

Defendant's Name: Arnulfo Ebeneser Mendoza

Agency Case No. 250904142

Statement of Probable Cause continued:

The stolen vehicle on September 5th, 2025, in the area of [REDACTED]. When Officers arrived, the truck was found on the property and was concealed by a blue tarp. It was discovered that there was a second stolen vehicle found on the same property.

There had been a surveillance camera on the property in front of [REDACTED]. The surveillance was observed, and it showed the Truck initially arriving on the property on September 4th, 2025, in the morning. A male got out of the driver's side of the vehicle who appeared to be approximately 6ft, thin in stature wearing a black tank top, black shorts and white shoes. The truck leaves and later returns at 12:34, which was after the shooting.

In later videos the next morning, a male with matching characteristics of the one who was seen driving the [REDACTED] observed getting into the red Toyota Camry and then leaving in that vehicle. During the search for the red Toyota Camry, [REDACTED] had [REDACTED] matching characteristics. The registered owner, [REDACTED] was found to live in the trailer park of [REDACTED]. While checking previous law enforcement contacts with [REDACTED] and other associates and family. Arnulfo Ebeneser Mendoza [REDACTED] was identified and had similar characteristics of the person who had been operating the stolen truck.

Toyota Corporation had provided detailed tracking of the truck from the time it was stolen to the time it was recovered. The truck was found to be at the trailer park of [REDACTED] at 08:45 as well as 12:10, just prior to the shooting. [REDACTED] showed the truck left the trailer park scene of the shooting and then went to the [REDACTED]. Surveillance video [REDACTED] obtained from multiple businesses where Arnulfo was observed entering and exiting the truck with another unknown male prior to the shooting. He was also observed at Ace Hardware, where he had a set of keys copied. His identity was confirmed by another associate who knew him as "Flaco". Flaco was identified by physical characteristics along with tattoos and matched with [REDACTED] info. GPS data [REDACTED] time of the shooting showed that the truck never came to a stop and had been traveling at 4 mph.

Multiple interviews had been conducted who were associated with the victim and Arnulfo. Detectives received info Flaco was the shooter, which they had heard from people around that neighborhood who were associated with him. Information was given that Arnulfo killed Marcus in retaliation. Two weeks prior to the shooting, Marcus had physically assaulted Arnulfo and stole a bag containing multiple pills of Fentanyl. Also, a witness who was located advised that she was present during the shooting and that Flaco was involved. She reported that the shooter owed her \$70, and she went to the victim's residence to see if he was there. She was at the victim's residence and hoped that he was there to give her the money back. And he had been texting him that he carried. She then heard the victim arrive on his motorcycle, and she then heard 5 guns. She went outside, and the shooter had winked at her and driven away. She stated there were other occupants in the vehicle to include Arnulfo.

Arnulfo was interviewed by detectives and he stated that when he was under the influence he does not remember things very well. When presented photo evidence he stated that he was not able to confirm or deny the allegations.

Witnesses interviews were further conducted and a witness stated that they overheard a conversation between Arnulfo and his wife that since his "business" was stolen, that he needed to retaliate before something were to happen to him.

Knowing Arnulfo was in the stolen vehicle and observation video prior to and after the shooting. Plus with multiple statements from those who had been interviewed. With the Felony Murder rule connected to the drive by shooting resulting in death, he is charged with First Degree Murder, (S 13-11-3 (F1)).

Justification for Bond Recommendation:

Arnulfo Mendoza is currently on Probation and has not been in contact with his parole officer since he was assigned to them. He also had failed to appear to his first meeting.

He has a long history of criminal acts to include drug possession and sales, aggravated assault with deadly weapons and Domestic Violence.