

# ARREST WARRANT REQUEST FORM

Sacramento County Sheriff Dept.

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10-10899

SUBMITTING AGENCY

OFFENSE(S)

REPORT NUMBER

Submitting Officer/Detail: CID- Cold Case

Phone: 916-8 [REDACTED]

Reviewing Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/Time Submitted: 1/2/20 1100 hours

DATE OF OFFENSE: 02/08/2010

VICTIM NAME:

**CASE DISPOSITION:**

Filed as a:  Misdemeanor  Felony  VOP in lieu

Rejected at Intake:

No likelihood of conviction  Victim Uncooperative

Further Investigation Required  Search/Siezure

Other \_\_\_\_\_

VIC #1: Anton, Cristian

VIC #2: Anton Marius

VIC #3: \_\_\_\_\_

### SUSPECT INFORMATION:

SUS #1 Meskill, John Francis XREF: 2381343

SUS #2 \_\_\_\_\_ XREF: \_\_\_\_\_

SUS #3 \_\_\_\_\_ XREF: \_\_\_\_\_

SUS #4 \_\_\_\_\_ XREF: \_\_\_\_\_

### ARREST WARRANT STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

(Explain what happened, establish the factual basis for each of the elements of each offense, including dates, times, identity of key witnesses. Also include any material that may tend to exonerate the suspect).

(See attached "Statement of Probable Cause")

(Attach continuation page)

### DETAILED SUSPECT DESCRIPTION:

(An arrest warrant must contained a detailed and specific description for each subject to be arrested, including, DOB, OLN, SSN, full name and any alias, and physical descriptors including race/ethnicity, gender, height, weight, hair color, eye color, etc.)

John Francis Meskill, DOB 11/13/1974, CDL [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED], white male, 6-0, 260, brown hair, brown eyes.

### DETAILED SUSPECT LOCATION:

(Must provide a suspect's current and complete address. This address is necessary for the due diligence requirements to provide notice of the warrant in some cases and/or timely serve the warrant. If the subject's address has been researched and is unknown, please state this).

[REDACTED] Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

# ARREST WARRANT REQUEST FORM (CONT.)

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## ARREST WARRANT STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE (CONT):

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**AFFIDAVIT OF CHRISTOPHER JOACHIM  
IN SUPPORT OF ARREST WARRANT**

I, Christopher Joachim, began my career as a peace officer with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department in 1986. From 1986 to 1997, I was assigned as a deputy sheriff to corrections and patrol operations. From 1997 to 2003, I was assigned as a detective to the Narcotic and Gang Investigations Division, where I was a member of four different narcotic investigations teams, including a Federal DEA task force. From 2003 to 2007, I was assigned to the Centralized Investigations Division as a detective where I investigated sexual assaults and homicides.

In 2007, I was promoted to sergeant. As a sergeant I was assigned to corrections and the communications center. From 2010 to 2014, I was assigned as a detective sergeant where I supervised Missing Persons, Property Crimes and Auto Theft detective bureaus/units.

In 2014, I was promoted to lieutenant, where I served as a watch commander in both corrections and patrol. From 2016 to 2017, I served as the commander of the Sacramento Valley Hi Tech Crimes Task Force and the Sacramento Regional Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

I have been a lead instructor for the California POST's Robert Presley Institute of Criminal Investigation since 2007, where I teach in the core, homicide and sexual assault courses.

I retired in July 2017; however, I remained with the sheriff's department as a Level 1 Designated Reserve Deputy Sheriff with full and continuous peace officer powers and I am currently employed as a retired annuitant/deputy sheriff on-call. My current assignment is to investigate cold case homicides for the Centralized Investigations Division.

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In March of 2019, I began re-investigating the 2010 murder of Cristian Anton. My partner, retired Sacramento County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Michaela Links, has been investigating cold homicide cases for several years as a volunteer and began re-investigating the Anton murder in 2018. Crime Analyst Amber Bottino has been assisting Links and I. The below information has been gathered from crime reports, lab reports and information from law enforcement or public databases obtained by Links, Bottino or myself; and, from conversations I have had with Links, Bottino and original investigators of the Anton murder.

