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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
CRIMINAL DIVISION

DCTN: U14004214  
Lockup No: 9  
Case No: 2014 CRW 515

COMPLAINT

District of Columbia ss:

Defendant's Name: Tsihnik Cavallero 538105 14011481  
(First) (MI) (Last) (PDID) (CCNO)

Also Known As: Neek  
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: [REDACTED] SUMNER ROAD, WASHINGTON DC

TSIHNIK CAVALLERO, within the District of Columbia, while armed with a FIREARM, and with the intent to kill another and to inflict serious bodily injury on another and with a conscious disregard of an extreme risk of death or serious bodily injury to another, caused the death of MARCUS MINOR by shooting him with a FIREARM on or about January 24, 2014, thereby causing injuries from which MARCUS MINOR died on or about JANUARY 24, 2014. (Second Degree Murder While Armed, in violation of 22 D.C. Code, Sections 2103, 4502 (2001 ed.))

Co-Defendants:

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[Signature]  
Affiant's Name

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of February, 2014  
[Signature]  
(Judge) (Deputy Clerk)

WARRANT

To The United States Marshal or any other authorized federal officer or the Chief of Police of the District of Columbia:

WHEREAS the foregoing complaint and affidavit supporting the allegations thereof have been submitted, and there appearing probable cause and reasonable grounds for the issuance of an arrest warrant for Tsihnik Cavallero

YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED TO BRING THE DEFENDANT BEFORE SAID COURT OR OTHER PERSON ENUMERATED IN 18 U.S.C. 3041 forthwith to answer said charge.

Issued 2/7/14 [Signature]  
Judge - Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Title 16:  Rule 105:  Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: Male	DOB: 06/15/1985	CCN: 14011481	PDID: 538105
Papering Officer: Det. Joshua Branson			Badge No.: D21376

OFFICER MUST EXECUTE RETURN

Officer's Name: [Signature] Date / Time: February 7, 2014  
AUSA Signature: [Signature] 2/12/14 HC 9:50 PM  
Fel. I  Fel. II  Fel. III  Fel. IV  Fel. V  Fel. VI  Fel. VII  Fel. VIII  Fel. IX  Fel. X  Fel. XI  Fel. XII  Fel. XIII  Fel. XIV  Fel. XV  Fel. XVI  Fel. XVII  Fel. XVIII  Fel. XIX  Fel. XX  Fel. XXI  Fel. XXII  Fel. XXIII  Fel. XXIV  Fel. XXV  Fel. XXVI  Fel. XXVII  Fel. XXVIII  Fel. XXIX  Fel. XXX

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Superior Court of the District of Columbia  
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AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF AN ARREST WARRANT

USW NO.:

2014 CRW 595

DEFENDANT'S NAME: Cavallero, Tshnik				NICKNAME: "Neek"			ALIASES:		CCN: 14-011481	POID: 538105
SEX: M	RACE: Black	DOB: 06/15/83	HGT: 509	WGT: 230	EYES: Brown	HAIR: Brn	COMPL: Medium	SCARS, MARKS, TATOOS		
DEFENDANT'S HOME ADDRESS: [REDACTED] Sumner Rd, SE							TELEPHONE NUMBER:			
DEFENDANT'S BUSINESS ADDRESS:							TELEPHONE NUMBER:			
COMPLAINANT'S NAME: Minor, Marcus							TELEPHONE NUMBER:			
LOCATION OF OFFENSE: E/O 1338 Stevens Road, Southeast							DATE OF OFFENSE: January 24, 2014	TIME OF OFFENSE: 1442		
<b>CAUTION AND MEDICAL CONDITIONS (CMC)</b> Select a valid CMC code below for wanted person when using the caution indicator.										
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 00 = Armed and Dangerous					<input type="checkbox"/> 55 = Alcoholic					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 05 = Violent Tendencies					<input type="checkbox"/> 60 = Allergies					
<input type="checkbox"/> 10 = Martial Arts Expert					<input type="checkbox"/> 65 = Epilepsy					
<input type="checkbox"/> 15 = Explosive Expertise					<input type="checkbox"/> 70 = Suicidal					
<input type="checkbox"/> 20 = Known to abuse drugs					<input type="checkbox"/> 80 = Medication Required					
<input type="checkbox"/> 25 = Escape Risk					<input type="checkbox"/> 85 = Hemophiliac					
<input type="checkbox"/> 30 = Sexually Violent Predator					<input type="checkbox"/> 90 = Diabetic					
<input type="checkbox"/> 50 = Heart Condition					<input type="checkbox"/> 01 = Other					
<b>GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHAT HAPPENED:</b>										

