


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

<b>POLICE NO. :</b>	KC19076744
<b>PROSECUTOR NO. :</b>	095457904
<b>OCN:</b>	

<b>STATE OF MISSOURI,</b>	)	
	)	<b>PLAINTIFF,</b>
<b>vs.</b>	)	
	)	
<b>ERIC T. CONAWAY</b>	)	
<b>2931 Askew Ave</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. 2016-CR</b>
<b>Kansas City, MO 64128</b>	)	<b>DIVISION</b>
<b>DOB: 10/24/1983</b>	)	
<b>Race/Sex: B/M</b>	)	
	)	
	)	
	)	<b>DEFENDANT.</b>

**COMPLAINT**  
**WARRANT REQUESTED**

**Count I. Murder 2nd Degree (565.021-001Y19840903.0)**

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.021, RSMo, committed the **class A felony of murder in the second degree**, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about October 6, 2019, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly or with the purpose of causing serious physical injury to Rayford E Reed caused the death of Rayford E Reed by shooting him.

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 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 October 6, 2019, in the County of Jackson, State of

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Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of murder in the second 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 second 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. 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.

The facts that form the basis for this information and belief are contained in the statement(s) of facts filed contemporaneously herewith, 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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**WITNESSES:**

1. [REDACTED] City, MO  
64106

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2. [REDACTED] St, Floor 11, Kansas City, MO  
64106
3. [REDACTED]t, Floor 11, Kansas City, MO 64106
4. DET Bonita Y. Cannon, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
5. DET Jason C. Findley, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
6. DET Heather D. Leslie, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
7. [REDACTED] Kansas City, MO  
64106
8. DET Sean P. Martin, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
9. DET James H. Price, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
10. Rayford E Reed, Prosecuting Atty. Office, 415 E 12th St, Floor 11, Kansas City, MO  
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11. DET Ilinca E. Rusnac, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
12. DET Timothy R. Taylor, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
13. DET Nathan S. VanVickle, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106

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Date: 02-27-2020

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I, Det. Bonita Cannon, #4585. 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 10-06-2019, at 2931 Askew in  
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Eric Conaway  
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

B/M 10-24-1983 / [REDACTED] committed one or more criminal offense(s).  
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 10-06-2019 at approximately 2321 hours officers were dispatched to 2931 Askew in regard to an accident involving a red pickup. Prior to their arrival the call for service was updated to a shooting. Upon arrival officers located a baseball hat and two watches in the middle of the road. Officers were then informed that a gunshot victim had arrived at Truman Medical Center (TMC), 2301 Holmes.

The victim was pronounced deceased and his death was ruled a homicide by the Jackson County Medical Examiner.

The witnesses located at TMC informed officers the victim had been shot in the area of 29th and Askew inside of a residence.

Witness #1 [REDACTED] stated he had been with the victim earlier in the day and was with the victim at the time he was shot inside the house. [REDACTED] stated he responded with the victim to the area of 29th and Askew. [REDACTED] stated there was an unknown white female with them throughout the day, and during that time, the unknown white female received a phone call, and then told the victim that a baby that belonged to a woman named "[REDACTED]" (later determined to be [REDACTED]) had died. [REDACTED] stated that information upset the victim [REDACTED] further stated the victim then told [REDACTED] that he had let "[REDACTED]" and a black male named "Sleeze or Sleezeball" stay at one of his rental properties to protect the baby.

Witness [REDACTED] stated the victim blamed "Sleeze" and "Mo" for the death of their child. [REDACTED] stated they went to a location where they met with an unknown male who was driving an silver Dodge Charger. That unknown male warned the victim not go to his rental property on Askew, because the male at the address, had threatened to hurt the victim if he showed up. After a period of time, the victim and [REDACTED] drove to the house on Askew. [REDACTED] stated he repeated the advice given earlier about not going to that particular address.

Witness [REDACTED] stated when they arrived at the house an unknown black male appeared from the side of the house screaming "Is it true my baby dead"? The victim and the male became involved in a verbal altercation during which time, the victim yelled for the black male to get inside the house. The victim went into the same address as

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the unknown black male. After several minutes [REDACTED] heard a pop and saw the victim exit the house. The victim tried to get in his truck saying "I can't believe that motherfucker shot me". [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] then got to the victim and put him in their truck and left the area. [REDACTED] stated he left the scene out of fear.

