


IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI  
AT KANSAS CITY

<b>POLICE NO. :</b>	18-046636
<b>PROSECUTOR NO. :</b>	095447965
<b>OCN :</b>	

<b>STATE OF MISSOURI,</b>	)	
	)	<b>PLAINTIFF,</b>
<b>vs.</b>	)	
	)	
<b>JOHNATHAN M TAYLOR</b>	)	
<b>9900 Campbell Street</b>	)	<b>CASE NO.</b>
<b>Kansas City, MO - 64134</b>	)	<b>DIVISION</b>
<b>DOB: 10/15/1998</b>	)	
<b>Race/Sex: B/M</b>	)	
	)	
	)	<b>DEFENDANT.</b>

**MISDEMEANOR INFORMATION**

**In the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri, at Kansas City, Term, 2018. In Division Number \_\_\_\_ thereof, designated by the rules of said Court as Criminal Division \_\_\_\_.**

**Count I. Animal Abuse - 1st Offense (578.012-001Y198355990)**

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 578.012, RSMo, committed the class A misdemeanor of animal abuse, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.016, RSMo, in that on or about May 22, 2018, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant purposely caused injury or suffering to a black cat.

The range of punishment for a class A misdemeanor is imprisonment in the county jail or other authorized penal institution for a term not to exceed one (1) year; by a fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000); or by both imprisonment and a fine. If money or property has been gained through the commission of the crime, any fine imposed may be not more than double the amount of the offender's gain from the commission of the crime up to a maximum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000)

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The facts that form the basis for this information and belief are contained in the attached statement(s) of facts, made a part hereof and submitted as a basis upon which this Court may find the existence of probable cause.

Wherefore, the Prosecuting Attorney prays that a summons be issued as provided by law.

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**WITNESSES:**

1. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED],  
MO 64106
3. DET Timothy K. Grondahl, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
4. PO Robert A. Martin, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
5. DET William J. Richter, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
6. [REDACTED]

## PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 09/04/2018CRN: 18-46636I, Detective Timothy Grondahl #4917

(name and identity of law enforcement officer, or person having information as probable cause.)

knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true.

I have probable cause to believe that on 05/22/2018, at 8715 Holmes Road inKansas City, Jackson County Missouri Johnathan M. Jr. Taylor b/m 10/15/1998

(County)

(name of offender(s))

(description of identity)

committed one or more criminal offense(s).

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 05/24/2018, Kansas City Animal Control Officer Henry Tanner was dispatched to Center High School, 8715 Holmes Road, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, in regard to information that a cat had been kicked on the football field on 05/22/2018. Officer Tanner made contact with Sharon Ahuna, Center High School Principal, who showed Tanner a Snapchat video of a cat being kicked. Ahuna told Tanner she had identified the male who recorded this video as [REDACTED]. Ahuna told Tanner she believed the male who kicked the cat was a former student named "Jonathan Tyler Jr. born 10/15/1998".

On 05/29/2018, Kansas City Animal Health Special Investigator Eron Dawkins interviewed **Johnathan M. Jr. Taylor b/m 10/15/1998**. Taylor denied kicking the cat, but said he saw the video of this after it was posted on-line. Taylor said the day this occurred he was invited to play football but he didn't go to the field because he had to work. Taylor told Dawkins that he knew [REDACTED].

On 06/21/2018, Kansas City Animal Health Special Investigator Donovan learned that McGee, Howren, and Brad Sweaten (Center High School Athletic Director) had located a deceased cat on the football field of Center High School. McGee advised she took a picture of the deceased cat and forwarded it to Officer Tanner. McGee then directed Charles Taylor, Center High School Head Custodian, to dispose of the cat. It should be noted that the deceased cat appeared to be mostly black with brown spots, which appeared to be consistent with the cat being kicked on the video.

On 06/19/2018, Sgt. Adam Painter, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, received an anonymous call who reported he was certain the male who made the video was [REDACTED] a 19 year old former Center High School student. The caller advised [REDACTED] has a certain laugh. The caller also advised [REDACTED] Snapchat name is "Quae".

On 07/11/2018, at about 1120 hours, Taylor voluntarily responded to Metro Patrol Division for an interview. I told Taylor there was a social media snap and asked when this happened. Taylor said this occurred on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Taylor said he was flipping through Snapchat and he saw the video of the cat and thought that was weird. Taylor said he saw this on [REDACTED] Snapchat and his bitmoji is a white guy and he did not know him. Taylor said he saw this incident on several news stations, but was not at the school when this occurred. I asked Taylor if he knew [REDACTED] and he said he had no idea. I showed Taylor a DOR picture of [REDACTED] and he said he played football with him at Center. I showed Taylor a video of the cat being kicked and asked him if that was [REDACTED] voice yelling "field goal". Taylor said it was and that [REDACTED] has an "undeniable" laugh.

On 07/25/2018, I received information from Snapchat on account [REDACTED] (vanity name [REDACTED]) through an investigative subpoena. A review of the information indicated IP addresses at Missouri State University

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in Springfield, MO, were used to log into the account. The review also revealed phone number [redacted] was associated with the account.

On 07/25/2018, [redacted] was contacted. [redacted] said her son didn't kick the cat but made a mistake by taking video. [redacted] said she heard "JT" kicked the cat.

On 07/25/2018, [redacted] sister, was contacted. [redacted] said she viewed the Snap video of the cat being kicked a couple months ago. [redacted] said "John Taylor" kicked the cat and that she recognized him from the video and she had previously attended school with him. [redacted] said he ("JT") was [redacted] friend. [redacted] was shown a lineup of 6 black males similar in appearance and I asked her if she recognized anyone for any reason. [redacted] immediately pointed to the male in the #1 position and said "that's John Taylor". I asked if that was the person who kicked the cat and she said that it was the person in the photo spread.

On 08/24/2018, Detective Frankie Starks, Springfield, MO Police Department, interviewed [redacted]. [redacted] confirmed he took a video of the cat being kicked by "JT". [redacted] said they were at the field playing a 7 on 7 game when a cat walked on the field. [redacted] said "JT" said "man get the cat outta here, I'll kick the cat." [redacted] said he wasn't really thinking when he pulled out his phone. [redacted] said "JT" was like a brother to him. [redacted] was shown a lineup of 6 black males similar in appearance and positively identified Taylor, who was in the #1 position.

[redacted] said after the cat was kicked it did not move, so they kept playing. [redacted] said they later saw the cat walk away. [redacted] was asked if the cat exited the field. [redacted] said the cat crawled around the field area and it was still there when they left. [redacted] said they had music going so they didn't pay close attention to the cat. [redacted] said the cat was probably in pain, and made the comment that "cats have nine lives".

Printed Name

Timothy Grandahl

Signature

[Handwritten Signature] 09/04/2018

The Court finds probable cause and directs the issuance of a warrant this

13<sup>th</sup>

day of

Sept

[Handwritten Signature]

Judge

Circuit Court of

Jackson

County, State of Missouri.