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ARREST REPORT

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Sector/Beat

ID/EVENT# 2758586	ARRESTEE'S NAME (Last, First, Middle) Griffith, Jason Omar		S.S.# [REDACTED]	
ARRESTEE'S ADDRESS (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code) 3827 Russian Olive Street, North Las Vegas, NV 89032				
CHARGES: Murder				
OCURRED:	DATE 12/12/10	DAY OF WEEK Sunday	TIME 2020hrs	LOCATION OF ARREST (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code) Mirage Hotel Casino 3400 S. Las Vegas Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89109
RACE B	SEX M	D.O.B. 12/10/1978	HT 5'07"	WT 167
HAIR Black		EYES Bro		PLACE OF BIRTH New York

CIRCUMSTANCES OF ARREST

Event #: 101214-3611

Deborah Flores-Narvaez, DOB: 07/05/1979, lived at 5150 Duke Ellington, #103, Las Vegas, NV 89119, for approximately 6 months. Flores-Narvaez had been employed for the last year by the Luxor Hotel and Casino as a dancer performing in the Fantasy Stage Show. According to her roommates, one of whom was also a co-worker, Flores-Narvaez never missed rehearsals or performances without advance notification. Flores-Narvaez was very prolific in the use of her cell phone - making numerous calls and sending text messages throughout the day. Flores-Narvaez had approximately 5,000 friends associated with her Facebook account that she stayed in contact with daily.

On December 12th, 2010, Flores-Narvaez used her cell phone (702-427-8977) to place a call at 1820 hours. The cellular site utilized to transmit the call was located at Tropicana and Las Vegas Boulevard, which was in close proximity to her residence of 5150 Duke Ellington Way.

On December 12th, 2010, at 1900hrs, Flores-Narvaez was observed on video surveillance entering her maroon, 1997, Chevrolet Prism, bearing MD plate 73547CD in the parking garage of the condominium complex where she lived. In the surveillance video she was seen wearing black knee-high boots, a dark shirt, dark jeans, and was carrying a black medium-sized purse or bag with a shoulder strap and white medium-sized gym bag.

ARRESTING OFFICER(S) D. O'Kelley D. Raetz	P# 4209 4234	APPROVED BY	CONNECTING RPTS. (Type or Event Number) TCR/DOA/Req for Prosecution/Wit List
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On December 13th, 2010, at 0000hrs, Flores-Narvaez was a "no call - no show" for a scheduled rehearsal at the Luxor Fantasy show. Shannon Hammitt an "out-of-state" friend learned that Flores-Narvaez did not show up for the scheduled rehearsal or the performance at 1700 hours. Hammitt became very concerned and called the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) to report Flores-Narvaez missing (Event 101213-2988). Hammitt informed LVMPD dispatch that Flores-Narvaez was going to visit her ex-boyfriend, Jason Griffith, at his residence, 3627 Russian Olive Street, North Las Vegas, Nevada. LVMPD Patrol Officers responded to the residence and made contact with Jason Griffith. Griffith stated he last saw Flores-Narvaez on December 12th at 1800hrs. Griffith informed the Patrol Officers that Flores-Narvaez was fine and she had driven away from his residence in her maroon, 1997, Chevrolet Prism.

On December 14th, 2010, Sonya Sonnenberg, who is Flores-Narvaez's roommate, called the LVMPD to report Flores-Narvaez and her vehicle were missing. Sonnenberg advised Flores-Narvaez was going over to watch the television show "Dexter" with her ex-boyfriend, Jason Griffith, at 1700hrs on December 12th. Sonnenberg provided Jason's address of 3627 Russian Olive Street, North Las Vegas, NV 89032.

On December 15th, 2010, at approximately 1200hrs, Detective R. Garris, P# 6426 went to 3627 Russian Olive Street and came in contact with Jason Griffith in the driveway of his residence, in the process of changing the right rear tire of his vehicle, a 2005 black Chevrolet Cobalt, 2-door, bearing Nevada personalized plates BLU21. Griffith had a problem making eye contact with Detective Garris and kept complaining he was in a hurry and needed to get to work. Griffith stated he made contact with Flores-Narvaez on Sunday, December 12th, in the late evening hours, and he said she never exited her car. Griffith said he had spoke with Flores-Narvaez through the driver's side window of her Chevrolet Prism and she was alone in the car. Griffith described it as a normal conversation and Flores-Narvaez left because she needed to go to rehearsal.

On December 13th, 2010, 1615hrs, Theresa Howey, called LVMPD to report a vehicle bearing Maryland plate 73547CD, parked in the back yard of 4580 East Carey Avenue, Las Vegas, NV.

