

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

POLICE NO. :	19-043598
PROSECUTOR NO. :	095453233
OCN:	

STATE OF MISSOURI,)	
)	PLAINTIFF,
vs.)	
)	
GERMON DEANGELO STEVENS)	
7813 E. 118th Ter)	CASE NO. 1916-CR
Kansas City, MO 64134)	DIVISION
DOB: 07/27/1974)	
Race/Sex: B/M)	
)	
)	DEFENDANT.

COMPLAINT

Count I. Murder 1st Degree (565.020-001Y19840903.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.020, RSMo, committed the **class A felony of murder in the first degree** punishable upon conviction under Section 565.020, RSMo, in that on or about on or about June 11, 2019, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant after deliberation, knowingly caused the death of Michael Lorthridge by shooting him.

The range of punishment for a Murder in the First degree is death or imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for life without eligibility of probation or parole, or release except by act of the governor. A person found guilty of murder in the first degree who was under the age of eighteen at the time of the commission of the offense shall be sentenced to a term of life without eligibility for probation or parole as provided in section 565.034, life imprisonment with eligibility for parole, or not less than thirty years and not to exceed forty years imprisonment.

Count II. Armed Criminal Action (571.015-001Y19755213.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 571.015, RSMo, committed the felony of armed criminal action, punishable upon conviction under Section 571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about June 11, 2019, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of Murder in the First Degree charged in Count I, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of Murder in the First Degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a deadly weapon.

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The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015 RSMo. is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than three (3) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of three (3) calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015 RSMo. as a second offense is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than five (5) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of five (5) calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015 RSMo. as a third offense is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than ten (10) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of ten (10) calendar years. Any punishment imposed pursuant to section 571.015 RSMo. shall be in addition to any punishment provided by law for the crime committed by, with, or through the use, assistance, or aid of a dangerous instrument or deadly weapon.

Count III. Domestic Assault 1st Degree - Serious Physical Injury (565.072-001Y19991301.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.072, RSMo, committed the **class A felony of domestic assault in the first degree**, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about June 11, 2019, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly caused serious physical injury to [REDACTED] by shooting [REDACTED]

An individual convicted and sentenced for this offense shall not be eligible for parole until eighty-five percent of the sentence is served.

The range of punishment for a class A felony is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than ten (10) years and not to exceed thirty (30) years, or life imprisonment.

Count IV. Armed Criminal Action (571.015-001Y19755213.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 571.015, RSMo, committed the felony of armed criminal action, punishable upon conviction under Section 571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about June 11, 2019, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of Domestic Assault in the First Degree charged in Count I, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of Domestic Assault in the First Degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a deadly weapon.

The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015 RSMo. is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than three (3) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of three (3) calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015 RSMo. as a second offense is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than five (5) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of five (5) calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015 RSMo. as a third offense is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than ten (10) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of ten (10) calendar years.

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Any punishment imposed pursuant to section 571.015 RSMo. shall be in addition to any punishment provided by law for the crime committed by, with, or through the use, assistance, or aid of a dangerous instrument or deadly weapon.

Count V. Domestic Assault - 3rd Degree (565.074-003Y20171399.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.074, RSMo, committed the **class E felony of domestic assault in the third degree**, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.002 and 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about June 11, 2019, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly caused physical pain to [REDACTED]. by striking [REDACTED].

The range of punishment for a class E felony is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than two (2) years and not to exceed four (4) years; or by imprisonment for a special term not to exceed one (1) year in the county jail or other authorized penal institution; or by a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); 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.

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 an arrest warrant be issued as provided by law.

