

ARREST WARRANT



County/District Court
City and County of Denver, Colorado/ THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
COLORADO

Case Number: 2021-32634
Date of Offense: January 17, 2021
Location of Offense: Newton Street and Ellsworth Avenue
Defendant: Edwin Josue Marentes, dob:08/09/1998, H/M, 5'4", 250 pounds

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

WHEREAS the Denver Police Department Criminal Investigations Division is investigating the above-referenced suspect for the crime of **MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, C.R.S. 18-3-102(1)(a)**, a **Class One Felony**

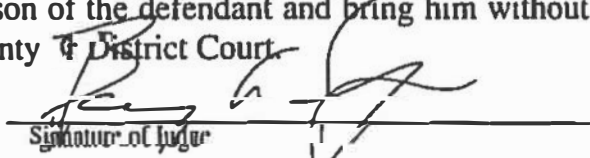
AND WHEREAS the Court has examined the attached affidavit and has satisfied itself that there is probable cause to believe that the above named offense(s) has been committed by the above named person

AND WHEREAS the Affiant, Denver Police Detective Mark Crider, has requested that an arrest warrant issue for the above named person,

You are hereby commanded to take the person of the defendant and bring him without unnecessary delay before a Judge of the County of District Court.

Bail fixed at \$ 1st appearance

Date 1/25/21



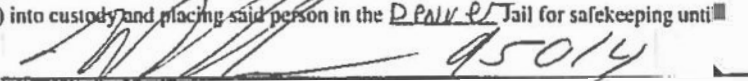
Signature of Judge

Barry A. Schwartz

Printed name of Judge

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I executed the above warrant on (date) 1-25-21 by taking EDWIN MARENTES

(name of person arrested) into custody and placing said person in the DEPT. OF JAIL Jail for safekeeping until
further order of the court.



Signature of Arresting Officer

County/District Court
City and County of Denver, Colorado

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Offense Case No. 2020-000316



COURT ORDERED SEALED AFFIDAVIT

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

Edwin Josue Marentes, dob:08/09/1998, H/M, 5'4", 250 pounds for Murder in the First Degree, C.R.S. 18-3-102(1)(a), A Class One Felony

Your Affiant, Detective Mark Crider, 95014, has been a police officer for the City and County of Denver since January 2, 1995. Your Affiant was promoted to the rank of detective in April of 2002 and investigated general assaults and domestic violence crimes for one year. In 2003 Your Affiant was transferred to the Child Abuse unit and investigated crimes against children to include physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect.

In June of 2004, your Affiant was assigned to the Homicide unit in the Major Crimes Division of the Denver Police Department. Your Affiant has conducted hundreds of death investigations and has been assigned as the primary or secondary investigator in over one hundred homicide investigations. Your Affiant has completed over 300 hours of formal investigative training in homicide investigations, advanced homicide investigations, suicides, suspicious deaths, child deaths, domestic violence related homicides and gang related homicides.

Your Affiant has received formal specialized training in Crime Scene Techniques, Bloodstain Pattern Analysis, Bullet Trajectory, Crime Scene Reconstruction and Interview and Interrogation. Your Affiant has provided expert witness testimony in Denver District Court in the field of Bloodstain Pattern Analysis and Crime Scene Reconstruction.

Your Affiant has utilized social media technology in dozens of homicide investigations and has found this evidence to be reliable and invaluable to homicide investigations.

Your Affiant obtained the following information from personal observations, interviewing witnesses and reviewing police reports of fellow officers. The facts tending to establish the grounds for issuance of a Search Warrant are as follows:

Your Affiant obtained the following information from personal observations, interviewing witnesses, speaking with fellow officers and/or reviewing police reports and other written documentation.

On January 17, 2021, your Affiant was the on-call homicide detective for the Denver Police Major Crimes Division. At approximately 4:45 a.m., your Affiant received a phone call from Homicide Sergeant Brock Ellerman and was advised of a shooting at W. Bayaud Avenue and Newton Street.

