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October 29, 2020

Via OPRA Machine: opra+request-18103-0a7c3027@requests.opramachine.com

Re: Open Public Records Act (OPRA) Request – “Case Reports”
OCPO Case# 20002575
Jorge Santiago-Garcia

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find the Complaint Warrant, Affidavit of Probable Cause and Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Report pursuant to your request. Redactions of personal identifying information have been made pursuant to N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1 et seq.

Please be advised that there is no arrest report or global subject activity report responsive to your request. Please be further advised the above case is pending, therefore, no indictment, plea or sentencing information is in existence at this time.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 732-929-2027, x3135.

Yours very truly,
Dina R. Khajezadeh
Dina R. Khajezadeh
Assistant Prosecutor

DRK/dp

Enclosures

COMPLAINT - WARRANT

COMPLAINT NUMBER

1514**W****2020****000724**

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SEQUENCE NO.

LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT**231 THIRD ST****LAKEWOOD****NJ 08701-0000****732-364-2500** COUNTY OF: **OCEAN**# of CHARGES
3CO-DEFTS
0POLICE CASE #:
20-072318COMPLAINANT **PTL M DENNIS JR #347**NAME: **231 THIRD STREET****ATTN WARRANTS****LAKEWOOD****NJ 08701****THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY****VS.****JORGE SANTIAGO-GARCIA**

ADDRESS:

HOMELESS**LAKEWOOD****NJ 08701-0000**

DEFENDANT INFORMATION

SEX: **M** EYE COLOR: **BROWN**DOB: **09/20/1988**

DRIVER'S LIC. #:

DL STATE:

SOCIAL SECURITY #:

SBI #: **823129G**

TELEPHONE #:

()LIVESCAN PCN #: **151402009739**

By certification or on oath, the complainant says that to the best of his/her knowledge, information and belief the named defendant on or about **08/31/2020** in **LAKEWOOD TWP**, **OCEAN** County, NJ did: WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, DID KNOWINGLY COMMIT THE CRIME OF MURDER SPECIFICALLY BY STABBING RODRIGO JIMENEZ-PAZ IN THE CHEST ONE TIME WITH A KNIFE WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF JIMENEZ IN VIOLATION N.J.S. 2C:11-3

WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, DID KNOWINGLY HAVE IN HIS POSSESSION A WEAPON FOR AN UNLAWFUL PURPOSE SPECIFICALLY BY POSSESSING A KNIFE WHICH WAS USED TO COMMIT A STABBING WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF RODRIGO JIMENEZ-PAZ IN VIOLATION OF N.J.S. 2C:39-4D

WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THIS COURT, DID KNOWINGLY COMMIT THE CRIME OF UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON SPECIFICALLY BY HAVING IN HIS POSSESSION A KNIFE WHICH WAS USED TO STAB RODRIGO JIMENEZ-PAZ IN VIOLATION OF N.J.S. 2C:39-5D

in violation of:

Original Charge	1) 2C:11-3A(1)	2) 2C:39-4D	3) 2C:39-5D
Amended Charge			

CERTIFICATION: I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signed: **PTL M DENNIS JR #347**Date: **08/31/2020**

You will be notified of your **Central First Appearance/CJP** date to be held at the **Superior Court** in the county of **OCEAN** at the following address: **OCEAN SUPERIOR COURT**

120 HOOPER AVEDate of Arrest: **08/31/2020** Appearance Date:

Time:

TOMS RIVER**NJ 08753-0000**Phone: **732-504-0700****PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION AND ISSUANCE OF WARRANT**☐ Probable cause **IS NOT** found for the issuance of this complaint.

Signature of Court Administrator or Deputy Court Administrator

Date

Signature of Judge

Date

☒ Probable cause **IS** found for the issuance of this complaint. **LOURDES SERRANO JUDICIAL OFFICER** **08/31/2020**

Signature and Title of Judicial Officer Issuing Warrant

Date

TO ANY PEACE OFFICER OR OTHER AUTHORIZED PERSON: PURSUANT TO THIS WARRANT YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO ARREST THE NAMED DEFENDANT AND BRING THAT PERSON FORTHWITH BEFORE THE COURT TO ANSWER THE COMPLAINT.

