

**AFFIDAVIT AND APPLICATION FOR ARREST WARRANT**

County/District Court

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Offense Case No. 21-539715



**AFFIDAVIT AND APPLICATION FOR ARREST WARRANT  
AND THE ARREST WARRANT FOR THE PERSON(S) OF:**



**Katie Paige Sanders DOB 5/6/1995, Colorado SID# 3046201, FBI# 851915TD5, Social Security #625-82-6551, White Female, 4'11", 120 pounds, Blonde Hair, Blue Eyes.**

**Criminal attempt to commit      CRS 18-2-101, 18-3-102 (1) (a)  
murder in the first degree.**

**Class 2 Felony**

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I, Detective John L. Johnson 04080, the Affiant, state under oath that the facts known to the Affiant which establish probable cause to believe that a criminal offense was committed, and that the offense was committed by the above named person(s), are the following:

On September 19, 2021, at approximately 5:18 am, Denver 911 received a call of a party who was shot near the intersection of E. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. and N. Grant St. Officers arrived and located Brittany FREEMAN DOB: 1/16/1998 in a tent on the north side of the 200 block of E. 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. in the City and County of Denver, State of Colorado, suffering from a gunshot wound to her abdomen. Officer Jared QUINTANA 18066 rode in the ambulance with Ms. FREEMAN while she was transported to Denver Health Medical Center for treatment of life-threatening injuries. During the ride Ms. FREEMAN said that a female with long Blonde hair who she knows as "Snowflake" shot her.

At approximately 6:09 am, Detective Steven SEIDEL 13082 met with Ryan HODAPP at the scene for an interview. Mr. HODAPP is Ms. FREEMAN's boyfriend, he reported that they were asleep in their tent when he heard a female voice saying "come on Skinny, come on." He said that "Skinny" is Ms. FREEMAN's nick-name, he then heard a gunshot. During this interview Mr. HODAPP seemed as though he was reluctant to give information.

At approximately 6:45 am, Your Affiant met with Ms. FREEMAN in the emergency room of Denver Health Medical center, for an interview. She began the interview by repeating "Snowflake" several times. She then said the name "Snoop." Ms. FREEMAN said that "Snoop" was her boyfriend Ryan HODAPP who was with her when she was shot. She described "Snowflake" as a White Female in her 30's who was the same height and build as she was and had long Blonde hair. She said that Snowflake

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is who shot her. Your Affiant asked why "Snowflake" would want to shoot her. Ms. FREEMAN said that Mr. HODAPP used to be Snowflake's boyfriend and that approximately two years ago, Snowflake told Ms. FREEMAN that she was going to shoot her, because Ms. FREEMAN was with him now. She said that the last time she saw Snowflake was about a year prior to this shooting. She said that when Snowflake shot her, she was in the company of an unknown Black Male and that she fled the scene on a scooter.

Ms. FREEMAN's Colorado identification card listed her as being 4'11" tall, weighing 127 pounds.

At approximately 6:49 am, Detective SEIDEL searched statewide law enforcement records for the name Snowflake, this search resulted in the return of information for only one person, Katie Paige SANDERS DOB: 5/6/1995. These records listed Ms. SANDERS as being between 4'10' and 4'11" tall weighing between 120 and 121 pounds, with Blonde or Strawberry hair.

At approximately 6:54 am, Your Affiant called Detective SEIDEL and informed him of the information he received from Ms. FREEMAN and requested that he see if Mr. HODAPP could provide additional information about Snowflake.

At approximately 6:57 am, Detective SEIDEL interviewed Mr. HODAPP a second time. Detective SEIDEL asked Mr. HODAPP to tell him about Snowflake. Mr. HODAPP provided the name Katie SANDERS. He said that he had known Ms. SANDERS for two years but said they had not dated. Mr. HODAPP then said that he in fact saw Ms. SANDERS shoot Ms. FREEMAN. When asked why he didn't say that earlier he said he wasn't sure. When asked if he was sure now, he said that he was "1000% sure." Mr. HODAPP said that approximately a year prior, Ms. SANDERS kidnapped Ms. FREEMAN, held her at a hotel and sexually assaulted her. He said that a male came to Ms. FREEMAN's aide and that Ms. SANDERS said that this male sexually assaulted her. He believed that this was why Ms. SANDERS shot Ms. FREEMAN. Detective SEIDEL showed Mr. HODAPP a known photo of Ms. SANDERS without any identifying information and he identified it as being of the person he saw shot Ms. FREEMAN.

At approximately 9:11 am, the Honorable Judge Chelsea MALONE signed a probable cause arrest warrant that Your Affiant authored for Ms. SANDERS' arrest.

On September 21, 2021, at approximately 6:00 am, Your affiant learned that Mr. HODAPP was found deceased the previous day under circumstances that appeared to be consistent with an overdose.