On December 15th, 2010, Howey called Code Enforcement to advise them of the vehicle in the backyard.

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Code Enforcement officers responded, they believed they recognized the vehicle from a flyer disseminated by LVMPD Missing Persons Detail reference a missing person. Code Enforcement officers contacted LVMPD dispatch who ran the VIN and received an NCIC hit indicating the vehicle belonged to a person reported missing, by the name of Deborah Flores-Narvaez. Patrol Officers were dispatched and responded to confirm the NCIC hit. Crime Scene Analysts responded to process the exterior of the vehicle. The trunk of the vehicle was opened to ensure Flores-Narvaez was not located inside the trunk. Crime Scene Analyst Amanda Wright, P#9974, took overall photographs and processed the exterior of the vehicle as well as the immediate area for any evidence. The vehicle was sealed and towed to a secured yard at Quality Towing. The abandoned structure at 4580 East Carey was searched with negative results.

Griffith's residence at 3627 Russian Olive Street, North Las Vegas, Nevada, was approximately six miles from 4580 East Carey, where Flores-Narvaez's vehicle was recovered. The address of 4580 East Carey was approximately 16 miles from Flores-Narvaez's residence.

On December 17th at 0949hrs, Detective Hendricks of the Missing Persons Section interviewed Howey, she advised that on December 15th she noticed the rear plate had been removed from the vehicle.

Detective Garris preformed a records check on Jason Griffith which revealed that he and Deborah Flores-Narvaez have a violent domestic relationship. Records show three previous reports taken under LVMPD event numbers 100316-0763, 100402-00632 and 101022-0072. Griffith was listed as a victim under 100316-0763 with Flores-Narvaez listed as the suspect. Griffith was listed as a suspect of Domestic Violence under 100402-00632. Griffith was arrested for Battery Domestic Violence and Coercion under 101022-0072. In both events Flores-Narvaez was listed as the victim.

On October 9th, 2010, Griffith called the North Las Vegas Police Department (NLVPD) to report the Flores-Narvaez was at his residence of 3627 Russian Olive Street harassing him. NLV Patrol Officers responded, Flores-Narvaez informed the Patrol Officers that on October 7th, 2010 Griffith head butted her while she was sitting inside her vehicle. This head butt caused her to break the windshield lever located on the steering

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column. It should be noted that Your Affiant viewed photographs taken by the CSA, which shows the windshield lever was broken.

On November 2nd, 2010, NLVPD Patrol Officers responded to a domestic violence call at 3627 Russian Olive Street. Flores-Narvaaz informed responding Patrol Officers that she and Griffith got into a verbal argument. No report or charges were filed for this incident.

On November 8th, 2010, NLVPD was contacted by a Andre Hill a friend of Griffith's. Hill was concerned for Griffith's welfare because he had received a text message from Griffith that caused Hill to believe Griffith was suicidal. Patrol Officers were dispatched and responded to Griffith's residence. Griffith was located on an adjacent street sitting in his vehicle texting. Patrol Officer completed a Legal 2000 and Griffith was transported to Mountain View Hospital.

On December 17th, 2010, Marcia Christensen, a former girlfriend of Griffith's, contacted Detective Garris. Christensen stated that on December 7th or 8th, 2010, she received a text message from Griffith asking if she knew where he could get a gun, because he could not obtain or possess one due to a previous domestic violence arrest.

On December 22nd, 2010, detectives of the Las Vegas Police Department Missing Persons and Homicide Sections served a search warrant signed by District Court Judge D. Smith on the address of 3627 Russian Olive Street, North Las Vegas, NV 89032. During the search warrant detectives recovered a receipt from the Flying J Truck Stop located at 1000 E. Cheyenne Avenue for the purchase of two micro-fiber sponges and a container of bleach. The receipt was date stamped with 12-15-2010.

On January 5th, 2011, at 2245hrs, Detective Garris received a call from Detective L. Cho, P# 7073, reporting a friend of hers relayed some information from a witness, later identified as Kalae Casorso, who had been approached by Jason Griffith and another subject to allow them to store something at her apartment. Detective Cho said her friend was told Casorso became very upset when she asked Griffith

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about the plastic tub filled with concrete he brought to her apartment and he said "Debbie is in there."