On January 24, 2014, at approximately 1442 hours, members of the Metropolitan Police Department's Seventh District received a radio run for the "sounds of gunshots" at 1336 Stevens Road, Southeast, which a part of the Barry Farms neighborhood. When officers arrived on scene they discovered the decedent, later identified as Marcus Minor, lying on the sidewalk in front of 1338 Stevens Road, Southeast, suffering from multiple gunshot wounds to his body. Members of the District of Columbia Fire Department (DCFD) responded to the scene and found no signs consistent with life and the decedent's remains were left on the scene. Members of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) for the District of Columbia responded to the scene and the decedent's remains were transported to the OCME pending an autopsy. The decedent was subsequently pronounced dead by Medico-legal Investigator (MLI) Diaz at 1925 hours.

During the on-scene investigation, crime scene technicians recovered seven spent .45 caliber cartridge casings from the immediate area where the decedent's body was lying. There was also a single spent 9mm cartridge casing, however, that casing appeared to be older and not related to this offense. Crime scene technicians then recovered a large Ziploc bag containing 41 smaller zips all containing a green weed substance (marijuana) from inside the decedent's pants.

It should be noted that Stevens Road runs east and west and intersects with Wade Road at the east end of the street and Wade Road runs north and south.

On Saturday, January 25, 2014, Dr. Mourtzinis of the OCME performed an autopsy on the remains of the decedent. At the conclusion of the autopsy, Dr. Mourtzinis discovered that the decedent had been shot six times, including being shot in the back of the head. Dr. Mourtzinis determined that the decedent died from gunshot wounds to his head and body and ruled the decedent's death a homicide.

*[Handwritten signature]*  
JAB

During the subsequent investigation into the murder of the decedent several witnesses were interviewed. One such witness (W1) reported that IT knows the decedent to sell marijuana in the 1300 block of Stevens Road, Southeast. W1 reported that the decedent got to the 1300 block of Stevens Road at approximately 2pm on the day of the murder.

A second witness (W2) reported that IT was walking in the 1300 block of Stevens Road, Southeast, when IT observed two individuals known to IT as "Ace" and "Tashanik" fist fighting. W2 reported that IT continued walking and lost sight of the altercation between "Ace" and "Tashanik". W2 said IT then observed the decedent and "Tashanik" get into an argument and "Tashanik" made comments to the effect of, "You want to fight me?" The decedent then stated something to the effect of, "I don't fight, you know how I go. . . I'll be back." W2 said that IT then observed the decedent start to walk west on Stevens Road while simultaneously "Tashanik" got into his car and drove off on to Wade Road, Southeast. W2 reported a short time later IT heard approximately four gunshots and when IT went to the area where the shots were fired IT observed the decedent lying on the ground.

W2 reported that IT has known "Tashanik" and "Ace" for more than a year. W2 was then shown several arrest photographs of individuals who are associated with the Barry Farms neighborhood for the purpose of confirmation. One of the pictures shown to W2 was that of Tsihnik Cavallero who has a date of birth (DOB) of June 15, 1985, and a police department identification (PDID) number of 538105. Upon viewing the photograph of Tsihnik Cavallero, W2 confirmed that that is the person that IT knows as "Tashanik" and who was fighting with "Ace".