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Date: 06-14-2019

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I, Det. Donna Drake #5573
(Name and identify 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 06-11-2019, at 7813 E 118th Terrace in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Germon D. Stevens
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

b/m 07-27-1974 5'07" 194 lbs committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 6/11/19 at 1909 hours, members of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department were dispatched to 7813 E 118th Terrace, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, 64134, on a reported shooting. Upon arrival, officers discovered two victims, a male and female, suffering from apparent gunshot trauma. The female victim was able to explain to an officer prior to being transported by EMS that her boyfriend came to the residence and began arguing with her brother (deceased victim). She stated her boyfriend then obtained a firearm and shot them before fleeing the scene. Officers also contacted a witness at the scene who stated the male victim called on a cell phone prior to being transported and told her he'd been shot and who shot him. Both victims were transported to an area hospital, where the male victim, later identified as Michael Lorthridge b/m 12-26-1978, died as a result of his injuries. The death was ruled a homicide by the Jackson County Medical Examiner's Office. The male victim was shot multiple times including twice in his back.

The female victim called 911 from the scene prior to officer's arrival. A neighbor, who heard the gunfire, also called 911 and responded to the residence to attempt to render aid, and applied pressure to the male victim's wounds with a towel. Multiple shell casings were observed in the front yard of the property. Apparent blood was observed within the residence. It was determined the suspect, identified as Germon D. Stevens b/m 07-27-1974, resides at the residence with the female victim and information was gathered he left the scene in a grey or silver Cadillac. A grey in color Cadillac bearing Missouri license plate TA9-U9H 2020 and VIN #1G6DM577940101214, was located by responding officers at Food Lane and Longview Road, a short distance from the crime scene, wrecked and abandoned. A computer check revealed the vehicle was registered to Stevens. The vehicle was towed to the city tow lot with an investigative hold for processing and is currently located at 7760 E Front Street inside the Vehicle Processing Facility.

Investigators observed apparent blood in the driveway, garage, and inside the residence. Investigators recovered ten (10) Hornady 9mm spent shell casings at the scene along with two spent bullets.

Detectives interviewed the witness who called 911 and rendered aid to the victims. The witness stated she was sitting inside her home when she heard two gunshots. When she stepped outside onto her front porch, she observed an unknown black male on the ground near a vehicle in the driveway. She stated the male on the ground was backing away from another black male. She stated the male on the ground had one of his hands up. The witness stated it appeared as if he

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was protecting himself. The second male was observed standing over him with a gun pointed at him. The victim stated she then ran back inside her residence to call 911, when she heard approximately 5 or 6 additional shots. As she came back outside to the porch, she observed the male with the gun get into a grey Cadillac in the driveway. As the male was entering the Cadillac, she heard him yell "Ya'll get in the car and lets go." It was at this time she noticed a white vehicle parked on 118th Terr, just west of the driveway. Both vehicles then left the area. The witness described the suspect as a black male, approximately 5'10" to 6'0", a slimmer build but with a beer belly. She stated he was wearing a gray t-shirt with a large unknown emblem on it and jeans. After the suspect left, the witness walked across the street just as the female victim came to the doorway of the residence and began yelling for help. As the witness approached, the female victim was holding her stomach saying she had been shot. The female then asked for the witness to go help her brother, stating "he's been shot 8 times." The witness entered the house and located the male victim who was rolling around on the living room floor. She then went into the bathroom and grabbed a towel. As she approached the male victim, she asked where he was shot. The male lifted his shirt and said "everywhere." As she was applying pressure to the male victim's wounds, she asked the female victim if she thought the suspect was going to come back. When the female victim said she didn't know, the witness decided to leave for her own safety. The witness stated she recognized the grey Cadillac as a vehicle associated to the residence. She stated a male and female moved into that residence less than a year ago and was not sure if any children lived there. She did recall an incident that occurred there the day before, which she described as a male and female yelling at one another, and sounded as if it was occurring in their backyard. The witness stated she believed a neighbor yelled something to the effect of "get off of her."

