

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO



County/District Court
City and County of Denver, Colorado

Offense Case No. 2021-659001

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

Christopher Andrew CHRISTIAN, dob: 11/28/1998, a Black male, 6'1", 160 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes, SS# [REDACTED], one (1) count of Murder in the First Degree, C.R.S. 18-3-102 (1) (a), a Class 1 Felony

I, Detective Neil BAKER, 04026, Your Affiant states 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 Neil BAKER badge number 04026, has been a Police Officer for over 30 years. Your Affiant is currently assigned to the Denver Police Department, Major Crimes Division, Homicide Unit. Your Affiant's primary duties are to conduct investigations related to homicides, officer involved shootings, and other death investigations. Your Affiant has held this position since September 2018. Prior to this assignment, Your Affiant obtained the following investigative experience:

- From April 2017 to September 2018, Your Affiant was assigned as a Detective with the Denver Police Department, Major Crimes Division, Sex Crimes Unit. Your Affiant conducted investigations related to sexual assault, indecent exposure and enticement of children.
- From June 2015 to April 2017, Your Affiant was assigned as a Detective with the Denver Police Department, Major Crimes Division, Missing and Exploited Persons Unit. Your Affiant conducted investigations related to physical abuse to children, sexual abuse to children by person in a position of trust and investigations in relation to child pornography. Your Affiant has had training from the Rocky Mountain Forensic Computer Lab on information that can be recovered from computers and other computer components.
- From November 2012 to June 2015, Your Affiant was assigned as a Detective with the Denver Police Department, District 6 Investigations. Your Affiant conducted investigations in relation to burglaries, thefts, criminal impersonations, identity theft, felony assaults and strong-arm robberies.

Your Affiant learned that on November 20, 2021, at approximately 8:24 PM, Denver police officers were dispatched to a stabbing call at 4600 E. 48th Ave., "The Denver Rescue Mission" (homeless shelter).

Responding Denver police officers were advised that an employee of the homeless shelter had been stabbed outside of their facility.

The 911 caller and witness [REDACTED] advised the dispatcher that the suspect was Christopher CHRISTIAN. She described him as a black male, 22 years old with blonde short hair. The caller also provided his birthday as 11/28/1998.

Officers arrived on scene and found the victim, identified as [REDACTED] 3 [REDACTED] /91. He was located just inside the front doors of the shelter and was ultimately transported to Denver Health Medical Center where he was later pronounced deceased at 9:11 PM by Dr. LAWLESS.

Witnesses on scene told officers that the victim walked into the entrance of the building and advised that he had been stabbed outside and provided officers video footage of the incident.

Your Affiant was notified of the incident by phone at 9:16 PM by Sgt. Scott MURPHY 94021 and asked to respond to Denver Police Headquarters where witnesses were being transported.

Upon arrival at police headquarters, Your Affiant spoke with witness, [REDACTED], [REDACTED] stated that he is an employee of the Denver Rescue Mission and was working near the rear of the facility closing up the "smoking section" for the night. He stated that he received a transmission over the radio from witness [REDACTED] who advised that she needed him and witness, [REDACTED] to respond to the front for an emergency.

[REDACTED] stated that when he arrived, he observed the victim standing in the front foyer of the facility, leaning up against the wall holding his chest. He said that he learned the victim was stabbed and they attempted to help him by keeping pressure to the wound and retrieving a medical kit and "AED". He stated that he tried to keep the victim calm and as he laid on the floor, they pulled his shirt up and observed a puncture wound to his rib cage. He said that they tried to stop the bleeding and noticed that the victim was losing consciousness.

[REDACTED] advised that he assisted in reviewing the camera footage for arriving officers and observed the incident on their surveillance cameras. He stated that he knows the suspect as Christopher CHRISTIAN, and he was 100% positive of his identification from the video footage. [REDACTED] advised that CHRISTIAN had been asked to leave the facility the night before on November 19, 2021 for a physical altercation he was involved in with another resident. He said that CHRISTIAN was not to return for 30 days and he should not have been at their facility tonight. [REDACTED] said that the victim was not involved in the previous altercation with CHRISTIAN and had nothing to do with it.

Your Affiant spoke with witness [REDACTED] [REDACTED] also stated that he is an employee of the Denver Rescue Mission and was assisting [REDACTED] with closing the "smoking section" when the call came out over the radio. He also said that they ran up to the front of the facility and observed the victim in the foyer, leaning up against the wall holding his chest. He stated that he grabbed the "AED" and the medical kit and tried to assist the victim who had been stabbed. He said that he could see the puncture wound underneath his rib cage.

