

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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DEFENDANT					
Last Name BRITTON	First Name LESSIE	Middle	DOB 01/24/1945	Arrest Date 06/17/2020	Arrest Time 6:44 pm
Armed with UNARMED					
Location of Arrest E MLK BLVD / N MONACO ST					

OFFICER MAKING STATEMENT	
Name HARMON, KYLE	Serial No. P14066

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 06/17/2020 at 2:44 pm at or near the location of [REDACTED] N WILLOW ST in the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado.

VIOLATIONS(S)	DESCRIPTION
18-3-102	INV HOLD-FIRST DEGREE MURDER[026492]

The probable cause of the arrest of the above-named individual is as follows:

[On June 17th, 2020 at approximately 1444hrs, the Denver Combined Communications Center received a 911 call for a shooting with multiple victims in the [REDACTED] Blk N Willow St. This location is within the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado.

Officers arrived on scene and located two victims in front of [REDACTED] N Willow St, one of whom was later identified as Fernando Martinez-Brioles (01/14/74). Martinez-Brioles had an obvious gunshot wound to his chest. Witnesses on scene stated that Martinez-Brioles was shot following a verbal altercation with the suspect who is one of the victim's neighbors.

Denver Fire and Paramedics responded to the scene and Martinez-Brioles was transported emergent to University Hospital where he was pronounced deceased at 1520hrs by Dr. Jensen.

Officers on scene contacted a witness who stated that the suspect shot the victim from a gold Ford Bronco bearing Colorado License Plate [REDACTED]. The suspect's [REDACTED] contacted officers on scene and stated that [REDACTED] had called her and told her that he had just shot someone and was heading to the police station to turn himself in.

Responding Officers observed the suspect vehicle in the area of E MLK Blvd / N Monaco St. The suspect vehicle pulled up next to a responding officer, rolled down his window, and told the officer he was heading to the police station. The officer asked why, to which the suspect responded, "[REDACTED]." A traffic stop was initiated and the male was taken into custody without incident. The male was identified as BRITTON, Lessie Steve (01/24/45) by his Colorado Driver's License and was the sole occupant of the vehicle. During a search incident to arrest a semi-automatic handgun magazine with live rounds was discovered in his left rear pocket. Additionally, a semi-automatic handgun was seen in plain view in the front passenger of the suspect vehicle.

Officer Kyle C. Harmon #14066 responded to University Hospital and interviewed the victim's son who witnessed the event. The witness stated that his father got into a verbal argument with BRITTON and that BRITTON produced a handgun and shot his father in the chest. The witness stated that he filmed the event on his cellphone. The witness gave Officer Harmon verbal consent to view the footage. Officer Harmon observed that BRITTON and Martinez-Brioles were in a verbal argument. Martinez-Brioles eventually calls BRITTON a racial slur and BRITTON immediately produces a handgun and shoots Martinez-Brioles once in the chest. The video footage clearly shows BRITTON's face during the event.

Officer Harmon responded to the Denver Police Administration Building with the witness. While there, Officer Harmon observed BRITTON who was in custody and can say with certainty that BRITTON is the same person shown in the video shooting Martinez-Brioles in the chest.]

Paper Documents sent for Scanning:
Advisement [Yes] Victim Statement(s)[Yes] How many? [1]
Witness Statement(s) [Yes] How Many? [6]
Request for Presumptive Screening[N/A]
Miscellaneous
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DOMV Additional Required Information:

Medical Release (HIPPA)/Victim Diagram (from DOMV Case Summary)[N/A]

ID of Suspect (Photo of w/victim signature on back) [N/A]

I affirm this information to be true and correct.

Officer: HARMON, KYLE Serial No: P14066