Another witness (W3) was interviewed and reported that IT was standing with the decedent and asked the decedent if he had any "Al Capones" (cigarettos). The decedent told W3 that he didn't and W3 stated that IT walked away to go to the "Candy Lady". W3 said that as IT was walking away IT heard multiple gunshots and then saw the decedent shot. W3 was confronted by investigators about IT's account of what occurred and W3 reported that IT would not provide investigators with the names of anyone IT knows. W3 then reported that IT was involved in a fight with another guy who was light skinned, but refused to provide that person's name. W3 also reported that IT did see the shooter, but the shooter was wearing all black and had on a mask. W3 said that IT did not know who killed the decedent. It should be noted that Tsihnik Cavallero is not light skinned.

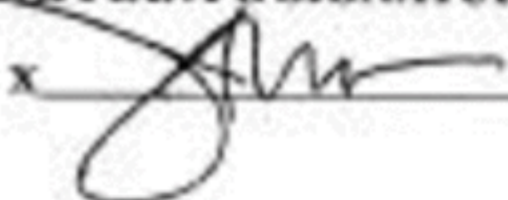
A fourth witness (W4) reported that IT was on Stevens Road, Southeast, when IT observed two individuals fighting. W4 said that IT knew one of the people as "Tranique", but the other IT learned had the nickname of "Ace" because while the two men were fighting, the decedent was yelling, "Get em Ace!" W4 reported that "Ace" beat up "Tranique" and after the fight was broken up by an associate of "Tranique"; "Tranique" got inside of his car and drove off. W4 said that after "Tranique" drove off, "Ace" told the decedent to go get a gun and the decedent ran north on to Wade Road. W4 said that several minutes later IT observed "Tranique" peeking from behind one of the houses on Stevens Road. W4 reported that IT changed IT's location because IT thought something was about to happen, but IT got into an area where IT could continue looking at "Tranique". W4 reported that IT observed the decedent come walking back from Wade Road and when he got to Stevens Road he was approached by "Tranique" and the two men started arguing. W4 said that the decedent pulled a gun out on "Tranique", but then put it back into his waistband. W4 said that "Tranique" and the decedent began arguing and while they were arguing, "Tranique" pulled out a gun and shot the decedent multiple times. W4 reported that after shooting the decedent, "Tranique" walked over to the decedent and took the decedent's gun and stated, "You pulled a gun out, you should have used it." After taking the decedent's gun, "Tranique" ran away.

W4 reported that IT has known "Tranique" for several months and has purchased marijuana from him. W4 explained that "Tranique" hangs with the older guys from Barry Farms and the decedent and "Ace" hung with younger guys from Barry Farms. W4 went on to explain that the older guys would hang out the north side of Stevens Road and the younger guys would hang on the south side of Stevens Road. W4 was then shown an arrest photograph of Tsihnik Cavallero for the purpose of confirmation. Upon viewing the photograph, W4 confirmed that that is the person IT calls "Tranique" and who shot and killed the decedent.

On Wednesday, February 05, 2014, Tsihnik Cavallero arrived at the Metropolitan Police Department's Homicide Branch to be interviewed regarding the murder of the decedent. During the interview Tsihnik Cavallero reported that he currently lives at [REDACTED] Southeast, with his mother. When asked about the murder of the decedent, Tsihnik Cavallero admitted that he was in a fist fight with an individual known to him as "A" but after the fight was over he got inside the 2001 Mercedes Benz ML320, which is owned by his children's mother and drove to his mother's house on Sumner Road. Tsihnik Cavallero denied returning to Stevens Road and shooting the decedent.

Based on the facts set forth in this affidavit, your affiant believes probable cause exists and respectfully requests that a Judge of the District of Columbia Superior Court issue a warrant for the arrest of Tsihnik Cavallero with a DOB of June 15, 1985 and a PDID of 538105.

AFFIANT'S SIGNATURE:

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TO: WARRANT CLERK

PLEASE ISSUE A WARRANT FOR:

Tsihnik Cavallero  
 Charge With: Young & Young Murder with a Knife  
1st Degree Murder 2/2/14  
 ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

*NCIC Approved*

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME THIS \_\_\_\_\_

7<sup>th</sup> DAY OF Feb 2014  
Mon Zeldin  
 (JUDGE) DEPUTY CLERK) SUPERIOR COURT OF THE  
 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA