

AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST WARRANT

S. A. CASE NO.
DIVISION CR-A
ASST ST ATTY Christina Stifler

CCRN_o. 2022-220000517
JUDGE Judge Linda McCallum

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF DUVAL)

Before me the undersigned Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit, in and for Duval County, Florida, personally came Detective C.L. Johns, #1236, who, being duly sworn deposes and says that he has reason to believe and does believe that one **MARIO ENRIQUE FERNANDEZ SALDANA**, described as follows: Last Known Address: **1511 Marsh Inlet Court, Jacksonville, FL 32250**; Race: **Hispanic**; Sex: **Male**; DOB: **04/28/1988**; Ht: **5'4"**; Wt: **UNKNOWN**; Hair: **Black**; Eyes: **Brown**; Scars, Marks: **UNKNOWN**; did in Duval County, Florida, on **February 16, 2022**, and on/between January 5, 2022 and August 18, 2022, commit the below-listed offense(s), contrary to the provisions of Florida Statutes:

- 1 **SECOND DEGREE MURDER WITH A WEAPON, S782.04(2), 775.087(1), LI**
- 2 **CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT FIRST DEGREE MURDER, S782.04(1)(a), 777.04(3), F1**
- 3 **SOLICITATION TO COMMIT A CAPITAL FELONY, S777.04(2), F1**
- 4 **CHILD ABUSE, S827.03(1)(b), F3**

Affiant's reasons for so believing are as follows:

Your Affiant, Detective C. L. Johns, is a Police Officer for the Jacksonville Beach Police Department (JBPD) and is currently assigned to the General Investigations Unit. Your Affiant has served as a police officer for four (4) years,

Your Affiant has received training in police standards for the State of Florida at the JSO Criminal Justice Training Center. While employed with the JBPD, your Affiant attended several investigations courses dedicated to Homicide and Death Investigations, and crime scene investigations.

On Wednesday, February 16, 2022, Jared Bridegan was murdered. Shortly before 8 p.m. that evening, Bridegan was found lying in the roadway of the 4000 block of Sanctuary Boulevard in Jacksonville Beach having suffered multiple gunshots. Based on the evidence at the scene and information uncovered in the subsequent investigation, Bridegan's death is best described as a targeted murder.

Immediately before his murder, Bridegan was driving south on Sanctuary Boulevard — a dark, residential roadway. Bridegan had just dropped off his 9-year-old twin children, of whom he shared custody with his ex-wife, Shanna Gardner, at Gardner's nearby Jacksonville Beach home, where she lived with her new husband, the suspect Mario Fernandez Saldana. Still in the car was Bridegan's 2-year-old daughter from his current marriage. Bridegan and his children had gone out for their routine "date night" dinner and Bridegan and his 2-year-old child were returning home for the evening, after dropping off the twins.

Consistent with the route he normally traveled home, Bridegan turned onto Sanctuary Boulevard – a road he used to access J. Turner Butler Boulevard. This road, unlike the nearby commercial area, is dark and mostly residential with no businesses in the immediate area.

Bridegan came upon a damaged tire in the road that blocked the path of travel. Analyzing all the evidence in totality, Bridegan stopped his car, turned on his hazard lights, and opened his door to go move the tire. Active Crim

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Bridegan's wife, Kirsten Bridegan, spoke to him just moments before the murder; she told investigators there was nothing unusual in that conversation. Bridegan was not armed and there was no evidence of a struggle. Bridegan's personal items — his wristwatch, wedding ring, phone, money, and wallet — were not taken. His car was not stolen, and his daughter was not physically harmed. Bullets struck the interior of the vehicle, in close proximity to where the child was strapped into her car, an act that reasonably could have been expected to cause physical or mental injury to her. Witnesses advised that the child was crying when they arrived on scene.

Motion-activated surveillance videos around the homicide scene indicate that the tire was not in the roadway shortly before the shooting, as no vehicles driving on Sanctuary Boulevard were seen swerving to avoid the damaged tire. Affiant believes this was purposeful, in order to get Bridegan to stop his vehicle.

Law enforcement identified the damaged tire as belonging to a 2004 Ford F-150 Lariat.

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Surveillance video from the area showed Bridegan's vehicle. Active Crim

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Investigation revealed a single link between Jared Bridegan and Henry Tenon: Mario Fernandez Saldana. Tenon was a tenant in a home on Potomac Avenue in Jacksonville, Florida owned by Fernandez Saldana.

In August 2022, Henry Tenon was arrested on an unrelated felony driving charge. Tenon was questioned about Bridegan's murder and the Ford F-150. Active Crim

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Tenon was arrested in January 2023 for the murder of Jared Bridegan.

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Investigation into Bridegan's background revealed a highly acrimonious divorce from his ex-wife, Shanna Gardner, and a contentious relationship with both Gardner and Fernandez Saldana. Gardner and Bridegan were married in 2010 and divorced in 2015. They shared custody of the nine-year-old twins.

Fernandez Saldana and Gardner met at her CrossFit gym in 2018, where Fernandez Saldana was a maintenance man.

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Up until the murder, Gardner shared equal custody of her children with Bridegan.

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Affiant received Tenon's financial records from PNC Bank on October 14, 2022. Upon conducting the initial review, three handwritten checks were discovered from Fernandez Saldana.

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Phone toll records showed that Tenon and Fernandez Saldana had 35 phone contacts in February, 30 phone contacts in March, and 5-9 phone contacts in May and June.



The totality of evidence establishes that Fernandez Saldana was a principal to Bridegan's murder and that Fernandez Saldana solicited, conspired with, and assisted others involved in Bridegan's murder, and that the circumstances of the murder reasonably could have been expected to cause physical or mental injury to B.B. while she was in Bridegan's vehicle.

Affiant, #
Agency: Jacksonville Beach Police Department
Duty Section:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of March, 2023, by the aforementioned Affiant [] who is personally known to me or [] who has produced _____ as identification and who did take an oath.

Judge of the _____ Court of the
Fourth Judicial Circuit in and for Duval, County,
Florida