

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO



County/District Court
City and County of Denver, Colorado

Offense Case No. 2020-349919

**AFFIDAVIT AND APPLICATION FOR ARREST WARRANT
AND THE ARREST WARRANT FOR THE PERSON(S) OF:**

Steven Daniel Young, dob: 08/28/1975, a Black male, 6-0", 220 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, SSN [REDACTED], [REDACTED] one count of Murder in the First Degree, C.R.S. 18-3-102 (1) (a), a Class 1 Felony



I, Detective Neil Baker, 04026, Your Affiant states under oath that the facts known to the Affiant which establish probable cause to believe that a criminal offense was committed, and that the offense was committed by the above-named person(s), are the following:

Your Affiant, Detective Neil Baker badge number 04026, has been a Police Officer for over 29 years. Your Affiant is currently assigned to the Denver Police Homicide Unit and has been previously assigned to the Denver Police Cold Case Unit since September of 2017 as a Detective. Your Affiant has held previous positions as a detective in the Missing and Exploited Persons Unit as well as a General Assignment detective with Denver Police District 6 Investigations Unit. Your Affiant has received specialized trainings in the investigation of all aspects of domestic violence, assaults; child abuse and child sexual assault cases, Sex Crimes and Computer Crimes involving Child Pornography. Your Affiant has had training from the Rocky Mountain Forensic Computer Lab on information that can be recovered from computers and other computer components. Your Affiant has specialized training in Homicide and Death investigations. Your Affiant has investigated numerous cases of all of these types of crimes.

On **June 7, 2020** at approximately **5:07 AM** the Denver Combined Communications Center received a 911 phone call reference a body located in the alley behind 1065 N. Federal Blvd., City and County of

Denver. The caller, [REDACTED] reported that he was riding his bicycle northbound through the alley and observed a body lying face down next to a fence. [REDACTED] observed blood which concerned him, so he flagged down an employee of the restaurant, located at 1065 N. Federal Blvd. He then called 911 and waited for police to arrive.

Uniformed Denver police officers responded with Denver paramedics and upon arrival, observed a white female lying on her back slumped against the fence with a hooded sweatshirt pulled up tight to her chin and around her head. Officers observed blood running down from underneath the female's head and neck area. Officers advised that paramedics were on scene first and stated to them that they had moved the body while evaluating her for injuries. They had told officers that the female was found face down.

Paramedics advised the time of death was **5:24 AM** and was pronounced by Dr. Hemmy from Denver Health Medical Center.

Officers observed a spent .40 caliber shell casing lying on the ground next to the female's left foot.

At approximately **5:37 AM**, Your Affiant received a phone call from Homicide Sgt. Scott Hagan, 01004 regarding the homicide and was requested to respond to the scene.

Your Affiant arrived on scene at **6:30 AM**, and requested the Denver Police Crime Lab to respond and process the crime scene along with the investigator of the Office of the Medical Examiner.

Using a fingerprint reader, the female victim was positively identified as Charly Lewis 09/09/1987. Her photograph was observed on a mobile computer in one of the marked Denver patrol units which matched the deceased female.

Your Affiant requested the Denver Police Forensic Imaging Unit respond to the scene to assist with downloading video surveillance from 1065 N. Federal Blvd and other possible surrounding locations.

Your Affiant pulled a "Shot Spotter" report which showed a single gunshot occurred where the female was found at **4:23 AM**.

Your Affiant observed the medical examiner roll the victim's body over and an intact bullet was laying on the ground underneath the victim's head.

Your Affiant was informed after the victim was run through NCIC/CCIC that there was an Attempt to Locate entered in the system for her from the Aurora Police Department stating that she was a witness to a homicide in their city. Your Affiant was advised that the suspect in that homicide was identified as Steven YOUNG DOB 8/28/1975 who had an outstanding warrant for Murder in the First Degree out of Adams County that was issued on **June 4, 2020**. Mr. Young is described as a black male, 6-foot-tall, 220 pounds with brown eyes. He is also described as having numerous tattoos on his arms, back and chest.

Your Affiant spoke with Aurora Homicide Detective Sutherland who stated that they had contacted YOUNG on **June 1, 2020** while riding in a car with Charly Lewis. Your Affiant learned that a witness

had identified Charly Lewis as the person who was present with YOUNG during the murder and that Ms. Lewis had witnessed YOUNG commit the murder in Aurora. On **June 1, 2020**, Detective Sutherland stated that they took photographs of YOUNG, including photographs of his clothing and some of his tattoos. Those photographs were sent to your Affiant. Detective Sutherland also stated that one of the reasons the Attempt to Locate was issued for Lewis was because they were in fear for her safety as she was a potential witness to the homicide committed by YOUNG in Aurora.

Your Affiant obtained video surveillance footage from the restaurant located at 1065 N. Federal Blvd. which showed that on **June 7, 2020**, the victim, Ms. Lewis, was walking with a black male on Federal Blvd before turning west into the driveway of the restaurant, then passing by the surveillance camera and then entering the alley behind the restaurant at approximately **2:30 AM**. The black male walking with the victim appears to be the same height and weight as YOUNG.

Your Affiant also reviewed other HALO cameras in the area and observed the victim and the same black male walking on W. Colfax Ave. at Howard St. The black male observed in the video was wearing a mask over his face and appeared to be wearing blue latex gloves. He was also wearing a gray baseball hat, a maroon shirt with what appears to be a blue T-shirt draped over his left shoulder, sweat pants with a reflective material on the pockets, and black tennis shoes with white soles.

