

(DISTRICT) (COUNTY) COURT, EL PASO COUNTY COLORADO Court Address: 270 South Tejon Street Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903		▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲
The People of the State of Colorado, Plaintiff V. Joshua Taylor Johnson, DOB: 03/28/1994, AGE: 28, SSN: Defendant DATE FILED: June 11, 2022 22CR3054		
Agency: Colorado Springs Police Department	Agency Number: 22-21958	Division: Criminal Crm:
<b>ATTACHMENT "A"</b>		

The following Affidavit is submitted to the Court to document the probable cause in support of a request for the issuance of an Arrest Warrant for **Joshua Taylor Johnson, DOB: 03/28/1994, AGE: 28, SSN:**

This offense is fully documented in Colorado Springs Police Department Report 22-21958 detailing the offense(s) of:

**§18-3-102(1)(A), MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, CLASS ONE FELONY (F1)**

With the victim(s) identified as:

**RILEY I WHITELOW, DOB: 01/20/2005, AGE: 17, GENDER: FEMALE RACE: WHITE**

Your Affiant, Detective S. Aulino, 1387, herein after referred to as I, a Police Officer with the City of Colorado Springs for over 26 years currently assigned to the Violent Crimes Section/Homicide Unit provide the following facts.

On Saturday, June 11, 2022, at approximately 1855 hours, the Colorado Springs Police Department Communication Center received a 911 call from the Walgreens 6820 Centennial Boulevard located within the City of Colorado Springs, County of El Paso State of Colorado. The reporting party, identified as **Justin Zunino DOB: 01/25/1990**, is one of the managers at Walgreens. He stated he had found a body in the breakroom. And there was blood everywhere.

When patrol officers arrived on scene at approximately 1902 hours, they located the body of a female on the floor of the employee breakroom. The female had suffered significant trauma to her neck area. There was a large amount of blood on the floor around the head of the victim. There were significant blood stains on the floor, cabinets and counter of the breakroom. There was an identification badge on the floor and a radio earpiece on the floor near the victim's feet. Officers observed no sign of life.

During an interview with patrol officers, Mr. Zunino stated he was contacted by another manger **Crystal Ishmael DOB: 03/02/1985** at about 530 pm when Crystal noticed that **Riley Whitelaw DOB: 01/20/2005** did not return from a break. Mr. Zunino returned to the store shortly after 6:00 pm and reviewed surveillance video. Mr. Zunino stated in the surveillance video he observed an employee named **Joshua Johnson 03/28/1994** stacking bins in front of a surveillance camera till it blocked the view of the camera. Mr. Zunino stated someone had taped paper over windows in the area of the breakroom. The restroom closed sign was in the area to keep people out, which typically does not occur till near the close of business.

Mr. Zunino stated after observing Joshua on the video he began checking the area of the breakroom. As he was checking the area, Mr. Zunino opened the door to the breakroom, he observed the female on the floor he immediately recognized her as Riley. There was blood everywhere and he did not enter the room. Mr. Zunino stated Riley had complained about Joshua about a year ago because he had made advances toward her, and it made her feel uncomfortable. Mr. Zunino stated he had warned Joshua to keep things professional and Joshua appeared to be receptive. Several weeks ago, Riley had requested to work a different schedule because Joshua made her feel uncomfortable. When she made another request for additional hours, she was told it would require working with Joshua.

Supervisor Initials / IBM: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager Crystal Ishmael stated that about 3 months ago Riley's boyfriend, **Jacob Leacock DOB: 03/28/2003** started working at Walgreens. Crystal stated she noticed Joshua appeared to be acting jealous. Crystal stated while they were looking for Riley, she looked outside by the dumpster area. She smelled a strong odor of bleach in the area. She attempted to open the door and heard a male voice saying he was changing. She could see feet under the door, so she left and told Mr. Zunino. When Mr. Zunino went to the dumpster area the male was gone. An empty bottle of bleach was observed in the dumpster.

**Elisha Schwenke DOB: 06/17/2005** who was a customer in the Walgreens at approximately 5:44 pm She stated she was in the deodorant aisle and heard a female screaming. She thought she heard the sound of stalls slamming. Mr. Schwenke thought she could not have heard what she thought so she purchased her items and left. When she drove by a little later and observed patrol officers, she stopped to tell them what she heard.


Detectives were able to learn that employees are assigned lockers at Walgreens to secure their personal belongings. The lockers are in an area not accessible by customers. Joshua Johnson is currently assigned locker #3 and is also using locker #17. It is unknown if Joshua accessed the lockers after Riley Whitelaw was killed.

Joshua Johnson was contacted by Colorado State Patrol Troopers as he was walking along Interstate 25 near Trinidad, Colorado. Joshua had scratches on his hands and face when he was contacted by Colorado state Patrol. Joshua was transported to the Police Operations Center 705 S. Nevada Ave.

During a Mirandized interview, Joshua admitted at one time he had a crush on Riley. He stated he no longer had a crush on her because he was intimate with Crystal. Your affiant noted that Crystal did not mention any relationship with Joshua during her interview. Joshua admitted to being in the breakroom and stated he fell in the blood. Joshua admitted he was the person Crystal talked to by the dumpster and he was trying to leave. He went home right after "that happened" and took off all his clothes because they were all bloody. Joshua stated he was wearing similar pants to the ones he had on, blue work pants, grey work shirt and black shoes. Joshua denied stacking the totes in front of the camera even when confronted that there was surveillance video showing him doing it.

Your Affiant would respectfully request that probable cause be found that **Joshua Taylor Johnson, DOB: 03/28/1994 SSN: \_\_\_\_\_** did, within the City of Colorado Springs, County of El Paso, State of Colorado, commit in violation of the Colorado Revised Statutes 1973 as amended, the offense(s) of **§18-3-102(1)(A), MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, CLASS ONE FELONY (F1)**.

Related Cases: NONE

Affiant:  1387  
S. Aulino 1387

Employed By: Colorado Springs Police Department  
Position: Detective

This affidavit was sworn and subscribed before me this day Sunday, June 12, 2022.

Magistrate / Judge: 