Sergeant Ellerman advised that the unknown male victim was found shot in his car at this location and was transported to the hospital in critical condition. Sergeant Ellerman advised that the victim was not expected to survive his wounds.

Your Affiant and Detective Eric Bueno responded to the scene which was at W. Ellsworth Avenue and Newton Street, which is less than one block from where the original scene was believed to be. Your Affiant spoke with Detective Gavin Whitman and Officer Mark Hall at the scene and learned the following information:

On January 17, 2021, at approximately 1:34 a.m., the Denver Police Combined Communications Center received a ShotSpotter notification of shots being fired at the intersection of W. Bayaud Avenue and Newton Street. ShotSpotter is a gunfire detection system that detects and conveys the location of gunfire or weapon fire using acoustic sensors. ShotSpotter detects the gunfire and immediately notifies Denver police dispatch and officers are dispatched to the location to investigate. The Denver police department has utilized the ShotSpotter system for several years and your Affiant has found the system to be extremely reliable.

Denver Police Officer Mark Hall responded to the shots fired call at the intersection of Ellsworth Avenue and Newton Street. When Officer Hall arrived on scene, he observed a red Honda Accord, Colorado license plate [REDACTED], crashed into an apparent parked car on the northeast corner of the intersection of Newton Street and Ellsworth Avenue. Officer Hall discovered a young male in the driver's seat who was suffering from a gunshot wounds to the back of the head, chest and right arm. Officer Hall also noted several suspected gunshot defects to the exterior of the Honda. An ambulance was called to the scene and the unknown male driver was removed from the vehicle and transported to the Denver Health Medical Center in critical condition. Officers located a Colorado driver's license in the vehicle issued to Imanol Del Valle, dob [REDACTED]. The red Honda Accord is currently registered to Imanol Del Valle with an address of [REDACTED] Carlan Street in Denver.

Officer Hall and responding officers located several fired cartridges and a black cell phone in the street close to the where the vehicle had crashed.

Your Affiant arrived on scene at approximately 5:25 a.m. and met with Officer Hall and learned the above information. Your Affiant observed the fired cartridges and black cell phone in the street as well as the crashed vehicle with the bullet defects in the exterior and numerous bloodstains inside of the vehicle. The driver's window on the Honda was down and there were numerous bloodstains on the interior of the vehicle indicating the victim was inside the vehicle at the time of the shooting. There was a total of nine fired cartridges in the street. There were six 9mm fired cartridges and three .45 caliber fired cartridges indicating there were two pistols fired.

The red Honda Accord was subsequently towed from the scene and secured in the Vehicle Processing Bay at the Denver Crime Laboratory at 1371 Cherokee Street.

Detective Eric Bueno and crime scene investigators processed the crime scene which included a digital scan of the scene, photographs and collection of evidence. The iPhone and fired cartridges were collected from the street and placed into the Denver Police Property Management Bureau as evidence under

invoice #1162906. The iPhone recovered in the street was submitted to the Denver Crime Lab for DNA and latent print analysis.

On January 17, 2021, Detective Eric Bueno and Denver Crime Lab crime scene investigators searched the 2004 Honda Accord in the Denver Crime Laboratory Vehicle Processing Bay. During the search numerous bullet defects and bloodstains were identified in the vehicle and an iPhone cellular phone was located in the vehicle. Crime scene investigators processed the exterior of the vehicle for latent fingerprints and developed a latent palm print on the exterior driver's door. This latent palm print was sent to the Denver Crime Lab for additional analysis. This palm print was subsequently identified to Edwin Marentes, dob: 08/09/1998, by Denver Crime Laboratory Certified Latent Print Examiner Michael Odom.