On February 8, 2010, 31 year old Cristian Anton was murdered in his home at [REDACTED] in Fair Oaks during a home invasion robbery targeting his brother Marius Anton. Anton's home is located in an unincorporated portion of Sacramento County. Marius Anton, a self-admitted drug dealer, was living in Cristian's home at the time of the murder. Marius did not initially admit to being a drug dealer. Marius in fact lied to hide his own illegal activities, but over time and after several interviews, and the retention

of an attorney to represent him, Marius admitted he was engaged in the illicit sale of illegal controlled substances.

On September 25, 2019, Links and I interviewed Marius Anton. His brother Emmanuel Anton accompanied him to the interview. Based upon my reading of the numerous statements previously provided by Marius and our interview with him on September 25, 2019, I believe the following is Marius' truthful account regarding the incident.

Marius told investigators he was accosted by two men as he entered his brother's home during the early morning hours of February 8, 2010. Marius described the men as a larger Hispanic male and a smaller Asian male. Marius' account as to which man did what and which man possessed which specific weapons during the incident is confusing throughout Marius' interviews because initially Marius wanted responding officers and investigators to believe a shotgun used to kill his brother was brought to the home by the suspects, when in reality the shotgun belonged to Marius and, as you will read, was used by one of the suspects to shoot his brother and was later recovered inside the home.

At the front door of the residence, Marius struggled with the men and was pistol whipped by one of them. I believe the suspect who struck Marius with the pistol was the Asian male suspect. Marius describes the Hispanic suspect leaving him and the Asian male, and entering the house further to confront Cristian Anton. Marius said one of the men tried to shoot him in the face, but when he was not shot, Marius believed the gun was fake or shooting blanks. Marius believed the suspect pulled the trigger more than once.

There was physical evidence collected and documented by first responding deputies and crime scene investigators that support Marius' version of the events thus far. Deputy Polete spoke to Marius and noted a large laceration to his forehead over Marius right eye, a bump on the back of his head and apparent stippling around one of Marius' eyes. Stippling is an indicator of skin being in close proximity to a muzzle when a gun is fired. Additionally a spent .22 caliber shell casing and a live .22 caliber cartridge were found on the floor of the residence, just inside the front door. Based upon my training and experience, the presence of a live cartridge at the scene of a shooting is often due to a semi-automatic pistol malfunction, or perceived malfunction, which causes the shooter to manipulate the action of the pistol and in the process eject a live round. This physical evidence supports Marius' claim a gun was fired in his face. I believe it is even possible the laceration to Marius forehead could be a grazing gunshot wound.

Marius goes on to explain that he fought off the Asian male, causing this suspect to flee. After the Asian suspect fled, Marius said he went outside and looked through the windows of the residence and saw the Hispanic suspect standing over Cristian Anton, who was seated on Marius' bed. Marius said he armed himself with a roofing shovel, entered the home, entered his bedroom and threw the shovel at the suspect's back to "distract" him as Marius attempted to arm himself with a 12 gauge shotgun he kept secreted in his bedroom. Marius said the suspect saw him reaching for the shotgun and fired shots at him

with a handgun. There is physical evidence supporting this portion of Marius' statement. There were bullet holes in the wall and window of Marius' bedroom where he said the Hispanic suspect fired at him.

Marius said he grabbed his shotgun and almost immediately the Hispanic suspect grabbed the shotgun as well. Cristian then grabbed the barrel of the shotgun. This led to a three-way struggle for the shotgun between Marius and his brother and the suspect. During the struggle Cristian was holding the barrel of the shotgun while Marius and the suspect were holding the butt of the shotgun. The shotgun fired and Cristian received an eventual fatal wound to his abdomen. The autopsy report's description of the wound is consistent with Marius' statement as to what occurred. Marius is uncertain if he or the suspect actually pulled the trigger causing the shotgun to fire.

