

STATE OF MISSOURI

vs.

ANGELICA NICOLE BENITEZ

DOB: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

## PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

I, JONATHAN R VOSS

knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law,  
state that the facts contained herein are true.

1. I have probable cause to believe that on 12/14/20, at 3206 Clark Lane, Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, ANGELICA NICOLE BENITEZ A/F [REDACTED] committed one or more criminal offense(s):

565.021-001Y202009 MURDER 2ND DEGREE

F/M: F COUNTS: 1 CHARGE TYPE: S

571.015-001Y202052 ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION

F/M: F COUNTS: 1 CHARGE TYPE: S

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 12/15/2020 at approximately 1627 hours Columbia Police were called regarding a shooting that occurred at the McDonald's at 3206 Clark Lane, City of Columbia, Boone County, Missouri on 12/14/2020 at an estimated time of 1300 hours.

The caller, CG, reported that on 12/14/2020 he, his girlfriend Angelica Benitez, and his friend MH were in a pickup truck in the drive though lane of the Clark Lane McDonalds when the shooting happened. CG said he was driving, Benitez was the front seat passenger, and MH was in the back seat behind the driver. CG said Benitez took out a small silver pistol and shot MH in the face. CG said he did not know why Benitez shot MH. CG said right after the shooting, he drove to the parking lot of the adjacent motel, Super 8 at 3216 Clark Lane, and got out. CG said he saw MH laying down in the back seat area of the truck, and CG believed MH was dead.

CG said he went to Benitez's mother's room in the Super 8 motel, and told the mother not to let Benitez in because she had just shot MH. CG said Benitez left in the truck. Officers obtained surveillance video from Super 8 that showed a dark colored GMC truck leave the drive through lane and park in the Super 8 parking lot at approximately 1234 hours on 12/14/2020. The video showed CG get out and go to Benitez's mother's room. The video also showed Benitez exit the truck, go to the hotel, then go back to the truck and drive away.

CG identified the person he borrowed the truck from, which enabled investigators to obtain the license plate number of the truck. On 12/17/2020 investigators located the truck in Valley Park, Missouri, with a dead body in the back seat.

Investigators at the body recovery scene made a fingerprint identification of the body and confirmed it was MH.

Benitez was located and interviewed. Benitez admitted to shooting MH in the truck in the McDonalds drive through. Benitez said she drove the truck to the St. Louis area and parked it, leaving MH's body inside.

\*[12/17/2020 19:58, CPJVVOSS, 348, CPD]

3. For the issuance of a warrant in a misdemeanor case, complete the following

(a) I believe that the defendant will not appear in court in response to a criminal summons because:

Benitez fled the scene of the murder and took the victim's body to another city. [12/17/2020 19:59, CPJVVOSS, 348, CPD]

(b) I believe that the defendant poses

(1) a danger to a crime victim because

n/a

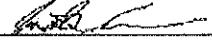
(2) a danger to the community or to any other person because

Benitez admitted she shot the victim and took the body to another city.

[12/17/2020 20:00, CPJVVOSS, 348, CPD]

JONATHAN R VOSS

Date: 12/17/2020

  
Signature  
(re: CPD Case #2020-011964)