

# STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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**DEFENDANT**

Last Name CASAREZ	First Name ISRAEL	Middle LOPEZ	DOB 12/02/1972	Arrest Date 01/21/2022	Arrest Time 11:04 pm
Armed with LETHAL CUTTING INSTRUMENTS					
Location of Arrest 5035 W COLFAX AVE, Apt# 32					

**OFFICER MAKING STATEMENT**

Name BALL, JESSE	Serial No. P19092
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**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 01/21/2022 at 11:04 pm at or near the location of 5035 W COLFAX AVE #32 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:  
[This Probable Cause Statement was written by Detective Brian LANG #03014, who is the Affiant.]

On January 21st, 2022 at approximately 11:04 p.m., the Denver Combined Communications Center (dispatch) received several 911 calls for a Nature Unknown call at the Western Hills Motel located at 5035 W. Colfax Ave., (which is located in the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado). The callers informed the 911 call taker that a male with a knife at the location was breaking windows. The callers further related that they observed blood inside the room. The call taker indicated in the call notes that multiple parties could be heard screaming in the background. Denver Police District One Officers responded to the location and ultimately located a deceased female inside room [REDACTED]

On January 21st, 2022 at approximately 11:55 p.m., Detective TUGGLE #05034 contacted Denver Police District One Officer Alexander ESPARZA #15057 by telephone. Officer ESPARZA related that following information:

On January 21st, 2022 at approximately 11:25 p.m., Denver Police District One Officers were dispatched to the location. Upon arrival, officers contacted one of the callers identified as [REDACTED] dob: [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] informed officers that she believed her [REDACTED] identified as Dina CASIAS dob: [REDACTED], was being held hostage and possibly injured inside room [REDACTED] by her boyfriend.

Officers located room [REDACTED] and observed a broken window to the left of the door. A mattress had been stood up against the inside of window, obscuring the view of the interior of the room. Leaning through the broken window, officers pushed the mattress in allowing them to see inside the room. Officers observed blood on the walls of the room in several places and furniture placed against the inside of the door preventing the door from being opened. Officers also observed a male, later identified as Israel CASAREZ dob: 12/02/1972, standing inside the room behind the door with a large knife in each hand. Using a motel key obtained from staff, officers gained entry into the room, forcing the barricaded door open, to search for any victims. As CASAREZ was being detained, officers observed two bloody legs sticking out from underneath a mattress that had been thrown on the floor. The mattress was moved and officers located CASIAS lying prone and unresponsive. Denver Health Paramedics were then allowed into the room and pronounced CASIAS deceased per their protocol at approximately 11:44 p.m. CASIAS had suffered multiple stab wounds to the chest.

Your Affiant interviewed several witness who reported responding to the location earlier in the evening on a welfare check of CASIAS. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], dob [REDACTED] who is the CASIAS'S [REDACTED] said he had dropped [REDACTED] and CASAREZ off at the hotel earlier in the evening and then he returned at approximatley 5:30 pm. [REDACTED] said that he tried to contact [REDACTED] in the room but CASAREZ told him she had left. [REDACTED] indicated he was able to briefly see in the window of the room and saw the room in disarray [REDACTED] also reported that CASAREZ was holding a knife in his hand at this time.

[REDACTED] reported he left the hotel and returned to the room later this same night and this time he was able to see into the room a little more. [REDACTED] reported he observed blood inside the room and the Police were called again.

Upon the arrival of Denver Police Officers the defendant, CASAREZ was contacted inside the room holding 2 knives and was taken into custody. The victim, CASIAS was pronouced deceased on scene.

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Your Affiant spoke with CASAREZ at Denver Police Headquarters after advising him of his Miranda Rights, which he indicated he understood and wished to voluntarily speak with Your Affiant. During the interview CASAREZ [REDACTED], CASAREZ was placed on an investigative hold for First Degree Murder.]

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Paper Documents sent for Scanning:

Advisement [Yes ] Victim Statement(s)[No ] How many? [ ]

Witness Statement(s) [Yes ] How Many? [3 ]

Request for Presumptive Screening [ ]

Miscellaneous

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DOMV Additional Required Information:

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

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

I affirm this information to be true and correct.

Officer: BALL, JESSE Serial No: P19092