Bail Amount Set: _____ by: _____

(if different from judicial officer that issued warrant)

☐ Domestic Violence – Confidential☐ Related Traffic Tickets or Other Complaints☒ Serious Personal Injury/ Death Involved**Special conditions of release:**☐ No phone, mail or other personal contact w/victim☐ No possession firearms/weapons☐ Other (specify): _____**ORIGINAL**

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STATE V.**JORGE SANTIAGO - GARCIA****FTA Bail Information**

Date Bail Set: _____

Amount Bail Set: \$ _____

by: _____

☐ Bail Recog. AttachedReleased
on Bail
(✓)

R.O.R.

Committed
DefaultCommitted
w/o Bail

Place Committed: _____

Date Referred to

County Prosecutor: _____

Date of First
Appearance:☐ Advised of Rights by _____

Defendant Desires Counsel:

☐ Yes ☐ No**Prosecuting Attorney Information****Name:**

State

County

Municipal

Other

Defense Counsel Information**Name:**

None

Retained

Public Def

Assigned

Waived

Other

Original Charge

1) **2C:11-3A(1)**2) **2C:39-4D**3) **2C:39-5D**

Amended Charge

Waiver Indt/Jury

Plea/Date of Plea

Plea:

Date:

Plea:

Date:

Plea:

Date:

Adjudication (* see code)

Finding
Code:

Date:

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Jail Term

Jail time credit

Susp. Imp

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Jail time credit

Susp. Imp

Probation Term

Susp. Imp

Susp. Imp

Susp. Imp

Cond. Discharge Term

Community Service

D/L Suspension Term

Fines/Costs

Fines:

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DV Surch/Other Fees

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DV:

Other:

Restitution

Beneficiary: _____

Miscellaneous Information, Adjournments, Companion Complaints, Co-Defendants, Case Notes:**Related Traffic Tickets and Complaints:***** Finding Codes**

- 1 – Guilty
- 2 – Not Guilty
- 3 – Dismissed – Other
- 4 – Guilty but Merged
- 5 – Dismissed-Rule
- 6 – Dismissed Lack of Prosecution
- 7 – Dismissed – Pros Motion/Vic Req
- 8 – Conditional Discharge
- D – Dismissed- Prosecutor Discretion
- M – Dismissed- Mediation
- P – Dismissed-Plea Agreement
- S – Disposed at Superior
- W – Dismissed-False ID

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JUDGE'S SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

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CERTIFICATION: I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment Signed: <u>PTL M DENNIS JR #347</u> Date: <u>08/31/2020</u>											
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PROBABLE CAUSE DETERMINATION AND ISSUANCE OF WARRANT											
☐ Probable cause IS NOT found for the issuance of this complaint.											
Signature of Court Administrator or Deputy Court Administrator		Date	Signature of Judge								
☒ Probable cause IS found for the issuance of this complaint. <u>LOURDES SERRANO JUDICIAL OFFICER</u> <u>08/31/2020</u> Signature and Title of Judicial Officer Issuing Warrant Date											
TO ANY PEACE OFFICER OR OTHER AUTHORIZED PERSON: PURSUANT TO THIS WARRANT YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO ARREST THE NAMED DEFENDANT AND BRING THAT PERSON FORTHWITH BEFORE THE COURT TO ANSWER THE COMPLAINT.											
Bail Amount Set: by: (if different from judicial officer that issued warrant)											
☐ Domestic Violence – Confidential	☐ Related Traffic Tickets or Other Complaints	☒ Serious Personal Injury/ Death Involved									
Special conditions of release: ☐ No phone, mail or other personal contact w/victim ☐ No possession firearms/weapons ☐ Other (specify):		COMPLAINT - WARRANT (DEFENDANT'S COPY)									
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COMMITMENT