On January 17, 2021, your Affiant drafted a Search Warrant/Affidavit to search the cellular phone that was found in the Honda Accord to extract and view the data in the phone. The Search Warrant was approved by Denver County Court Judge Judith Smith. Your Affiant gave the phone to Detective John Medford to complete the data extraction through a Cellbrite data extraction device. Detective Medford attempted to extract the data and advised your Affiant the device was only able to complete a partial download of the data because the phone was locked and was passcode protected. Detective Medford advised that phone would remain on the Cellbrite extraction device in an attempt to bypass the passcode and to complete the full extraction.

According to the partial data obtained, the phone number to this phone is [REDACTED] and the apple ID is [REDACTED]. Your Affiant and Detective Eric Bueno identified the owner of this phone as [REDACTED] dob: [REDACTED] through Denver Police and social media records.

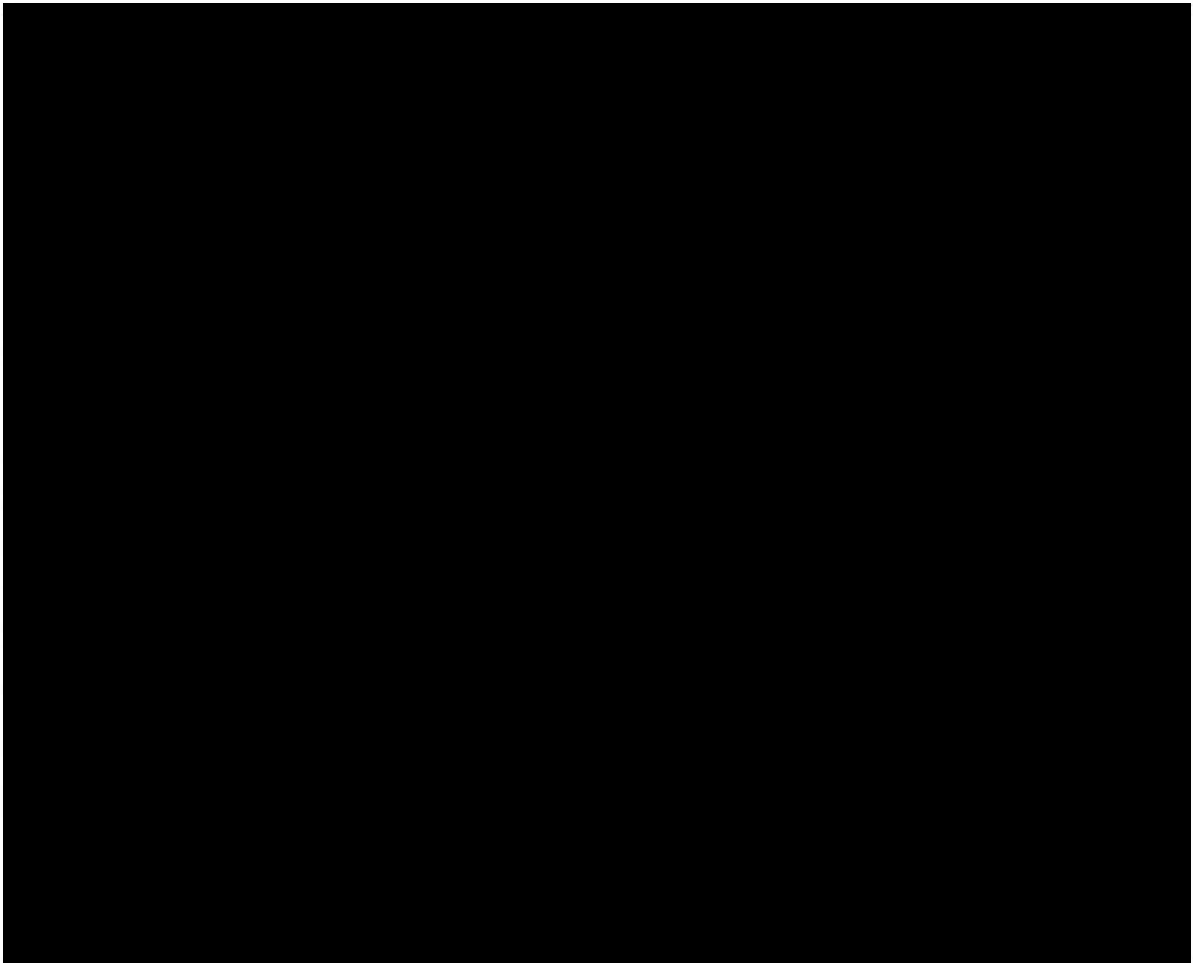
On January 17, 2021, at approximately 11:20 a.m., your Affiant and Detective Bueno walked the neighborhood where the shooting occurred to locate additional evidence and or witnesses. Your Affiant spoke with [REDACTED], who lives at [REDACTED] Newton Street, which is approximately [REDACTED] houses north of where the shooting occurred. [REDACTED] had a surveillance video that captured an audio recording of the shooting. Your Affiant reviewed the recording and heard what sounded like a male voice yelling "hurry up, hurry up", a few seconds later multiple gunshots are heard and then a few seconds later what sounded like a car crashing. Your Affiant confirmed that the initial responding officers had collected the recording as evidence.

