

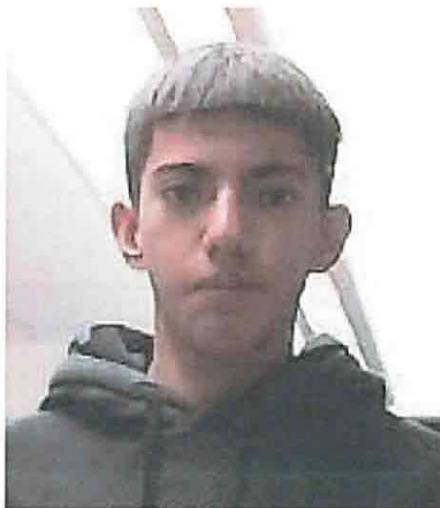
COUNTY/DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE  
STATE OF COLORADO  
AURORA PD CASE 21-44016

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**AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE FOR ARREST WARRANT**

I, Detective Jason McDonald, of lawful age and being first duly sworn upon his oath, depose and state that I have probable cause for believing that:

**Daniel Ruelas DOB: 5-4-05**



did commit the crime(s) of:

**18-3-102(1)(d) Attempted Murder in the First Degree (6 counts)**

on/between **November 15, 2021**

WITHIN THE County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado, and as grounds therefore state as follows:

This affiant is a Commissioned Police Officer with the Aurora Police Department, and that the following information was obtained by me personally and from the official records of the aforementioned department.

On 11-15-21 at about 1330 hours, your affiant, Aurora PD Detective Jason McDonald, was called out on a shooting that occurred at Nome Park in the 1200 block of N Nome St in Aurora, Colorado, Arapahoe County. This park is just a block north of Central High School at 11700 E 11th Ave. I attended a briefing of the incident by District 1 Commander Cassidee Carlson where I learned the following information:

Central High School Resource Officers Dunson and Cardenas were notified about a shooting at around 1244 hours. They responded northbound from the school towards Nome Park and

encountered three students near 1173 N Nome St who were suffering from gunshot wounds. These three students were:

██████████ (GSW to leg and back, suffered SBI per Dr. Carney)

██████████ (GSW to left arm, suffered SBI per Dr. Krack)

██████████ (unknown GSW, no SBI)



These three students were transported to nearby hospitals. Officers then contacted a fourth victim, ██████████ at Nome Park by the pavilion. ██████████ was suffering from a severe GSW to his left leg and a tourniquet was administered to stop bleeding. ██████████ was transported by ambulance to Children's Hospital and it was reported that he could possibly lose his leg due to the extreme injury. Dr. Givens determined ██████████ suffered SBI.

It was also learned that a fifth victim, [REDACTED], ran from the pavilion at Nome Park back to the east lot of Central High School and self-transported himself to the University of Colorado Hospital to be treated for a GSW sustained to his left shoulder.

A sixth victim, Luis Lazcano DOB: 5-9-03, also self-transported himself to the University of Colorado Hospital from Nome Park. Luis suffered from a GSW to his lower left leg. Luis reported to Officers that the shooters were in a black Chrysler 300 and a black Chevy Tahoe.

CSI Amir assisted with the collection of evidence and advised there were 26 fired casings located at the scene which consisted of the following:

Twenty-one 9mm casings (5 of these found north of the park on E 13th Ave)

Five 7.62 x 39 rifle casings



Additionally, there was a "300" emblem in the street next to the casings. The "300" emblem was consistent with one that could be found on the rear trunk lid of a Chrysler 300 vehicle.



I contacted a witness near Nome Park named Alex Martinez DOB: 11-16-86 who stated he was camping in the field just north of the park when he heard lots of gunfire. He ducked and did not see any shooters or vehicles but heard the gunfire around Nome Park. He then heard a vehicle speed off northbound on N Nome St and it then traveled eastbound on E 13th Ave. He then heard gunfire coming from E 13th Ave and from Nome Park and he could hear bullets traveling over his head. When the gunfire stopped, he heard kids screaming for help at the park, so he went there to help render first aid. He did not see any guns at the park.

Officer Natalie Vess spoke with [REDACTED] who said he was sitting by the swings when a car pulled up to the park. [REDACTED] could not remember the color of the vehicle and the type. He did say the passenger windows (back and front) were rolled down and the suspects started shooting out of them. He verified he did not see anyone from the park shooting back and

all the gunfire came from the vehicle. ██████ said he could not describe the suspects because they had masks on, but he did say there were "a lot" of people in the suspect vehicle.

Officer Vess also spoke with ██████ who said she was sitting on the large rocks near the swings when the shots started. ██████ said she got down on the ground when she heard them start, but said it was a black car and there was another car as well. She said all the shooting was coming from the black vehicle. ██████ also verified the suspects' faces were covered with masks and they possibly had their hoods up. She believed they were wearing all black as well.

Officer Ernest Gonzales spoke with ██████. She advised that she was in the park with her friends when she heard shots. ██████ stated that she thinks that she saw three people in the back of a sedan. ██████ advised that she thinks the people in the back of the sedan were white or Hispanic, high school aged kids. ██████ stated that she only saw one person shooting from the back window as the vehicle was driving north on N Nome St.

Officer Gonzales also spoke with ██████. She advised that she was sitting on the rocks in the park. ██████ saw a black sedan type of car driving north on N Nome St. ██████ stated that she saw the car's windows roll down as the car was passing and the people in the car started shooting. ██████ advised that she dove onto the ground at first and then took off running. ██████ eventually came back after the car left to check on the rest of her friends who were at the park with her. ██████ did not see the people in the car. However, ██████ advised that she had heard earlier in the day that someone was going to be shooting today. ██████ stated that she overheard people saying that ██████ and ██████ had said that they were going to be shooting today. ██████ advised that she did not know where ██████ was supposedly going to be shooting up though.

Officer Gary Oliver contacted Shawn Allison DOB: 11/20/82. Shawn advised that he was working at the construction site located East of the park where the shooting occurred. Shawn stated that he did not observe the shooting but heard over 15 gunshots that sounded like different handgun calibers. He then observed a black Chrysler 300 vehicle traveling East on E 13th Ave at a high rate of speed. He stated that the vehicle had some passenger side damage that was difficult to explain (like hail damage but worse). He advised it appeared the vehicle was occupied by two or three Hispanic males.

Officer Aisha Hassouna contacted Sesarita Marquez (DOB: 11/23/1991) at 1205 Nome St who advised that she observed some of the incident. She stated that she heard gun shots and observed a male in a black sweatshirt or hoodie, that was shooting east towards the tables at the park. She stated that the shooter was standing in between the trees on foot. She did observe a grey or black vehicle in the area but was unsure if it was associated to the shooter.

Officer Andres Cardenas contacted student ██████ who had gone to ██████ aid. Officer Cardenas asked ██████ who shot at them. ██████ stated he did not know, that he was sitting on the bench when he noticed a black vehicle leaving north on Nome St. ██████ could not tell what make or model of the black car was. Another student, ██████ who was also nearby, stated he was sitting on the swing set when he heard the gunshots. He noted a black four-door sedan driving away north on Nome St. ██████

could not tell who or what the people in the car looked like, stating the windows were tinted. He was not able to tell what make or model car it was.