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20-072318COMPLAINANT **PTL M DENNIS JR #347**NAME: **231 THIRD STREET****ATTN WARRANTS****LAKEWOOD****NJ 08701***THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**VS.***JORGE SANTIAGO-GARCIA**

ADDRESS:

HOMELESS**LAKEWOOD****NJ 08701-0000**

DEFENDANT INFORMATION

SEX: **M** EYE COLOR: **BROWN**DOB: **09/20/1988**

DRIVER'S LIC. #:

DL STATE:

SOCIAL SECURITY #:

SBI #: **823129G**

TELEPHONE #:

()LIVESCAN PCN #: **151402009739**

To any Law Enforcement Official of New Jersey, You are commanded to transport this defendant to the Warden of this county who is required to keep the defendant in custody until a release or detention decision is made.

Offense

Aux Offense

Drug Code

Degree

Offense Description

1.	<u>2C:11-3A(1)</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>1</u>	<u>MURDER - PURPOS</u>
2.	<u>2C:39-4D</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>3</u>	<u>POSS OF WEAPON</u>
3.	<u>2C:39-5D</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>4</u>	<u>UNLAWFUL POSS W</u>
4.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Commitment Reason: **Criminal Justice Reform**

You will be notified of your Central First Appearance/CJP date to be held at the Superior Court
at the following address: **OCEAN SUPERIOR COURT**
120 HOOPER AVE

in the county of **OCEAN****TOMS RIVER****NJ 08753-0000**Date of Arrest: **08/31/2020**Phone: **732-504-0700****LOURDES SERRANO JUDICIAL OFFICER****08/31/2020**

Signature and Title of Judicial Officer Issuing Warrant

Date

COMMITMENT

Affidavit of Probable Cause

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LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT**231 THIRD ST****LAKEWOOD****NJ 08701-0000****732-364-2500**COUNTY OF: **OCEAN**

of CHARGES

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CO-DEFTS

POLICE CASE #:

20-072318COMPLAINANT
NAME:**PTL M****DENNIS JR #347****231 THIRD STREET****ATTN WARRANTS****LAKEWOOD****NJ 08701**

ADDRESS:

HOMELESS**LAKEWOOD****NJ 08701-0000**

DEFENDANT INFORMATION

SEX: **M** EYE COLOR: **BROWN**DOB: **09/20/1988**

DRIVER'S LIC. #:

DL STATE:

SOCIAL SECURITY #:

SBI #: **823129G**

TELEPHONE #:

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Purpose: This Affidavit/Certification is to more fully describe the facts of the alleged offense so that a judge or authorized judicial officer may determine probable cause.

1. Description of relevant facts and circumstances which support probable cause that (1) the offense(s) was committed and (2) the defendant is the one who committed it:

SEE ATTACHED APPENDIX A

Affidavit of Probable Cause**Page 5 of 7**

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VS.

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2. I am aware of the facts above because: (Included, but not limited to: your observations, statements of eyewitnesses, defendant's admission, etc.)

I AM AWARE OF THE FACTS ABOVE DUE TO OBSERVING SURVEILLANCE VIDEO FROM THE SCENE, AND BEING PRESENT DURING THE INTERVIEWS OF THE WITNESS, AND THE SUSPECT.

3. If victim was injured, provide the extent of the injury:

VICTIM IS DECEASED AS A RESULT OF THIS CRIME.

