



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

**ANTONIO LEE SIMPSON, 01/20/89  
BM/5'11"/180LBS/Black Hair/Brown Eyes**



**For the crimes of:**

**C.R.S. 18-3-102 (1)(a) First Degree Murder, a Class 1 Felony**

**C.R.S. 18-3-102(1)(d);18-2-101 Criminal Attempt to Commit Murder in the First Degree, a class 2 Felony**

**C.R.S. 18-3-202, First Degree Assault, a Class 3 Felony**



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I, Detective Brandi Thomas 06087, the Affiant, state under oath that the facts known to the Affiant which establish probable cause to believe that a criminal offense was committed, and that the offense was committed by the above-named person(s), are the following:

**Background of the Investigation**

On Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at approximately 6:53 p.m., the Denver Combined Communications Center received a 911 call for a nature unknown at [REDACTED] N. Cherry St., located in the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado. The caller, later identified as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] dob: [REDACTED], stated she was at [REDACTED] N. Cherry St. in apartment [REDACTED], she had been shot, and [REDACTED] may be dead.

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Denver Night Shift Detective Cleveland 13038 was notified by officers on scene and learned the following. Members of the Denver Police Department, including Officer M. KIM #22044 and Officer E. TEJADA #22043, responded to the location and arrived at approximately 6:55 p.m. Upon arrival, Officer KIM and Officer TEJADA entered the apartment through the unlocked front door and located [REDACTED] in the living room with an apparent gunshot wound to her leg. The Officers continued through the apartment and located a Hispanic male in a bedroom with an apparent gunshot to the back of the head. While checking on the victim, Officer KIM noticed an "AR style" handgun on the floor partially under the desk where it appeared the male victim had been seated. The male victim appeared to be wearing black latex gloves. On the desk, Officer KIM observed a small digital scale with residue and a box of latex gloves. Officer KIM also noticed in the room suspected crystal powder and several small blue round pills. The male victim, an unidentified Hispanic male in his 40's, was pronounced deceased on scene at approximately 7:04 p.m. by Denver Health Doctor [REDACTED] through a field pronouncement. [REDACTED] was transported by ambulance to Denver Health Medical Center. Detective Cleveland contacted Denver Police District Two Officer M. KIM #22044 and confirmed the above details.

At DHMC, Dr. [REDACTED] indicated that [REDACTED] suffered "serious bodily injury" because of a [REDACTED] from a gunshot wound.

At approximately 7:14 p.m., your Affiant was called out by Homicide Sergeant Scott Murphy 94021, regarding the above death investigation at [REDACTED] North Cherry Street, unit [REDACTED]. Detective Thomas was assigned as the primary detective and Denver Police Homicide Unit Detective Brian Lang 03014 was assigned as the secondary detective.

**Victim Interview**

On May 20, 2023, at approximately 7:15 p.m., your Affiant, Detective Brandi Thomas went to Denver Health Medical Center (DHMC) where she met with victim, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said she had gone to Rose Medical Center from her apartment because she was not feeling well. Before she left [REDACTED], John MARTINEZ came to the apartment with two other people, a female who's name she did not know and a male who she knew as [REDACTED]. When she left, they were in John's bedroom hanging out. She described [REDACTED] as a black male who she had seen before and the female as white, with burgundy or red hair in a bun, and tall. When she returned from the hospital all three of them were still in the bedroom. [REDACTED] said when she was talking with MARTINEZ, she was standing in the bedroom doorway and saw that MARTINEZ was handling a gun. She did not know what kind of gun but said it was big. She however did not observe anyone to be angry or feel it to be a threatening situation. She just thought it seemed MARTINEZ was showing off. She and MARTINEZ argued a little because was upset with him for not going to the hospital with her and he didn't seem to care about what was wrong with her, so she told him she was going to lay on the couch. [REDACTED] then went to the living room and laid on the couch, covering her head and face with a blanket. [REDACTED] said she fell asleep, and the next thing she hears is a pop then feels that her leg is burning. She realized she was shot. She heard MARTINEZ say "dude, what the fu.." then heard two more pops. She rolled onto the floor in the living room and could hear scuffling around. The female

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then came in and gave [REDACTED] her phone and told her she was sorry and didn't know what happened. Then it got quiet. [REDACTED] called 911.