Dean of Students Matt Ventura had been checking the north cameras at Central High School and advised Officer Cardenas that he noted a black vehicle which looked to be a Chrysler 300, leaving the scene. Officer Cardenas observed the vehicle, which appeared to be a mid-2000's Chrysler 300, black in color, dark tinted windows, and black custom rims. The vehicle was observed on the footage at around 12:37:54 PM. It was traveling south on Nome St, towards 11th Ave. It made a right on 11th Ave then a right on Newark St heading north (doing a loop around Nome Park).



**Chrysler 300 observed on Central High School cameras**

Student Jerhico Alvarado 9-14-03 told Officer Cardenas that he and [REDACTED] were in his car parked near a tree just south of Nome park on the west side of Nome St. They were facing south. He noted a gold-colored minivan (unknown plate) parked just north of his location facing north. Jericho said he noted about 10 to 15 juveniles (some Hispanic some Black males) in the van. He could not tell who they were or if they attended Aurora Central HS, stating that some of them may attend the school, though he was unsure. He then noted what he described as a black four-door Cadillac car with tint all around, even the windshield, with black rims. The Cadillac was traveling north on Nome St. Jerhico noted that both front and rear passenger windows were open. He then heard gunshots coming from the vehicle. Jerhico stated the males in and near the van then started to run and the Cadillac headed straight towards 13th Ave, and still fired more rounds towards the park. That is when he left the area.

Detective Tom Lehman spoke to [REDACTED] who said he was with GSW victim [REDACTED] at Nome Park. [REDACTED] said he started running after hearing the gunshots. [REDACTED] said he didn't see the person that was shooting. [REDACTED] said he saw a black car, no further description of the car. He saw the shots coming from the car but didn't see the shooter.

Lt. Matthew Brukbacher was contacted by 2 females: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. They advised they were parked on the South curb-line of E 12th Ave facing East next to 1181 Nome St. They observed a black sedan with a body like a Dodge Charger, but with a different emblem on the rear trunk lid, drive past them (E/B 12th Ave at Nome St). The passenger side windows were down, and they observed between 2-4 Hispanic males in the vehicle. In the back seat, they observed a thin H/M with a long gun holding it partially

out the window and another male seated next to him with a handgun. The vehicle made a turn to N/B Nome St and then started shooting into the park. The females then fled the scene. They indicated that the males in the car looked directly at them and were flashing the guns out the window.

Detective Ben Petering went to Children's Hospital at 13123 E 16th Ave to contact GSW victim [REDACTED] [REDACTED] said he thought a black Chrysler with brown or copper color rims was involved in the shooting. [REDACTED] said he did not see what position the shooter was in the car, but he saw that car around the time when the shooting occurred.

Officer Dunson interviewed Amanda Punt, who is a teacher at Central High School. Ms. Punt stated a student had provided her a written statement. The student was [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and the statement read:

"I was at Nome Park hanging out with friends 2 girls approached one of the girls I was hanging out with and told us to be careful at the park. As I was still at the park I started to see multiple cars circling the park but there were 2 cars who looked most suspicious and they kept circling the park, every time they'd drive past id see everyone at the park get scared and ready to run. One of the cars was a Chrysler not a newer one and black. And a black Chevy truck. The black Chevy had a great amount of people in it dressed in all black and black masks leaving only their eyes out I seen the driver to the Chrysler was short and had white skin but could possibly be Hispanic. I seen the truck doing a u turn by the cemetery that you can visually see from the park and I begin to start running towards the school 3 mins after getting to class we went on lockdown."

The resident at 1173 N Nome St, Eric Manzanares DOB: 8-2-81, reported that he observed three suspicious vehicles he believed were associated to the shooting because he saw them circling the park slowly and repeatedly just prior to the shooting:

**White Hyundai Sonata, CO plate APLJ48** (Officers later contacted this car in the east lot of the school and deemed it was not involved).

**Black Chevy Tahoe, CO plate APLJ10** (Eric said it was occupied x 4 parties with black hoodies covering their heads and black t-shirts tied around their faces as masks).

**Black Chrysler 300 (unknown plates).**

I ran the CO plate APLJ10 and DMV records showed it was a 2000 Chevy Tahoe, black in color, VIN: 1GNEK13T3YJ184066, registered to [REDACTED] at 1295 Quari St in Aurora, CO. DMV records also showed that [REDACTED] had the address of 880 Lansing St in Aurora, CO on his driver's license.


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STATE OF COLORADO
COLORADO VEHICLE REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION                                TITLE
NAME: [REDACTED]                            NAME: [REDACTED]
NAME2: [REDACTED]                            NAME2: [REDACTED]
NAME3: [REDACTED]                            NAME3: [REDACTED]
ADDRESS: 1295 QUARI ST                       ADDRESS: 1360 PEORIA ST #207
CITY: AURORA STATE: CO ZIP: 80011             CITY: AURORA STATE: CO ZIP: 80011
REGISTRATION STATUS: Active                   TITLE STATUS: Active 11/30/2015
LICENSE: APLJ10 STATE: CO                     TYPE: Passenger Regular
EXPIRATION: 2022-11 TAB: 0019255278
VIN: 1GNEK13T3YJ184066
TITLE: 10W801599 COUNTY: Arapahoe
MAKE: CHEV MODEL: TAH COLOR: BLK
STYLE: UTILITY PASSENGER YEAR: 2000
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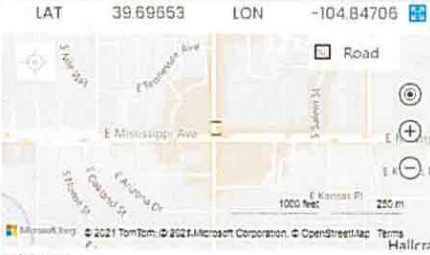
I ran the license plate APLJ10 through APD databases and learned it was captured on traffic cameras traveling on E Mississippi Ave and Peoria St on 11-6-21 and an image was captured of it's rear tailgate. There were distinctive white markings on the tailgate.

LICENSE PLATE NUMBER	LICENSE PLATE PHOTO	VEHICLE	TIMESTAMP	DEVICE	USER	PROBABILITY
APLJ10   USCO			11/06/2021   10:39:57	APD FIXED CAMERAS MissEB_X_Peoria_L1_L2	System Administrator	100%



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Address:  
12098 E Mississippi Ave, Aurora, CO 80012, United Sta...

APLJ10  Mark as Misread

State: USCO

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Mantis vehicle ID accuracy

pickup	87%
blue	55%

Sergeant McElroy searched the traffic cameras in the area of Nome Park and found the black Chevy Tahoe (with distinctive white markings on the tailgate) traveling at E 6th Ave and Peoria St at 1245 hours (1 minute after the SRO's were notified of the shooting, 5 blocks south of Central High School). Multiple addresses were checked for the Chevy Tahoe, but it was not located.

