

**STATEMENT OF FACTS IN SUPPORT OF COMPLAINT**  
**IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT**

Dona Ana County  
State of New Mexico


v.  
**Taylor James Enriquez**

*MT-14-FR-2017-00770*

 SEX: Male RACE: White	HGT: 5'8 WGT: 160 EYE: Bro HAIR: Bro COMP:	ADDRESS: homeless  OTHER:
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The undersigned, being duly sworn on his oath, has reason to believe that on or about the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017, in Dona Ana County, State of New Mexico, the above-named Defendant did commit the crime(s) of: **Murder (Open Count), False Imprisonment, Battery**, contrary to section(s), **30-2-1(A)(1), 30-4-3, 30-3-4** NMSA 1978.

Undersigned further states the following facts on oath to establish probable cause to believe that the above-named Defendant did commit the crime charged.

- A. Undersigned Affiant is a full-time salaried Law Enforcement Officer with the Las Cruces Police Department's Criminal Investigation Division.
- B. Undersigned Affiant learned the following facts and information from Sergeant Savage L771, a full time salaried law enforcement officer for the City of Las Cruces:
  - 1- On February 26, 2017 he and other officers respond to  to a fight and a dead body possibly a murder scene.
  - 2- When they arrive they make contact with several subjects to include, Jennifer Barraza, Manuel Lopez Polanco, Edwin Lopez and Taylor Enriquez.
  - 3- Manuel Lopez Polanco has injuries to his face and was transported to the hospital for treatment. Taylor Enriquez had an injury to his face and chest and was not wearing a shirt. His pants and shoes were covered in a red substance believed to be blood. The amount of the red substance on his clothing was not consistent with his injuries.
  - 4- When the officer conducted a protective sweep to look for injured persons, in the back yard the officers found a man with stab wounds to the neck. The man was covered in a red substance believed to be blood and was not breathing. The man was identified as Alberto Nunez and was pronounced dead. The officers could see signs of a struggle in the back yard and a broken wooden handle. The jagged end of the broken wooden handle was covered in a red substance believed to be blood.
  - 5- The officers removed everyone from the scene and secured the residence.

C. Undersigned Affiant learned the following facts and information from Jennifer Barraza:

- 1- That she lives with her boyfriend Edwin Lopez, her 1-year-old daughter, and Manuel Lopez Polanco at [REDACTED]
- 2- On February 26, 2017 she, Edwin Lopez and daughter were invited to a birthday party at Peter Piper Pizza. Before they went to the party they drove to Vado to meet with Edwin's cousin Alberto Nunez. Alberto seemed drunk and wanted to go with them back to Las Cruces because he wanted to see Manuel Lopez Polanco.
- 3- When they arrived at her home on Manzanita they asked Alberto if he wanted to go with them to Peter Piper Pizza. He said no. He wanted to stay behind and wait for Manuel to come home. They left Alberto at her house alone and they went to the birthday party.
- 4- A few hours later they left the birthday party and returned home. When she walked inside she saw Manuel in the house. Manuel had an injury to his eye and was bloody. She saw a person she only knows as T.J. in the house with Manuel. T.J. is a guy she sees around the neighborhood and she does not know him very well. She notices that T.J. has a black eye and he has a blank look on his face. She asked what happened and T.J. said "he killed him."
- 5- She tells Edwin that T.J. hit his dad Manuel Lopez Polanco. Edwin begins to hit T.J. She walks outside to look for Alberto. When she looks on the side of the house she sees Alberto on the ground. She asks T.J. what happened. T.J. tells her Edwin's dad killed him. Edwin goes outside and sees Alberto on the ground. Edwin touches Alberto and says Alberto is dead. She goes to the front of the house and calls the police.

D. Undersigned Affiant learned the following facts and information from Edwin Lopez:

- 1- He, his girlfriend Jennifer Barraza and his daughter were invited to a birthday party at Peter Piper Pizza. He is in town when he gets a phone call from Alberto Nunez his cousin. Alberto tells him that he bought him two roosters and to go over to get them. he and his girlfriend drive to Mesquite NM to pick up Alberto. They then drive to Vado NM to pick up the roosters.
- 2- After they pick up the roosters they drive back home with Alberto Nunez. When they arrive Alberto does not want to go with them to Peter Piper Pizza. They leave Alberto alone at his house.
- 3- A couple of hours later they return home. His girlfriend goes in the house first. He can hear her yelling "Babe, Babe, Demon is hitting your dad!" he enters the house and he sees that his dad Manuel Lopez Polanco has injuries to his face.
- 4- He asks his dad Manuel what happened and his dad says that guy did it. He walks to the back yard and he sees Taylor. He asks Taylor what happened. Taylor tells him "the Guero did it". He looks toward the side of the house and he sees his cousin Alberto on the ground. He sees that he is bloody and not moving. He touches Alberto's chin and shakes Alberto's face. He tries to get Alberto to open his eyes. Alberto does not respond and he can feel that Alberto is cold to the touch.
- 5- He begins to panic. He calls his brother Hector and his cousin Danny Alberto's brother. He tells them what happened and tells them to come over. Jennifer is on the phone with the police so he grabs Taylor and holds onto him. he does not want Taylor to run so he holds Taylor until the police arrive.