On January 5th, 2011, Detectives obtained surveillance footage and rental agreements indicating Jason Griffith and Louis Colombo rented a truck and two utility-dollies on December 14th, 2010, at 1052hrs, from the U-Haul business located at 160 W. Craig Avenue. The truck was returned at approximately 0425hrs on 12/16/10 with what appeared to be two males matching Griffith and Colombo's description dropping the keys in the drop-box and leaving in what appeared to be Griffith's black Chevrolet Cobalt.

On January 7th, 2011, at 1035hrs, Detectives D. Raetz and D. O'Kelley of the LVMPD Homicide Section obtained a recorded statement from Kalae Casorso during which she admitted Jason Griffith asked her if he could store some items at her apartment until he was ready to move. Casorso said she informed Griffith she didn't have much space, but he could come over to see if the items would fit either in a closet or, if he didn't mind the items being exposed to the weather, he could leave them out on her patio. She said at around 2300hrs, on 12/15/10, Griffith arrived at her apartment and she showed him the space she had available either in the closet or on the patio. Casorso said she didn't realize Griffith actually brought the item with him, but he left the apartment to go get what he described as a plastic tub.

Several minutes passed and Griffith had not returned. Casorso said she heard creaking sounds outside her apartment so she went to the window and looked outside to see a U-Haul truck parked outside with the back door open. She said she went outside and as she was walking up to the truck, she learned the creaking sound was from the back end of the truck swaying from side to side. Casorso said she walked to the back of the truck where she saw Griffith and his roommate Louis standing on either side of a large, light blue plastic tub. Casorso said the tub was nearly full with a dark, charcoal-grey concrete that looked rocky on the surface. She said one of the sides of the tub was bulging out. She did not see a lid for the tub. The only other item Casorso said she saw in the truck was an orange dolly.

Casorso said she asked Griffith what was going on and what was in the tub. She described Griffith as hesitating, but then asking her if she really wanted him to tell her what was in the tub. Casorso said she told Griffith he better tell her if he intended to store it at her apartment. She described Griffith as hesitating again, but then telling her Debbie was in the tub. Casorso said she freaked out and told Griffith and Louis

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to leave and to get the tub "the fuck out of here!" She said Casorso and Louis left with Louis driving the truck and Griffith driving his black Chevrolet Cobalt.

Casorso said she didn't call the police because, at first, she didn't want to believe it was true, and later because she was afraid of Louis. She said she later decided to confide in a friend who knew someone at the police department so she could get help in knowing what to do and how to handle the situation.

On January 7th, 2011, at 1749hrs, Detective O'Kelley contacted Louis Colombo and solicited his cooperation in coming into the Homicide office to answer additional questions related to the investigation into the disappearance of Deborah Flores-Narvaez. Colombo was still on the phone with Detective O'Kelley when he arrived at his residence and was contacted by Detective D. Long. Colombo was offered a ride to the homicide office by Detective Long.

At approximately 1840hrs, Detectives Long and O'Kelley interviewed Colombo at the homicide office. During the interview, Colombo agreed to tell detectives what happened if he would not be arrested or prosecuted on the condition he did not have anything to do with the murder of Deborah Flores-Narvaez, or any part in the planning of her murder. Colombo told detectives he felt partially responsible because on the night this happened, Flores-Narvaez came over to the house on Russian Olive Street and became involved in a physical confrontation with Griffith. He said that during the argument between Griffith and Flores-Narvaez, he had to pull Griffith off of Flores-Narvaez because he was choking her with his hands around her neck. He said he made sure everything was okay before leaving the house at about 2020hrs, to take his daughter to her mother's house.

Colombo said that prior to his return to the house on Russian Olive Street at around 2230hrs, he received a text message from Griffith asking him not to bring his girlfriend Maya to the house. Colombo said he got into an argument over his dropping Maya off at her mother's house instead of taking her back with him.

Colombo said when he got to the house, he met Griffith at the front door and was told that this was a "Change his diaper moment" and that Griffith had "Fucked up." Colombo said Griffith walked him over to their studio room and showed him where Flores-Narvaez was lying dead on the floor. Colombo said he could tell she was dead because she was still lying in the exact position in which he saw her upon his return

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from the bathroom from being sick to his stomach. He said he could see she was not breathing and she was cold to the touch when he helped Griffith put her into an empty plastic tub.

Colombo went on to describe how Griffith purchased bags of concrete at a nearby Home Depot, how they mixed the concrete in the garage of the house on Russian Olive, and how they filled the plastic tub with concrete to completely cover the now naked body of Flores-Narvaez. Colombo said Griffith cut Flores-Narvaez's clothes off her and taped her legs up in order to make her fit in the tub face up with her knees up to her chest. Colombo said they left the tub in the garage to harden overnight until the next day when they rented the U-Haul truck.

