Officer Wickiser. Upon their arrival they took custody of Bereket, and then transported him to DPD HQ.

Your Affiant's partner, Detective Daniel Tregembo, supervised the processing of the crime scene, which he described as extremely bloody. He requested DPD Forensic Imaging Specialist Michael Bush respond to download the 7-Eleven's video surveillance camera system. Specialist Bush sent Your Affiant a still photo of the suspect as he was in the process of stabbing Tamerat in the neck, which what appears to be a very large hunting type knife. Detective Tregembo has reviewed some of the video and stated that the events captured thereon are consistent with what Ms. [REDACTED] told Your Affiant.

Upon Bereket's arrival at DPD HQ Your Affiant observed that he appeared to be the same person shown in the store surveillance still photo which Specialist Bush sent. He had [REDACTED] apparently caused by a sharp instrument, [REDACTED]. He declined to make a statement without counsel present. Your Affiant researched Bereket and found that he has provided ([REDACTED]) [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], during law enforcement contacts earlier this year.

Search warrants for Bereket's house, and the vehicle he drove away from this homicide have been obtained and will be executed this afternoon.

I affirm this information to be true and correct

Subscribed under oath before me on

*J. D. Andrews*  
Signature of Affiant

11.27.19  
Date

1:27 p.m.  
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 \_\_\_\_\_