Following the fatal gunshot, Marius said the suspect dropped the shotgun and fled the residence. Marius said he picked up the shotgun, moved it to the living room, dropped it and gave chase on foot to the front of the residence. Marius said the suspect ran eastbound towards Sunrise Boulevard on Winding Way. Marius abandoned his chase, called 911 and sought help for his brother.

Cristian did not lose consciousness immediately. He crawled into his bedroom, adjacent to Marius' bedroom. Deputy Treat and other deputies arrived at approximately 0118 hours on February 8, 2019. Deputy Treat obtained a dying declaration from Cristian Anton. Cristian said a heavysset Hispanic male was going to rob him and tied him up. Deputy Treat also noted Cristian Anton had plastic zip ties affixed to a wrist. Cristian Anton was transported to the hospital by fire department personnel and was pronounced deceased at approximately 0452 hours.

Deputy Thompson spoke to Jason Wolfe during a neighborhood canvass. Wolfe lived across the street from the Anton residence, on the north side of [REDACTED] Wolfe said he heard gunshots coming from the Anton residence and then saw Marius run across the street to another neighbor's house to ask for help. Wolfe then said he saw a second person come from the house. This subject put a gun into his waistband and then ran eastbound towards Sunrise Boulevard. Wolfe said he watched this subject run to a late 90's to early 2000's black or dark green Ford Ranger pick-up truck, with an extended cab, parked in the parking lot of a fitness center on the southwest corner of Winding Way and Sunrise Boulevard. Wolfe was not sure if the subject with a gun got into the driver's or passenger's side of the truck, but he is certain the truck left with this subject inside. Wolfe described the subject as being a Hispanic male adult, light skinned, mid 20's, 5-8 to 5-10 tall, 150 to 170 pounds, short dark hair wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and blue running pants with a white stripe.

Two nights before the murder (2255 hours on February 5, 2010), Deputy Hein responded to a call for service on Winding Way. A resident on New York Avenue had called the sheriff's department to report a suspicious vehicle that had been circling the neighborhood and driving past the complainant's house slowly. The complainant said the vehicle was now parked on Winding way between New York Avenue and Sunrise Boulevard. The complainant described the truck as dark colored Toyota truck with an extended cab and a sticker in the back window for "bounce houses."

Deputy Hein found the vehicle parked on the south side of Winding way, just east of New York Avenue. Deputy Hein noted the truck was a 1998 Toyota Tacoma, dark green in color and containing numerous tools and items of equipment in the back bed. Deputy Hein also saw the "bounce house" sticker and thought it was for a business. Deputy Hein found the Toyota was occupied by two Asian males, both of whom were wearing uniform overalls. Deputy Hein noted the driver was thin and the passenger was heavysset. The men told Deputy Hein they were getting some sleep before driving home to the south area. Deputy Hein asked the men to move along and did not identify the men by name.

Deputy Hein did enter the Toyota's license plate into the computer aided dispatch system as California [REDACTED]. At the time this truck was currently registered to Think Tran at [REDACTED] in Elk Grove.

On August 14, 2019, Links and I interviewed Deputy Hein about the above described call for service. We showed Hein a photographic line-ups containing a photograph of Think Tran. Deputy Hein picked a photograph that he said most resembled the driver of the Toyota. The photograph Deputy Hein picked was a filler photograph and not Tran.

Following the murder of Cristian Anton, homicide detectives investigated for a period of time, primarily focusing on tips and following up on persons with whom Marius Anton had drug related connections. Eventually the case grew cold and remained unsolved.

Approximately one year before Cristian Anton was murdered, on February 5, 2009, an elderly couple, Lee and May Kwong, residing at [REDACTED] in Sacramento's Land Park neighborhood, were victims of a home invasion robbery. The victims were restrained with zip ties. Mr. Kwong, 88 years old, was hit about the head by the suspects with an unknown object and bled severely. Mr. Kwong described the suspects as "not American." He said they were "not Asian." They were similar to Hispanics, but not Hispanic. He described one as having a muscular build and being over 200 pounds. Mr. Kwong didn't see the second suspect as well as the first suspect, but said he was lighter than the first in weight and skin complexion. Mrs. Kwong, 83 years old, described the one suspect she saw as a white male in his 30's, clean cut and having blonde hair. Mrs. Kwong only caught a glimpse of the second suspect, but described him as larger than the blonde white male suspect.