Your affiant also observed other surveillance videos from around the area where the victim was found dead, and your Affiant observed the black male and the victim walking together on numerous occasions throughout the early morning hours, including seeing the two of them on the same surveillance camera at 1065 N. Federal Blvd. where they were walking southbound on Federal Blvd. past the restaurant and heading toward 10th Ave.

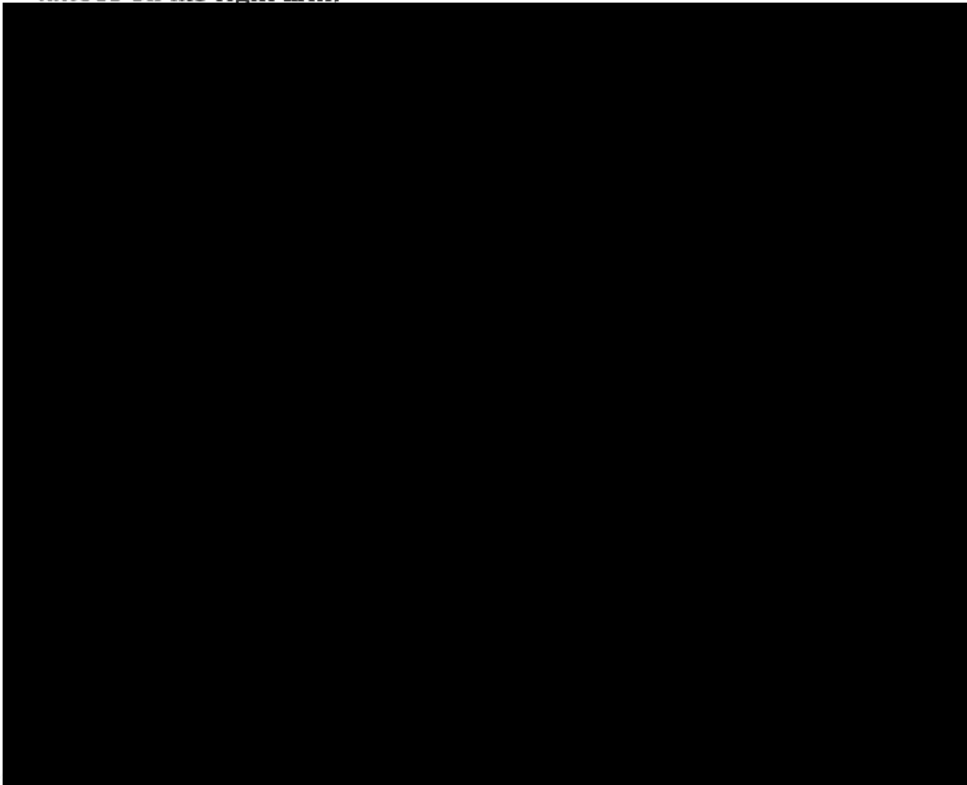
In some of the surveillance footage, your Affiant could observe what appeared to be tattoos on the arms of the black male, a wristwatch on his left wrist and black tennis shoes with white soles.

Your Affiant then observed the photographs taken of YOUNG by Detective Sutherland on **June 1, 2020** and compared those photographs with the surveillance images of the black male seen with Ms. Lewis in the hours leading up to her death. In comparing the images of YOUNG and the black male seen in the surveillance videos, there are reasonable grounds to suspect that YOUNG is, in fact, the black male seen walking with Ms. Lewis on June 7, 2020. This is based on the similarity of the black male's height and weight as compared to YOUNG, the similarity of the style, color, and pattern of the tennis shoes worn by the black male when compared to the tennis shoes YOUNG was wearing in the Aurora photographs, the watch on the black male's left wrist, and, finally, the similarity between the distinctive tattoos observed on the black male in surveillance images and those seen in the Aurora photographs of YOUNG that were taken just a week prior to Ms. Lewis's death.

On **June 8, 2020**, your Affiant attended the autopsy of Charly Lewis which revealed that she was shot in the back of the head with the bullet exiting the front left side of her neck. A bullet hole can be seen in the back of the hood of the sweatshirt which is consistent with the victim having her hood up at the time of the shooting and how the officer observed her on scene.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE:

At approximately **2:30 AM**, the victim is seen on video camera walking with a black male on the north side of the business located at 1065 N Federal Blvd. The black male is observed wearing a t-shirt, baseball hat, grey pants with reflectors on the front pockets, black and white athletic shoes, a shirt draped over his left shoulder and carrying a plastic shopping bag. The black male also has visible tattoos on his right arm.



At approximately **2:58 AM**, the victim and the same black male can be seen on camera from 1365 N. Federal Blvd, walking through the parking lot from the northwest side of the business to the front parking lot area. Both can be seen hanging around and talking to other individuals on the east side of the business. The black male appears to be wearing a maroon or red T-shirt with a blue shirt draped over his left shoulder. He also appears to be wearing a light-colored baseball hat, dark or gray pants with reflective front pockets and black athletic shoes with white soles.