During the next of kin notification, the victim's mother witness #2 [REDACTED] informed detectives she received two telephone calls from 816-726 [REDACTED], one of which left a voicemail. She stated she recognized the voice on the voicemail as "Sleeze" or Sleezeball" whose real name is "Eric." She stated "Eric" (later determined to be **Conaway**, lives at one of her rentals with [REDACTED]. She had heard that "Sleeze" and [REDACTED]" had a baby that died and [REDACTED] had moved out. She stated she had told the victim that he needed to get "Sleeze" out of their rental property. She stated she believes her son (victim) is on the voicemail "begging for his life."

The voicemail was recovered and transcribed as follows:

- VOICE 1: I fuck with you and I hate to do something have to do something to you (inaudible) nigga. I hate that (inaudible) end ...I know you a good nigga.
- VOICE 2: I was going to (inaudible).
- VOICE 1: You, you, you (inaudible). You did all that fronting yesterday.
- VOICE 2: Let me (Inaudible).
- VOICE 1: (Inaudible) like my time...this nigga getting ready to see (inaudible) towards me, when we was here all by our self. (Inaudible) didn't say two words about me (inaudible) about four weeks. He said, "I ain't going to have to put you out am I, Sleezy?" I said, "Damn! You didn't...All you got to do is got to ask me to leave nigga." And you know what the fuck I'mma do? I might run down the street or something nigga. You think I'm going to fuck up our business I ain't in your way nigga.
- VOICE 2: (Inaudible)
- VOICE 1: I ain't in your way, cuz. Why you ain't, why you ain't answering the phone? Give me that phone man. Hello? (2 loud pops). Fuck that phone.
- VOICE 2: (Inaudible) somebody please, please, pretty please Sleezy (2 quieter pops) pretty, pretty please. I'm begging you.
- VOICE 1: (Inaudible) I ain't no hoe ass nigga, dog. I ain't no hoe ass nigga.
- VOICE 2: You ain't got to do it though. (Inaudible)
- VOICE 1: Man I got to do all this. (Inaudible) my baby gone, nigga. (pop) Yo homeboy, (inaudible) back against the wall, cuz. (Inaudible) back against the wall cuz. Come on. Hey, hey, 'cuse me.
- VOICE ? : (Inaudible) bro.
- VOICE 1: Do you need me to call somebody?
- VOICE 1: We going to call your mama don't mean you did it though. Huh?
- VOICE 2: 913-605 (Inaudible).
- VOICE 1: Huh? (inaudible) dial with (inaudible), dial it nigga, dial it nigga, because you didn't dial it.
- VOICE 2: I did dial it!
- VOICE 1: You didn't dial it.
- VOICE 2: (Inaudible)
- VOICE 1: You dialed my serve nigga.
- VOICE 2: That's not your serve (Inaudible) that's my momma's number bro.

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VOICE 1: She on the phone, cuz.
VOICE 2: Hello...She ain't on there.
VOICE 1: Hold on... stay on (inaudible)

Witness #3 (redacted) stated she arrived to the listed address with (redacted). She stated the victim went into the residence with a black male who had been outside, yelling and appeared upset. (redacted) stated she went up to the door, listened for a moment where she heard "I fuck with you" before returning back to the victim's truck. She stated the victim later exited the residence, saying he had been shot, as he staggered towards his vehicle. She stated the victim attempted to leave the scene, driving his truck but was unable to drive. The victim was eventually put into a different vehicle and transported to Truman Medical Center, 2301 Holmes.

Witness #4 (redacted) stated she responded to the area in a green truck to drop off (redacted) who was meeting the victim. She stated while there, the victim exited his red truck and went into the residence with a male who appeared distraught over a deceased child. She stated the victim was inside of the residence for approximately 10-15 minutes, before she heard 2-3 sounds of gunshots. She stated the victim then exited the residence, staggering. The victim attempted to drive himself, but was unable to do so. (redacted) and (redacted) then put the victim into her truck and transported him to the hospital.

A court order was obtained for the cellular number of 816-726-(redacted) reportedly belonging to Eric Conaway. Reviewing the call detail record a call was placed to the victim's mother at 2301 hours and again at 2315 hours. On 10-25-2019 a lab report from the KCPD Firearms lab determined the projectile removed from the victim during an autopsy was a 45 caliber class bullet.

On 02-27-2020 Conway was taken into custody. At 1045 hours he was advised of his Miranda Rights via the Miranda Waiver.

Conaway stated that he had assisted his girlfriend in moving out of the house she rented from the victim and stated that he had previously stayed in the house with her. Conaway denied having any conversations with the victim on the day of the homicide. Conaway admitted that people call him, "Sleeze," or, "Sleezeball," but stated that he does not respond to it.

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

Circuit Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of Missouri.