

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR PINELLAS COUNTY
15-00008-CF-B

STATE OF FLORIDA :
V. : MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE
CHRISTIAN GOMEZ :
PID 2919288 :

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Comes now, BERNIE McCABE, State Attorney for the Sixth
Judicial Circuit of Florida, and files this Statement of Facts in
the above-styled cause, and states:

On or about Tuesday, January 30, 2014, Christian Gomez was
residing at [REDACTED]. This was the
home of his mother, 48 year old Maria Saurez-Cassagna. He also
lived there with his [REDACTED] sister, [REDACTED] and his
older brother, [REDACTED] who was temporarily visiting
from out of state. On the 30th of January, Christian Gomez's
grandparents, [REDACTED] took him to a
mental health appointment in the Clearwater area and returned with
a prescription for Seroquel. Family members related in the
investigation that Christian Gomez did not care to take the
medication, and it was thought that his mother, Maria, would
surreptitiously put his prescription psychotropic medications in
his food.

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On January 31, the family had a normal dinner without incident, and the [REDACTED] daughter was taken to work at a local restaurant. [REDACTED] states that he heard a conversation between Christian and Maria about putting Christmas ornaments up into the attic. At approximately 7:24, he ventured out of the room where he had been reading and found no one inside the house proper. When going into the garage, he noted a large amount of blood in the garage area as well as an attic ladder down. Maria Saurez-Cassagna's headless torso was found along side of the house by a trash dumpster and her head was ultimately located in the trash dumpster after the police were summoned to investigate.

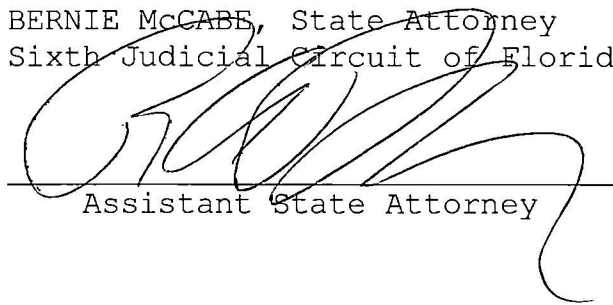
Prior to that at approximately 6:42, [REDACTED] a friend of Maria's, came by the house to visit Maria and noticed Christian Gomez in the garage area trying to mop up a wet, red substance on the cement. Christian told her that she needed to leave.

After the police were found in the area, it was determined that Christian Gomez had left the residence on a bicycle and was seen by some neighbors who lived nearby with blood on him, asking for a beer. Police located him while on the bicycle at 1927 hours, and he attempted to flee on the bicycle and had to be nudged over and taken into custody.

Christian Gomez was then interviewed by police detectives, given his Miranda rights and stated that he had cut his mother's head off with an ax in the garage.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the above and foregoing has been furnished to the Office of the Court Psychologist, Pinellas County Justice Center, Pinellas County, Florida, by personal service this 18th day of March, 2015.

BERNIE McCABE, State Attorney
Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida



Assistant State Attorney

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