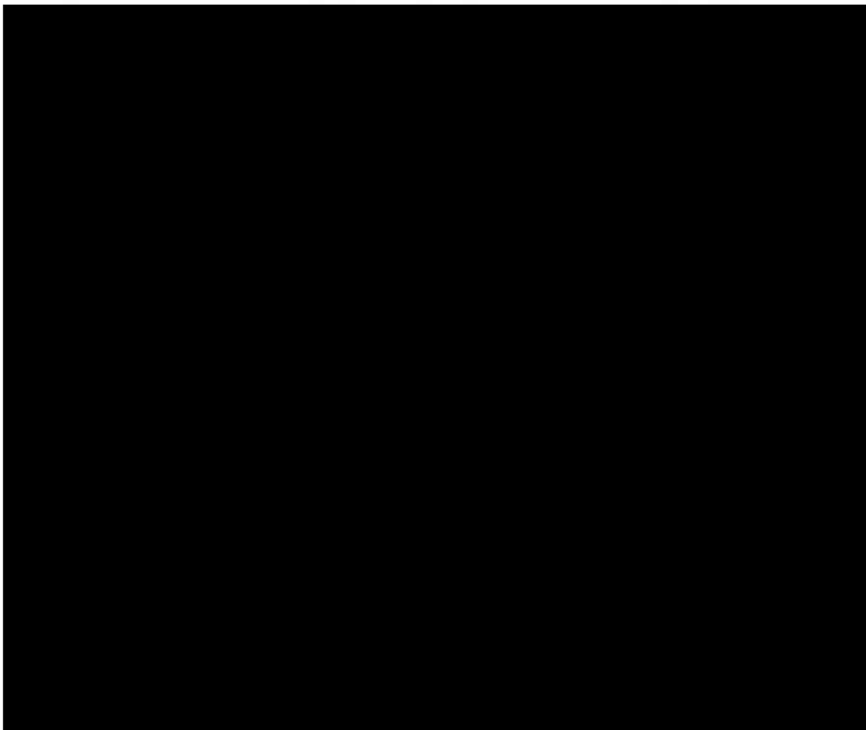
Both the victim and the black male walk back toward the northwest corner and out of camera view at **3:01 AM**.

At **3:02 AM**, the victim and the black male can be seen again walking from the northwest corner of the parking lot through to the east side of the building. They both could be seen talking to individuals again.

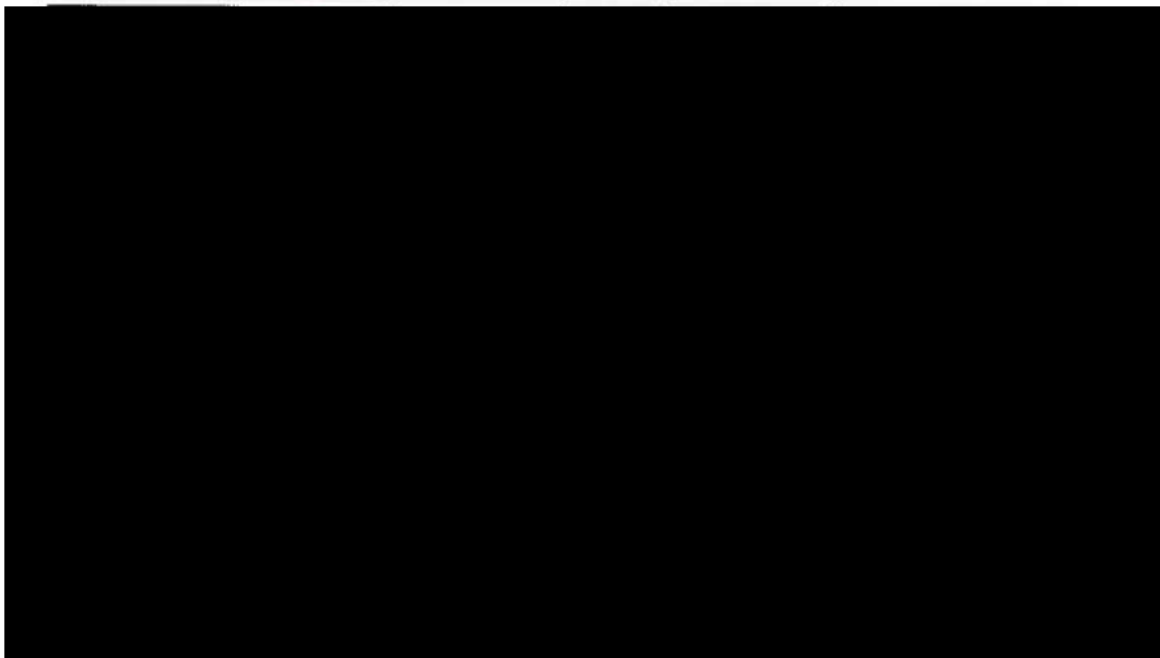
At **3:05 AM**, the black male stands on the northeast corner of the building under the security camera talking to an unknown male and female. The black male can be seen wearing a mask over his face and what appears to be blue latex gloves.

As the black male is standing there talking to the two unknown individuals, numerous tattoos can be seen on his right and left arms, and a wristwatch is noticeable on his left wrist with what appears to be a light-colored band.