██████████ stated that the victim was with another witness, ██████████. He said that ██████████ told them that it was CHRISTIAN who stabbed the victim.

██████████ said that CHRISTIAN has had several other incidents at their facility for fighting and described him as having a temper. ██████████ also spoke about CHRISTIAN fighting with another resident last night after the resident threw something at him. CHRISTIAN then "kicked the resident's ass". He said that is why CHRISTIAN was given an "ATL" (Asked to Leave).

██████████ said that he also reviewed the video footage and was 100% certain that the suspect was CHRISTIAN. He advised that CHRISTIAN appeared to be hanging around a doorway at the front of the building that no one uses. He said that when the victim passed by, CHRISTIAN started to walk toward him, and he thinks that he saw CHRISTIAN pull out a knife. He said that the victim and ██████████ were getting into a vehicle when CHRISTIAN passed them in the parking lot and then turned around and came back. He said that CHRISTIAN and the victim appeared to have words. He said that CHRISTIAN was holding his backpack in front of him when the victim grabbed it and they both began fighting. He said that the victim and CHRISTIAN had separated momentarily and then the victim went over and picked up the bag as CHRISTIAN ran at him. He said that they started fighting again and it appeared that CHRISTIAN stabbed the victim as the victim was holding his chest and walking away. CHRISTIAN grabbed the bag off the ground and fled the area.

Your Affiant spoke with witness ██████████ who said that she is also an employee of the Denver Rescue Mission and was working at the front desk. She said that the victim had left for the evening with ██████████ and was supposedly giving ██████████ a ride home. She stated that the victim and ██████████ had gotten off early because their supervisors were letting employees go a little earlier because of potential protests in the area. She stated that a few minutes went by and then she saw the victim come back into the front doors into the foyer but could not get into the interior doors because they are locked. She said that he was holding his chest and leaning against the wall. She said that when she went out to speak with him, he had told her that he was stabbed.

██████████ said that she called for assistance and then called 911 to explained what had happened to the dispatcher. She said that a security guard working for them told her that ██████████ said CHRISTIAN was the person who stabbed the victim.

Your Affiant also reviewed the video footage uploaded by officers.

Your Affiant observed CHRISTIAN standing at a doorway next to the building wearing a black leather jacket with a dark colored hoodie underneath and the hood up. He was also wearing dark multicolored pants and tennis shoes.

Your Affiant observed CHRISTIAN looking at his cell phone as the victim and ██████████ walked past toward a vehicle that was parked in the parking lot. CHRISTIAN is seen walking past the victim who is already inside of his vehicle. CHRISTIAN turns around and walks back toward the victim who then walks up to CHRISTIAN. It appears that the victim starts to walk away, and CHRISTIAN removes his backpack and "ready to fight". The victim grabs CHRISTIAN's backpack and both start fighting with each other. ██████████ can be seen getting out of the vehicle and attempting to break up the fight. The victim can be seen disengaging and walked over to pick up the backpack. CHRISTIAN runs toward

the victim as the victim is seen backing up and is attacked by CHRISTIAN. CHRISTIAN is seen stabbing the victim in the chest before picking up his backpack and walking away. The victim is seen holding his chest and walking out of camera sight toward the front doors of the Rescue Mission.

Your Affiant verified with all witnesses that they have known CHRISTIAN as a resident of the facility for a while and would have no problem identifying him if they saw him again.

██████████ provided a single photograph of CHRISTIAN to Your AFFIANT which he had obtained from the Denver Rescue Mission's database. He advised that the person in the photograph was CHRISTIAN. Your Affiant also showed a single photograph of CHRISTIAN from a Colorado Identification Card and he also identified him as CHRISTIAN.

██████████ was shown the same photographs and also positively identified photos as CHRISTIAN.

██████████ was shown the same photographs and she also positively identified the photos as CHRISTIAN.

Based on the above investigation, there are reasonable grounds to suspect that CHRISTIAN was in contact with the victim ██████████ at 8:24 PM on November 20, 2021 and that he stabbed and killed the victim, ██████████ in the parking lot, at 4600 E 48th Ave before fleeing the area.

Based on the foregoing information, Your Affiant respectfully requests that a warrant be issued for Christopher Andrew CHRISTIAN, dob: 11/28/1998, a Black male, 6'1", 160 pounds with brown hair and brown eyes, SS# ██████████, for one (1) count of Murder in the First Degree, C.R.S. 18-3-102 (1) (a), a Class 1 Felony, so the suspect can be apprehended, and the investigation continued.


I affirm this information to be true and correct



Signature of Affiant

Subscribed under oath before me on

11/20/21 6:10am

Date Time


Judge or Notary Public

My commission expires: Andrea Eddy