At approximately 8:32 am, Your Affiant met with Ms. FREEMAN for a follow up interview. During the interview she confirmed the information previously provided. She confirmed that she and "Snowflake" had known each other for three years and that they were friends until they had a falling out. Your Affiant showed her a known photo (photo only without identifying information) of Ms. SANDERS. Ms. FREEMAN identified it as being of the person who shot her.

While interviewing Ms. SANDERS she received a call from her adopted mom Davida VIGIL DOB: 12/30/1976. She requested that Your Affiant call her to provide a case update.

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At approximately 11:05 am, Your Affiant called Ms. VIGIL and provided her with a case update. Ms. VIGIL said that she spoke to Ms. FREEMAN on September 19, 2021, at approximately 2:13 pm, and that during this call, Ms. FREEMAN just kept repeating "Snoop" over and over. Ms. VIGIL didn't have an understanding of why Ms. FREEMAN was saying Snoop.

On September 22, 2021, at approximately 9:28 am, Detective Rachel EID 14001 located Ms. SANDERS exiting 360 S. Wolff St. with a male later identified as Johnathon GRISBY DOB: 7/8/1979. They were followed to the area of 303 W. Colfax Ave. Ms. SANDERS was arrested as she entered the building. Mr. GRISBY was contacted nearby and agreed to walk to Denver Police Headquarters to meet with Your Affiant. A third party Triag GASSCOT DOB: 6/19/2003 who was also in the vehicle but not believed to be involved in this case was also contacted.

At approximately 10:27 am, Your Affiant met with Mr. GRISBY for an interview. During the interview, he said that he and Ms. SANDERS had been dating since January, and that since about March or May she lived with him in his house at 360 S. Wolff St.

He said that on either Friday (September 17) or Saturday (September 18) night Ms. SANDERS disappeared and that he tried calling her repeatedly in an attempt to locate her. He showed his call log which appeared to corroborate this claim. He said that he worked as security at the Purple Martini on Saturday night after which he went home. He said that he was at home asleep Sunday (September 19) morning and that sometime after 8:00 am, Ms. SANDERS came home. He said that she apologized because she messed up by going and getting high with her ex-boyfriend. She told him that she lost her phone while she was out. Later that day he took her to get a replacement. Your Affiant showed Mr. GRISBY the phone located at the scene and he identified it as being Ms. SANDERS'. Mr. GRISBY said that Ms. SANDERS did not say anything about a shooting and that he didn't have any knowledge of it. He said that the male who was in the vehicle with them from the house to 303 W. Colfax Ave., was "TJ", the boyfriend of his daughter.

At approximately 11:12 am, Your Affiant met with Ms. SANDERS for an interview. He began by advising her of her Miranda Rights which she indicated she understood and wished to waive to voluntarily speak with him.

Ms. SANDERS spent the majority of the interview denying that she was even near the shooting, claiming instead that she was at home with Mr. GRISBY. After being confronted several times with evidence and information to the contrary she changed her story.

She said that she and Mr. GRISBY were in the area looking for "TJ". Someone pointed out a tent and told her Mr. HODAPP was in it. She went into the tent and became angry because Mr. HODAPP was lying with Ms. FREEMAN. She said that a couple of days earlier Mr. HODAPP told her that he wasn't involved with Ms. FREEMAN anymore. She described that she was kneeling near the entrance to the tent, Mr. HODAPP was sitting to her left, and Ms. FREEMAN was sitting to her right and she was yelling at Mr. HODAPP for being with Ms. FREEMAN. She said that Mr. HODAPP produced a handgun and pointed it at her. She slapped the gun away from her and it went off striking Ms. FREEMAN. Your Affiant had Ms. SANDERS show him how this happened. He noted that her relation was inconsistent with Ms. FREEMAN's injuries and the physical evidence at the scene which indicated that she was shot from above while lying on the cot in the tent. She and Mr. GRISBY took

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off on scooters in separate directions and later he picked her up at the King Soopers on Chestnut. Ms. SANDERS showed Your Affiant a screen capture of a Facebook post by “Venissa Freeman” (Ms. FREEMAN’s biological mother) which claimed that her daughter was shot by her boyfriend.

At approximately 3:00 pm, Your Affiant was present for the execution of a search warrant signed by the Honorable Judge Isabell PALLARES for 360 S. Wolff St. During the execution of the warrant six 9mm handgun cartridges were located. Several Ring security cameras were noted throughout the house.

At approximately 5:08 pm, Your Affiant met with Ms. FREEMAN for an interview. She was steadfast in her statement that Ms. SANDERS shot her. She said that she did not remember the content of her conversation with Ms. VIGIL. She said that she had spoken with Venissa FREEMAN a couple of times including before her second interview with Your Affiant but couldn’t remember when.