Your Affiant and Detective Bueno spoke with [REDACTED] who lives at [REDACTED] Newton Street which is on the [REDACTED] where the victim's vehicle crashed. [REDACTED] said that last night he heard a car engine racing outside of his home, so he looked outside of his window. He did not see the car racing by but saw two teenage girls on the sidewalk and one of the girls was talking on a phone. He went back to bed and five minutes later he heard several gunshots.

On January 17, 2021, at 7:45 p.m., the victim, Imanol Del Valle, [REDACTED], was pronounced brain dead at Denver Health Medical Center by Doctor Gregorie Chatain.

On January 18, 2021, at approximately 11:00 a.m., your Affiant and Detective Bueno interviewed [REDACTED], dob: [REDACTED], at Denver Police Headquarters. [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] and called Detective Bueno the previous night and advised that she may have information on who

██████████ was with on the night of his murder. ██████████ said that she spoke with some of the victim's friends and learned that the victim was communicating with a girl on Snapchat just prior to his murder. ██████████ provided your Affiant with screen shots from the victim's Snapchat account with the communications with the unknown person. The victim's Snapchat's profile name is ██████████ and the username for the account is ██████████. The account of the person he was communicating with has the account name of *snugglemuffens* and profile name of ██████████. ██████████ provided the below screenshots from Snapchat:



██████████ said that it appeared that the victim was communicating with *snugglemuffens* within approximately 35 minutes of his death and *snugglemuffens* sent the following messages to the victim over Snapchat:

- ██████████ S. Newton St (including a link to this location)
- Lmk when your here (Lmk is slag for "let me know")
- HES heres

██████████ believed that the Snapchat account used by ██████████ snugglemuffens lured the victim to ██████████ S. Newton Street where he was shot and killed. ██████████ said that the victim's friend, ██████████, had access to the victim's Snapchat account and would be able to provide additional information on the Snapchat communications. Your Affiant subsequently confirmed that there is no home or structure at ██████████ S. Newton Street, but the victim was shot to death in this block in front of ██████████ S. Newton Street.

On January 18, 2021, your Affiant drafted a Search Warrant to search the Apple iPhone cell phone that was recovered in the street with the fired cartridges to extract and view the data in the cellular phone. The Search Warrant was approved by Denver County Court Judge Judith Smith. Your Affiant gave the cell phone to Detective Chuck Boyles to complete the data extraction through a Cellbrite data extraction device. Detective Boyles attempted to extract the data and advised your Affiant that the device was only able to complete a partial download of the data because the phone was locked and was passcode protected. Detective Boyles advised that phone would remain on the Cellbrite extraction device in an attempt to bypass the passcode and to complete the full extraction.