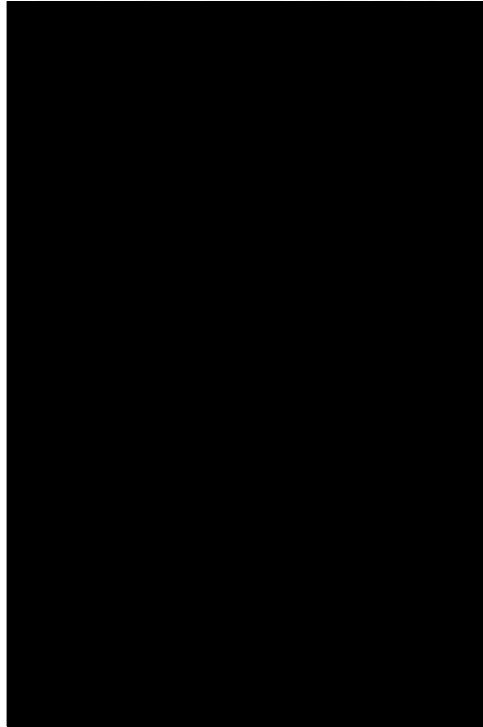


I created an Attempt to Locate BOLO for the black Chevy Tahoe and black Chrysler 300 using actual surveillance video stills of the vehicles from the area of the shooting. I disseminated the BOLO to Aurora PD and these same vehicle photos were disseminated to the local media outlets on 11-16-21 by the PIO office.

One of the victims, [REDACTED] told Detectives that she believed the shooting happened today because of a fight between some students a week ago. She said she believed one of the shooting suspects was a student named [REDACTED] and that her friend (and fellow victim) [REDACTED] knows [REDACTED]

On 11-16-21 Detective Fanning and I interviewed [REDACTED] and she said she was just hanging out at Nome Park with some friends and a black SUV was driving back and forth on E 13th Ave just to the north of the park. She thought it was suspicious. She said the black SUV then parked just north of the park and it was the same SUV she saw in the news reports today (the photo of the Tahoe from the BOLO). She said gunfire then erupted and it seemed like it was coming from the black SUV. She said she thought there was also a guy with a gun at the park when the gunfire erupted, but she didn't know where he was shooting. [REDACTED] said she believed a Central High School student named [REDACTED] was one of the shooters because she has seen him two previous times recently in the black SUV around Nome Park.

Detective Fanning and I went to Central High School and attempted to interview [REDACTED] with his mother, [REDACTED], present. [REDACTED] stated he was a passenger in the black Chevy Tahoe yesterday, but his mother would not let him talk any further about the incident. The interview then ended.



Detective Fanning and I also interviewed victim Luis Lazcano who stated he was at Nome Park yesterday (11-15-21) to watch a fight that was supposed to take place between two people that had fought each other the previous week. Luis said he was hanging out at the park with his friends and was waiting for one of the participants to arrive. Luis said he observed two vehicles slowly following one another around the park several times. The vehicles were a black Chrysler 300 and a black Chevy Tahoe. Luis said he believed one of the fighting participants named [REDACTED] was inside the Chevy Tahoe and the other fighting participant (an unknown senior student at Central High School) was already at Nome Park. Luis said his back was turned to the street when suddenly gunfire came from the Chrysler 300 which had come to a stop in front of the park. Luis said his leg was grazed by a bullet as he sought cover and the Chrysler 300 sped away northbound after the shooting. Luis said he could not ID the shooters because their faces were completely covered.

At about 1821 hours I learned that APD dispatch had a pending call from 880 Lansing St where the registered owner of the Chevy Tahoe lived. The caller was reporting that they own the Chevy Tahoe that was being shown in the news, but they were not involved in the shooting, and wanted to meet with police. I responded to 880 Lansing St with Acting Sergeant Sloan and contacted [REDACTED] and his family members:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] said he is the owner of the Tahoe, but his younger brother [REDACTED] is the one who drives it. [REDACTED] said that [REDACTED] [REDACTED], and herself live at 16317 E Center Dr in Aurora, Colorado, Arapahoe County, and that the Tahoe is currently there in the garage.

I asked if I could talk to [REDACTED] about what he knew about the shooting incident and the family agreed to allow me to speak with him. [REDACTED] stated he drove the Tahoe to Central High School yesterday and his younger brother, [REDACTED], went with him. He said he left around lunchtime with [REDACTED] and a friend, [REDACTED], to go out for lunch. [REDACTED] said he was driving, [REDACTED] was in the backseat on the driver's side, and [REDACTED] was in the front passenger seat. He said they were going to drive to [REDACTED] house to eat (1600 N Geneva St #205) and then drive home (16317 E Center Dr) from there.

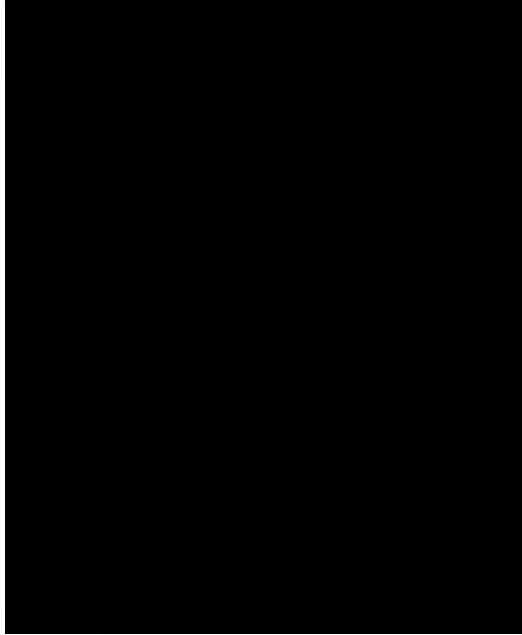
[REDACTED] said they heard a fight was going to take place at Nome Park around lunchtime so they decided to drive around the park first and see if they could watch it. He said they drove around the park and happened to be at the wrong place at the wrong time when gunfire broke out. When I began to ask follow-up questions and get more details about where they were when gunfire began, [REDACTED] stopped the interview, saying he didn't want me to ask any more questions of his younger brother. [REDACTED] then called an attorney and was advised to not allow [REDACTED] to answer any more questions. The interview then ended. I told the family that I was going to seek a search warrant for seizure of the Tahoe from their residence at 16317 E Center Dr and Crystal said she would cooperate and give me keys when I had a search warrant in hand.

Later that evening I was granted a search warrant for the Tahoe and the residence of 16317 E Center Dr which was signed by the Arapahoe County District Court. I executed the search warrant that evening and observed the Tahoe (in the garage and locked) to be completely cleaned out. The vehicle appeared to have been washed from the inside out. CSI administered a GSR (gunshot residue) collection kit on the interior fabric liner of the Tahoe. In the front passenger door pocket, I located several sleeves of car wipes (un-opened). Inside the residence I located several of the same sleeves of car wipes (opened) with the used (dirty) wipes in the trash can in a bedroom believed to be [REDACTED] because of his ID being located therein.

On 11-17-21 I learned from SRO Dunson that a staff member at Central High School informed him that a student named [REDACTED] was possibly the driver of the black Chrysler 300 during the shooting. I conducted follow up with SRO Dunson and learned the staff member was a Para-Professional at Central named Nevaeh Torres DOB: 8-30-01. I asked about

how Ms. Torres acquired this information and Ms. Torres provided me with a written statement which read:

"Last weekend as I was driving home in the evening, I passed a black Chrysler 300 that parked near my house. As I drove by the car going home, the rear driver's seat window was down and I recognized [REDACTED] sitting in the back seat. I know it was [REDACTED] as I recognized him from school. This summer I also witnessed both [REDACTED] in a black Tahoe. I know this because they dropped off my best friend at my house numerous times over the summer."



I passed this tip on to Aurora PD's CMATT officers and was later advised by CMATT Sergeant Novak that [REDACTED] mother, [REDACTED] was in fact the registered owner of a black Chrysler 300 with CO plate AGNU63. Sergeant Novak additionally provided me with the most recent photo of Blanca's Chrysler from APD databases, dated 11-1-21 at Colfax/Havana, which showed it to appear consistent with the Chrysler 300 seen on Central High School surveillance cameras of the shooting.