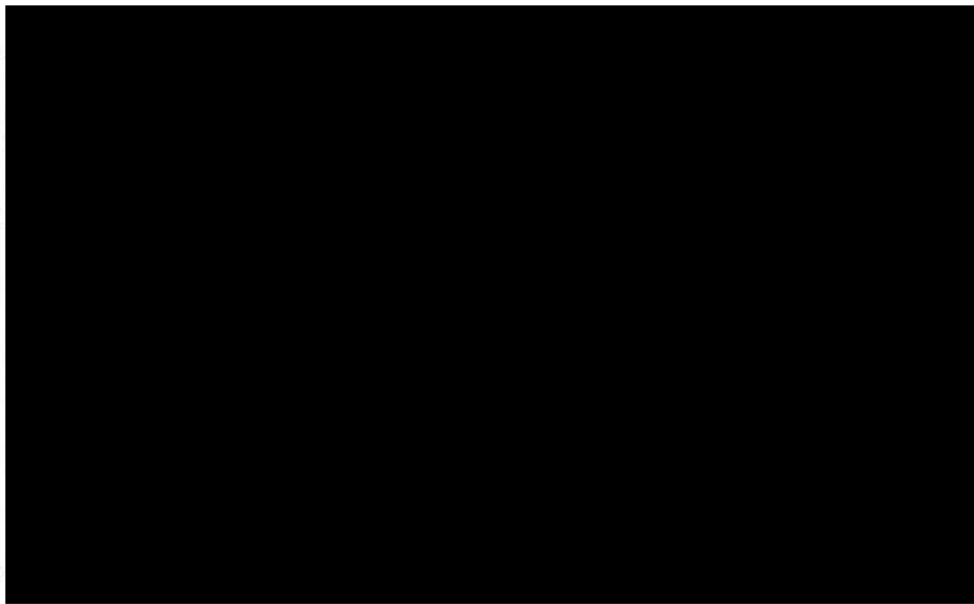
As the black male moves around in the video a very distinctive tattoo on the upper inside of his right forearm can be seen.



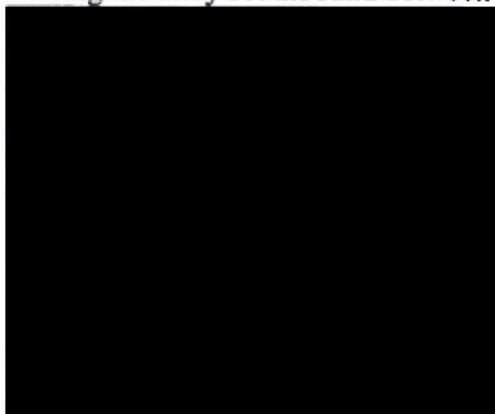
At **3:37 AM**, the victim and the same black male are seen on video walking south on Federal Blvd passing 1065 Federal Blvd. The black male is wearing the same clothing and still carrying the plastic shopping bag. (The time stamp on the video is 2 hours fast)



Cameras at 1065 Federal Blvd capture the victim and the black male at **3:38 AM**. The camera captures the baseball hat, plastic shopping bag, reflective pocket and black and white athletic shoes. The shirt can also be seen draped over his left shoulder.



At 3:42 AM, cameras at 10th Ave and Federal Blvd capture the victim and the same black male splitting up with the victim continuing south on Federal Blvd and the black male crossing 10th Ave and entering the alley southbound between Federal Blvd and Grove St.

