





## I. INITIAL POLICE RESPONSE

MPD and City of Miami Fire Rescue responded to One Paraiso Residences, 3131 NE 7<sup>th</sup> avenue, Unit 2201, Miami, FL, 33137 (hereinafter "One Paraiso") regarding a male suffering from an apparent stab wound on April 3, 2022. Upon arrival, officers located the Defendant cradling the body of the Victim with an apparent stab wound to the chest. The Defendant was taken into custody and officers rendered aid to the Victim until fire rescue arrived. The Victim was transported to Jackson Memorial Hospital, Ryder Trauma Center where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased by Dr. Meizoso.

The Defendant was taken to MPD headquarters where, post *Miranda*, she provided an audio and video recorded statement. Following the Defendant's statement, she was released pending further investigation and consultation with the State Attorney's Office.


## II. INVESTIGATION

The Victim's body was transported to Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner's Department. An autopsy was performed by Chief Medical Examiner Kenneth Hutchins, M.D. Dr. Hutchins determined that the cause of death was a stab wound to the chest and the manner of death was homicide. Specifically, he found that the Victim was stabbed and that the knife punctured the subclavian artery in his right chest. The knife entered in a downward angle to the depth of eight (8) centimeters.

Following the Medical Examiner's findings, MPD presented and consulted with the State Attorney's Office regarding the initial facts. As a result, various investigative steps were taken by MPD and the State Attorney's Office, including several warrants and subpoenas. Additionally, information was received from other out-of-state law enforcement agencies. While not an exhaustive list, MPD investigators and State Attorney's Office prosecutors have reviewed video and recorded statements, 911 calls, records, and data, including cellphone extraction data (collectively referred to herein as the "Evidence").

Accordingly, evidence obtained showed the Defendant and Victim had a tempestuous relationship since November of 2020, with multiple incidents of domestic violence from both sides over the period of their relationship. One Paraiso security and building staff documented so many incidents of arguing, including complaints from tenants as far as two floors above the Defendant

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and Victim's unit, that One Paraiso management was moving toward legal action to evict the Defendant and Victim from the condominium.

While certainly not one sided, the evidence shows there were prior incidents of the Defendant being physically violent with the Victim. For example, in July 2021 the Defendant was arrested in Las Vegas for domestic battery on the Victim in their hotel. Similarly, surveillance from One Paraiso showed an incident in February 2022 where the Defendant aggressively attacked the Victim in the elevator.

The Defendant and Victim moved into the apartment at One Paraiso in January 2022. Almost immediately, incidents of violence and arguments began with One Paraiso security and building staff documenting many incidents. This tumult also caused the Defendant and Victim to separate various times, including the last week of March 2022 when the Defendant expelled the Victim from their collective apartment while the Defendant's mother was in town. After the Defendant's mother left to go home to Texas, the Defendant and Victim rekindled their relationship on Friday, April 1, 2022. The Victim moved back into the apartment at that time. Arguments began almost immediately, with police responding and contacting the Defendant who appeared intoxicated when she made the report on the evening of April 1, 2022.

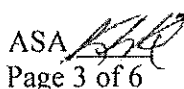
Evidence shows that Sunday, April 3, 2022 began peacefully, with the Defendant and Victim playing with their dogs in the apartment. At some point, the Victim left their apartment and returned with Subway sandwiches for himself and the Defendant. Key FOB records show the Victim left the apartment at 1:15PM and returned at 4:32PM. Surveillance video shows the Victim returning to the apartment at that time via service elevator 1 with their two dogs, and actually leaving the elevator at 4:33PM. At the same time, the Defendant finished and uploaded an Instagram live video to her page. Call detail records show the Defendant called the Victim at 4:01PM just before she went live on Instagram and again at 4:33PM, shortly after posting the live video and his arrival into the apartment.

Based on phone records and testimony from the Defendant's mother, Deborah Clenney (hereinafter "D. Clenney"), via a recorded telephone call with the police, a timeframe for when the stabbing occurred was able to be determined. In that recorded call, D. Clenney confirmed she was on the phone with the Defendant via two phone calls, that started at 4:43PM and continued until 4:56PM. D. Clenney further confirmed she was on the phone with the Defendant at the time of the incident, thus the stabbing must have occurred between 4:43PM (fewer than 10 minutes after the

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Victim returned to the apartment) and 4:57PM (when the Defendant called 911). The Defendant's call detail record shows the aforementioned calls, reflecting the Defendant called D. Clenney at 4:43PM for a call that lasted just over six (6) minutes until 4:49PM and a second call at 4:49PM for a little over seven (7) minutes until 4:56PM. Accordingly, the evidence establishes that the stabbing must have occurred in the intervening 13 minutes.