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Based upon this tip information, I had APD Records enter an Attempt to Locate hit in NCIC/CCIC for CO plate AGNU63.

STATE OF COLORADO	
COLORADO VEHICLE REGISTRATION	
<b>REGISTRATION</b>	<b>TITLE</b>
NAME: [REDACTED]	NAME: [REDACTED]
NAME2: [REDACTED]	NAME2: [REDACTED]
NAME3: [REDACTED]	NAME3: [REDACTED]
ADDRESS: 837 SCRANTON ST	ADDRESS: 837 SCRANTON ST
CITY: AURORA STATE: CO ZIP: 80011	CITY: AURORA STATE: CO ZIP: 80011
REGISTRATION STATUS: Expired	TITLE STATUS: Active 10/27/2020
LICENSE: AGNU63 STATE: CO	TYPE: Passenger Regular
EXPIRATION: 2021-10 TAB: 0011587130	
VIN: 2C3LA43R36H514476	
TITLE: 004336613 COUNTY: Arapahoe	
MAKE: CHRY MODEL: 300 COLOR: BLK	
STYLE: SEDAN YEAR: 2006	

On 11-22-21 I was made aware of a license plate reader capture of CO plate AGNU63 on a black Chrysler 300 at 14707 E 2nd Ave in Aurora, Colorado, Arapahoe County.

**A 'Hot Listed' vehicle has been detected by your LEARN database  
This information was acquired by Vigilant Solutions' LPR system**

## Fugitive - LP # AGNU63 / CO



<b>Nearest Address:</b>	14707 E 2nd Ave Aurora, CO 80011
<b>Nearest Intersection:</b>	E 2nd Ave Sable Blvd

Detective Chris Fanning and I responded to this location and observed the Chrysler 300 bearing this plate parked on the curb, un-occupied. I observed there to be one bullet hole in the rear trunk lid on the passenger side, and just below the bullet hole was the imprint of the "300" emblem which was missing from the vehicle. The size of the missing "300" emblem appeared to match the size of the "300" emblem which was found on Nome St at the location of the shooting. The doors were locked and there appeared to be clothing and trash strewn about inside the vehicle. The Chrysler was not reported stolen.



I had the Chrysler 300 towed as evidence to the APD Central Shops evidence bay. Investigator Jeff Chamberlin and I then responded to 837 Scranton St to speak with [REDACTED] about her Chrysler. [REDACTED] stepped outside and spoke to us about her Chrysler, which she stated she sold a year ago to a friend named Jose Castro (36 years old) who she believed had moved to Mexico. I told [REDACTED] I did not believe her story since her Chrysler was still here in Aurora and was still registered in her name. I asked [REDACTED] if I could speak to her son, [REDACTED] about the shooting at Central High School and she allowed me to do so.

[REDACTED] exited the house and we spoke on the front porch with [REDACTED] present. [REDACTED] initially stated he had never been in his mother's Chrysler 300 and that his mother sold the car last year. [REDACTED] additionally said he was at home last Monday (11-15-21), did not go to school that day, and had no information about the shooting. [REDACTED] said his friends were there at the park in a black Tahoe. [REDACTED] identified his friends in the Tahoe to be [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

I asked [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] if I could get a voluntary buccal swab from [REDACTED] telling them that he could refuse, and they agreed to have [REDACTED] give me a buccal swab. After I collected the buccal swab, I told them that we have located their Chrysler 300 and would probably find DNA inside the car which would lead to the ID of who was in it. [REDACTED] then admitted to driving the Chrysler on Monday (11-15-21) with his friends because of a fight that was supposed to take place at Nome Park.

[REDACTED] said somebody named [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] friends had been beefing with him [REDACTED] and his friends and they were going to fight at Nome Park. [REDACTED] said when he was driving the Chrysler by the park, he saw that [REDACTED] friends were armed with handguns and standing by a tan minivan. [REDACTED] said he stopped by [REDACTED] group and rolled his windows down to ask them if they were going to fight or not. [REDACTED] said the other group then started shooting at his Chrysler so his friend in the backseat, [REDACTED] (student at Central) opened fire on the other group at the park. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was firing a large gun which he described as looking like an AK-47 or AR-15 rifle. [REDACTED] said they were acting in self-defense because the other group fired first. [REDACTED] also said he didn't know anything was going to happen.

It should be noted that I had previously reviewed video collected from 1225 Nome St which is pointed directly towards Nome Park and observed individuals standing around a tan minivan

parked on Nome St. The Chrysler 300 did multiple laps of the area around 12th/Nome and when the Chrysler passed by the park the final time, I observed individuals ducking and running from the tan minivan as if gunfire had erupted upon them first. As the Chrysler sped northbound from the park it appeared as though there are shooters in the park returning gunfire. It should be additionally noted that there are no bullet holes along the passenger side of the Chrysler which is the side of the vehicle which would have been facing the group of people at the park. The only bullet hole in the Chrysler was in the rear trunk lid, suggesting the occupants of the Chrysler fired first, then fled, and received gunfire while fleeing, thus the bullet hole in the rear trunk lid.

**People in the park and standing around a tan minivan on Nome Street before the shooting**



**Black Chrysler 300 when shots were fired at the parkgoers.**



**Tan minivan leaving NB on Nome Street after the shooting.**



I stopped the interview at this point and told [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that I was going to read [REDACTED] his Miranda rights due to the fact that criminal charges may be filed on [REDACTED] for his role in the shooting. After reading [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] a Juvenile Advisement of Rights form, [REDACTED] decided that [REDACTED] would no longer be speaking to me without a lawyer. The interview then ended, and I arrested [REDACTED] (ID'd by mother and APS student photo), informing [REDACTED] that he was being charged with Attempted Murder in the First Degree. This arrest of [REDACTED] occurred at about 1300 hours.