Additional information from [REDACTED] was that MARTINEZ just bought a 2009 Lincoln MKS and that he recently received approximately \$37,000 from a lawsuit settlement. She also said that MARTINEZ was dealing drugs and had gotten back into dealing since he received the money. [REDACTED] provided her Android cell phone to your Affiant and her phone number as [REDACTED]. She did not know MARTINEZ's number from memory but said he was [REDACTED] in her contacts. [REDACTED] signed a consent for forensic extraction of her phone. Your Affiant accessed [REDACTED] phone and found the number for MARTINEZ as [REDACTED].

Your Affiant conducted a follow up interview with [REDACTED] on May 22, 2023, at which time she clarified that the male she knows as [REDACTED] and female had been to her apartment a total of 3 times including the day of the shooting. [REDACTED] said she thought the female's name could be [REDACTED] or that maybe people call her "[REDACTED]."

**Search Warrant/Crime Scene**

Detective Cleveland obtained a search warrant for [REDACTED] N. Cherry St. Unit [REDACTED], which was signed by Honorable Judge Goble at 9:58 p.m.

At approximately 10:30 p.m., your Affiant, went to the scene where Denver Police Homicide Detective Brian Lang 03014, was processing the scene with the Denver Police Crime Scene Unit and the Denver Office of the Medical Examiner Investigator.

While at the scene Detective Lang was made aware of video surveillance at the front entrance of the apartment building. Denver Police Officer Samuel Lass 22059 located the owner of [REDACTED] N. Cherry St., [REDACTED], and retrieved the video surveillance from the front entrance. Your Affiant, reviewed the video and observed MARTINEZ enter the building with a female and male, matching the description given by [REDACTED] at approximately 2:55 p.m. on May 20, 2023. [REDACTED] is seen leaving the building at approximately 5:48 p.m., and returning at 6:28 p.m. At approximately 6:43 p.m., the male can be seen running out of the apartment and running across the street. At approximately 6:47 p.m., the female can be seen entering the building and leaving at 6:50 p.m. She can then be seen entering the building again at approximately 6:51 p.m., and leaving again at 6:52 p.m.

One fired cartridge case was located in the living room, one fired cartridge case and one fired bullet were located in the bedroom with MARTINEZ and collected as evidence. Also recovered on the floor near MARTINEZ, was a black Android phone, with a black square case. MARTINEZ can be seen carrying that phone in the video surveillance from the apartment building.

Also at the scene, Detectives located a 2009 Lincoln MKS, bearing CO plate [REDACTED], parked on the street, just to the north of [REDACTED] N. Cherry St. The plate was a misuse; however, detectives

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determined the car belonged to MARTINEZ because [REDACTED] indicated he purchased the car, the title was found in his bedroom, and the key fob was found in his right front pocket by the medical examiner investigator. Detectives also used the key fob to unlock the Lincoln to ensure the key fob belonged to the Lincoln. Detectives believed it was probable that MARTINEZ, the male and female, arrived at the apartment in the Lincoln. The car was transported to the Denver Police Crime Lab for processing.

On May 21, 2023, Your Affiant processed the 2009 Lincoln with Crime Lab personnel. Several items were collected including a fingerprint from the front passenger interior door handle (marker D) and one from the rear driver interior door handle (marker B). The fingerprints were submitted for analysis to the Denver Police Latent Print Unit.

On May 22, 2023, your Affiant received verbal information from Forensic Scientist, [REDACTED] that one print from the interior front passenger door handle (Marker D) has been identified to [REDACTED] (DOB: [REDACTED]), [REDACTED] and one print from the rear driver door handle interior (Marker B) has been identified to **Antonio SIMPSON (DOB: 01/20/1989)**, [REDACTED].

On May 22, 2023, your Affiant, received information from Denver Office of the Medical Examiner, Coroner Investigator Amy Duprey who indicated that John Martinez was positively identified.