This robbery was within the jurisdiction of the Sacramento Police Department (SPD) and was investigated by SPD Detective Mullaly. Among many investigative steps taken by Detective Mullaly, he submitted the zip ties used to restrain the Kwongs to the Sacramento County District Attorney's Crime Lab for analysis. On March 18, 2009, the Crime Lab notified SPD that they found an unknown male contributor's DNA profile on one of the zip ties.

On July 6, 2010, approximately five months after Cristian Anton was murdered, the Crime Lab notified SPD that they had matched the unknown male contributor's DNA profile from the zip ties in a DNA index system database to John Francis Meskell (Sacramento County Known Persons File X-reference number 2381343). Detective Mullaly conducted a records check on Meskell and found he had prior arrests for

burglary, auto theft and possession of stolen property. In 1996, Meskell was convicted of felony possession of stolen property and was sentenced to two years in prison.

Detective Mullaly viewed DMV and a March 2010 booking photo of Meskell. Detective Mullaly wrote in his reports, "Meskell appeared to match the description of suspect #2 in the case (Kwong home invasion robbery). Meskell had dark hair and was heavy-set. Although he was listed as a male white, he had the appearance of possibly being Hispanic or Native American." I also viewed photographs of Meskell and I concur Meskell is heavy set and his appearance is ambiguous as to ethnicity.

On July 13, 2010, Detective Mullaly led multiple SPD personnel in the execution of a search warrant for Meskell's residence at [REDACTED]. Judge Ransom signed the warrant authorizing this search on July 9, 2010. During the search, SPD investigators located two semi-automatic pistols inside a plastic storage container inside Meskell's garage. Each firearm was concealed inside of a glove and mail in Meskell's name dated in April 2010 was found within the same container. One of the pistols was a .22 caliber Astra Cub (serial number 142045) and the other was a .25 caliber Sterling (serial number 039396). Neither firearm was registered to Meskell.

After the search, Meskell was transported to a SPD station and interrogated by Detective Mullaly. Meskell denied ever being at the Kwong's residence. Meskell said his father was Caucasian and his mother was Korean. Meskell said that people often thought he was part Hispanic or "even part Eskimo." Meskell said he had no explanation for his DNA being inside the Kwong's residence other than that he frequently used zip ties around his house and garage.

When asked about the two firearms found in his garage, Meskell first said he did not know anything about them. Meskell said lots of people went in and out of his garage and named one person who had some stuff in his garage. Meskell said this person was a Vietnamese guy named Tim. Meskell said he did not know Tim's last name. Meskell said Tim was homeless and kept some belongings in Meskell's garage, including a box of clothes and some "jump houses." Meskell described Tim as a short Asian guy between 30-40 years old. Meskell said he had known Tim for two to three years. Meskell said Tim's telephone number would be in Meskell's phone.

When Detective Mullaly showed Meskell photographs of the storage box, gloves, guns and his mail, Meskell said the storage box belonged to him and that he had put paperwork in the box, but he did not know the guns were inside the box. When asked if he ever handled the guns or if his fingerprints would be on the guns, Meskell admitted that he had touched and looked at the two guns about a year earlier. Meskell then stated the guns probably belonged to Tim, but he didn't know Tim left the guns in his garage.

At the conclusion of the interview, Detective Mullaly booked Meskell for an ex-felon being in possession of a firearm and for possession of methamphetamine (four pills that tested presumptive positive for methamphetamine were also found in Meskell's home).

On July 15, 2010, Detective Mullaly requested the two handguns, their magazines and the pair of gloves they were hidden in be analyzed at the crime lab for possible DNA belonging to the Kwongs and/or Meskell.

Detective Mullaly located a "Tim" in Meskell's cellular telephones contact list. The number for "Tim" was (916) [REDACTED] Detective Mullaly called this number and spoke to a male with a heavy Asian accent that identified himself as Tim. Tim agreed to come to Detective Mullaly's office for an interview.