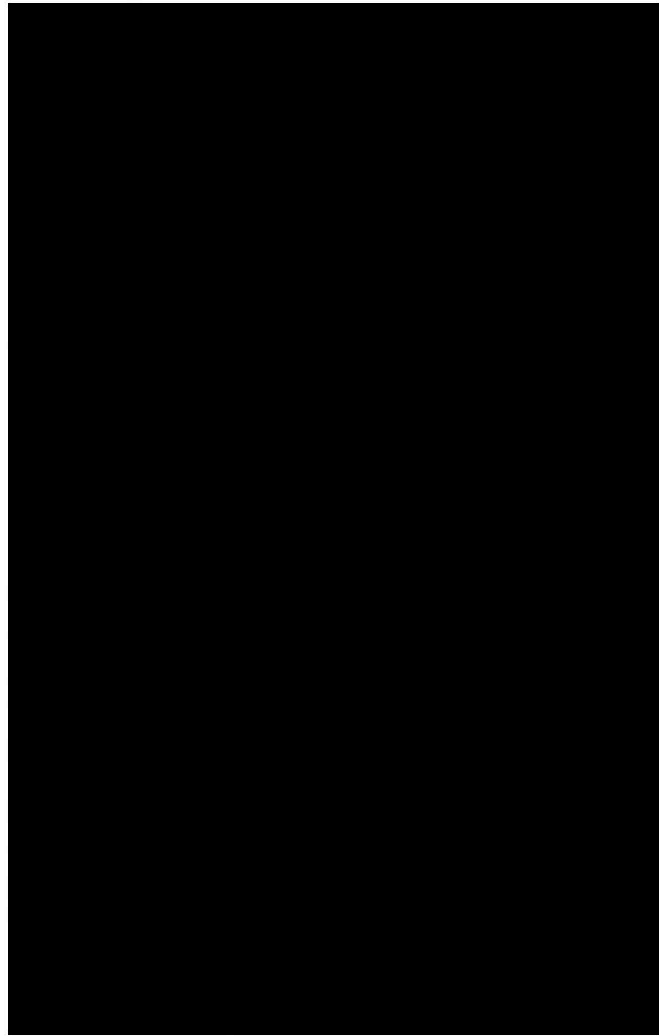
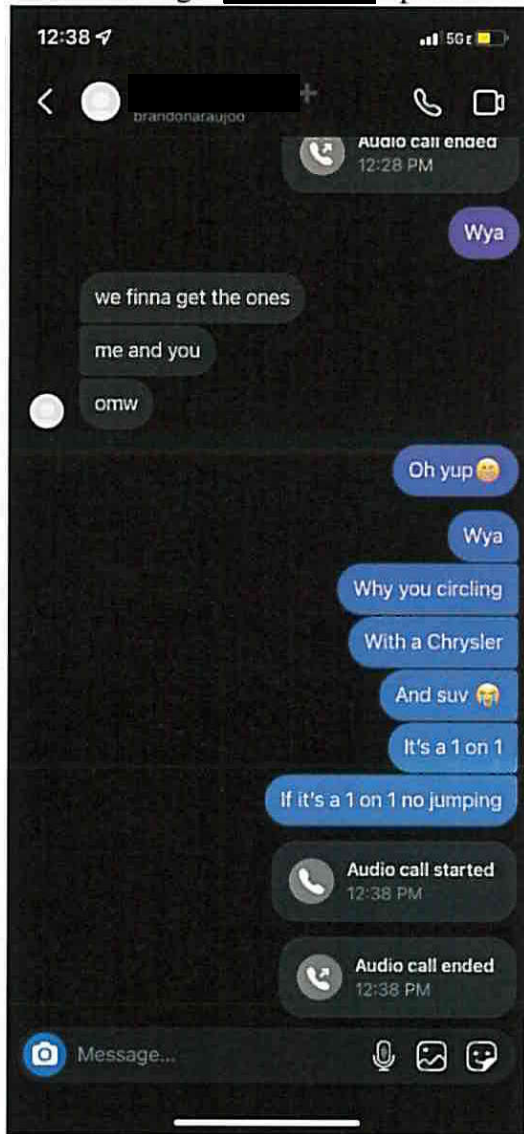
At around 1900 hours I received a phone call from [REDACTED] who identified herself as the mother of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said her son had information about the shooting that he wanted to talk with me about. [REDACTED] agreed to bring [REDACTED] to APD HQ for an interview. [REDACTED] said he was jumped at Nome Park on a Tuesday the week before the shooting at Nome Park. He said [REDACTED] had jumped him unfairly in the previous fight and he wanted a fair rematch, one-on-one (and no weapons), at Nome Park on 11-15-21 at lunchtime.



[REDACTED] showed me Instagram chat messages between [REDACTED] and himself which set up the fight on 11-15-21. [REDACTED] said he walked to Nome Park from Central High School with two of his friends, Luis Lazcano and [REDACTED] who were there to support him. [REDACTED] then learned that Luis had called for some additional backup from some Polo Gang members, who were standing at the park next to a tan minivan parked on Nome St. [REDACTED] did not see any guns on anyone in the park and told me that if he had, he would have called off the fight. He said while waiting for [REDACTED] to show up at the park, he saw a black Tahoe and black Chrysler 300 circling the area and he felt that [REDACTED] was in one of the vehicles because he knew the Tahoe was associated to [REDACTED] friends: [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said he had never seen the Chrysler before, but the two vehicles were driving together and checking out the park together. [REDACTED] thought [REDACTED] (believed to be in one of the vehicles) was attempting to see how many of [REDACTED] friends were there for backup.

[REDACTED] said there were about a dozen on his side at the park (Himself, Luis, [REDACTED], and approximately 9 Polo Gang members by the tan minivan). [REDACTED] was continuing to send chat

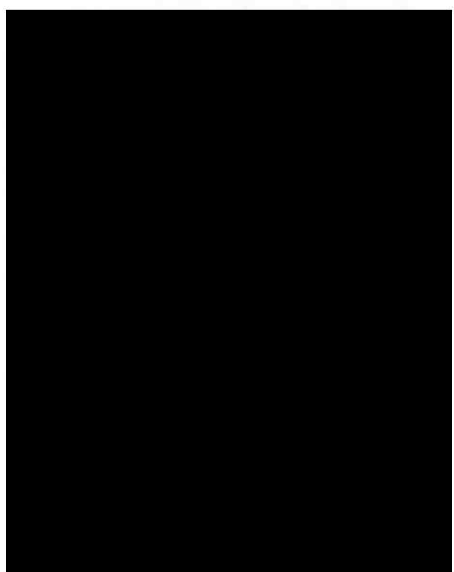
messages to ██████ during this time and even sent a message saying, “Wya” (where you at?). ██████ replied, “we finna get the ones, me and you, omw.” ██████ replied, “Why you circling, with a Chrysler, and SUV, it’s a 1 on 1, if it’s a 1 on 1 no jumping.” ██████ then tried calling ██████ phone at 12:38 PM but did not get an answer.



██████ said the Tahoe finally stopped circling and parked on E 13<sup>th</sup> Ave just east of Nome St and the Chrysler did another lap of the park. He said the Chrysler then came to a stop on Nome St by the park. ██████ said he was standing about 35-40 feet away from the Chrysler at this point and he threw up his arms and said, “Are we going to fight or what?” to the Chrysler, whose tinted windows were all still up. He could not see who was inside the car. No response came from the Chrysler until ██████ then turned to walk back to his friends (Luis and ██████). ██████ said at this point he saw the windows on the passenger side of the Chrysler (front and back) go down and two unknown shooters pointed a rifle out the back window and a handgun out the front window and began to fire at him.

██████████ said he was not struck, but his friends Luis and ██████████ were. He said the Chrysler then drove northbound on Nome St and one of the Polo Gang members by the tan minivan returned gunfire at the Chrysler. He heard a rumor that the front passenger of the Chrysler got struck by one of the bullets from the Polo Gang member returning gunfire, but he had no further information on who the person was or where he heard the rumor. ██████████ did not know if any gunfire came from the Tahoe while it was parked on E 13<sup>th</sup> Ave but said the front passenger window was halfway down while it was parked there just prior to the shooting.

On 11-23-21 I learned from Detective Fanning that ██████████ was a 15 year old student at Central High School and had been arrested in June 2021 by APD for Possession of a Handgun by a Juvenile at E 14<sup>th</sup> Ave and Oswego St which is just a couple blocks away from Nome Park (ref: APD 21-21212). I contacted APD's Gang Unit and requested assistance in locating and contacting ██████████ to see if he would be willing to meet at HQ for an interview. At about 1837 hours I was notified by Gang Unit Officer Roch Gruszczyk that he made contact with ██████████ (ID'd by APD mugshot) and asked him if he and his mother would voluntarily come to HQ for an interview about the Nome Park shooting. ██████████ and his mother, ██████████, agreed to come to HQ for an interview and self-transported themselves. ██████████ requested a Spanish Interpreter, so APD Volunteer Interpreter Armando Jaramillo did such duty.



