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AFFIDAVIT AND APPLICATION FOR ARREST WARRANT AND TO SEAL THE AFFIDAVIT FOR THE PERSON OF:

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

Case Number: 2021-302904
Date of Offense: May 28, 2021
Location of Offense: 7108 E. Lowry Blvd. #3133
Defendant: ERIC COBAIN 02/10/1972

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 **C.R.S. 18-3-102 Murder in the first degree, a Class 1 felony.**

AND WHEREAS the Court has examined the attached affidavit and has satisfied itself that there is probable cause to believe that the offenses of **C.R.S. 18-3-102 Murder in the first degree, a Class 1 felony,** has been committed by **ERIC COBAIN 02/10/1972.**

AND WHEREAS the Affiant, Denver Police Homicide Detective Daniel Tregembo, 05041, has requested an **ARREST WARRANT** and a **SEALED AFFIDAVIT** be issued for **ERIC COBAIN 02/10/1972,** so this investigation can continue and so that the witnesses mentioned in this warrant can be protected from any type of early reprisals.

Pursuant to Rule 41 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, the Affiant listed herein has requested and received approval 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, that witnesses mentioned in this warrant can be protected from any type of early reprisals, so that this investigation can continue.

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

Bail fixed at \$ _____
First appearance

Date _____
5.29.21



Signature of Judge

Renee A. Goble

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.

Signature of Arresting Officer

County/District Court

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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

**ERIC COBAIN 02/10/1972 a White male, 5'10", 200 lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes
For C.R.S. 18-3-102 Murder in the first degree, a Class 1 felony.**

I, Detective Daniel Tregembo, 05041, 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:

Your Affiant, Detective Daniel TREGEMBO, 05041, has been a Denver Police Officer for over sixteen years. Your Affiant was assigned to Denver Police Department District Six in 2005 as a patrol officer and held that position for approximately seven years. In November of 2012 your Affiant transferred to the Denver Police Department Major Crimes Division Sex Assault Unit as a detective where he investigated sex assaults, kidnappings, and sex assaults on children. In July 2017 your Affiant transferred to the Cold Case Unit and subsequently moved to the Homicide Unit with primary duties in death investigations to include, homicide, suicide, accidental and natural process.

Your Affiant trained and was Colorado POST certified at the Denver Police Academy in 2005. During your Affiant's career as a Police Officer he has successfully completed various phases of police training, including criminal investigations, acquisition and preservation of evidence, search and seizure, narcotics investigations, fire death investigation, homicide investigations and various continuing education classes with subject matter in the investigative field. Your Affiant has maintained his training and certificates with hundreds of hours of continuing education.

On May 28th, 2021 at approximately 11:47 p.m., the Denver Combined Communications Center received a 911 call for a possible shooting at 7108 E. Lowry Blvd. which is located in the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado. The caller, identified as [REDACTED] dob: [REDACTED] 1992, told the 911 call taker that she had heard gunshots from inside the building on what she believed was the third or fourth floor. [REDACTED] further related that she also heard a female screaming.

Night Shift Unit Det. Ryan TUGGLE was advised of the call at approximately 12:24 a.m. and contacted Denver Police District Three Officer David CLOUGH 04047 by telephone. Officer CLOUGH related the following information.

Denver Police District Three Officers responded to the location and arrived at approximately 11:52 p.m. Upon arrival, officers proceeded to the third floor to attempt to locate the source of the gunshots. After knocking on several doors, officers contacted the occupant of apartment [REDACTED] identified as [REDACTED] dob: [REDACTED] /1991. [REDACTED] informed officers that she had heard the gunshots and believed they had come from the [REDACTED] apartment #3133. Officers knocked on the door to apartment #3133 several times before discovering the door was unlocked. Officers then conducted a safety sweep of the apartment in an attempt to locate any victims. An unidentified white female was located naked on the floor with several apparent gunshot wounds. In addition, several suspected spent bullet casings were observed in plain view near to the unidentified white female.

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Denver Health Medical Center Paramedic Jesse HARRIS E1947 working Ambulance #57 entered the apartment to render aid and the victim was pronounced deceased at approximately 12:12 a.m. (by DHMC Dr. RICHARDS). Officer CLOUGH informed Detective TUGGLE that the residence was secured by officers in expectation of this search warrant. Officers located information possibly identifying the female inside the apartment as Melissa WRIGHT 07/22/1979.

On May 29, 2021 at approximately 12:30 a.m. Det. Daniel TREGEMBO, 05041, was contacted by Homicide Unit Sgt. Scott HAGAN, 01004, reference a homicide at 7108 E. Lowry Blvd. #3133, City & County of Denver. Det. TREGEMBO was assigned as primary investigator. Det. Kari JOHNSON was assigned as the secondary investigator.

