

STATE OF COLORADO  
COUNTY OF CLEAR CREEK COUNTY  
AGENCY COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
COURT CASE # 16CR55

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## WARRANT FOR ARREST UPON AFFIDAVIT

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

VS.

**John Anthony Vasquez**  
8433 Zinnia Ct., Arvada, Colorado 80005

Height: 5'7" Weight: 135 lbs. Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown Gender: Male

Date of Birth **2/26/1984**

☒ DA Approval / BG 6-18-2016

To: Any Peace Officer or any person authorized by law to execute warrants within the state of Colorado:  
You are hereby commanded to arrest John Anthony Vasquez and bring him without unnecessary delay before the County Court, County of Clear Creek, Colorado, it appearing an affidavit sworn before me relating facts sufficient to establish probable cause that the offenses of: 18-3-103 (1) Attempted Second Degree Homicide (F-3); 18-3-202 (1) (c) First Degree Assault (F-3), 18-6-801 Domestic Violence were committed and probable cause that: John Anthony Vasquez committed those offenses in violation of C.R.S. 1973 (18-3-103(1), 18-3-202(1)(c) and 18-6-801) as amended.

No bond per Chief Judge directive.

Katharine T. Sullivan  
Katharine T. Sullivan, County Court Judge



Judge

Date

STATE OF COLORADO  
COUNTY OF CLEAR CREEK

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF  
AN ARREST WARRANT

I, Kirby Q. Lewis, Being duly sworn upon oath say:

Your Affiant has been employed in law enforcement for almost 30 years and is currently employed as an Agent in Charge with the Colorado Bureau of Investigation working the major crimes unit for over four years. Your Affiant has been involved in the investigation or review of well over 100 homicides in his employment with CBI for the last 13 years. Your Affiant compiled the information contained in this affidavit during the course of a criminal investigation, by obtaining information, by speaking to fellow Law Enforcement Officers, and reviewing reports prepared by fellow Officers.

On June 17, 2016, at approximately 7:45 a.m., Clear Creek County Dispatch received a 911 call reporting a woman, later identified as Christina Archuleta-Blasier, was severely burned and medical personnel were requested. The woman was located off of County Road 140, in the Barbour Forks area of the Arapahoe National Forest. This location is within Clear Creek County, State of Colorado. Medical personnel and Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office personnel responded to the call. Colorado Bureau of Investigation was contacted and requested to respond to assist with the investigation.

Arriving personnel found Ms. Archuleta-Blasier with third degree burns on approximately 60% of her body, predominantly on her torso. The victim was located near a camping site, with her boyfriend, John Anthony Vasquez, and her two sons, \_\_\_\_\_, age 7, and \_\_\_\_\_, age 10. Ms. Archuleta-Blasier was flown by medical helicopter to University Hospital in Aurora, Colorado, and was last reported to be in critical condition.

Clear Creek County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Captain Rick Safe and CCSO Investigations Specialist Amanda Klaus were on scene and reported a gas can, beer bottles, and a bottle of Fireball whisky were at the campsite. A seven gallon gas can was half full of gasoline, and was missing the pour spout. Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Arson Investigation Agent Jerry Means responded to the scene and reported he did not find an ignition source (open flame, lighter, or matches used to start a fire) for the fire at its origin.

Mr. Vasquez, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were transported to the Barbour Forks trailhead parking lot and spoke with CCSO personnel. CCSO Lieutenant (Lt.) Steve Gremillion spoke with \_\_\_\_\_ had burn injuries on one of his hands. He said John (Vasquez) was next to Ms. Archuleta-Blasier and spilled gas on her. She caught on fire and \_\_\_\_\_ tried to put out the fire by pouring water on her. Lt. Gremillion next spoke to \_\_\_\_\_ said he didn't see what happened at the time, but he heard screaming and \_\_\_\_\_ ran toward \_\_\_\_\_ and his mother. \_\_\_\_\_ saw his mother on fire and he tried to help put out the fire. He saw John kicking dirt on Ms. Archuleta-Balsier. \_\_\_\_\_ said he called 911. told \_\_\_\_\_ that "Johnny" spilled gasoline on mom and lit a lighter. \_\_\_\_\_ has known John for about a

year and [redacted] is angry at John because he gets in fights with [redacted] mother. The boys were released to the custody of Social Services and later released to the custody of their father,

[redacted] and [redacted] were later taken to the Ralston House for forensic interviews. CBI Agent Greg Zentner and CCSO Detective Joel Buehrle witnessed the interviews of the boys. [redacted] was very closed off and didn't want to talk about any details of the event. [redacted] said he, [redacted], John and Christina went to the Babour Fork location yesterday for an unplanned camping trip. John and Christina got into a fight last night and John kicked her and she punched him in the face, splitting his lip. Nobody set up the tent and all four ended up sleeping in John's vehicle. Before they went to sleep, John started a fire and they made s'mores.