Certification:

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signed: PTL M DENNIS JR #347 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Date: 08/31/2020

Affidavit of Probable Cause

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On August 31, 2020 Lakewood Police responded to the Pine Cone Liquor Store located at 248 2nd Street, after multiple callers reported that an individual had been stabbed. Lakewood Police and Medic Unit 7224 and 1480 responded and the victim identified as Rodrigo Jimenez-Paz was transported to Jersey Shore University Medical Center. Lifesaving efforts were unsuccessful and the body of Rodrigo Jimenez-Paz was pronounced dead at 1744 hours by Dr. Shin. Video surveillance from the exterior of Pine Cone Liquors was obtained by Law Enforcement via consent. Officers viewed the surveillance video from the Pine Cone Liquors and observed outside the defendant to be a Hispanic male with bushy black hair, wearing a white tee shirt with lettering across the chest area, and blue jeans.

At this time, patrol officers broadcasted a description of the defendant via police radio, as well as distributed a photo of the defendant via cellular phone.

Further examination of the surveillance video from Pine Cone Liquors the victim was outside of the liquor store and appearing to have a conversation with the defendant at which time the defendant brandishes a knife lunging at the victim stabbing him once in the chest. The defendant is then seen fleeing the scene heading north into a municipal parking lot. At 1728 hours, the defendant was ultimately located by Lakewood Police at 1st Street and Madison Avenue in the "Muster Zone", wearing a white t-shirt and blue jeans which is consistent with what was observed in the surveillance video.

A witness, who was seen in the surveillance video from the Pine Cone Liquors was interviewed who indicated that he was familiar with both the defendant and the decedent. However, the witness did not recall the victim and the defendant's names. The witness stated that he never observed the knife, however did see the defendant appear to push or punch the decedent in the chest.

A DVD recorded statement of the defendant, Jorge Santiago-Garcia was recorded at the Lakewood Police Department. After being advised of his constitutional rights as per Miranda, Santiago-Garcia waived his rights and began to speak with Detectives. Detectives asked the defendant what started the argument between him and the victim at the Pine Cone Liquors? The defendant responded that you would need to ask the victim what he did to his daughter. Ultimately, the defendant denies being at the scene and further denies stabbing the victim due to the fact that he was not arrested with the murder weapon. At this time, Santiago-Garcia advised that he was finished answering question from law enforcement.

Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Report

COMPLAINT NUMBER				<i>THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY</i> <i>VS.</i> JORGE SANTIAGO-GARCIA	
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LAKEWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT 231 THIRD ST LAKEWOOD NJ 08701-0000 732-364-2500 COUNTY OF: OCEAN				ADDRESS: HOMELESS LAKEWOOD NJ 08701-0000	
# of CHARGES 3	CO-DEFTS	POLICE CASE #: 20-072318		DEFENDANT INFORMATION	
COMPLAINANT PTL M DENNIS JR #347 NAME: 231 THIRD STREET ATTN WARRANTS LAKEWOOD NJ 08701		SEX: M EYE COLOR: BROWN DOB: 09/20/1988 DRIVER'S LIC. # DL STATE: SOCIAL SECURITY #: SBI #: 823129G TELEPHONE #: () LIVESCAN PCN #: 151402009739			

Purpose: The Preliminary Law Enforcement Incident Report (PLEIR) is intended to document basic information known to the officer at the time of its preparation. It is recognized that additional relevant information will emerge as an investigation continues. The PLEIR shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, any regular police arrest, incident, or investigation reports. Note that the PLEIR is specific to each defendant charged in an investigation.

- The offense/incident was recorded using electronic/surveillance via:
 - Surveillance Camera
- The defendant was known to the victim as:
 - Acquaintance
- The victim was injured and:
 - Victim transported to medical facility
- A weapon was involved in the incident:
 - Knife/Cutting Instrument
- The defendant attempted to conceal, discard or destroy evidence, DISCARDED KNIFE
- A member of the public provided information to a 9-1-1 call center or dispatcher (or similar).
- The police received relevant information via radio from a 911 dispatcher (or similar).
- The investigation involved the seizure of one or more cellphones, computers or similar electronic devices.
List the type of device(s) and total number of each recovered: CELLPHONE

Certification:

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Signed: **PTL M DENNIS JR #347 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Date: **08/31/2020**

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