E. Undersigned Affiant learned the following facts and information from Manuel Lopez Polanco:

- 1- That he lives with his son Edwin Lopez and Edwin's girlfriend Jennifer at [REDACTED]
- 2- He leaves at around 9 in the morning and he has a few beers while he is out. He returns home at around sunset. He walks to the back yard and enters the fence. Once inside of the yard he sees his nephew on the ground and a young man standing over him.
- 3- The young man rushes him and grabs him by the wrists. The young man knocks him down to the ground and begins to punch his face. The young man puts his knee on his chest pinning him down. The young man continues to punch him on the face as he tells the man to stop. He tells the young man to stop hitting him and the man stops and lets him up. he walks to the side of the house and he is alone with the man for at least 30 minutes.
- 4- His son Edwin comes home and asks him what happened. He tells his son Edwin that the young man in the back yard did this to him. His son goes to the back yard and a short time later the police arrive.

F. Undersigned Affiant learned the following facts and information from the investigation:

- 1- That Manuel Lopez Polanco has several bruises and lacerations to his face that require stitches. These injuries are consistent with his statement that a young man punched him on the face several times.
- 2- Officers located a neighbor with surveillance cameras facing the back yard of [REDACTED]. The video footage is dark but has audio recording of the incident. The audio has the sounds of someone telling another person to stop several times as the sounds of a person being struck is heard. The sounds of someone being struck stop and a few minutes later someone arrives and screaming is heard. someone is heard asking what did you do, and who killed him, you killed my cousin, you're not going anywhere, why would you do that T.J., you killed my cousin, T.J.
- 3- Officers make contact and detain Taylor Enriquez also known as T.J. and they notice that he is not wearing a shirt, his pants and his shoes are covered with a red substance believed to be blood.
- 4- Officer Solis escorts Taylor Enriquez to the hospital for injuries to his person and he hears Taylor yell to Jennifer "it was self-defense".
- 5- Officer later escort Taylor Enriquez back to the hospital for a drug overdose because he is foaming from the mouth, shaking and mumbling.

G. Undersigned Affiant learned the following facts and information from Taylor James Enrique:

- 1- That he knows and at times hangs out with the people that live at [REDACTED]. He knows them as Edwin and Jenni.
- 2- On February 26, 2017 he walked to the back yard of Edwin and Jenni's house. He sees a man in the back yard and they are singing and talking together. The man started talking about the man's mom and grandma.

- 3- The man started trippin so he postured up to him. He threw a punch and hit the man on the face. The man threw a punch at him. He ducked and spun around the man and flipped him over. The man fell on the ground. The man picked up a shovel and tried to hit him with the shovel. He ducked and avoided the strike. He was able to take the shovel away for the man. He then hit the man with the shovel on the side of the man's neck. He finds a bottle on the ground. He picks up the bottle and hits the man on the head. The bottle breaks and he then stabs the man on the neck with the bottle. The man falls to the ground and the man is still breathing.
- 4- Manuel walks to the back yard and sees the deceased man on the ground. Manuel gets angry and asks him what did he do. He tells Manuel that some guero showed up and killed the man. Manuel throws a punch at him and he moves out of the way. He grabs Manuel and throws Manuel to the ground. He grabs Manuel's wrists and he puts his knee on Manuel's chest. He holds Manuel down and he punches Manuel on the face. Manuel tells him to stop and he holds Manuel down for around 20 minutes. He then lets Manuel get up and Edwin and Jenni show up. Edwin then tries to fight with him. Edwin kicks him on the chest and he falls down and hits his face on the sidewalk. A short time later the police arrive.

Based upon the above-mentioned information, Affiant petitions the Court to accept this Statement of Facts for the above-mentioned Defendant, charging him **Murder (Open Count), False Imprisonment, Battery**, contrary to section(s), **30-2-1(A)(1), 30-4-3, 30-3-4** NMSA 1978.

Subscribed and sworn before me  
In Dona Ana County, State of New  
Mexico this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
2017.

  
Affiant Felix Guerra L680  
Detective Las Cruces Police Dept.

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Judge