When everyone woke up this morning, the battery to the vehicle was dead. [redacted] went looking for someone to jump start the vehicle. [redacted] went down by the creek and while he was down there, he heard [redacted] screaming that their mother was on fire and [redacted] said, "I hate you, Johnny." [redacted] went to get a jug of water, and on his way to get the jug to try and extinguish the flames, he threw up. [redacted] dumped the water on Christina and she was rolling on the ground. [redacted] told [redacted] he saw John pour gas on Christina and light her on fire near one of her shoulders using a blue lighter, then John stood there and laughed. After the fire was put out, [redacted] called 911. [redacted] said Christina told him to call paramedics and the cops. [redacted] left hand was burned with second degree burns (he had raised blisters) from trying to put out the flames.

CCSO Detective Buehrle and CBI agent Zentner noted blood and fire evidence on [redacted] shirt and on [redacted] clothes. The clothing from both boys was collected as evidence. CCSO Detective Buehrle told Your Affiant the boys' father, [redacted] was told by the boys that one of them called their grandparents at about midnight the previous night because the fight between John and Christina. The boy also reportedly called 911 over the fight.

After the forensic interviews, [redacted] and [redacted] were riding in a vehicle with their father, [redacted] and his wife, [redacted]. [redacted] started talking about what happened and [redacted] turned on the recorder on her phone. [redacted] said something about glass being broken. [redacted] asked [redacted] what he meant by "she broke beer." [redacted] said, "She broke the glass of the beer and then Johnny threw gasoline at her and then lit her on fire." [redacted] asked if he helped her. Both boys said no and [redacted] said he started laughing. [redacted] emailed the audio recording to Det. Buehrle.

Your Affiant spoke to Specialist Klaus about the scene at the campsite. She said it appeared the ignition of the fire on Christina was about 10-11 yards away from the fire pit. There didn't appear to be any disturbance around the fire pit indicating a struggle. From the ignition location, a trail of burned clothing and jewelry (a watch with a burned wrist band and a hoop earring) was followed down a hill, across the road, and down an embankment to a creek. No trail of burned debris was found between the fire pit and the gas can adjacent to the first burned area at the scene. The gas can was upright and was approximately half empty. There was no lighter or other ignition source located around the gas can, the

originating burn location or anywhere in the crime scene. Specialist Klaus also noted a broken beer bottle was located at the campsite.

John Vasquez was arrested for a violation of restraining order at the trailhead parking lot. A blue disposable lighter and a red disposable lighter were in John's pockets at the time of his arrest. No cigarettes were located at the campsite.

Lt. Gremillion and Your Affiant interviewed John in a CCSO interview room. John was advised of his Miranda rights, acknowledged his understanding and waived his rights, agreeing to talk to us and answer questions. We noticed Mr. Vasquez had a bruised lip but he didn't say how he got it. He said he argued with Christina last night but it never was a physical altercation. John said last night he was drinking beer and a little Fireball whisky and Christina drank predominantly Fireball. He said he woke up in the morning and was trying to starting a fire in the fire pit to cook breakfast and the next thing he knew Christina was on fire. He told her to stop, drop and roll and couldn't remember details after that. He denied lighting her on fire.

John said after the fire was put out, Christina went to a creek next to the camp site. He then assisted her to his vehicle and she sat inside waiting for medical personnel to arrive. CCSO Specialist Klaus looked inside the vehicle when she was assisting with the processing of the crime scene and saw a pillow that appeared to have blood on it in the passenger compartment of the vehicle. The license plate on the vehicle is Colorado plate 813WQV, registered to Mr. Vasquez. It was the only vehicle at the scene.

Mr. Vasquez said he has been involved in an intimate relationship with Ms. Archuleta-Blasier for the last two years.

BASED ON THE ABOVE INFORMATION, Your Affiant believes probable cause exists to charge John Anthony Vasquez with the following offenses: 18-3-103 (1) Attempted Second Degree Homicide (F-3); 18-3-202 (1) (c) First Degree Assault (F-3), 18-6-801 Domestic Violence.

/s/ Kirby Q. Lewis  
Affiant's Signature

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of June, 2016.

Kristin Rittenbach 20154009310-648908  
Notary Public  
5<sup>th</sup> of March, 2019  
My Commission Expires

*Katharine T. Sullivan*  
Katharine T. Sullivan, County Court Judge



6/18/16\_\_\_\_\_

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Judge

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Date