I told ██████████ and ██████████ that he was not under arrest, not detained, was free to leave at any time, and that anything he said to me was made voluntarily, and they understood this. I asked ██████████ to tell me about his whereabouts on 11-15-21 and ██████████ stated he was sick that day, so he didn't go to school. He said he went shopping at King Soopers and Ace Hardware at 6<sup>th</sup>/Peoria. He said he happened to run into a friend of his from Central HS, ██████████ while running these errands and ██████████ told him about a fight that was going to be happening at Nome Park at lunchtime. ██████████ said he did not go with ██████████ did not go to Nome Park, but instead went to his grandmother's house at 37 Del Mar Parkway for the rest of the day until 5pm.

██████████ continued to deny having any involvement in the shooting, denied being at Nome Park, but did admit to being friends with ██████████ and ██████████. After more

questioning and advising ██████ that I didn't believe his story, he admitted that he was lying to me. ██████ ultimately admitted that he was in the black Chrysler 300 on 11-15-21 which has been on TV in the news and additionally identified it from a surveillance still from Central High School which I showed him. ██████ said he was also in the Chrysler at the time of the shooting at Nome Park.



██████ confirmed the Chrysler 300 in this photo was the car he was in on 11-15-21.

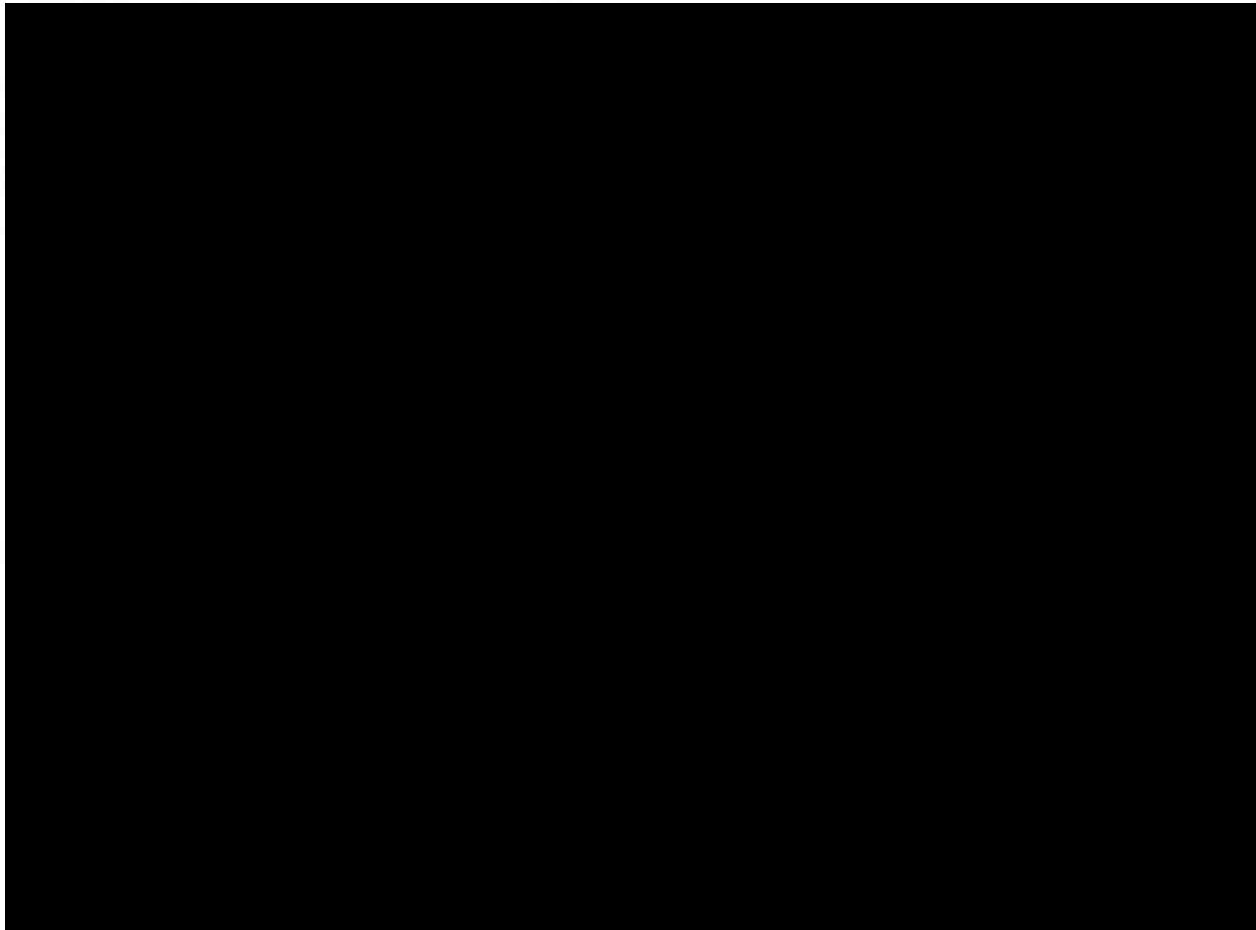
I advised ██████ and ██████ that I would Mirandize ██████ before any further questioning. ██████ and ██████ read and signed a Juvenile Advisement of Rights form, stated they understood their rights, and both agreed to continue speaking about the shooting incident.

██████ said he got picked up by ██████, ██████, and an unknown female in the Chrysler when he ran into ██████ at King Soopers on the morning of 11-15-21. He said they drove to a park near 6<sup>th</sup>/Dayton and smoked weed together. He saw a black handgun sitting on the center console of the Chrysler and said ██████ handed the gun to him, he handled it, then handed it to ██████. He said ██████ and ██████ discussed going to Nome Park to fight someone who he didn't know. He said they left the park at 6<sup>th</sup>/Dayton and drove to Nome Park. He said ██████ was driving and ██████ was in the front passenger seat. ██████ said he was seated in the rear passenger seat behind ██████ and the unknown female was sitting behind ██████. He said somewhere while driving loops around the Nome Park area they stopped and another unknown Hispanic male, possibly 15 years old and possibly a Central HS student, got into the backseat of the Chrysler and sat in the middle between ██████ and the female.

██████ said a black SUV was also circling the area with them and said he has previously known ██████ and ██████ to be associated to the SUV as well. ██████ said he didn't know on this occasion who was inside the black SUV. ██████ said he didn't believe any gunfire came from the black SUV at any time during this Nome Park shooting incident.

██████████ said shortly after driving around Nome Park again in the Chrysler, the unknown Hispanic male in the middle backseat pulled out a small handgun, possibly from his ankle, and the female opened a chamber in the backseat of the Chrysler from which she retrieved an AK-47 rifle. ██████████ said they circled the park some more and the discussion between ██████████ and ██████████ was that they were looking for the person at the park which they were going to fight. ██████████ said his understanding at this point was that there would be a fist fight at the park, and if it didn't go well, they would have guns to then finish it with.

