

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE, cont.

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Name of Arrested Party Stephanie Martinez Date of Birth 08/25/83

Date and Time of Arrest 05/02/2020 at 1:55 p.m.

Name of Officer Making Statement (Last, First, Middle Initial) <u>Detective Louis Estrada</u>	Serial No. <u>96050</u>
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COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF THIS IS AN ORIGINAL STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

I am a police officer for the City and County of Denver, Colorado, and have knowledge regarding the arrest of the above named party for the below listed offense, which offense occurred on the date of 05/02/20 at 1:50 a.m. p.m. at the location of E. Colfax Ave. & Grant Street in the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado.

Municipal Code of the City and County of Denver; Violation: _____
 Colorado Revised Statutes; Violation CRS 18-3-102 First Degree Murder, F-1,

VICTIM'S FULL NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH ARE MANDATORY.				Victim/Witness Address Confidential? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Victim's Last Name <u>Black</u>	First <u>George</u>	Middle	DOB <u>[REDACTED]</u>	SSN	Business Phone ()
Home Address <u>[REDACTED]</u>			City <u>Denver</u>	State, Zip <u>CO, 80203</u>	Home Phone ()
If leaving home, address where victim can be located					

Probable Cause:

Your Affiant Detective Louis Estrada, 96050, has been a Police Officer for the City and County of Denver since November 1, 1996, and has been assigned as a detective in the homicide unit for the past ten years.

On May 2, 2020, at 1:50 p.m., Denver police officers responded to a call of an assault near the corner of E. Colfax Avenue and Grant Street. The Denver Combined Communications Center received multiple 911 phone calls reporting the assault.

Officers responded along with Colorado State Troopers to the southeast corner of E. Colfax Avenue & Grant Street on the property of the State Capitol building.

Upon arrival, officers found a male victim; who was later identified as George Black, dob: [REDACTED] unconscious, unresponsive, on the ground, and bleeding from the face. The victim was transported to Denver Health Medical Center via ambulance and was pronounced deceased at 2:20 p.m. by Dr. M. Thiessen.

A suspect description was aired, Hispanic female, brown hair, pink bag, black coat, and black pants.

Officers located a female; who was later identified as Stephanie Martinez, dob: 08/25/1983, matching the description at Broadway and E. Colfax Avenue. Ms. Martinez was detained and a witness; who was identified as [REDACTED]; who had witnessed the assault, positively identified Ms. Martinez as the female he saw assaulting the victim.

Ms. Martinez was arrested and transported to Denver Police Department headquarters.

Officers obtained witness statements, secured the scene, and transported [REDACTED] and another witness; who was identified as [REDACTED] to DPD headquarters.

At 2:45 p.m., your Affiant was contacted by Homicide Sgt. Scott Murphy, 94021, was informed of a homicide at E. Colfax Avenue & Grant Street and was requested to respond to headquarters.

At 3:40 p.m., your Affiant arrived at the scene. Detective Estrada observed a bike, a back pack, and a small pool of blood on the flagstone sidewalk in the courtyard of the State Capitol building which is near the corner of E. Colfax Avenue and Grant St.

Your Affiant met with Detective Huffine and learned that State Patrol may have video surveillance of the assault. Your Affiant spoke to Colorado State Trooper J. Morales who told your Affiant that upon his arrival, the victim was unconscious/unresponsive, and had blood coming from his face.

At 3:45 p.m., detective Estrada left the scene and responded to DPD headquarters.

On May 2, 2020, at 4:08 p.m., your Affiant conducted a video recorded interview with [REDACTED] dob: [REDACTED]. He and [REDACTED] were walking east on the south side of E. Colfax Avenue towards Grant St. As he was walking, he looked to his right and saw a Hispanic female assaulting an older male. He saw the female strike the victim 8-10 in the face and head. The female spun the victim around, causing the victim to fall, and hit the side of his face on the ground. He ran over and got between the suspect and the victim in order to stop the assault from continuing. The female began to curse at him and he pushed her in order to keep her away from the victim. The female pushed him and struck him in the left arm. He told the female he was going to call the police. The female grabbed her backpack and left southbound on Grant St. He never saw the victim strike the suspect.

He was contacted by police, transported to the area of E. Colfax Avenue and Broadway, and positively identified the female as the same female he saw assaulting the victim.

He added that he has seen the female around his apartment in the past and knows her to be aggressive with people.

Your Affiant asked [REDACTED] how confident he was that this was the female he saw assaulting the victim and he stated one hundred percent.

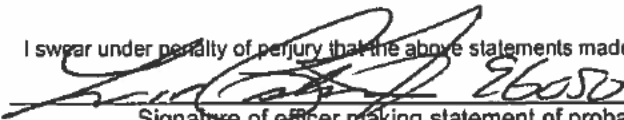
At 4:57 p.m., your Affiant conducted a video recorded interview with Stephanie Martinez, dob: 08/25/1983.

Ms. Martinez was advised on Denver Police Department Advisement form (DPD 369). Ms. Martinez told your Affiant she wanted an attorney and the interview was terminated.

At 6:00 p.m., Detective Jacob Huffine, 08016 arrived at DPD headquarters with video surveillance he received from members with the Colorado State Patrol from the State Capitol building. Detective Huffine viewed the video surveillance. The suspect was observed assaulting the victim and then pulled the victim to the ground and strikes him multiple times. The suspect rolled on top of the victim and continued to strike him. A bystander intervenes and the suspect leaves southbound on foot.

Your Affiant believes that based on the above information that there is probable cause to believe that the suspect caused the death of the victim.

I swear under penalty of perjury that the above statements made by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.


Signature of officer making statement of probable cause

Probable Cause FOUND **Probable Cause NOT FOUND**
Comments:

Signature of Judge/Magistrate

Printed Name

Date & Time of Determination