On July 23, 2010, Detective Mullaly met with Tim. Detective Mullaly identified Tim by viewing his California driver's license ([REDACTED] Tim's real name was Thinh Huu Tran and his date of birth was 12-31-74, later determined to be the same Thinh Tran to whom the suspicious Toyota pickup truck contacted by Deputy Hein on Winding way on February 5, 2010 was registered.

Tran told Detective Mullaly he had known Meskell for four to five months and that he had met Meskell when Meskell had rented bounce houses from Tran. Tran said his wife had recently died and he had asked Meskell if he could store his bounce houses in Meskell's garage. Tran said he only stored the bounce houses and a storage container of clothes in the Meskell's garage. When shown a photograph of the guns and the container in which they were found, Tran said he had never seen the guns or the container before. Tran steadfastly denied seeing, touching or having any knowledge about the firearms. Tran said he did not know why Meskell would say the guns belonged to Tran.

On August 20, 2010, the Crime Lab confirmed a DNA reference sample taken from Meskell on July 13, 2010 did in fact match the DNA profile developed from one of the zip ties used to restrain the Kwongs during the robbery.

On August 5, 2010, a live line up was conducted at the Main Jail in which the Kwongs had an opportunity to view Meskell. The Kwongs did not identify Meskell as one of the suspects who robbed them.

On August 18, 2010, Detective Mullaly additionally booked Meskell, who was still in custody, for the home invasion robbery of the Kwongs.

On December 28, 2010, Criminalist Nikki Sewell developed a single male source DNA genetic profile from a swab from the barrel of the .22 caliber Astra semi-automatic pistol found in Meskell's garage. Sewell excluded the Kwongs or Meskell as being the source of this profile. Sewell uploaded this profile to search against the state and national DNA index system databases.

On March 18, 2011, a jury acquitted Meskell of robbing the Kwongs. Meskell plead guilty to possessing the .22 caliber Astra semi-automatic and the .25 Sterling semi-automatic pistols found in his garage during the SPD search.

On January 19, 2012, the Crime Lab notified SPD that the DNA genetic profile from the swab of the .22 caliber Astra semi-automatic pistol found in Meskell's garage had been matched to Marius Anton. SPD



notified the SSD homicide bureau after learning Anton was the victim of a home invasion robbery in which his brother was killed nearly two years earlier.

In February 2012, SSD Homicide Detective Rob Tracy met with SPD Detective Mullaly and took possession of the .22 caliber Astra semi-automatic pistol and .25 caliber Sterling semi-automatic pistol and associated magazines and ammunition found by SPD in Meskell's garage. Detective Tracy submitted the .22 caliber Astra pistol and the live .22 caliber cartridge and the spent .22 caliber shell casing found at the Anton murder scene to the Crime Lab for comparison. Detective Tracy booked the remainder of the evidence at the SSD property warehouse under the Anton murder report number.

On March 27, 2012, Criminalist Michael Saggs filed a report concluding the Astra .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol found in Meskell's garage was the firearm that discharged the spent .22 caliber shell casing located within the Anton residence following Cristian Anton's murder. This positive comparison was based upon cycle-of-fire marks observed on a test fired cartridge at the crime lab and the spent shell casing from the murder scene.

I spoke to Detective Tracy and Detective Meux regarding their investigation of the Anton murder in 2012 following the connection to SPD Kwong case via Marius Anton's DNA being found on the Astra .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol. Detective Meux said they re-contacted Marius Anton in an attempt to speak to him about Meskell and Tran; however, Anton was uncooperative and would not speak with them. Meux told me no investigators spoke to Meskell or Tran in 2012. Therefore, Meskell and Tran are unaware they have been linked to the Anton murder in anyway.

