

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 03-30-2017

CRN: 17-022311
IPD CRN: 2017-21578

I, Detective Blake Groves #5271 of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department
(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 03-29-2017, at 3622 S. Delaware Av in
(Date) (Address)

Independence, Jackson Missouri Ronar Santiago-Torres
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

R:W S:M DOB:04/14/1989 SSN: 596-24-1886 committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

- RSMO 569.160.1 (1,2,3); Burglary in the 1st Degree
- RSMO 565.052.1 (2); Assault in the 2nd Degree
- RSMO 565.110.1 (5); Kidnapping in the 1st Degree
- RSMO 570.023.1 (2,3,4); Robbery in the 1st Degree
- RSMO 575.150.1 (1), 5 (1); Resisting Arrest

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 03-29-2017, officers with the Independence, Missouri Police Department were dispatched to 3622 S. Delaware Avenue in Independence, Jackson County, Missouri regarding a Residential Burglary

Upon arrival, they located **Ronar Santiago-Torres w/m 04-14-1989; SSN: 596-24-1886** and Joseph Edward Wyatt w/m 01-07-1989; SSN: 512-98-0991 inside the residence. After refusing to obey verbal commands, both suspects fled by taking the homeowner’s car and driving it through the closed garage door. After a pursuit with officers operating emergency vehicles with lights and sirens activated, **Santiago-Torres** and Wyatt were taken into custody at 23rd and Cedar Avenue in Independence, Missouri. Wyatt was found in possession of a handgun when taken into custody. A trace of that handgun responded back to the victim.

The victim was located inside the residence with his hands restrained in front of him with Zip-Ties. He was transported to an area hospital where he was treated for multiple abrasions to his arms and hands as well as lacerations to his head.

During his formal interview, the victim stated he was home when two men (later identified as **Santiago-Torres** and Wyatt) knocked on his door stating they were looking for a lost dog and also offering gutter cleaning. The victim sent them away, but minutes later, one of them knocked on the door again. When the victim opened the door, one of the suspects displayed a black semiautomatic handgun with a long barrel. He warned the victim that he had a silencer on the gun, so he could shoot the victim without anyone hearing it.

The suspects forced their way into the residence and threw the victim against a sliding glass door where they began beating the victim. They tied his hands in front of him with Zip-Ties and demanded the location of the victim’s safe. One of the suspects held the victim at gunpoint while the other suspect ransacked the residence. After finding the safe, one of the suspects demanded the combination from the victim. When the victim said he didn’t know it, they beat him again and warned that they would kill him.

While the offense was occurring, the victim’s girlfriend had looked at a remote video feed of the victim’s residence and saw what was going on. She called 911.

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When the suspects heard approaching sirens, they asked the victim where his car keys were. When he told them, they went out to his garage and got in the car. They then started the engine and drove through the closed garage doors.

Santiago-Torres was transported to Kansas City Police Headquarters for a statement. After waiving his Miranda rights, he admitted to going to the residence to rob the victim. He admitted that he and Wyatt forced their way into the residence and then restraining and holding the victim at gunpoint while searching his house. They repeatedly struck the victim with a handgun, and when they heard sirens, they stole the victim's car and fled in it.

Wyatt was also transported to Kansas City Police Headquarters for a statement. After waiving his Miranda rights, he admitted to going to the residence with **Santiago-Torres** who was armed with a gun. He admitted to going inside the residence and taking a gun from the victim and taking \$1,200 to \$1,500 from the victim. When police arrived, he got in the driver's seat of the victim's car while **Santiago-Torres** got in the passenger seat. He admitted to driving the car through the closed garage door and fleeing from police who had "bright white lights".

A search of the victim's residence after the incident resulted in a black pellet gun being located inside the victim's garage. The pellet gun was a black semiautomatic replica with a replica suppressor on it.

Printed Name Detective Blake Groves #5271 Signature 

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

Judge

Circuit Court of _____ County, State of Missouri.