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IN THE THIRD DISTRICT COURT, SALT LAKE DEPARTMENT
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SALT LAKE, STATE OF UTAH

THE STATE OF UTAH,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NOEL MUNOZ LOPEZ,
DOB: 06/25/1987,
AKA: Miguel Munoz, Snoopy, Miguel
Lopez
UNKNOWN
OTN
SO#
Booking#
SID#

Defendant.

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INFORMATION

NO BAIL REQUESTED

Warrant/Release: WARRANT ISSUED

Case No.

DA Case No. 21017423

The undersigned, Detective N. Johanson with West Valley Police Department, in reference to agency case no. 21I037247, upon a written declaration states on information and belief that the defendant, NOEL MUNOZ LOPEZ, committed the crimes of:

COUNT 1

MURDER, 76-5-203 UCA, First Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about October 04, 2021 at 4222 W. 3785 S., in Salt Lake County, State of Utah, the defendant, intentionally or knowingly caused the death of Farrell Bartschi; or intending to cause serious bodily injury to another, committed an act clearly dangerous to human life that caused the death of another; or acting under circumstances evidencing a depraved indifference to human life, knowingly

engaged in conduct which created a grave risk of death to another and thereby caused the death of another; or engaged in the commission, attempted commission, or immediate flight from the commission or attempted commission of Felony Discharge of a Firearm, or was a party to the Felony Discharge of a Firearm; and a person other than a party as defined in Utah Code Section 76-2-202 was killed in the course of the commission, attempted commission, or immediate flight from the commission or attempted commission of the Felony Discharge of a Firearm; and the actor acted with the intent required as an element of the Felony Discharge of a Firearm.

COUNT 2

PURCHASE, TRANSFER, POSSESSION OR USE OF A FIREARM BY RESTRICTED PERSON, 76-10-503(2)(a) UCA, Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about October 04, 2021 at 4222 W. 3785 S., in Salt Lake County, State of Utah, the defendant, being then a Category I restricted person, intentionally or knowingly agreed, consented, offered, or arranged to purchase, transfer, possess, use, or have under the person's custody or control, or intentionally or knowingly purchased, transferred, possessed, used, or had under the person's custody or control: any firearm.

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Utah Code Annotated §76-10-503(1)(a)(i), the defendant is a Category I restricted person as he was previously convicted of a violent felony, to wit: Attempted Murder and Aggravated Assault (3 Counts) in Third District Court Case no. 061901770.

COUNT 3

FELONY DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM, 76-10-508.1 UCA, Third Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about October 04, 2021 at 4222 W 3785 S, in Salt Lake County, State of Utah, the defendant, knowing or having reason to believe that any person may be endangered by the discharge of a firearm, discharged a firearm in the direction of any person or persons; or with the intent to intimidate or harass another or with intent to damage a habitable structure, discharged a firearm in the direction of any person or habitable structure; or with the intent to intimidate or harass another, discharged a firearm in the direction of any vehicle.

COUNT 4

FELONY DISCHARGE OF A FIREARM, 76-10-508.1 UCA, Third Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about October 04, 2021 at 4222 W 3785 S, in Salt Lake County, State of Utah, the defendant, knowing or having reason to believe that any person may be endangered by the discharge of a firearm, discharged a firearm in the direction of any person or persons; or with the intent to intimidate or harass another or with intent to damage a habitable structure, discharged a firearm in the direction of any person or habitable structure; or with the intent to intimidate or harass another, discharged a firearm in the direction of any vehicle.

THIS INFORMATION IS BASED ON EVIDENCE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES:

N. Johanson, M. Reveles, W. Reveles, H. Tauna, N. Stanley.

DECLARATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your Declarant, based on interviews of witnesses, and on information in West Valley City Police report 21I037247, hereby states that on or about October 4, 2021, Defendant NOEL MUNOZ LOPEZ was identified as the person who was standing outside the residence at 4222 West 3785 South, in Salt Lake County. Mr. Farrell Bartschi was walking past said residence on his morning walk when LOPEZ fired three shots at Mr. Bartschi. One of the shots struck Mr. Bartschi in the torso. LOPEZ's relatives came out of the residence, confronted LOPEZ, and then tried to render lifesaving aid to Mr. Bartschi, which was not successful. Mr. Bartschi was declared deceased at the scene.

Immediately after shooting Mr. Bartschi, LOPEZ got into his car and left the area. The firearm was not recovered from the scene or from the house.

Dr. Nicole Stanley with the Utah Office of the Medical Examiner conducted an autopsy on Mr. Bartschi and determined the cause of death to be a gunshot wound and the manner of death to be homicide.

LOPEZ is a Category I restricted person as he is previously convicted of at least four violent felonies in 2007, [Case No. 061901770] including attempted homicide, and three counts of aggravated assault, all second-degree felonies involving the use of a firearm.

REQUEST FOR NO BAIL HOLD:

Pursuant to Utah Code 77-20-1(2), the State requests that Defendant be held without bail until further notice in this matter

The defendant LOPEZ is charged with criminal homicide/murder, a first-degree felony, obstruction of justice, a second-degree felony, possession of a firearm by a Category I restricted person, a second-degree felony, and two counts of discharge of a firearm, both third-degree felonies. LOPEZ is alleged to have committed these felonies while on parole in case [061901770]. There is substantial evidence to support the charges, clear and convincing evidence that

LOPEZ would constitute a substantial danger to any other individual or to the community or is likely to flee the jurisdiction of the court, if released on bail.

LOPEZ shot and killed Mr. Bartschi, a total stranger to LOPEZ, who was out on his morning walk. LOPEZ is on parole for attempted murder and for multiple counts of second-degree aggravated assault. LOPEZ was paroled in March of 2021 and in a few months was again in possession of a firearm, being a Category I restricted person convicted violent felon on parole, which he used to kill an unarmed man who posed no threat to LOPEZ. After he shot Mr. Bartschi, LOPEZ fled the scene. According to most recent intelligence LOPEZ has fled the jurisdiction and his whereabouts at this time are unknown. LOPEZ has demonstrated himself to be a danger to the community and a flight risk.

Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated § 78B-18a-106 (2018) I declare under criminal penalty under the law of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed on the 28th day of October, 2021,
in Salt Lake County, Utah

/s/ Detective N. Johanson

Detective N. Johanson
Declarant

Authorized for presentment and filing

SIM GILL, District Attorney

/s/ Vincent B. Meister

Deputy District Attorney
28th day of October, 2021
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