

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared the undersigned affiant who, after being duly sworn by me, on oath stated: My name is E. Montenegro #6991 and I am a peace officer of the City of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas. I, the affiant, have good reason and do believe that on or about the 31st day of July, 20 15, one (name of suspect) Estevan Rendon Lara did then and there in the City of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas commit the offense of Murder, a violation of Section 19.02 of the Texas Penal Code, a First Degree Felony.

Affiant's belief is based upon the following facts and information which Affiant received from:

Affiant's personal investigation of this alleged offense.

_____, a fellow peace officer of the City of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas, who personally participated in the investigation of this alleged offense, providing this information to Affiant, and whose information Affiant believes to be credible.

On July 31, 2015 at about 3:04 a.m. Dallas Police Officers responded to the City Inn & Suites located at 223 S. Ewing Avenue, Dallas, Dallas County, Texas regarding a shooting call. The responding Dallas Police Officers found a female victim lying on the ground outside room # 111. The complainant, later identified as Ladonna Fay Gist, was an employee of the motel. Complainant Gist died from multiple gunshot wounds.

During the course of the investigation, Detective Montenegro, #6991, learned that the complainant went to room #111 to knock on the door. The complainant was met with gun fire from the inside of the room. Detectives learned that there were several individual inside room #111 when the shooting occurred.

Witness 1, who for safety purposes will not be named, stated that the suspect, who is known as "Cesar", later identified as Estevan Rendon Lara H/M/4-25-79, was inside room #111 holding a chrome gun. Witness 1 stated that the suspect was shot about a month or two ago by his brother and uses the gun for protection. Witness 1 stated that she saw the suspect's brother, "_____", in the parking lot who asked where Suspect Lara was at. Witness 1 refused to tell "_____" where Suspect Lara was and walked away. When Witness 1 got to the room she informed Suspect Lara that his brother "_____" was outside looking for him. Suspect Lara called "_____" and began arguing with him over the telephone. Suspect Lara asked "_____" where he was at and the suspect stated that "_____" was outside. Witness 1 reported that Suspect Lara was holding a chrome gun while he was on the telephone with his brother. Suspect Lara attempted to go outside and confront his brother; however, he was kept from exiting the room. Witness 1 stated that she heard loud knocking and then heard gun fire simultaneously. Witness 1 ran to the bathroom to take cover. Witness 1 stated that she did not see who did the shooting because he took cover after she heard knocking on the door; however, had seen Suspect Lara minutes before with the chrome gun.

Witness 2, who for safety purposes will be not be named, heard gunfire and she thought it was loud knocking. Witness 2 got dressed and went outside to see what was going on. Witness 2 saw the complainant lying on the floor bloody. Witness 2 attempted to provide aid to the complainant. Witness 2 stated that she was about to knock on room #111 and observed a man she knows as "Cesar" running out of the motel room with a chrome handgun. A six picture photo lineup was created. Line up administrator Officer Moreno, #9555, presented the line up to Witness 2. Witness 2 positively identified the picture of Suspect Lara as the person she saw running from inside room #111 with a chrome handgun.

Physical evidence, fired cartridge casings, and defects on the front door of the motel room showed that the gunshots came from inside room #111.

Suspect Lara left the offense location in a black Nissan Altima.

Deployment detectives located and arrested Suspect Lara on an unrelated charge and was transported to Dallas Police Headquarters for questioning. He was Mirandized and denied any involvement in the offense.