On January 19, 2021, Your Affiant and Detective Bueno interviewed ██████████ at ██████████ apartment at ██████████ Federal Blvd. ██████████ is believed to be the owner of the iPhone that was found in the victim's vehicle. ██████████ confirmed that the phone found in the victim's car was her secondary phone, an iPhone7, and she confirmed her phone number of ██████████. She said that Saturday night, January 16, 2021 at approximately 11:00 p.m., she was at a party at ██████████ Wolfe Street and noticed that her phone was missing. ██████████ said that she was not sure if someone stole the phone or she lost the phone. ██████████ said that she was at the party with her friend, ██████████. She said she did not know the people at the party, and they were mostly ██████████ friends. Your Affiant advised ██████████ that her phone had been located and she provided the passcode to the phone as ██████████, which is her birthdate.

Your Affiant and Detective Bueno then interviewed ██████████ at her home at ██████████ Wolff Street in Denver. ██████████ said that she was with her friend ██████████ at a party on Saturday night, but she could not recall the location of the party and did not know anyone at the party. She also said that ██████████ told her before they got to the party that she had lost her phone.

On January 19, 2021, at approximately 4:00 p.m., your Affiant and Detective Bueno went to ██████████ Samuel Drive, Westminster, CO and interviewed ██████████, ██████████ and ██████████, who are roommates at this home and are all friends with the victim. Your Affiant learned that the victim was at this location Saturday night, January 16, 2021 until approximately 12:30 a.m. when he left to meet a couple of girls.

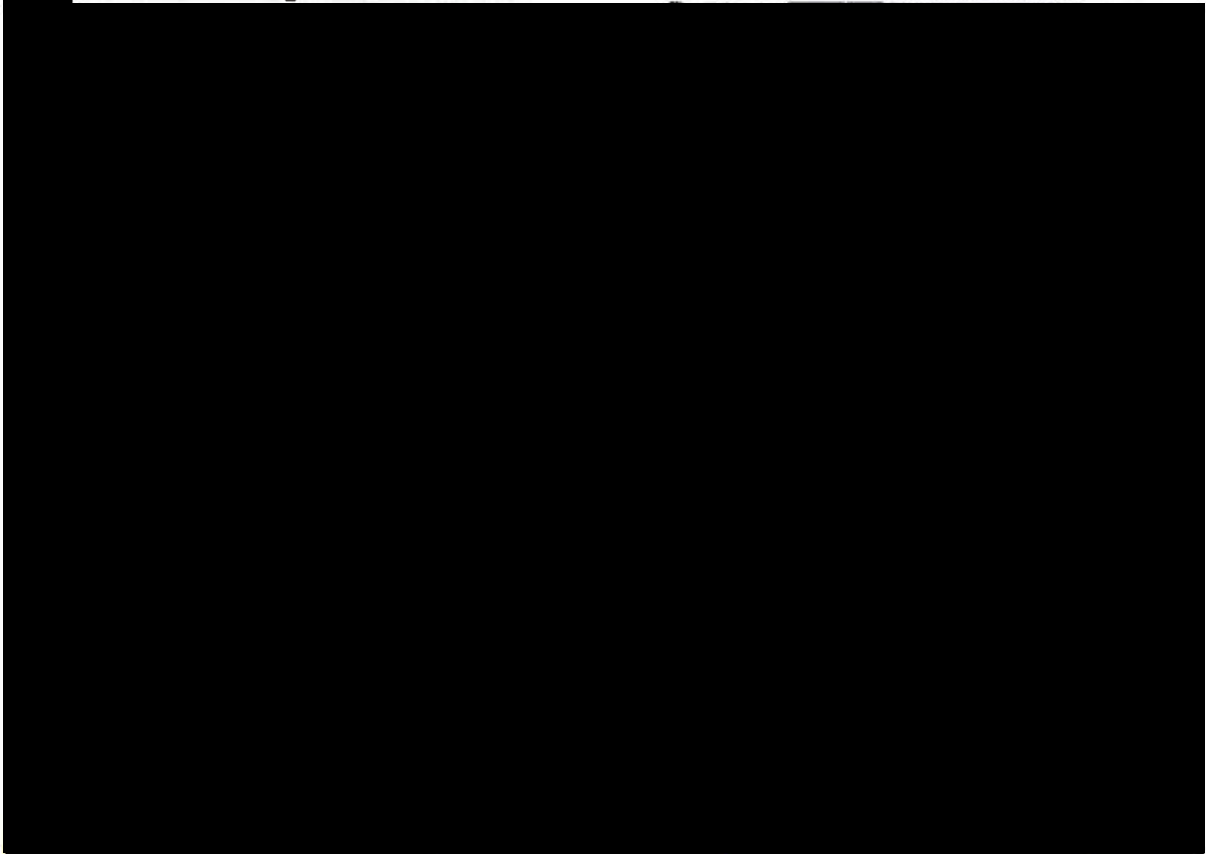
The victim's ██████████ told your Affiant that ██████████ was friends with the victim and had access to the victim's Snapchat account.