██████████ said ██████████ pulled up to the park and rolled the front and rear windows down on the passenger side using his driver's door window controls. ██████████ said ██████████ began firing multiple shots out his front passenger window with the same black handgun ██████████ had earlier handed him. ██████████ said the female that was behind the driver's seat leaned all the way over the middle backseat male and himself in the rear passenger seat and began firing the AK-47 rifle out the rear passenger window right next to his face. ██████████ said the middle backseat male also leaned over him and began firing the handgun he produced from his ankle out the rear passenger window at the same time the female was leaning over both of them and firing the AK-47. Not believing this scenario was even possible, I asked ██████████ to demonstrate this contorted backseat positioning with the use of Armando and ██████████ acting as the other backseat occupants. Armando and ██████████ agreed to participate in this reenactment with ██████████ and upon attempting to recreate their exact positions, it was quite obvious and comical to all that it was an impossibility.



I asked [REDACTED] if he saw people in the park getting shot and he said he was scared and closed his eyes and didn't see anything. I asked [REDACTED] how many people there were at the park who were in the line of fire and he estimated about 20 people. [REDACTED] said the two shooters in the backseat of the Chrysler fired at least 10 times. He said [REDACTED] then drove northbound on Nome St and someone at the park began shooting back at them. He said nobody inside the Chrysler was struck by any bullets. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] made a right turn to go eastbound upon reaching E 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. I asked [REDACTED] if there was more gunfire that came from the Chrysler as they made the right turn onto E 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. He said the middle backseat male leaned over him as the Chrysler made this right turn and fired again, 3-4 shots, back towards the park. [REDACTED] drew these points on a map of Nome Park.



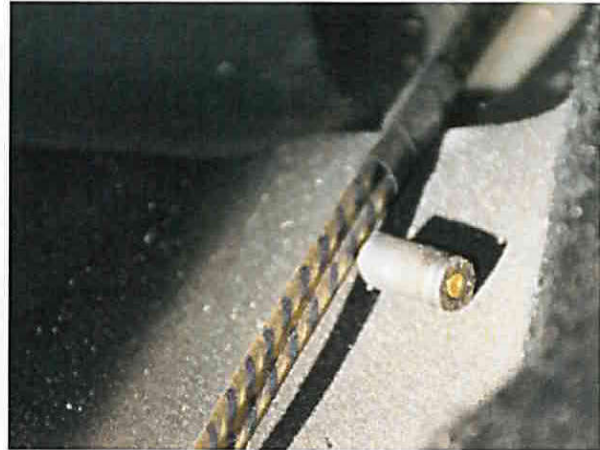
This is where [REDACTED] said the final 3-4 gunshots were fired from the Chrysler back at Nome Park.

I asked [REDACTED] if the middle backseat male used the same gun as before, and he said, "Yes." I asked [REDACTED] if a new gun, not previously used in the shooting by the park, was used on E 13<sup>th</sup> Ave to shoot back at the park and he said, "No." It should be noted that this contradicts the NIBIN findings related to the casings found on E 13<sup>th</sup> Ave being fired from a single gun which was not used in the first round of gunfire by the park. [REDACTED] denied being the shooter at any time during the Nome Park incident, despite me confronting him with the fact that multiple witnesses at the park saw a Hispanic male pointing a rifle out the rear passenger window where he was seated, and that [REDACTED] had stated [REDACTED] was firing the AK-47 rifle from the rear passenger seat. I then arrested [REDACTED] for Attempted Murder in the First Degree and had patrol officers transport him to jail.

On 11-24-21 I executed a search warrant for the Chrysler 300 which was signed by the Arapahoe County District Court. Detective Fanning assisted in the search and located two spent 9mm casings inside the vehicle. One 9mm casing was located in the middle console near the gear shifter, and one 9mm casing was found under the trunk liner behind the rear driver's side backseat. No firearms were located inside the Chrysler. CSI Darvin Harrell took photos of the casings and a bullet hole which was in the rear trunk lid on the passenger side. The bullet hole did not penetrate the trunk lid into the vehicle. The rear seats of the Chrysler had the ability to release and afford access to the trunk, which was entirely filled with clothing and tools.

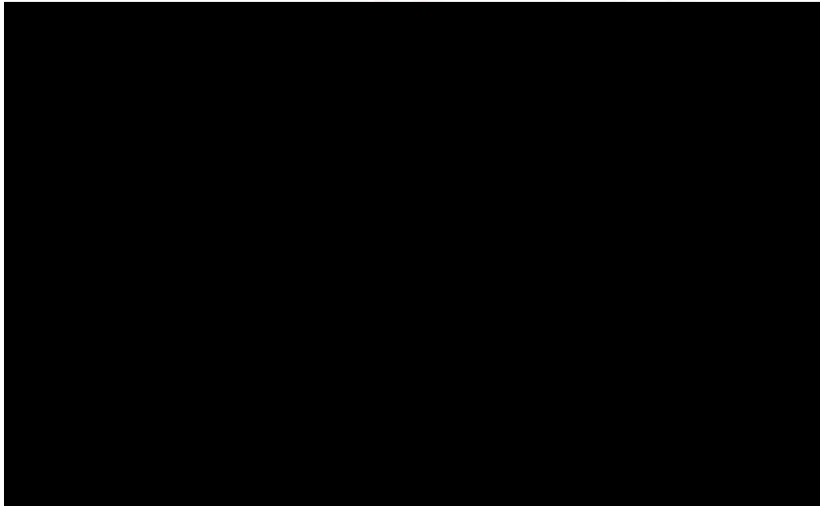


9mm casing found in middle console coin tray.



9mm casing found under trunk liner behind backseat.

On 12-9-21 I attended a proffer interview with [REDACTED] and his attorney Matthew Hardy at the Arapahoe County DA's Office. After signing proffer papers agreeing to the interview, [REDACTED] stated that he was originally in the black Chevy Tahoe on November 15<sup>th</sup> with his friends. He said they were driving around Nome Park looking for [REDACTED] because that's who his friend, [REDACTED] was supposed to be fighting at lunchtime at Nome Park. It was supposed to be a fist fight. [REDACTED] said at one point they crossed paths with his sister, [REDACTED] who was driving their mother's black Chrysler 300 around the area. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was ditching school and was not looking for the fight.

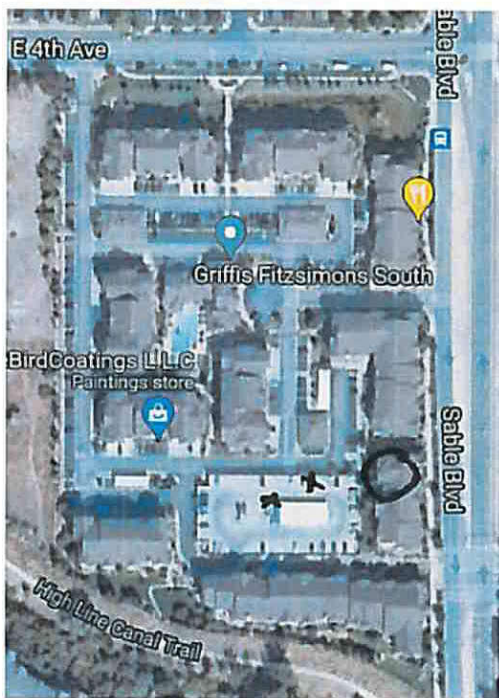


[REDACTED] said the two vehicles (Tahoe and Chrysler) stopped next to each other and [REDACTED] and three of his friends [REDACTED] Daniel, and [REDACTED] got into the Chrysler with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said Daniel and [REDACTED] are brothers and go to Central High School. I asked [REDACTED] what Daniel and [REDACTED] last name was and he said [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said he got in the driver's seat of the Chrysler and [REDACTED] got in the backseat behind him. He said [REDACTED] got in the front passenger seat, Daniel got in the middle backseat, and [REDACTED] got in the passenger-side backseat. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] had a gold-colored AR-10 rifle that he stole from a house safe earlier this year with Daniel and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] had removed the butt stock from the rifle,

