

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
SAN MIGUEL COUNTY
IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
Plaintiff,

Vs.

No. M-48-FR 2017-00095 ^{MPL}

NAME: Richard Joseph Griego
D.O.B.: [REDACTED]
S.S.N.: [REDACTED]
ADDRESS (last known): [REDACTED]

AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST WARRANT

AFFIANT, being duly sworn, upon his oath, states that he has reason to believe that on or about the 28th day of March, 2017, in the County of San Miguel, State of New Mexico, the above named defendant did commit the crime of:

1. Murder in the 1st degree (open charge)
2. Tampering with Evidence (highest crime committed is a capital, 1st or 2nd degree felony)

And that the facts tending to establish the foregoing grounds for the issuance of an Arrest Warrant are as follows:

AFFIANT is a full-time salaried Law Enforcement Officer employed by the New Mexico State Police for approximately three years and is currently assigned to the Investigations Bureau, Zone One, Las Vegas, New Mexico. Affiant has training consisting of the New Mexico State Police Academy and numerous post-academy training contacts in various disciplines of investigations and has assisted in processing crime and accident scenes and investigating various crimes including but not limited to violent felonies.

On March 28, 2017, at approximately 5:30 p.m., I was assigned to investigate a report of the possible dumping of a body in Ribera, New Mexico. The reporting person, identified as Beverly Quintana, reported to law enforcement she observed a male throw her cousin from the Pecos River bridge on New Mexico Highway 3.

I interviewed Ms. Quintana. She said she was traveling southbound on New Mexico 3 near the Pecos River bridge. Ms. Quintana said she saw a white Ford pickup driving northbound, the driver appeared angry. As the pickup continued passed her, she noticed a male in the bed area of the pickup. She recognized the male in the bed of the pickup as her cousin, who she identified as Jimmy Griego. Ms. Quintana said Jimmy appeared to be on his knees in the bed of the pickup. She said Jimmy also appeared to be "terrified". Ms. Quintana continued to watch the pickup through her rear view mirror. She observed the pickup pull over and stop on the bridge. She observed the driver exit the vehicle and walk towards the back of the pickup. Ms. Quintana said the driver appeared to be holding an unknown object in his right hand.

For fear the driver was going to harm Jimmy, Ms. Quintana turned her vehicle around and drove towards them. Ms. Quintana said when she was driving towards the white pickup, she observed the driver carrying Jimmy over his shoulder. The driver walked to the edge of the bridge and threw Jimmy over the side of the bridge to the river below.

Ms. Quintana stopped her vehicle on the side of the road and looked over the side of the bridge. She observed a body, face down, floating in the river. Further, she saw what appeared to be blood on the back of the shirt, worn by Jimmy. Ms. Quintana said the driver of the pickup entered his vehicle and drove northbound on New Mexico 3. The driver made a sudden turnaround, just north of the Pecos River bridge, and began traveling southbound. Ms. Quintana recognized the Ford pickup as belonging to Richard Griego, the defendant's father.

New Mexico State Police Agent Mark Jackson interviewed Ignacio Griego, Jimmy's brother. Ignacio said Jimmy was picked up earlier in the day by "Joseph" Griego.

Confirmation was received from New Mexico Adult Probation and Parole Richard that Joseph Griego is on probation and is required to wear an ankle monitor. Probation and Parole provided Global Positioning System tracking information for Richard's ankle monitor. The GPS tracking information placed Richard, stationary, on the Pecos River bridge on New Mexico 3 at 4:18 p.m. Ms. Quintana called law enforcement at approximately 4:20 p.m. Further, GPS information tracked Richard's movements from the bridge, then southbound to his house in Villanueva, New Mexico.

A Field Examiner for the Office of the Medical Investigator found blunt force trauma and two lacerations to Jimmy's head. I observed the injuries to Jimmy's head, including an indentation to the left side of his head.

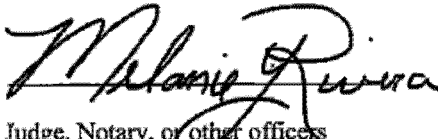
AFFIANT is requesting an arrest warrant for Richard Joseph Griego for the crime of murder in the first degree (open charge) and tampering with evidence.

Based on the aforementioned facts, Affiant feels that there is sufficient probable cause for the issuance of an arrest warrant.

Subscribed and sworn to or declared and affirmed to before me in San Miguel County, State of New Mexico, this 29th day of March, 2017.

AGENT PATRICK MONTOYA
COMPLAINANT
NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE
INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

Subscribed and sworn to before me in
San Miguel County, New Mexico


Judge, Notary, or other officers
authorized to administer oaths