██████████ told your Affiant that he is close friends with the victim, Imanol Del Valle. He said that this past Saturday night, January 16, 2021 the victim was at his house at ██████████ Samuel Drive in Westminster. The victim was using his phone most of the night and seemed to have set up at meeting with two girls. ██████████ said that the victim left shortly after midnight and told ██████████ that he was going to meet the girls for a threesome. ██████████ said that this was the last time he saw the victim.

██████████ said that after he learned about the victim being shot, he checked the victim's Snapchat account. He explained that a few weeks ago the victim broke his phone, so he used ██████████ cell phone to access his Snapchat account. The victim did not log off from his Snapchat account on ██████████ phone, so ██████████ still had access to the account. ██████████ said that he searched the victim's Snapchat account and saw that the victim was communicating with a person with profile name of ██████████ under the account name of *snugglemuffen*.

██████████ said that he took screen shots of the victim's Snapchat page as well the Snapchat page of the person he was communicating under the account of *sunnglemuffen*. ██████████ advised that the address of ██████████ S. Newton Street was sent to the victim on Sunday morning, January 17, 2021 at 12:59 a.m.

██████████ said he also gave the victim his old gray iPhone 8 to use because he needed a phone. It should be noted that the iPhone that was found in the street after the shooting is believed to be the phone that ██████████ loaned to the victim. This phone was processed for latent prints by the Denver Crime Lab and a latent print on the phone was identified to the victim. After the cell phone data was extracted, there was data indicating the victim was the user of the phone. This data includes the victim's phone number, email address ██████████ and the aforementioned Snapchat messages, which ██████████ documented through a screenshot.



On January 20, 2021, Detective Chuck Boyles contacted your Affiant and advised that the data in the cell phone, the cell recovered in the street at the crime scene, iPhone 8, had been fully extracted. Your

Affiant reviewed the data and noted that the locations services data indicated that the victim's phone was at his friends home at [REDACTED] Samuel Drive in Westminster after midnight on January 17, 2021 and then at the location of the murder at Ellsworth Avenue and Newton Street at the time the shots were fired and captured by ShotSpotter at 1:33 a.m. The data shows that on January 17, 2021 at 1:00 a.m., the victim searched Apple Maps for the address of [REDACTED] S. Newton Street, which again is the address sent to the victim on Snapchat by username [REDACTED] under account name *snugglemuffen* and the location of the shooting.

On January 20, 2021, Doctor Sterling McLaren conducted an autopsy on the body of Imanol Del Valle at the Denver Office of the Medical Examiner. Your Affiant was present during the autopsy and noted that the victim had several gunshot wounds including a gunshot wound to the head. Doctor McLaren advised that the tentative cause of death is gunshot wound.

