

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE, cont.

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Name of Arrested Party Vincent Tapia Date of Birth 01/17/02

Date and Time of Arrest April 1, 2022 approx 11:50 p.m

Name of Officer Making Statement (Last, First, Middle Initial) Det. Mark Crider	Serial No. 95014
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COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF THIS IS AN ORIGINAL STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

I am a police officer for the City and County of Denver, Colorado, and have knowledge regarding the arrest of the above named party for the below listed offense, which offense occurred on the date of 4-1-2022 at 11:25 a.m. p.m. at the location of 16th Ave and Irving St in the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado.

Municipal Code of the City and County of Denver; Violation: _____

Colorado Revised Statutes; Violation MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, C.R.S. 18-3-102, a class 1 felony

VICTIM'S FULL NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH ARE MANDATORY.				Victim/Witness Address Confidential? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Victim's Last Name <u>Unidentified Male</u>	First	Middle	DOB	SSN	Business Phone ()
Home Address			City	State, Zip	Home Phone ()
If leaving home, address where victim can be located					

Probable Cause:

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:

On April 1, 2022, at 11:27 p.m. Denver police officers were dispatched to a shooting at the intersection of 16th Avenue and Irving Street. The 911 caller, later identified as witness, [REDACTED], reported that a man had been shot at this location.

Officers arrived on scene and located a male victim of an apparent gunshot wound and two witnesses to the shooting. The witnesses identified themselves as [REDACTED]. Then unidentified male victim was rushed to Denver Health Medical Center and was pronounced dead at 11:58 p.m., by Doctor Lawless. The victim has not been positively identified at this point in the investigation and therefore is unidentified.

Officer Emily Elliott, 21030, responded to the scene and interviewed [REDACTED] at the scene. Officer Elliot told your Affiant that she received the following information from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that her and her friend, [REDACTED] were in a vehicle with two men and they were driving to a nightclub. [REDACTED] said that she knows one of the men as "Vinny" from previous social events. She did not know the other man, who was driving. She said that while they were driving the two men were drinking tequila and rolling a blunt (marijuana) cigarette. At one point [REDACTED] observed the driver hand Vinny a revolver handgun. While driving on Federal Blvd the driver crashed into the back of another car and then fled the scene. The two men argued over the crash and eventually stopped the vehicle in the area of 16th Avenue and Irving Street to fight. She

said that men got out of the car to fight and "Vinny" pulled out the revolver handgun and shot the other man twice. Vinny then fled the area on foot.

Officers interviewed [REDACTED] on scene and learned that she was also in the car at the time of the crash, heard the men arguing and saw the suspect shoot the victim and flee.

Sergeant Vince Lombardi located the suspect, Vincent Tapia, dob:01/17/2002, sprinting in the area of 13th Avenue and Knox Street, approximately five blocks away from shooting and within minutes of the 911 call. Sergeant Lombardi asked Mr. Tapia if he had a handgun on him and he said that he was not in possession of a handgun. Additional officers arrived and searched Mr. Tapia and located a revolver handgun on him.

Sergeant Lombardi advised Mr. Tapia of his Miranda Rights and took a statement from him. Mr. Tapia advised that he was at the scene of the shooting and his friend 'Rico', who is believed to be the victim, gave him the revolver handgun and Mr. Tapia ran. Mr. Tapia advised that he was not involved in the shooting.

Officers transported [REDACTED] to the suspect's location for an identification. [REDACTED] the suspect as the shooter (vinny) and [REDACTED] was not sure.

It should also be noted that officers did not locate any fired cartridge casings at the scene which is consistent with a revolver being used which is the type of handgun the suspect was in possession of at the time he was contacted. [REDACTED] also observed the victim give the suspect a revolver minutes before the shooting.

Officers arrested the suspect for Murder in the First Degree and transported him and both witnesses to Denver Police Headquarters for interviews.

On April 2, 2022, at 2:58 a.m., your Affiant interviewed [REDACTED] at DPD Headquarters. [REDACTED] advised that she knows the suspect "Vinny" and she was in the car with "Vinny," [REDACTED] and Vinny's friend, whose name she did not know. She said that the men were drinking tequila and smoking marijuana in the car as they were driving to a club. At one point [REDACTED] observed the driver hand Vinny a revolver handgun. While driving on Federal Blvd the driver crashed into the back of another car and then fled the scene. The two men argued over the crash and eventually stopped the vehicle in the area of 16th Avenue and Irving Street to fight. She said that men got out of the car to fight and "Vinny" pulled out the revolver handgun and shot the other man twice. Vinny then fled the area on foot. [REDACTED] said that she was positive that the person she identified with the police was the person she knows as "Vinny" and the person she saw shoot the victim and the run from the scene.

At 3:05 a.m., your Affiant interviewed witness, [REDACTED] at DPD Headquarters. [REDACTED] also advised that she saw the suspect shoot the victim and she said that she was sure that the man the police had shown her was the person who shot the victim.

At 3:52 a.m. your Affiant interviewed the suspect, Vincent Tapia, dob:04/02/2002, at Denver Police Headquarters. Prior to the interview your Affiant advised Mr. Tapia of his Miranda Rights which he acknowledged and waived.

Mr. Tapia said that there was nothing much to remember. He was with his friend 'Rico' and they were in Rico's car driving to the club. They stopped at a park and parked for a while. While at the park, Rico pulled out a revolver handgun and fired a few shots out of his window at an unknown car for unknown reasons. He said that Rico then gave him the gun and Mr. Tapia walked off. He

said that he was caught by the police shortly after. He has no knowledge of anyone being shot and he never shot anyone. He did say that he and Rico were drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana.

I swear under penalty of perjury that the above statements made by me are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

 95014

Signature of officer making statement of probable cause

Probable Cause FOUND

Probable Cause NOT FOUND

Comments: _____

Signature of Judge/Magistrate

Printed Name

Date & Time of Determination