In December 2017, Retired Sergeant Links began investigating the Cristian Anton murder after receiving an inquiry from the Sacramento Police Department regarding the status of the case. During her investigation, Links spoke with Deputy Hein. Links and Hein used a map to pinpoint exactly where Hein saw Tran's truck on February 5, 2010, which was near [REDACTED] Way. Links used Google Maps to measure the distance from this address to Cristian Anton's home at [REDACTED]. It was 299 feet. Tran's truck was facing east when Hein contacted it, so the occupants would be looking towards the Cristian Anton's residence, approximately 100 yards away. This would be consistent with the occupants of Tran's truck conducting surveillance of the Anton residence.

When Detective Mullaly met with Think Tran on July 23, 2010, Tran identified himself with California driver's license (CDL) [REDACTED]. On this driver's license, Tran's date of birth is 12-31-74, his height is 5' 5" and his weight is 130 pounds. A Think Tran with this date of birth and CDL number is in Sacramento's Known Persons File (KPF) as x-reference number 3870762. This Think Tran shows an address of [REDACTED] in Sacramento and a previous address of [REDACTED]. As of March 2019, DMV shows an address of [REDACTED] in Sacramento for CDL [REDACTED] and a previous address of [REDACTED] in Sacramento. The Tihn Tran identified under KPF X-ref 3870762 has no criminal history.

Retired Sergeant Links found another Thinh Tran in KPF under X-ref 1785833. This Thinh Tran has a date of birth of 2-4-71, height of 5' 3" and a weight of 105 pounds. In KPF he has two CDL numbers listed that are not valid. This Thinh Tran has a criminal history and has served time in prison for felony convictions. His CII number is [REDACTED] and his California Department of Corrections number is [REDACTED]. He had been previously validated as a Sacramento Bad Boys (SBB) gang member. He has no history in KPF since 1997. His criminal history shows a misdemeanor burglary conviction, a misdemeanor trespass conviction, a felony burglary conviction (for which he was sentenced to prison), a felony conviction for transporting/selling controlled substances and a receiving known stolen property felony conviction (for which he received a prison sentence).

Retired Sergeant Links suspected both KPF x-reference numbers for the Thinh Tran were the same person despite the different dates of birth and the CDL discrepancy. Crime Analyst Amber Bottino's research strengthened this suspicion. Bottino noted the Thinh Tran under X-reference 1785833 was listed as having a tattoo on his upper right arm that says "AN OAN GIANG HO." Bottino located a Facebook page for the Thinh Tran under X-reference 3870762, in which there is a photograph he posted of himself and another individual from 1991. It appears in this photograph that he has the tattoo described under X-reference 1785833.

Sergeant Links had SSD Forensic Identification Specialist Maria Nadeau compare the thumb print from CDL [REDACTED] to the fingerprints from CII [REDACTED]. Nadeau confirmed they are indeed the same person based upon this fingerprint comparison.

John Meskell has current CDL [REDACTED] issued November 1, 2017, where he is listed as being 6' 0" and 260 pounds. His KPF record (X-ref 2381343) lists him as being 6' 0" and 235 pounds. This same height and weight is listed for his criminal history (CII [REDACTED]).

During the August 14, 2019 interview with Deputy Hein, Links and I showed Hein a photographic line-up containing a photograph of John Meskell. Deputy Hein declined to identify any of the photographs as a person matching the description of the passenger in the Toyota Tacoma he contacted on Winding Way in 2010. Deputy Hein explained that he did not get a good look at the passenger.

On March 19, 2019, Crime Analyst Amber Bottino conducted a database query of Accurint, Whooster and the Sacramento Known Person File (KPF). This query revealed (916) [REDACTED] was a phone number associated to John Meskell. Searching (916) [REDACTED] in Zetx and CellHawk indicated John Meskell as the current registered subscriber for this telephone number and the mobile carrier being T-Mobile/Metro PCS.

On March 19, 2019, Crime Analyst Amber Bottino conducted a database query of Accurint and Whooster. This query revealed (916) [REDACTED] was a phone number associated to Thinh Tran. Searching (916) [REDACTED] in Zetx and CellHawk indicated Thinh Tran as the current registered subscriber and the mobile carrier being Verizon.