Colombo said they used the utility dolly to get the tub up the ramp and into the truck. After trying to store the tub in a second story apartment in Henderson, he drove the truck with Griffith following in his black Chevrolet Cobalt over to the Flying J Truck Stop where they parked the truck over night. Colombo would not identify the friend of Griffith's who's apartment they attempted to store the plastic tub and said they didn't follow through with that plan because they couldn't get the tub up to the second floor.

Colombo said Griffith was able to get the keys to a house that belonged to some friends who were out of the country for a long time so they could store the tub there. He described going over to the house by himself and attempting to get the tub into the house, but the tub started leaking and he had to call Griffith to get some help. Colombo said they kept the tub in the livingroom of the house for a couple of days prior to returning with new plastic tubs, a sledge hammer, a handsaw and some cleaning supplies he had purchased at Wal-mart near the Fiesta Hotel Casino. He described how they broke Flores-Narvaez's body out of the concrete, how Griffith sawed off both of her legs with the handsaw, and how they placed her body and legs in plastic bags, in two separate plastic tubs. Colombo said they filled each of the plastic tubs with enough concrete to cover Flores-Narvaez body and legs and placed the lids on the containers. He said they put the tubs in the closet and sealed the closet doors with some type of sealant. Colombo said they sealed the tools they used in a closet in another room. He said they left the first blue plastic tub and the broken concrete in the livingroom.

After the interview was complete, Colombo led detectives to the address of 312 Bonanza Way, Las Vegas, NV 89101 where he said he had taken the body of Flores-Narvaez. A search warrant for the residence was

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signed by Judge Timothy Williams and detectives entered at 0005hrs, on January 8th. The broken blue plastic tub and the broken pieces of concrete were in the living room of the house. There was a larger piece of concrete inside the remains of the blue plastic tub that had the impression of a hand and large amount of long dark colored hair. The front livingroom window was covered with large sheet of black plastic. The window of the southeast bedroom was covered with a blanket and sealed around the frame with spray foam insulation.

The closets in each of the two bedrooms were sealed shut with spray foam insulation. Located inside the southeast bedroom closet were two green plastic tubs stacked one on top of the other. The tub lids were secured with red locking handles. When the tubs were opened, they were found to contain black plastic garbage bags covered with concrete. The tools described by Colombo were found sealed in the closet of the northeast bedroom.

On January 8th, 2011, at approximately 2350hrs, Detectives contacted Jason Griffith as he was leaving work at the Mirage Hotel Casino. He was asked if he would be willing to come to the office to answer some additional questions related to the disappearance of Flores-Narvaez. Griffith was told he was not under arrest at that time, but he asked about his Miranda rights not having been read to him. Detective O'Kelley told Griffith he would be happy to read him his Miranda rights before detectives asked him any questions. Griffith agreed to accompany Detectives to the homicide office. While en route to the office, Griffith called and left a message for his attorney telling him he was not under arrest, but was being asked to come to the office to answer some more questions.

Prior to the start of the interview, Detective O'Kelley read Griffith his Miranda rights and he initialed and signed the card indicating he understood those rights. During the interview at the office, Griffith denied having anything to do with the death of Flores-Narvaez. He admitted renting the U-Haul truck in order to pick up a punching bag stand in the northwest part of the valley. When confronted about driving to Henderson, Griffith claimed he went to a friend's house to pick up more workout equipment, but he refused to identify the friend. He said he was in possession of the only set of keys to the truck at all times other than when Louis drove the truck to pick up the punching bag stand and Griffith navigated.

When confronted with specific questions related to Flores-Narvaez's death or the disposal of her body,

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Griffith told detectives he did not want to answer those specific question without his attorney being present.

He did agree to answer other questions.

At the conclusion of the interview, Griffith was arrested for the murder of Flores-Narvaez. He was transported to the Clark County Detention Center where he was booked and incarcerated.

While en route o the detention center, Griffith spoke with Detective D. Long, P# 3969. During the conversation, Griffith made statements saying what happened was not a premeditated thing and that it was a heat of the moment thing that happened. He said Flores-Narvaez attacked him and that he always believed she had a gun. When Detective Long agreed with Griffith that nobody would believe that, Griffith said Flores-Narvaez forced him to do what he did. He told Detective Long that after it happened, he did all the "amateurish stuff afterwards. He later told Detective Long at the detention center that Louis only became involved after Flores-Narvaez was already dead and that he really didn't know what was going on. When Detective Long offered to take Griffith's statement, he still refused.