On September 24, at approximately 8:44 am, Detective received a call from Venissa FREEMAN. She said that on Sunday (September 19, 2021), during halftime of the Saints football game, she went to the hospital to visit Brittany. She wasn’t allowed into the room because Brittany was COVID positive, but she talked to her from a phone outside of her room. Ms. FREEMAN said that she told Brittany that in case something bad happened, Brittany needed to tell Ms. FREEMAN who shot her. In response to this, Brittany said that “Snoop” shot her. Your Affiant asked if Ms. FREEMAN was certain that Brittany was saying that “Snoop” shot her. Ms. FREEMAN said that she was certain. She said that she asked a direct question, and that Brittany said, “Snoop shot me.”

Your Affiant presented the investigation to Chief Deputy District Attorney Victoria SHARP who rejected it for additional investigation and instructed Your Affiant to drop his investigative hold on Ms. SANDERS.

At approximately 10:04 am, the Honorable Judge Beth FARAGHER signed a search warrant authored by Detective Tyler CARROLL 15021 to obtain video and audio from the Ring devices at 360 S. Wolff St. He served it to Ring at approximately 12:59 pm.

On October 1, 2021, at approximately 9:00 am, Your Affiant began reviewing the video from the Ring camera in the Northeast bedroom of 360 N. Wolff St. Your Affiant began reviewing the video from the morning of the shooting September 19, 2021, at timestamp (TS) 2:40 am. He found that both Ms. SANDERS and Mr. GRASBY were in the bedroom. She was wearing a white hooded sweatshirt with “Puma” in black across the chest, black pants and white shoes. Mr. GRISBY was wearing a blue LA baseball cap, black hooded sweatshirt with print on the front, blue jeans and grey shoes. At the start Mr. GRISBY is on the phone with someone talking about converting scooters. As the time progresses Mr. GRISBY can be seen moving plastic baggies, some of which have what appear to be blue pills in them and others that appear to have chunks of white substance from various places in the room. He placed some of them in a backpack, and gave some to Ms. SANDERS. He also received a call from a male who is ordering more “30’s” which is a term that Your Affiant knows to be referencing fentanyl pills. This customer complained that some of the pills he got last time were bad.

In a video that begins at TS 2:54 am, Mr. GRISBY is seen retrieving a handgun from under a pillow on the bed and concealing it on his person.

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In the video that begins at TS 2:58 am, A backpack that Mr. GRISBY is loading up Lights up. (Your Affiant took note of this because he remembered in the video of the party in dark clothing fleeing the scene of the shooting, that as he passed the cameras, the back of his backpack appeared to light up or reflect light.)

In the video that begins at TS 3:00 am, the two take scooters and leave the room.

(The shooting is reported at 5:18 am)

The next video from this camera begins at TS 6:17 am. In this video Ms. SANDERS is seen entering the room wearing a white T-shirt and black pants, and white shoes. She entered, walked to the foot of the bed, removed a handgun from the front waistband of her pants and placed it in a plastic grocery bag on the bed. Then she walked out of the room. After she walked out Ms. GRISBY's voice can be heard clearly as though he is speaking through either the Ring camera itself or an Alexa device in the room. Ms. SANDERS returned to the room, Mr. GRISBY tells her to take a shower and clean her arms and her hands real, real good. He continued by saying he hadn't seen any cops yet. Ms. SANDERS removed the gun from the bag and laid it on the bed. Ms. SANDERS tells him to call someone's (possibly Mikkela or Mahayla) phone.

The next video begins at TS 6:19 am and is just of Ms. SANDERS removing items from her pockets and then leaving the room.

The next video which begins at TS 6:23 am, Ms. SANDERS briefly entered the room wrapped in a towel, retrieved a large cloth bag and then exited the room. After leaving the room she can be heard saying an inaudible name two time, something else inaudible and then "cause I just shot some dude." She continued by giving instructions about going into a tent.

The next video which begins at TS 6:31 am, Ms. SANDERS walked into the room wearing a towel and obviously wet.

The next video which begins at TS 6:36 am, Ms. SANDERS called Mr. GRISBY on the phone and told him he needed to reset the cameras "because if they get a hold of these cameras, we're fucked."

Based on the above information Your Affiant respectfully requests that a warrant be issued for the arrest of

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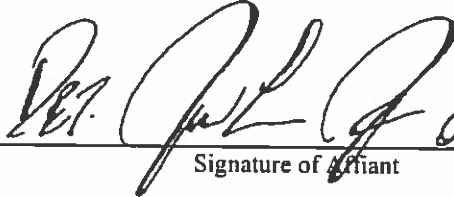
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I affirm this information to be true and correct

  
Signature of Affiant 04080

Subscribed under oath before me on

October 1, 2021 1:31 pm  
Date Time

  
Judge or Notary Public

My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_