

THE STATE OF TEXAS §  
v. §  
ROMAN AGUILAR ALVARADO §  
Jr.

IN THE ODESSA MUNICIPAL COURT

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**AFFIDAVIT AND APPLICATION FOR ARREST WARRANT**

The Undersigned Affiant, who after being duly sworn by me, on oath, makes the following statement: I have reason to believe and do believe that: Roman Aguilar Alvarado Jr., DOB: 05/02/1968 did then and there, on or about 11-21-2019 at 1710 Dotsy Ave. commit the offense of:

**MURDER-- (1st Degree Felony)**

1. On 11/21/2019 at approximately 8:55 PM, officers with the Odessa Police Department responded to a shots fired call at 1710 Dotsy Ave.
2. A deceased gunshot victim identified as Brandon Swinney DOB 04/08/1977 was discovered outside of the residence.
3. Video surveillance from the crime scene showed an unidentified subject with a gun walking around outside the residence of 1710 Dotsy as early as approximately 7:45 PM that same date. The subject appeared to be male, tall in stature, wearing a hooded sweatshirt and gloves. Video surveillance also showed the victim arriving home at approximately 8:53 PM, shortly before he was shot and killed outside his residence. The video evidence is highly suggestive that the shooter laid in wait for approximately one hour before Brandon Swinney arrived home and was killed by the shooter.
4. On 10/19/2020, investigators interviewed [REDACTED] in reference to the murder of Brandon Swinney [REDACTED] stated that she and her common-law husband Roman Alvarado Jr. DOB 05/02/1968 were acquaintances of Brandon Swinney. [REDACTED] admitted to investigators that she had a sexual affair with Brandon Swinney in February of 2019 while Roman Alvarado Jr. was in custody at the Ector County Law Enforcement Center.
5. On 11/04/2020, Roman Alvarado Jr. was interviewed by investigators and told them [REDACTED] had advised him of their previous interview with her. He stated a friend had previously told him about [REDACTED] affair with Brandon. He furthermore admitted he went to Brandon Swinney's residence to confront him about the affair in March of 2019, which was also documented on a doorbell camera video recorded at 1710 Dotsy on 03/25/2019, but that he was unable to contact Brandon Swinney. He stated that was the last time he had gone to Brandon Swinney's residence. Furthermore, during the interview, Roman Alvarado was shown the video surveillance of the shooter, and he stated that "it does look like me."
6. In 2023, the Odessa Police Department obtained historical electronic evidence that Roman Alvarado was within 5 meters of 1710 Dotsy, the crime scene, on 11/21/2019 between the hours of 7:55 PM and 8:30 PM, which is within the time frame that the shooter was observed on video surveillance waiting for Brandon Swinney to arrive home before killing him. The historical electronic evidence also showed that Roman Alvarado went to a close family member's house immediately after the shooting, which further authenticated the electronic evidence. Furthermore, the electronic evidence verified that no other

individuals were observed in such close proximity to the crime scene that were not a resident or neighbor of 1710 Dotsy during the time of the murder.

7. On 03/19/2024, detectives with the Odessa Police Department traveled to the Federal Correctional Institution Cumberland, in Cumberland, Maryland, where Roman Alvarado was incarcerated on unrelated charges. Roman Alvarado waived his Miranda rights and was interviewed by the detectives. Roman Alvarado made statements to the detectives in reference to his discussions with [REDACTED] about her affair with Brandon Swinney, which greatly contradicted statements he had previously made to the police. Roman Alvarado also stated to the detectives that after March 25, 2019 when he had gone to 1710 Dotsy to confront Brandon Swinney about having an affair with [REDACTED] he never went to Brandon Swinney's house ever again. Furthermore, when confronted with the electronic evidence that he was present at Brandon Swinney's residence during the murder, Roman Alvarado denied killing Swinney, but could not provide any reasonable explanation as to why he was within 5 meters of the crime scene at the time the shooter was observed on surveillance video. Roman Alvarado also stated in the interview, "so it has to be either me or [REDACTED]" but the video surveillance showed the shooter was clearly not [REDACTED] to which even Roman Alvarado agreed she was not the shooter observed on the video.

8. Furthermore, Roman Alvarado fits the general height and build of the shooter observed on the surveillance video.

9. Roman Alvarado intentionally and knowingly caused the death of Brandon Swinney, a first degree felony.

*Lauren Gonzales*  
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Lauren Gonzales  
Affiant

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this 01 day of May, 2024.

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*Keith W. Kidd*  
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Keith W Kidd  
County of Ector, Texas

MAGISTRATE'S DETERMINATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE

The foregoing Affidavit and Application was submitted to me by the said affiant on this 01 day of May, 2024, at 04:15 PM . I find that there is sufficient Probable Cause to support the arrest of the accused.

*Keith W. Kidd*

Keith W Kidd  
County of Ector, Texas

Signed by the said affiant, submitted to me by reliable electronic means, and subsequently sworn to by the said affiant before me through an electronic broadcast system.

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