

OAK HARBOR POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFENSE REPORT

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PROBABLE CAUSE

On 10-18-14 at about 0315 hours Icom Dispatch advised Oak Harbor Police units of shots being heard in the area of 742 SW Castillian Drive, located in Oak Harbor. Another 911 caller called and advised that a male subject (later identified as Christopher Knowles, DOB 01-18-1993) came to his house, knocking on the door and asked the reporting party to call 911, because of a person that had been shot in the face.

Upon arrival, Oak Harbor Police Department (OHPD) Officer Nordstrand made contact with the victim (later identified as ADAM I. GARCIA, DOB 01-18-1993), who subsequently passed away at the scene, which was also confirmed by medical personal on scene. Officer Norstrand and Sergeant Wilkie secured the scene.

Upon arrival OHPD Detective Sergeant Bailey and I contacted OHPD Sergeant Wilkie, who told us that Knowles had told Wilkie that he was a witness to the shooting.

During the course of several interviews beginning at the crime scene, and again over the weekend, Knowles told Detective Sgt. Bailey, and other officers the following: Knowles said that on Friday night, the 17th, he had met up with GARCIA at a residence later identified as 4833 Northgate Drive. Knowles initially said he and GARCIA were going to purchase some pot, but he later admitted to Sgt. Bailey that he had given GARCIA money to purchase cocaine. GARCIA made arrangements to meet someone to purchase the cocaine.

Knowles and GARCIA got a ride from Grove, DOB 03-12-1992, to a location near the crime scene at about 3:00 a.m. on 10-18-2014. Grove dropped off the two men in the area of SW Fairhaven Drive and SW Castillian Drive, and left to drop of another passenger at a different location. Grove confirmed what Knowles said about the ride. Grove also stated that when she dropped the men off, GARCIA told her that if he wasn't back in 6 minutes to call the police, laughing and also telling her that he may get shot tonight.

Knowles said GARCIA made another cell phone call when they arrived, and told the person on the other end of the phone call that they had arrived. Shortly afterward, Knowles and GARCIA met two men on the street in the area of 742 SW Castillian Drive. Knowles described the men, who were both wearing hoodies, as a short Asian-looking male that was around 5-06 or 5-07, chubby, no facial hair, wearing a black hoodie and gray or tan in color shorts. Knowles also said there was a skinny black man with the Asian-looking man. Knowles did not know either man.

I certify (declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct. (RCW 91.72.085)


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Knowles said that the Asian-looking man said to GARCIA, "you trying to jack my shit or jack me", and then threw something at GARCIA. Knowles said he picked up the little baggy of weed that the Asian-looking guy threw. Knowles said that he heard the sound of a gun slide being pulled and then the Asian-looking guy pointed a black in color handgun with a silver slide at GARCIA. Knowles said he got in between them and told GARCIA it wasn't worth it. Knowles said that GARCIA then went back towards the Asian-looking guy and the Asian-looking guy shot GARCIA. Knowles said the Asian-looking guy also pointed the gun at him. Knowles said when the Asian-looking guy shot Garcia in the face, the black guy said "what the fuck" as if he was not expecting the gun shot.

Knowles said he first chased the men, then returned to his friend Adam GARCIA, and then pounded on a homeowner's front door, asking them to call 911, because his friend had been shot. He waited for police to arrive.

After police and Deputy Coroner Susan Higman arrived at the crime scene, I discovered a cell phone in GARCIA's pants pocket. After obtaining a warrant to search the phone, I found the phone number called by GARCIA shortly before the homicide. The number was registered to a Gerald Hill. A friend of Adam GARCIA, Chris White, told police that GARCIA was close friends with BRYCE HILL, DOB 03-12-84. Gerald Hill is the father of BRYCE HILL.

BRYCE HILL is African-American in appearance, and can be fairly described as "skinny." BRYCE HILL lives with his father Gerald Hill, 11746 SW 10th Ave, Oak Harbor. That address is less than 0.1 mile from the scene of the homicide, and there is a trail from the backyard of the Hill residence that intersects the street very near the location of the shooting.

Police contacted BRYCE HILL at 2118 hours on October 19, 2014. He voluntarily came to the police station and was joined by his parents Gerald Hill and Sharon Hill. I contacted BRYCE HILL and his parents at the Oak Harbor Police Department. HILL agreed to provide a recorded statement to the events on the morning of 10-18-14.

HILL told us that GARCIA and CHRIS MALAGA (AKA CHRIS G or CHRIS MIDAS) had an argument earlier in the day, resulting in GARCIA had evicting MALAGA from his residence. HILL said that MALAGA moved his belonging into HILL's house.

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HILL said that, at GARCIA's request, he planned to meet GARCIA to sell him some cocaine on Friday night / early Saturday morning. They met at the location of the homicide after midnight on Saturday morning. HILL said he had GARCIA made the drug transaction and then MALAGA stepped in.

HILL said MALAGA confronted GARCIA and then he heard a sound of a gun slide being pulled from within MALAGA's front hoody pocket. HILL said that MALAGA told GARCIA "you trying to jack my shit or jack me", then MALAGA pulled the gun out and pointed it at GARCIA. HILL described the gun as being silver with a black grip. HILL said he yelled out "what the fuck", and GARCIA came up to MALAGA as MALAGA was pointing the gun at him (GARCIA). HILL said the 'white boy', (Knowles is Caucasian in appearance) got in between MALAGA and GARCIA, but MALAGA was still pointing the gun at GARCIA. HILL said that he walked away and that as he got around the corner of SW Fairhaven Drive, going back towards his house, he heard the gun shot. HILL said that MALAGA came back to his house, somewhat out of breath.

HILL described MALAGA as a short chubby Asian-looking guy, and that he was wearing a black in color hoodie, with the hood up. I asked HILL what he was wearing that night, and he said he was also wearing black in color hoodie. HILL said he didn't know that MALAGA had brought a gun with them. HILL said that MALAGA moved to Washington from New Jersey 8-9 months ago.

HILL said that he and his dad dropped MALAGA off at the Bellis Fair Mall in Bellingham on October 19, 2014, because his parents no longer wanted MALAGA at their house. HILL's father, [REDACTED], turned MALAGA's personal belongings, which had been at the HILL residence, over to police. Among the belongings were a suitcase with a baggage claim tag dated December 7, 2013 showing a flight origination in Charlotte, NC.

After an inquiry search I was able determine MALAGA's real name is CHRISTOPHER MALAGA, DOB 01-14-1991, a 2012 booking information from Brick Township, New Jersey shows him at 5-06 and 175 to 200 pounds with brown eyes and black hair. His appearance could be described as Asian or Hispanic. MALAGA was born in Toms River, New Jersey.

MALAGA also uses the alias names of Chris Midas and Chris G.

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MALAGA has no known residence in Washington.

Criminal History:

Theft December, 2008 (New Jersey) (misdemeanor)

Alcohol Violation December, 2010 (New Jersey) (misdemeanor)

VUCSA September, 2013 (New Jersey) (misdemeanor)

VUCSA May, 2013 (New Jersey) (misdemeanor)

MALAGA's where abouts is unknown.

Due to the serious nature of the crime, and the lack of a residence in Washington, I recommend a high bail.

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