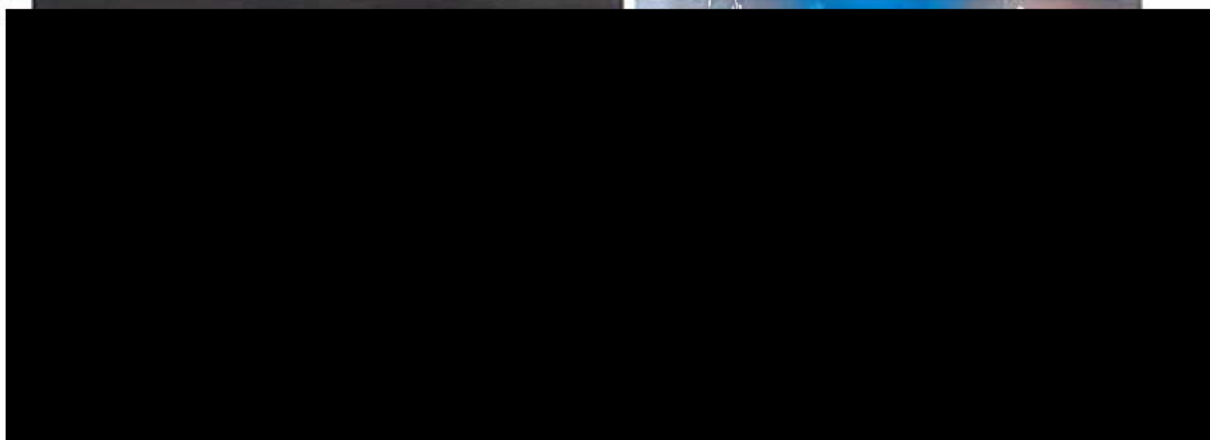


baseball hat

shirt

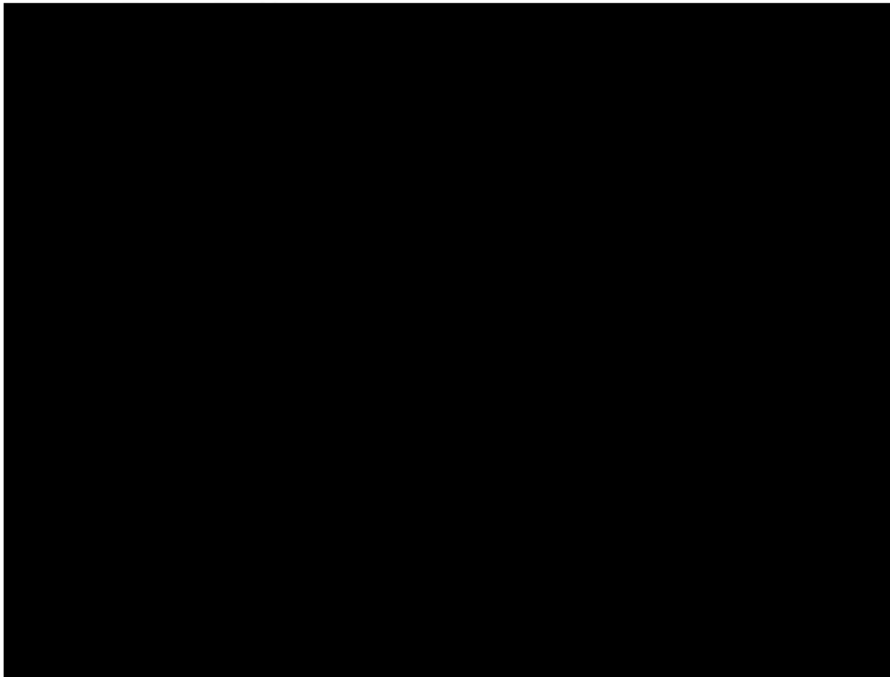
plastic shopping bag

black/white athletic shoes



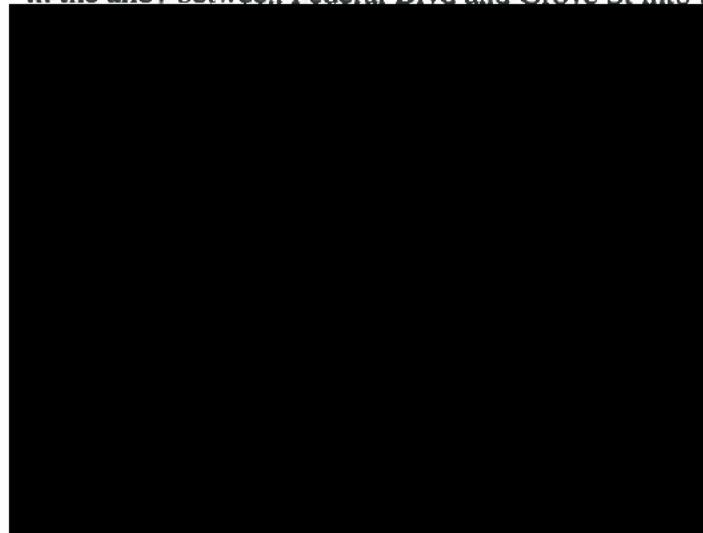
Suspect walking south behind 963 N Federal

Victim walking south in front of 963 N Federal



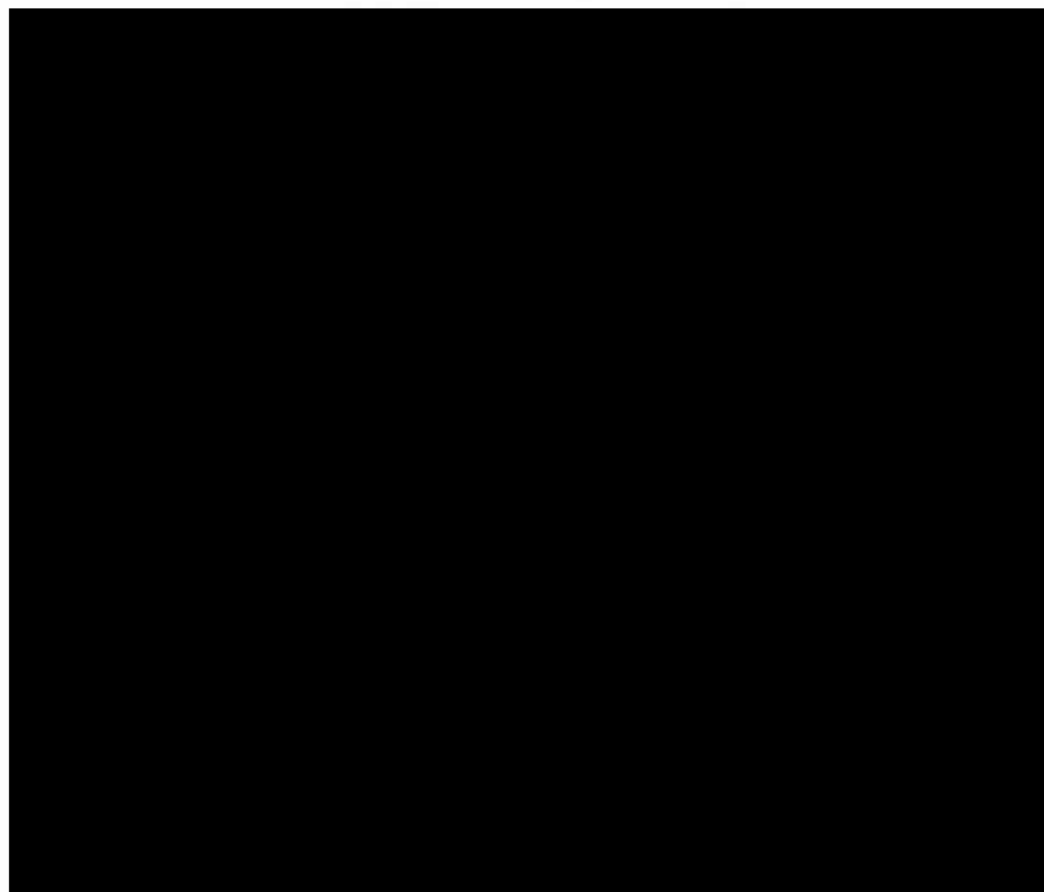
Suspect still
carrying bag

At 4:22 AM, the victim and the same black male are captured on video crossing 10th Ave northbound in the alley between Federal Blvd and Grove St into the alley towards 1065 N Federal Blvd.



At 4:25 AM the same black male is seen exiting the same alley southbound without the victim. This is approximately 2 minutes after the victim is shot behind 1065 N Federal Blvd as confirmed by the "Shot Spotter" report. Cameras on the rear of 1065 N Federal Blvd and cameras on the residence of 1056 N Grove St show no other individuals fleeing north of the victim's location and only the black male is seen leaving south of the victim's location. There are no other points of egress between the victim and 10th Ave.

Your Affiant reviewed the photographs taken by the Aurora Police Homicide Unit showing YOUNG's tattoos and observed that the tattoo on the inside upper forearm is very distinctive. Your Affiant also observed that the distinctive tattoo on the inside upper forearm matches the tattoo observed on the black male seen with the victim on the surveillance footage in the hours leading up to her death.



Tattoo captured on
surveillance video

Black shoes with
white soles
06/07/20

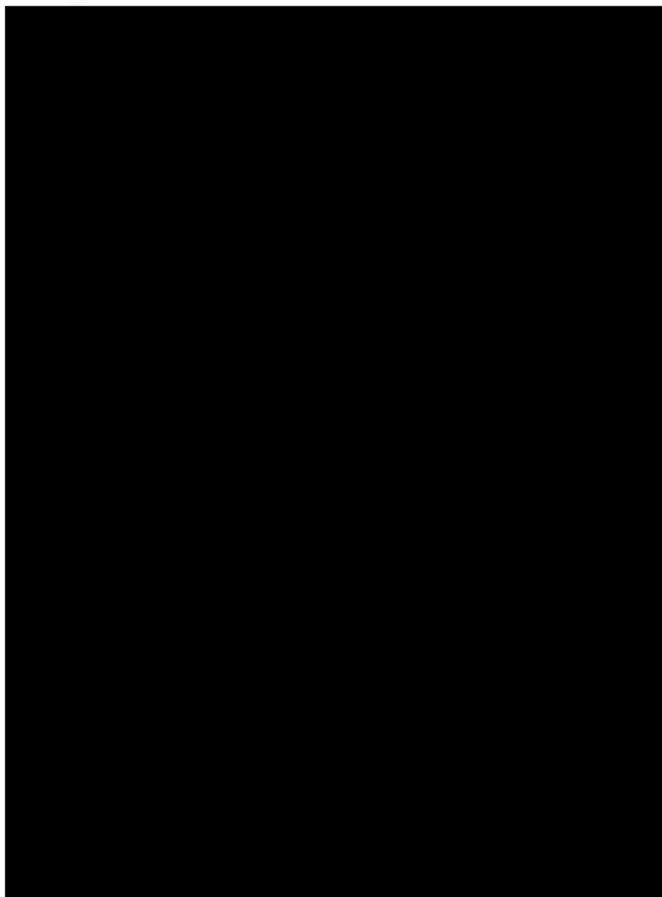
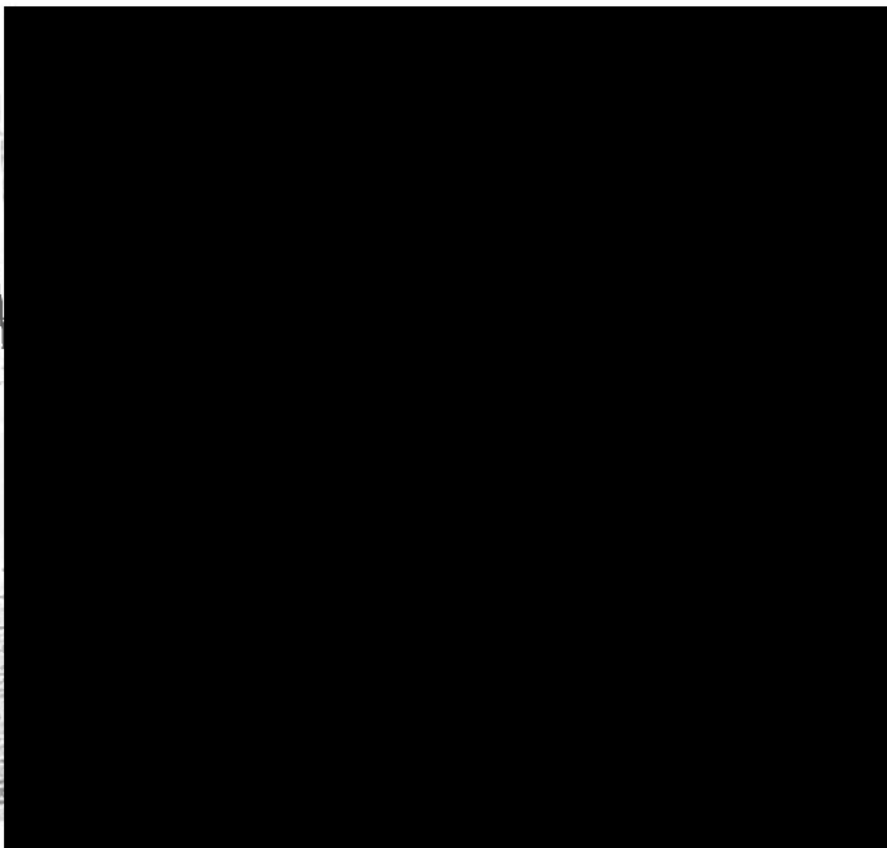


Photo of tattoos taken by
Aurora PD on 06/01/20

Black shoes with white
soles on 06/01/20

Enhanced Photos



Enhanced Photos

Your Affiant learned from Homicide Detective Sutherland that Young was suspected of committing a murder in Aurora Colorado on **June 1, 2020**. Information was gathered that in their investigation, Charly Lewis was the only witness in that homicide. Detective Sutherland advised that they had video evidence of Young and the Lewis at the scene of that homicide.