On January 25, 2021, your Affiant learned that Edwin Marentes, dob: 08/09/1998, was arrested by officers with the Denver Police Department on January 24, 2021 for Possession of a Weapon by a Previous Offender. Your Affiant learned from Officer Jose Ortiz's arrest report that Officer Ortiz observed Edwin Marentes and another male checking door handles on cars in the area of W. Yale Avenue and S. Green Court. Officer Ortiz attempted to contact the men and Mr. Marentes ran from officers. Officer Ortiz eventually caught Mr. Marentes and detained him. Officer Ortiz searched Mr. Marentes and found a loaded handgun magazine in his pocket. Officers searched the route where [REDACTED] and located a 9mm semi-automatic handgun. Officer Ortiz completed the following arrest report detailing the Probable Cause for the report.

The probable cause of the arrest of the above-named individual is as follows: [On 01/24/21 at approximately 0123 hours, while on routine patrol, I observed two suspicious males checking the door handles on vehicles near the corner of S Green Ct/ W Yale Ave. This location is in the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado. As I pulled up in my Denver PD marked patrol car, the suspect, Marentes, Edwin DOB 08/09/1998 began running S/B on S Green Ct. I observed the suspect crouch down momentarily behind a vehicle that was parked on S Green Ct. The suspect continued running S/B where I observed him trip on some rocks and fall to the ground, prior to being detained. During a pat down for weapons, I located a loaded handgun magazine in the suspect's, front, right pants pocket. Officer's back tracked the suspect's steps and located a handgun, on the ground, near where I observed him crouch down. The firearm that was located appeared to be a 9mm, semi auto Glock, with a gray handle and black slide. The firearm did not have a serial # on it and appeared to be a ghost gun. The magazine that was located in the suspect's pocket fit the firearm that was recovered. Upon clearing the suspect, I learned that he has a felony conviction on his record out of Jefferson County, thus preventing him from being in a possession of a firearm (2015JD533). The suspect was taken into custody and identified as Marentes, Edwin Josue DOB 08/09/98, by his Colorado ID card.]

On January 25, 2021, your Affiant contacted Denver Crime Laboratory Forensic Scientist Charles Reno who is assigned to the Denver Crime Lab Firearms Analysis unit. Your Affiant requested that Scientist Reno examine test fired cartridges from the 9mm pistol that was recovered from Mr. Marentes with the 9mm fired cartridges recovered from the scene of the murder of Imanol Del Valle.

Forensic Scientist Reno conducted the analysis and advised your Affiant that a preliminary analysis indicates that the fired 9mm cartridges found at the murder scene were fired from the 9mm pistol that was recovered from Mr. Marentes.

In Summary: The victim was shot and killed in his car at the intersection of Ellsworth Avenue and Newton Street. During the crime scene investigation, investigators located six 9mm fired cartridges and three .45 caliber fired cartridges in the street where the shooting is believed to have occurred. Crime scene investigators processed the exterior of the victim's car and obtained a latent palm print. This latent palm print was subsequently determined to be the palm print of Edwin Marentes, dob: 08/09/1998.

Edwin Marentes was arrested on January 24, 2021 and believed to be in possession of a 9mm pistol that was found in the area he ran from. Mr. Marentes also had a semi-automatic ammunition magazine in his pocket at the time of his arrest. This semi-automatic pistol was examined by the Denver Crime Lab and has been preliminarily identified as being one of the pistols used in the murder of Imanol Del Valle.

Based on these facts, your Affiant is respectfully requesting an **ARREST WARRANT and SEALED AFFIDAVIT** pursuant to **Rule 41** of the Colorado Revised Statutes, 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 and that the witnesses mentioned in this warrant can be protected from any type of early reprisals; for arrest of **Edwin Josue Marentes, dob:08/09/1998**, for the offense(s) of **C.R.S. 18-3-102, Murder in the First Degree, a Class One** so that this investigation can continue

I affirm this information to be true and correct


Signature of Affiant

Subscribed under oath before me on

**SWORN BY
PHONE**

1/25/2021 2:51 P.M.
Date Time


Judge or Notary Public

 My commission expires: _____