

GO # 2018-49128

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DEFENDANT			
Last Name Wilkins	First Name Cain	Middle	DOB 1/28/74
Armed with			
Location of Arrest 1331 Cherokee Street		Arrest Date 1/22/18	Arrest Time 1:50 p.m

OFFICER MAKING STATEMENT			
Last Name Castro	First Name Jaime	Middle	Serial No. 89033

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 1/21/18 at 3:20 am pm at or near the location of 1500 S. Albion St in the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado.

VIOLATION(S)	DESCRIPTION
CRS 18-3-102(1)(b) IH	First Degree Murder - Class 1 Felony

Statement of Probable Cause Affidavit for Arrest Warrant

On January 21, 2018, at 3:19 a.m., The Denver Police Communication Center received a call from [redacted] reporting an attempt suicide at 1500 S. Albion Street, Apartment # [redacted]. She informed the call taker that a male came into the managers unit screaming that his wife just shot herself.

On this same date, at approximately 3:26 a.m. officers with the Denver Police Department arrived at the location and located Clarissa Wilkins, dob: 9/22/87 unresponsive in the northwest bedroom of Apartment # [redacted]. Responding paramedics examined Mrs. Wilkins and obtained a field death pronouncement from Dr. McVanney at 3:28 a.m.

Officer contacted a Mr. [redacted] at the scene and obtained a written statement from him. Mr. [redacted] lives in the apartment above apartment # [redacted] and reported hearing a female screaming and doors slamming just prior to the shooting. He heard a female scream "no, no, no" and a male yelling multiple times "get back hear."

Officers contacted Cain Wilkins, dob: 1/28/74 at the scene and identified him as the husband of Mrs. Wilkins. Mr. Wilkins was transported to Denver Police Headquarters where he provided a voluntary video statement. During his interview, Mr. Wilkins told Your Affiant that his wife and he hosted a birthday party where several of their friends were in attendance. He said everyone had a good time and eventually left in the morning. His wife and he were the only people left in the apartment. He recalled being in the living room when he heard a "pop" and recognized this sound as a gunshot. He then ran into the northwest bedroom and found his wife bleeding on the floor. He momentarily held his wife and then ran to the managers office to call for help. While in the bedroom, Mr. Wilkins did not recall seeing where his wife was shot. He also did not recall seeing or handling a firearm after the shooting. At the conclusion of the interview, Mr. Wilkins made several suicidal statements and was placed on a voluntary mental health hold.

On this same date, at approximately 8:25 a.m. Homicide Detective Joe Vasquez authored a search warrant for 1500 S. Albion Street # [redacted]. The warrant was read and approved by the Judge Chelsea Moore.

Upon execution of the search warrant, detectives searched the northwest bedroom. The detectives observed sign of a scuffle. There was a broken picture frame in the northeast corner of the room and a fan and laundry basket that were tipped over. Detectives located a loaded Smith and Wesson 9mm handgun inside a closed but unlocked safe. The firearm appeared to have blood near the front of the gun barrel, so it was collected as evidence. The detectives collected two unloaded shotguns, an unloaded .22 caliber rifle from inside the safe and an unloaded 40 caliber handgun that was on the floor just outside the safe. The detective also collected a spent 9mm shell casing on the floor to the south of the victim. The victim was still on scene and appeared to have a bullet wound to the back of her head. The medical examiner was unable to open the victim's mouth, so detectives were not able to determine if the victim had additional wounds. The victim was transported to the Office of the Denver Medical Examiner for a pending autopsy exam.

On January 22, 2018, at approximately 9:00 a.m. Your Affiant attended the autopsy exam at the Office of the Denver Medical Examiner. Dr. James Caruso performed the exam and stated he only found one bullet wound (entrance) in the back of the victim head. He examined the wound and stated he did not observe any surface soot or stippling around the wound. (soot and stippling are commonly found near close contact gunshot wounds) The X-rays showed the bullet was still inside the victim's head. The detective also viewed the victim's hands and did not observe any blood stains consistent with a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

On this same date, at approximately 10:45 a.m. Your Affiant received a phone call from Mr. Cain inquiring about the case. Your Affiant told him that he had some additional questions and asked if he could come to Police Headquarters for a follow up interview. Mr. Wilkens agreed and said he would be at Police Headquarters at 12:00 p.m.

At approximately 12:00 p.m. Your Affiant conducted a second video interview with Mr. Wilkens. During this interview, Mr. Wilkens confirmed his wife and he were the only people in the home at the time of the shooting. He also confirmed that the Smith and Wesson 9mm handgun was the only functioning handgun in the home. Your Affiant advised him that the loaded Smith and Wesson 9mm handgun was found in the safe and appeared to have blood on it. Mr. Wilkens could not explain why the firearm was in the safe or why it would have blood on it. The detective also advised him that the victim was shot in the back of the head. Mr. Wilkens claimed he did not know where the victim was shot and claimed he could not recall any details around the time of the shooting. He only recalled hearing the "pop" entering the room and finding his wife on the floor beside the bed. Your Affiant advised him that the neighbor (██████████) recalled hearing a female screaming and doors slamming from Mr. Wilkens apartment around the time the murder. The female was heard saying "no, no, no" and a male was heard saying "get back here" multiple times. Mr. Wilkens denied making the statement and could not recall if his wife made the statement of "no, no, no."

Based on the above information, Your Affiant is asking that Mr. Wilkens be held on an investigative hold for First Degree Murder, so this investigation can continue.