Detective Sutherland ultimately interviewed both Young and Lewis and felt her safety to be in danger as she was the sole witness in their case. Aurora detectives issued an attempt to locate for her and entered it into NCIC/CCIC.

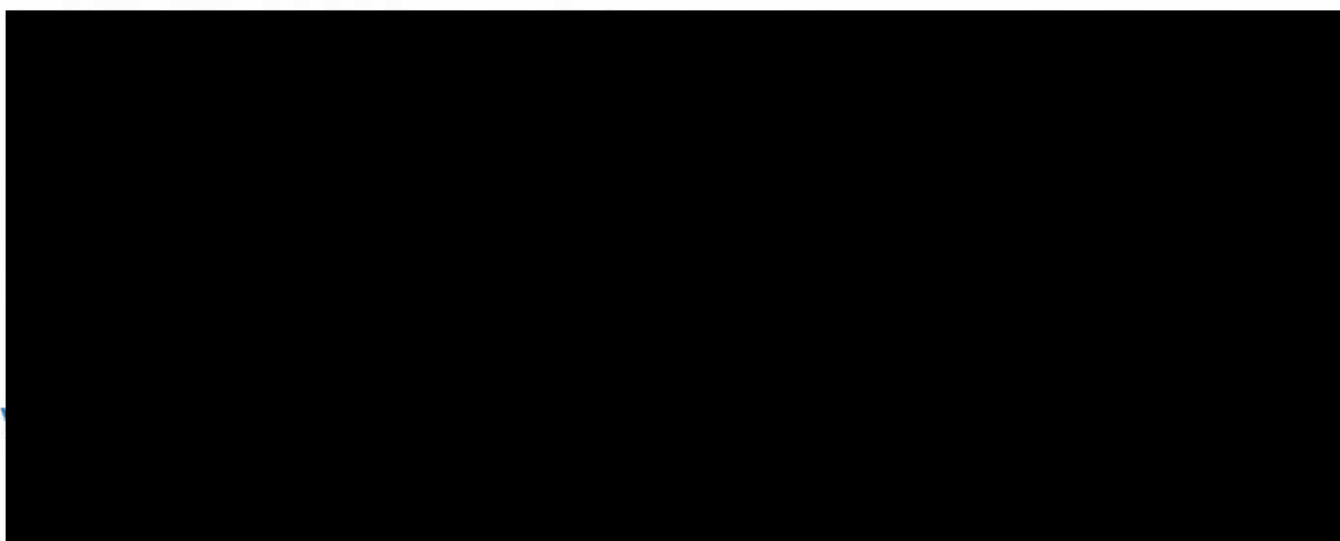
Your Affiant received a search warrant for call detail records on Young's cellular phone number assigned to him during this incident. It was determined that Young's cellular phone was active up until approximately **12:40 AM** on **June 7, 2020**, the night of the victim's death. The phone had been turned off and not turned back on until **7:24 AM** that same day. After reviewing the records, your Affiant observed activity on the phone several days prior to the phone being turned off and then observed activity continuously after the phone had been turned back on.

Young was subsequently arrested by the Aurora Police Department for their homicide on **June 8, 2020**. Young's phone was recovered and downloaded by their investigators.

Text messages were recovered from Young's cellular phone for the date of **June 7, 2020** which shows conversation from him to another female confirming that he had shut off his phone because he "had something important to do".