On May 24, 2023, your Affiant received additional information from Forensic Scientist, [REDACTED] that one print from the empty glass "Crown Royal" liquor bottle (Marker 2A) has been identified to [REDACTED] (DOB: [REDACTED]), [REDACTED] and one print from the empty glass "Crown Royal" liquor bottle (Marker 2B) has been identified to **Antonio SIMPSON (DOB: 01/20/1989)**, [REDACTED].

**Identification**

On May 22, 2023, your Affiant, located the Facebook profile for MARTINEZ which is "Jay Jay Martinez." In a post on May 14, a person by the name of [REDACTED] made a comment. Your Affiant viewed the Facebook profile for [REDACTED] which had no posts however had a list of 118 friends. Detective Lang began looking at each friend profile and located a Facebook profile for [REDACTED]. Photos from that page were very similar to the female in the video surveillance. A second older Facebook page for [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]) was also located. Detective Lang completed a law enforcement search for [REDACTED] and located [REDACTED].

Detective Lang then created a sequential photo array with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in the number 2 position and the photo array was shown to [REDACTED] by Detective Michael Goodfellow 13069. [REDACTED] selected photo number 2 with "somewhat confident" and wrote "was with the person that shot me. She gave me my phone to call 911."



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Additionally, after receiving the latent print information identifying Antonio SIMPSON, Detective Lang completed a law enforcement search for SIMPSON and found that he was on parole with the Colorado Department of Corrections for robbery. Detective Lang spoke with SIMPSON's parole officer, [REDACTED], and emailed her a copy of a law enforcement special bulletin with still photos taken from the video surveillance. [REDACTED] positively identified the person from the still photos in the bulletin to be who she knows as her parole client Antonio SIMPSON, dob: 01/20/89.

Detective Lang created a sequential photo array with Antonio SIMPSON 01/20/89 in the 3 position and the photo array was shown to [REDACTED] by Detective Michael Goodfellow 13069 on May 22, 2023. [REDACTED] selected photo number 1 with "somewhat confident" and wrote "person that shot me."

On May 24, 2023, [REDACTED] dob: [REDACTED], notified Detective Lang that she had knowledge of a shooting that took place on Saturday, May 20, 2023. [REDACTED] agreed to come to Denver Police Headquarters and participated in a video recording interview with your Affiant. [REDACTED] was advised of her Miranda Rights and agreed to speak with your Affiant. [REDACTED] indicated on Saturday she planned to meet up with John MARTINEZ, who she knows as "JJ." She and "JJ" have known each other for a few months and are friends. She spent time with him and admitted to cooking drugs for "JJ" who deals drugs. That morning before "JJ" got to her house, Antonio Simpson, who she knows as "Mazi" showed up at her house and asked her if he could bring in his laundry and hang out for awhile before his daughter's birthday, which she agreed. [REDACTED] said she saw that he had a gun in his waistband that was a handgun, like a police officer would carry, but it was painted red. She could see the gun easily because "Mazi's" shirt was tight and when he raised his arms it would show. [REDACTED] also explained she had seen "Mazi" with the gun a few days earlier when he was at her house.

Approximately an hour later "JJ" showed up and he and "Mazi" were in the kitchen talking about guns while [REDACTED] finished getting ready for the day. [REDACTED] said when she came out of her house, "JJ" was in the driver seat of his new car and "Mazi" was in the rear driver side seat. She got in the front passenger side, and they drove to MARTINEZ's apartment, making a couple of stops along the way. [REDACTED] asked MARTINEZ what "Mazi" was doing with them, and she was told they were going to make a gun trade, but the gun MARTINEZ was going to trade was at his apartment. MARTINEZ had what she called a "baby AR" and "Mazi" had the red handgun.