At the same time that the Defendant called D. Clenney, her neighbors began calling One Paraiso to report a disturbance at the apartment. One Paraiso security called 911 at 4:46PM notifying them of the disturbance. Eleven (11) minutes later, at 4:57PM, the Defendant called 911 to inform the police the Victim was suffering from a stab wound and requesting help. On that call, the Victim can be heard in the background repeatedly saying he is dying and cannot feel his arm. The Defendant is also heard saying, "I'm so sorry baby."

In her telephone recorded statement to the police on the date of incident, D. Clenney stated she heard the Defendant yelling at the Victim to leave the apartment and the Defendant saying the Victim was "lying." In her explanation to the police regarding the content of the phone calls of that day, D. Clenney did not say she discussed the incident with the Defendant. However, investigators know D. Clenney did communicate with the Defendant about the incident because investigators saw a text message from "Mom" on the Defendant's phone recorded at 5:25PM that mentions "self-defense" and advised her not to say anything to investigators without an attorney. In addition to omitting her conversations with the Defendant, D. Clenney's recorded statement also omits any claim that the Defendant said she was being attacked by the Victim during the call.

Although the Defendant admitted to having caused the Victim's injuries in her post *Miranda* recorded statement, she also provided several inconsistent accounts about the incident. The Defendant claimed she armed herself with a knife in response to the Victim having shoved her against the wall by the neck, though not choking her, and then she claimed he threw her to the ground but then allowed her to get up. The Defendant's physical body was documented on the date of incident and there were no injuries to her person to corroborate this account. At no time did the Defendant claim the Victim was armed with any type of weapon. In describing the stabbing incident, the Defendant claimed she threw the knife at the Victim from a distance in excess of ten (10) feet. Based on the location and depth of the stab wound, the Medical Examiner opined that throwing the knife from that distance would not have caused that fatal stab wound. In trying to

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explain her actions that day to the police, the Defendant stated, "I do not think that this was . . . I don't know. I really don't know if this was justified at all."

### III. CRIME SCENE

The condominium is a three-bedroom three-bathroom unit with a private foyer. While each bedroom has a bathroom, according to the floor plan the master bedroom is the largest bedroom that has access to a terrace shared with the living room and faces east overlooking Biscayne Bay. The other two bedrooms face south, with one other bedroom having its own terrace that faces west. Pertinent here is the master bedroom and the bedroom with the westwardly facing terrace (herein referred to as "guest bedroom").

The physical crime scene showed droplets of blood by the kitchen island dripping to the master bedroom/bathroom and back into the living room. In the living room by the couch, a bloody knife along with a bloody bedsheet was located. There was additionally a blood trail leading from the living room to the guest bedroom. At the entrance of the guest bedroom, there was a puddle of coagulated blood and blood transfer on the wall, evidencing that the Victim collapsed in this room before attempting to return towards the front door. Upon police arrival, the Victim was in the Defendant's arms at the intersection of the two guest bedrooms in another puddle of coagulated blood. The amount of blood throughout the condominium at different levels, including two large pools, evidences the Victim was bleeding for an extend period before police arrived. The bloody knife, similar to the knives on the kitchen counter, was found on the living room floor next to the couch and bloody bedsheet.

### IV. CONCLUSION

The evidence in the case evaluated in its totality reflect that that the Victim and the Defendant were in a violent and toxic domestic relationship for over two years. The incidents of violence began escalating with the Defendant throwing and/or using weapons on various occasions. These incidents culminated on April 3, 2022 with the Defendant acting without justification and causing the death of the Victim by stabbing the Victim, in an imminently dangerous act demonstrating a depraved mind without regard for human life.

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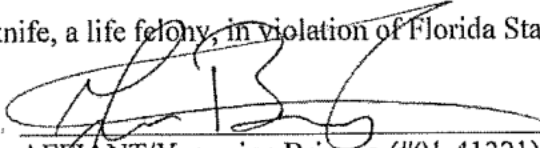
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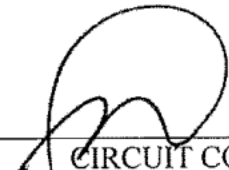
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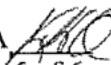
Accordingly, based on the totality of the circumstances, your affiant has probable cause to arrest the Defendant, **Courtney Taylor Clenney a White Female with a date of birth of [REDACTED] 1996, a social security number of [REDACTED] Florida driver's license [REDACTED], and a FBI number 358416EH2** for one (1) count of Murder in the Second Degree of Christian Obumseli with a Weapon to wit: a knife, a life felony, in violation of Florida Statute § 782.04(2).

  
AFFIANT/Yermaine Briceño (#01-41321)  
Miami Police Department

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS THE FOURTH (4TH) DAY OF AUGUST, 2022

  
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CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE  
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

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