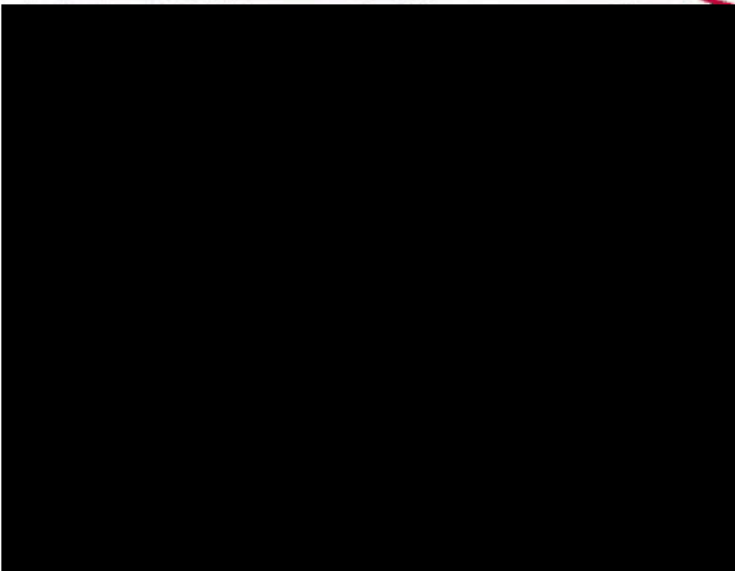
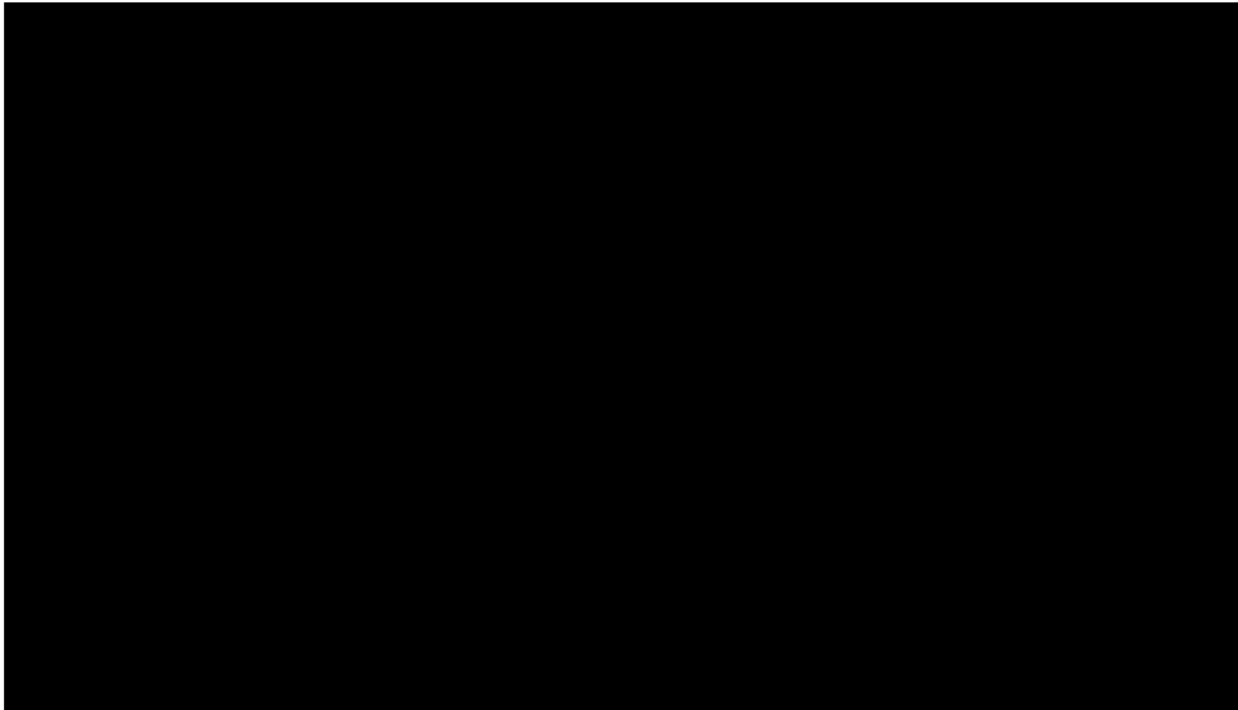
On **June 9, 2020** in approximately **12:20 AM**, Detective BAKER and Detective SISNEROS executed a search warrant for [REDACTED] Union St. [REDACTED] where YOUNG was believed to be living at the time with [REDACTED].

During the search warrant, a pair of black pants was located in a laundry basket. The pants appeared to have just been washed as they were very wet. The front pockets of the pants had reflective zippers which are similar to the pants worn by YOUNG.



Detective BAKER reviewed all of the camera footage, including the camera footage taken from Avondale Liquors (1365 N. Federal Blvd) which shows the black male standing with the victim. A large tattoo on the inside forearm of the black male suspect appeared to be some type of large black "paw print" which was very distinctive. Comparing this tattoo with photographs taken of YOUNG by the Aurora Police Department, the tattoo is identical. It should also be known that YOUNG is seen in Aurora's homicide video wearing a shirt draped over his left shoulder which also is the case of the black male suspect on this video at the Avondale Liquors.

Detective BAKER received a court order to photograph YOUNG's tattoos and that court order was executed on **September 10, 2020**. At that time, Detective BAKER physically observed the tattoos on YOUNG's right forearm which was identical to the tattoo shown in the video at Avondale Liquors.



Steven Young
9/10/2020

Detective BAKER identified the black male suspect as Stephen YOUNG and observed all of the video footage and noted that Stephen YOUNG was with the victim in all of the video footage including the video footage of both YOUNG and the victim. LEWIS walking into the alley where she was killed at 4:23 AM.

Detective BAKER observed YOUNG leaving southbound out of the same alley alone at 4:25 AM.

Based on the above investigation, photographs, and surveillance images, there are reasonable grounds to suspect that Young was with the victim in the early morning hours of **June 7, 2020** and that he was the last person seen with her until her death at 4:23 AM. There are also reasonable grounds to suspect that YOUNG shot and killed the victim.

Based on the foregoing information, Your Affiant respectfully requests that a warrant be issued for **Steven Daniel Young, dob: 08/28/1975, a Black male, 6-0", 220 pounds with black hair and brown eyes** **one count of Murder in the First Degree, C.R.S. 18-3-102 (1) (a), a Class 1 Felony**, so the suspect can be apprehended, and the investigation continued.

Pursuant to Rule 41 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, the Affiant listed herein has requested and received approval to have this Affidavit sealed from public release of the information herein contained due to the media coverage of this case, to assure that this case is not compromised, that witnesses mentioned in this warrant can be protected from any type of early reprisals, so that this investigation can continue.

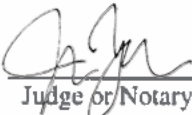
I affirm this information to be true and correct



Signature of Affiant

Subscribed under oath before me on

October 26, 2020 11:12am
Date Time



Judge James Zobel and Ordered Sealed
Judge or Notary Public

My commission expires: _____



ARREST WARRANT

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

You are hereby commanded to take the person of the defendant, **Steven Daniel Young, dob: 08/28/1975, a Black male, 6-0", 220 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, SSN 521-17-2129, FBI# 273815VA3 one count of Murder in the First Degree, C.R.S. 18-3-102 (1) (a), a Class 1 Felony**

and bring him without unnecessary delay before a Judge of the County Court to be dealt with according to law.

Bail fixed at \$ First Appearance


Signature of Judge

Date October 26, 2020

Judge James Zobel and Ordered Sealed
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