When the three of them arrived at the apartment, [REDACTED] was there in the living room on the couch. MARTINEZ and "Mazi" went in the bedroom and were just talking while [REDACTED] was cooking the drugs. [REDACTED] told them she wasn't feeling well and told MARTINEZ she was going to go to the hospital and left, while [REDACTED], MARTINEZ, and "Mazi" all stayed at the apartment. [REDACTED] said she wasn't really paying attention to MARTINEZ and "Mazi's" conversation but as some point saw MARTINEZ cleaning the gun. She also saw that "Mazi" had his gun out but believes MARTINEZ decided not to trade. They continued to stay at

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the apartment while MARTINEZ was weighing and packaging drugs, however “Mazi” began to make statements about needing to leave to go to his daughter’s birthday.

returned to the apartment and got in a little argument with MARTINEZ, then went to the living room and was on the couch. returned to the bedroom where MARTINEZ and “Mazi” were and sat down on the bed beside “Mazi,” while MARTINEZ was sitting in a rolling desk chair continuing to pack the drugs. said she had been drinking throughout the day, smoked a little bit of methamphetamine earlier in the day, and smoked a little marijuana while at the apartment however she did not believe she was intoxicated and had a clear mind as to what happened at the apartment. said MARTINEZ and “Mazi” were drinking too and believed that MARTINEZ and “Mazi” smoked crack however did not see them. She said she could tell by how much MARTINEZ was talking.

said suddenly she got pushed or shoved and fell from the bed to the floor, then she saw a flash and heard a pop, and knew it was from a gun. She looked up and saw “Mazi” with his arm out toward MARTINEZ. then heard, yell “what the fuck” and saw “Mazi” move toward the living room where was. said “Mazi” raised his arm, and she heard another pop, then started screaming. ran to the bathroom and hid but thought “Mazi” would find her too easily, so she ran to bedroom and hid under a blanket on the side of the bed. stayed hidden until she could no longer hear footsteps. When went into the living room, she could see that was shot. was asking why he shot them, and told her she did not know. said she was scared because she is on probation and didn’t want to get in trouble and was afraid that “Mazi” was going to come back. left out of the apartment and out the back door from the hall. She realized the phone she had was not hers so she used the code, which she knows from MARTINEZ, and went back to the apartment. She gave the phone to , who asked her to get the drugs out of her room, then told her to leave so she wouldn’t get in trouble. left again but returned because she realized she did not have her second cell phone. This time told her she was calling 911 and to leave.

clarified that her boyfriend was not with her that day but had been to MARTINEZ’s apartment with her in the past. Your Affiant, obtained a photo of , dob: and compared his photo to the surveillance video still photo. It was determined that is not who is in the surveillance video and is not who was with and MARTINEZ the day of the crime.

said she has known “Mazi” for three weeks and has seen him several times. He has come and gone from her house and spent time there as well. She was shown a single photo of Antonio SIMPSON dob: 01/20/89 and identified the person in the photo to be who she knows as “Mazi” and who shot MARTINEZ and .

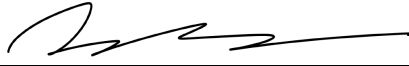
**Based upon the above facts, your Affiant respectfully requests that this Probable Cause Arrest Warrant be approved on the suspect identified as Antonio Lee Simpson dob: 1/20/89, for C.R.S. 18-3-102 (1)(a) First Degree Murder, a Class 1 Felony, C.R.S. 18-3-**

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**102(1)(d);18-2-101 Criminal Attempt to Commit Murder in the First Degree, a class 2  
Felony, C.R.S. 18-3-202, First Degree Assault, a Class 3 Felony.**

I affirm this information to be true and correct



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Signature of Affiant

Subscribed under oath before me on

Date

Time



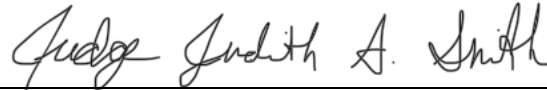
Judge or Notary Public

**ARREST WARRANT**

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

You are hereby commanded to take the person of the defendant and bring him without unnecessary delay before a Judge of the County Court to be dealt with according to law.

Bail fixed at \$ \_\_\_\_\_



Signature of Judge

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name of Judge

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I executed the above warrant on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ by taking

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

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Signature of Arresting Officer