On April 24, 2019, the Honorable Judge Michael Bowman signed a search warrant I authored, commanding Verizon Wireless and T-Mobile to provide subscriber information and call detail records for the above telephone numbers attributed to Meskell and Tran. The requested period for call detail records was from April 19, 2018 to April 19, 2019. Verizon Wireless and T-Mobile provided the requested data.

Analysis of the data provided by Verizon Wireless and T-Mobile revealed Meskell and Tran were indeed the subscribers for the above telephone numbers attributed to them. Analysis of the call detail records revealed Meskell and Tran had not communicated with each other from their respective wireless telephones during the requested time period of April 19, 2018 and April 19, 2019. I believe the lack of communication between the two for the entire year of requested data indicates Meskell and Tran no longer have a close relationship.

On October 30, 2019, Analyst Amber Bottino again checked the CellHawk and ZetX databases to determine if there had been any change of status for the above telephone numbers attributed to Meskell and Tran. Bottino found no evidence that either Meskell or Tran have changed their telephone numbers since the April 24, 2019 search warrant was executed.

On April 22, 2019, Retired Sergeant Links requested the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office Crime Laboratory compare a minor foreign DNA profile previously found on one of two white plastic zip ties used by the suspect(s) during the robbery and subsequent murder at the Anton residence to DNA belonging to John Meskell and collected during the Sacramento Police Department investigation of the Kwong robbery. These zip ties had previously been examined and it had been determined Cristian Anton's DNA was present in a mixture of DNA on both zip ties with an unknown minor contributor on both zip ties.

On August 15, 2019, Criminalist Ryan Nickel filed a report detailing his examination and the results regarding Sergeant Links' April request. Criminalist Nickel excluded Meskell as a contributor on zip tie "A." Criminalist Nickel included Meskell as a potential contributor on zip tie "B." Criminalist Nickel concluded, "It is at least  $1 \times 10^3$  more likely to obtain the DNA results if Cristian Anton and John Meskell are the contributors to the mixture than if Cristian Anton and a random, unrelated individual are contributors."

I spoke to Criminalist Nickel about his findings personally. He explained to me in layman's terms that it is 1000 times more likely the mixture of the DNA on one of the zip ties recovered at the Anton murder scene is that of Cristian Anton and John Meskell than it is a mixture of Cristian Anton and some unknown contributor.

In summary, per ballistic and DNA evidence a firearm fired and likely used to pistol whip Marius Anton during a home invasion robbery in which his brother was killed was found in John Meskell's garage approximately five months after the murder. John Meskell was being searched because his DNA was found on zip ties used to restrain victims during a home invasion robbery approximately one year prior to the murder. Zip ties were also used by the suspects in the Anton robbery/murder. A mixture of DNA found on one of the zip ties recovered at the Anton murder scene is 1000 times more likely to be that of

the victim, Cristian Anton, and John Meskell than it is to be a mixture of Cristian Anton's DNA and an unknown contributor's DNA. Meskell indicates the firearm in his garage bearing Marius Anton's DNA must belong to his Vietnamese friend "Tim," who is identified as Thinh Tran, the registered owner of a suspicious dark green Toyota extended cab pickup truck Deputy Hein saw occupied by a skinny Asian driver and a heavier Asian passenger parked approximately 100 yards from the Antons' driveway two nights before the murder. A witness saw one of the robbery/murder suspects fleeing the scene in a black or dark green extended cab pickup truck he believes to be a Ford Ranger. Anton describes the robbery/murder suspects as being a small Asian male and a heavier Hispanic male. Tran is a small Asian male. Meskell is a large male who self admittedly is often thought to be half Hispanic or Eskimo.

Based upon the above information, I believe John Francis Meskell is responsible for the murder of Cristian Anton. I pray an arrest warrant be issued for:

John Francis Meskell  
Date of Birth: 11-13-74  
California Driver's License: [REDACTED]  
A white and Asian male  
6' 0", 260 pounds.  
Sacramento Known Persons' File X-ref 2381343  
DOJ Criminal History CII# [REDACTED]

For the charge of Murder (California Penal Code Section 187) [REDACTED]