On May 29, 2021 at approximately 2:12 a.m. Det. TREGEMBO met with [REDACTED] at Denver Police Headquarters for a video interview. [REDACTED], a resident at 7108 E. Lowry Blvd. [REDACTED], reported that on May 28, 2021 at approximately 11:30 p.m. she exited the building to walk her dog. Upon returning to the third floor of the building Ms. [REDACTED] heard a loud "thudding" sound from down the hall. As Ms. [REDACTED] approached her own apartment, she heard a male voice yelling "bitch", multiple times. Ms. [REDACTED] entered her residence, across the hall from the disturbance. Ms. [REDACTED] then heard more thuds and looked out her peephole. Ms. [REDACTED] observed a White male, approximately 5'08", late thirties to early forties, thinning dirty blond or brown hair, medium build, leaving apartment [REDACTED] carrying a shoulder bag and suitcase. Ms. [REDACTED] said she knew the female resident of [REDACTED] to have just recently moved into the complex and believed that she had witnessed the same male with the unidentified female possibly once or twice before.

On May 29, 2021 at approximately 3:41 a.m. Det. TREGEMBO met with [REDACTED] at Denver Police Headquarters for a video interview. [REDACTED], a resident of 7108 E. Lowry Blvd. [REDACTED] reported she was inside her apartment at approximately 11:45 p.m. on May 28, 2021 when she heard what she believed to be a series (2-4) of gunshots or fireworks. Ms. [REDACTED] opened the door to her balcony and stepped outside where she observed a group of people in the courtyard looking back at the building. Ms. [REDACTED] then heard a woman "hysterically" crying from an apartment on the third floor (diagonal from her own balcony) and a male voice yelling obscenities. Ms. [REDACTED], familiar with the particular apartment, then heard another series (2-4) of gunshots. Ms. [REDACTED] returned to the interior of her apartment, called 911 and then assisted first responders with locating the appropriate apartment.

On May 29, 2021 at approximately 3:18 a.m. Det. Ryan TUGGLE obtained a search warrant for 7108 E. Lowry Blvd [REDACTED] approved by the Honorable Judge Renee GOBLE.

On May 29, 2021 at approximately 4:05 a.m. investigators and personnel from the Denver Police Department Crime Scene Unit began a search of apartment [REDACTED] per the warrant. Ms. WRIGHT was observed deceased on her bedroom floor, naked, with multiple apparent gunshot wounds and what appeared to be fractures of an arm and leg. Eleven spent 45 caliber shell casings were recovered from the bedroom floor.

While processing the scene a hotel rewards card with the names Melissa WRIGHT and Eric COBAIN was observed. The name Eric COBAIN was consistent with information obtained by investigators during searches of online proprietary databases related to Melissa WRIGHT. Eric COBAIN was found to have

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a date of birth of 02/10/1972 with a Colorado Drivers License [REDACTED]. The most recent address for Mr. COBAIN was listed as 4046 S. Abilene Cir. Apt A, Aurora, CO 80014. This same address was identified as being used by Melissa WRIGHT at various times.

On May 29, 2021 at approximately 7:42 a.m. Det. TREGEMBO met with [REDACTED] Ms. [REDACTED] along with DPD Crime Lab Forensic Imaging Specialist Duane PEARSON, were in the process of reviewing on-site video surveillance camera footage from the exterior of the apartment building. Ms. [REDACTED] identified digital video from May 28, 2021 at approximately 11:26 p.m. (DVR Time) that show the exterior courtyard view of apartment #3133. An interior light is observed to come on inside the apartment for around four minutes. The light then shuts off around 11:30 p.m. Separately, at approximately 11:33 p.m. (DVR Time) the vehicle identified as belonging to Melissa WRIGHT [REDACTED] was observed on video entering the parking garage. At approximately 11:38 p.m. (DVR Time) a male figure is observed on video exiting the first-floor stairwell, closest to apartment #3133, carrying two bags. The male is seen walking southbound on Pontiac St. and then turns westbound on Archer Pl. where he eventually disappears from camera view. Due to the camera distance, a positive identification is not possible.

On May 29, 2021 at approximately 9:00 a.m. Det. TREGEMBO attended the postmortem examination for Melissa WRIGHT at the Denver Office of the Medical Examiner, 500 N. Quivas St. Forensic Pathology Fellow, Dr. Sterling MCLAREN, performed the autopsy. During the exam eight defects were identified as possible entrance gunshot wounds on the body of Melissa WRIGHT. Bruising and two fractures (arm and leg) were also noted.