Detectives interviewed the deceased victim's girlfriend who stated at approximately 1911 hours, she received a phone call from the male victim (who she has been in a relationship with for approximately 20 years and they have five children in common) informing her that "Ger", who the witness identified as Germon Stevens, shot the male victim approximately seven times, and shot the female victim while at the residence. The witness stated the male victim told her to respond to the residence. The witness stated she responded to the aforementioned location with her three kids. Upon arrival the witness stated she observed the female victim on the steps just inside the house, and observed the male victim upstairs lying on the floor. The witness stated the suspect, Germon Stevens, drives a silver Cadillac CTS with tinted windows.

Detectives were contacted by an additional witness while still on scene who stated he heard gunshots. The witness stated when he went outside he observed a white car parked in the street in front of 7813 E 118th Terrace. He observed the white car pull away and travel west on E 118th Terrace. The witness stated he observed the male who lives at the residence get into his grey Cadillac and leave the scene following the white vehicle. The witness stated the previous night (06-10-2019) he was on his back deck of his residence when he heard the male and female next door verbally fighting outside. The witness stated the male and female eventually went inside while they were still fighting and he could hear a lot of loud "banging" along with more yelling. The witness stated he had just met the male who lived next door a few days prior. The witness could not remember his name, but believed it was similar to "Germell" and knew he drove a grey Cadillac.

On 06-12-2019, detectives responded to interview the surviving female victim at the hospital. The victim stated on 06-10-2019, the suspect, whom she identified as Germon Stevens (the father of her child) came home in the evening intoxicated. The victim stated Stevens had been extremely upset over the loss of his daughter who recently committed suicide. The victim stated she and Stevens got into a verbal argument and he physically assaulted her. The victim stated she did not call police because she knew Stevens was grieving. The victim stated the next day (06-11-2019) her brother, the deceased victim, saw bruises on her body and asked her what happened. The victim told her brother Stevens assaulted her the previous evening. The victim stated her brother text Stevens asking about the assault of his sister. The victim stated Stevens called her brother in response to his text. The victim stated Stevens admitted to assaulting her and told her brother, "Bro, you can meet me at the house". The victim stated she and her brother responded to her residence, 7813 E 118th Terrace, and were sitting in lawn chairs on the driveway. The victim stated

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her brother told her he was aware that Stevens is grieving the loss of his daughter and wasn't trying to fight with him, however, wanted to tell him "respectfully, don't put your hands on my sister". The victim stated Stevens arrived in his grey Cadillac. The victim stated Stevens normally backs his Cadillac into the driveway, however, he pulled straight in when he arrived. The victim stated Stevens got out of the Cadillac with a red pocket knife and came towards her and her brother. The victim stated her brother immediately began telling Stevens, "Bro, we ain't on that, you can meet me over here by this tree like a grown ass man". The victim stated her brother said, "Let's fight like grown ass men, put the knife up." The victim stated Stevens walked back to the Cadillac, where she believed Stevens was going to put the knife away, however, he retrieved a semi-automatic handgun. The victim stated Stevens walked back toward them and shot her in the abdomen. The victim stated Stevens then immediately turned and shot her brother and he fell to the ground. The victim stated after her brother fell to the ground, Stevens continued to shoot her brother several more times. The victim stated Stevens then turned back and pointed the gun towards her. The victim stated she believed he was still pulling the trigger, however, believed there were no more rounds of ammunition left in the firearm. The victim stated Stevens left the scene in his grey Cadillac. The victim was shown a single photograph of Stevens who she positively identified. Detectives observed and photographed apparent bruising on both the victim's arms and on her neck.

On 06-13-2019, Investigators responded to the Vehicle Processing Facility located at 7760 E Front Street, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri to execute a search warrant on Stevens' grey 2004 Cadillac CTS. Investigators observed apparent blood on the exterior of the driver's side of the vehicle. Investigators located a magazine in the center console located with thirteen (13) live rounds of Hornady 9mm ammunition and an empty black holster in the driver's seat of the vehicle.

Printed Name Det. Donna Drake Signature Det. Donna Drake #5573

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

Judge

Circuit Court of _____ County, State of Missouri.