

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

GO# 2020-52272

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DEFENDANT					
Last Name	First Name	Middle	DOB	Arrest Date	Arrest Time
GARCIA	THOMAS	JOSEPH	05/04/1981	01/23/2020	10:10 pm
Armed with UNARMED					
Location of Arrest 2505 S UNIVERSITY BLVD					

OFFICER MAKING STATEMENT	
Name	Serial No.
SMITH, JOEY L.	P99057

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 01/23/2020 at 9:33 pm at or near the location of 2505 S UNIVERSITY BLVD 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:

[I, Officer Joey L. Smith 99057, learned the following:

On January 23, 2020, at approximately 9:27 p.m., the Denver Combined Communications Center received a 911 call for assistance at 2505 S. University Blvd. The male caller, who did not identify himself during the phone call, said that his girlfriend was bleeding, that the two of them were drinking and got into a fight, and that she was not breathing. The caller then disconnected and upon call-back by the emergency call taker, the male confirmed that his girlfriend was not breathing, that she was "thirty-nine", and that he was scared.

Police and Emergency Medical Services responded to the scene and contacted a male, who was subsequently identified as Thomas Garcia dob: 05/04/1981, inside the residence. Apparent blood stains covered the clothes Mr. Garcia was wearing and he told me, Officer Smith, that he and his girlfriend were drinking and had done several lines of cocaine sometime earlier in the evening.

Officers and medical responders observed damaged furniture, including a chair with a broken off leg, and apparent blood spatter throughout the residence, including on the floors and the walls in the kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom. They discovered a female, who was tentatively identified as Karen Morales dob: [REDACTED]/1981, lying unresponsive on an air mattress in the bedroom with a laceration to her forehead and bruises and abrasions to her face and head. Medical responders removed a black belt that was wrapped around the female's upper arms and passed across her torso and moved the female from the mattress to the floor to begin CPR but discovered that she was deceased and that she had rigor mortis. She was pronounced deceased at 9:33 p.m. by Denver Health Medical Center [REDACTED] via Ambulance 61 ([REDACTED]).

Officer Hill then secured the residence to hold it for a search warrant as Officer Smith took Mr. Garcia into custody and transported him to police headquarters where he was monitored to ensure that he consumed no additional substances after being detained.

Mr. Garcia continually referenced Ms. Morales as his girlfriend. He added that the two resided together at 2505 S University Blvd.]

Paper Documents sent for Scanning:

Advisement [] Victim Statement(s)[] How many? []

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

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: SMITH, JOEY L. Serial No: P99057