so it was shorter and easier to carry concealed under his hoodie and/or sweatpants. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] and Daniel both had handguns with them, which he believed were also possibly stolen at the same time as the AR-10 rifle. [REDACTED] said he didn't have a weapon, nor did his sister [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] said they drove around the Nome Park area some more times still looking for [REDACTED]. He noticed a tan minivan parked on Nome St in front of the park and it was occupied by several males. [REDACTED] thought the males associated with the minivan were armed because he saw one male standing outside the minivan with his hand on the grip of a pistol in his front waistband. [REDACTED] said he ultimately pulled up to the rear corner of the parked minivan where a lot of these males were standing and rolled down the windows on the passenger side of the Chrysler with his master control panel. [REDACTED] said he was going to yell at the group, "Where's [REDACTED]?", but as the males standing by the minivan began to approach the Chrysler, [REDACTED] Daniel, and [REDACTED] opened fire on the group. [REDACTED] thought his friends started shooting because they feared the approaching males were going to shoot them.

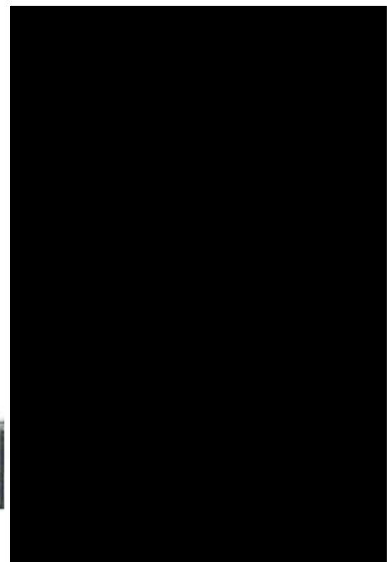
[REDACTED] said he sped away NB on Nome St as soon as the shooting started, and he believed there were people at the park shooting back at his car. [REDACTED] said as they got to E 13<sup>th</sup> Ave and turned to go eastbound, his friends were still shooting back towards the park because there was a male at the park taking aim at their car and shooting directly at them. [REDACTED] did not know who the male shooting from the park was. [REDACTED] said he drove to Daniel and [REDACTED] apartment and they cleaned out the Chrysler which was full of spent casings from their weapons. [REDACTED] said the casings were most likely thrown away somewhere. He said [REDACTED] then drove the Chrysler across the street to the 14600 block of E 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and dumped the car there so that the police would not find them with it. [REDACTED] circled on a map where the apartment is where Daniel and [REDACTED] live, which was shown to be 205 N Sable Blvd. Detective Chris Fanning conducted a student name search with APS security and found two brothers at Central High School named Daniel Ruelas DOB: 5-4-05 and [REDACTED] who in fact live at 205 N Sable Blvd #5208 per APS records. It should be noted that the name of Daniel and [REDACTED] mother is [REDACTED]



205 N Sable Blvd #5208



Daniel Ruelas DOB: 5-4-05



█████ said he has known Daniel and █████ for 10 years and has gone to school with them his entire scholastic life. I asked █████ why █████ told me that █████ and an unknown Hispanic male were in the Chrysler, instead of Daniel and █████ █████ said because █████ is extremely tight friends with Daniel and █████ and he was covering for them. █████ said █████ was in the Chevy Tahoe the entire time during the park shooting (and this is what █████ stated as well). █████ said there was no shooting from the Chevy Tahoe during this incident.

On 12-13-21 I met with █████ and his attorney Mr. Hardy at the Foote Detention Center and showed him APS student photos of Daniel Ruelas DOB: 5-4-05 and █████ and he positively identified both males as the shooters in this case. I showed █████ the APD mugshot of █████ and he positively identified him as well as the rifle shooter.

I later met █████ at her residence with her mother █████ present. I interviewed █████ about the events of November 15<sup>th</sup> and she stated she was ditching school and driving the black Chrysler 300 around Nome Park when she ran into █████ and his friends in a black Chevy Tahoe. She said █████ and his friends got into the Chrysler and █████ drove. She said she got in the backseat behind █████ She said █████ got in the front passenger seat, Daniel got into the middle backseat, and █████ got into the passenger-side backseat. She did not know any of them had weapons on them at this point. She later saw █████ remove a cream-colored rifle from his sweatpants while driving around.

█████ said she didn't know why █████ kept driving circles around Nome Park. She said it appeared as though more and more people, roughly 30, started gathering at the park. She didn't know that a fight was supposed to be happening at the park. She said █████ was on the phone with █████ who was in the Tahoe, and they were conversing with one another on speaker phone. She heard █████ cursing and seemed upset about trying to find someone named █████ She said the Tahoe was also circling the park with them for a while.

█████ said █████ eventually drove slowly (10-15 MPH) by the park and █████ and █████ rolled their windows all the way down. █████ said █████ fired his rifle at the people at the park about 30 times. She said Daniel and █████ then immediately began firing their handguns out the window as well towards the people in the park. She estimated they fired 6-8 times as well. She said █████ was the first person to fire a gun during the shooting. I asked █████ why █████ started shooting and she said that █████ was on speaker phone with █████ and █████ told him to shoot the people at the park. █████ drew on a map the direction that █████, Daniel, and █████ were shooting and said it was directly at the large group of people at the park. (See below. Your affiant added orange arrows for clarity of direction)



She said [redacted] drove NB on Nome St towards E 13<sup>th</sup> Ave after the shooting and [redacted] yelled that he had been shot in the back. They inspected his back and learned that he was only burnt by some hot brass from their fired weapons. She said when they got to E 13<sup>th</sup> Ave [redacted] fired more rounds back at the park because they were getting shot at by someone at the park. She thought there were two shooters at the park based on the sound of the gunfire, but she did not actually see anyone shooting at them. She believed that [redacted] had two guns during the incident because [redacted] stated that he ran out of ammo as they were driving NB on Nome St immediately after the first round of gunfire, but then he was shooting again with a handgun as they reached E 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. (This would explain the independent group of casings on E 13<sup>th</sup> Ave which did not match any of the casings at the park). [redacted] admitted to later driving the Chrysler 300 from Daniel and [redacted] apartment to the 14600 block of E 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and dumping it there to avoid being contacted by police with the vehicle.

I showed [redacted] two separate 6-pack photo lineups which contained Daniel Ruelas (in #4) and [redacted] (in #5) after she read and signed a Photo Lineup Admonition form. [redacted] made selections on both lineups in under 5 seconds, stating with 100% confidence that Daniel Ruelas was #4, and [redacted] was #5, on their respective lineups. [redacted] circled and initialed her selections.

Based on the foregoing facts and circumstances, your affiant feels that there is probable cause to believe that the crime(s) of C.R.S.

**18-3-102(1)(d) Attempted Murder in the First Degree (6 counts)**

has/have been committed and that **Daniel Ruelas DOB: 5-4-05** committed that/those offense(s).

  
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Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN/AFFIRMED to before me this 14TH day of December, 2021.

  
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Notary Public  
9-13-2023  
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My Commission Expires