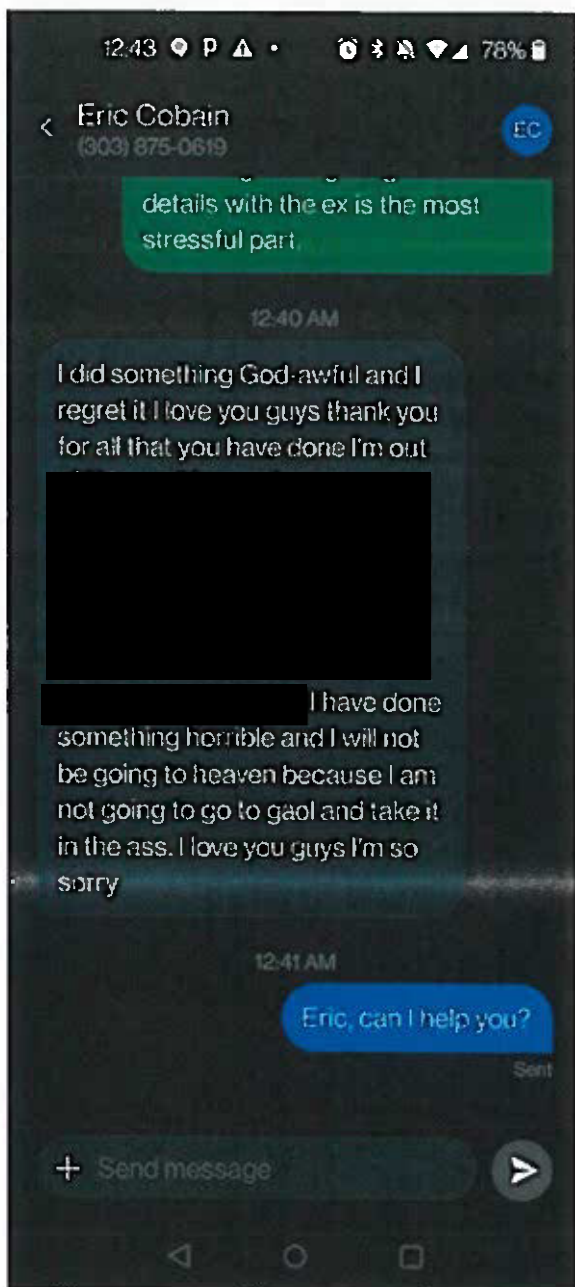
On May 29, 2021 at approximately 9:10 a.m. Det. TREGEMBO made phone contact with [REDACTED] identified as [REDACTED] emergency contact for Melissa WRIGHT. Ms. [REDACTED] confirmed she, her boyfriend [REDACTED] Melissa WRIGHT, Eric COBAIN (identified as the on-again, off-again boyfriend of Ms. WRIGHT) and another male named [REDACTED] (unknown last name), all previously shared a residence. Ms. [REDACTED] reported she and her boyfriend moved out, the "other" [REDACTED] moved out and then both Ms. WRIGHT and Mr. COBAIN also recently moved out. Ms. [REDACTED] moved to a new apartment but had yet to visit the location. Ms. [REDACTED] said she knew [REDACTED] and Mr. COBAIN to have a sometimes verbally volatile relationship and that they continued to spend time together, to include Mr. COBAIN staying with Ms. WRIGHT at her new residence. Ms. [REDACTED] said she believed Eric COBAIN was capable of hurting her mother. Ms. [REDACTED] confirmed that [REDACTED] Mr. COBAIN individually owned several firearms. Ms. [REDACTED] provided a contact phone number for Eric COBAIN of [REDACTED]

On May 29, 2021 at approximately 10:49 a.m. [REDACTED] 1974, identified [REDACTED] made phone contact with Det. TREGEMBO. Mr. [REDACTED] said he learned [REDACTED] about Melissa's death. Mr. [REDACTED] inquired if "foul play" was involved. Det. TREGEMBO advised it was a homicide investigation. Mr. [REDACTED] said "one name" came to mind as the responsible party, whom he identified as Eric COBAIN. [REDACTED] explained that he, and several other family members, had ongoing concerns about the relationship between Ms. WRIGHT and Mr. COBAIN, which he described as volatile.

On May 29, 2021 at approximately 12:20 p.m. Det. TREGEMBO received information that a woman called Denver Police Dispatch with information and concern about her friend, Eric COBAIN, sending a

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disturbing text message in the early morning hours. At approximately 12:25 p.m. Det. TREGEMBO made phone contact with [REDACTED] 1974. During the call Ms. [REDACTED] reported at approximately 12:40 a.m. she received a text message from Eric COBAIN and then tried to call Mr. COBAIN, only to find that his phone was shut off. Ms. [REDACTED] said she knew Eric COBAIN for around ten years and met Melissa WRIGHT on several occasions. Ms. [REDACTED] knew Mr. COBAIN and Ms. WRIGHT to be in an ongoing relationship. Recently Ms. [REDACTED] said both she and her husband had withdrawn from Mr. COBAIN and Ms. WRIGHT as she felt the relationship between the couple was toxic. Ms. [REDACTED] confirmed Eric COBAIN'S phone number to be [REDACTED], consistent with the telephone number provided by Ms. [REDACTED] for Mr. COBAIN. Ms. [REDACTED] agreed to forward the text message she received from Mr. COBAIN as seen below.



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Based on these facts, your Affiant is respectfully requesting an **ARREST WARRANT** and to **SEAL the 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 **ERIC COBAIN 02/10/1972**, for the offense(s) of **C.R.S. 18-3-102 Murder in the first degree, a Class 1 felony**, so that this investigation can continue.

I affirm this information to be true and correct

Dail Swartz 05041

Signature of Affiant

Subscribed under oath before me on

Date

Time

Judge or Notary Public

My commission expires: _____

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 \$ _____ First appearance _____

Date _____ 5.29.21 _____

Renee A Goble

Signature of Judge

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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.

Signature of Arresting Officer