

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

POLICE NO. :	KC19086605
PROSECUTOR NO. :	095462161
OCN:	

STATE OF MISSOURI,)	
)	PLAINTIFF,
vs.)	
)	
DOUGLAS V. GRIFFIN)	
5513 Wabash Ave)	CASE NO. 2116-CR
Kansas City, MO 64130)	DIVISION
DOB: 11/17/1993)	
Race/Sex: B/M)	
)	
)	DEFENDANT.

**COMPLAINT
WARRANT REQUESTED**

Count I. Murder 2nd Degree - Felony Murder - During Perpetration/Attempted Perpetration/Flight From Perpetration Of A Felony, A Person Dies (565.021-003Y19840999.0)

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 November 11, 2019, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, David Como was killed by being shot as a result of the perpetration of the class A felony of robbery in the first degree under Section 570.023, RSMo committed by the defendant, either acting along or purposely in concert with another, on or about November 11, 2019, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri.

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)

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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 November 11, 2019, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of Murder in the second degree charged in Count One, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant, either alone or acting purposely in concert with another, 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 571.015.1, RSMo. is imprisonment by the department of corrections for a term of not less than three years and not to exceed fifteen years, unless the person is unlawfully possessing a firearm, in which case the term of imprisonment shall be for a term of not less than five years. No person convicted under this subsection shall be eligible for parole, probation, conditional release, or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of three calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015.2, RSMo. as a second offense is imprisonment by the department of corrections for a term of not less than five years and not to exceed thirty years, unless the person is unlawfully possessing a firearm, in which case the term of imprisonment shall be for a term not less than fifteen years. No person convicted under this subsection shall be eligible for parole, probation, conditional release, or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of five calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015.3, 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 punishment imposed pursuant to Section 571.015, RSMo shall be in addition to and consecutive 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. Robbery - 1st Degree (570.023-001Y20171204.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 570.023, RSMo, committed the **class A felony of robbery in the first degree**, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about November 11, 2019, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant, either acting alone or purposely in concert with another, forcibly stole a wallet in the possession of David Como, and in the course thereof the defendant was armed with a deadly weapon.

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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 November 11, 2019, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant, either acting alone or purposely in concert with another, committed the felony of robbery in the first degree charged in Count Three, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of robbery 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 571.015.1, RSMo. is imprisonment by the department of corrections for a term of not less than three years and not to exceed fifteen years, unless the person is unlawfully possessing a firearm, in which case the term of imprisonment shall be for a term of not less than five years. No person convicted under this subsection shall be eligible for parole, probation, conditional release, or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of three calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015.2, RSMo. as a second offense is imprisonment by the department of corrections for a term of not less than five years and not to exceed thirty years, unless the person is unlawfully possessing a firearm, in which case the term of imprisonment shall be for a term not less than fifteen years. No person convicted under this subsection shall be eligible for parole, probation, conditional release, or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of five calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015.3, 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 punishment imposed pursuant to Section 571.015, RSMo shall be in addition to and consecutive 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.

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Wherefore, the Prosecuting Attorney prays that an arrest warrant be issued as provided by law.

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WITNESSES:

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5. DET Scott P. Mullen, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
6. PO David J. Owens, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
7. DET Hobart D. Price, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
8. PO Christopher Sheets, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
9. DET Daniel G Thomas, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106

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Date: 11/02/2020

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I, Detective Hobart Price #5254
(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 11/11/2019, at 56th St / Park Ave in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Douglas Griffin
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

black, male, 11/17/1993 committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 11/12/2019 at approximately 0029 hours Officers of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department were dispatched to 56th / Park, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri on a reported medical nature unknown. Upon arrival Officers located a deceased male victim in the street who was later determined to have been shot. The death was ruled a homicide by the Jackson County Medical Examiner’s Office.

The victim was observed to be laying on the north side of 56th St east of Park against a chain link fence. The victim was laying on his stomach with his arms to his side. The victim’s face was against a chain link fence as if he had fallen against the fence. Spent shell casings were located near the victim. The victim’s left rear pocket was turned inside out and the victim’s wallet was laying on the ground next to his feet.

We contacted the victim’s girlfriend who advised the victim had been at work and usually got home between 11:45pm and midnight. She advised he usually takes the bus if she doesn’t pick him up.

I contacted the Kansas City ATA and obtained surveillance video from the bus. I observed the victim getting off the bus on 11/11/2019 at 11:47:47. The victim is seen walking east on 56th St towards his residence.

A Ring camera was located at 5546 Park Ave. In the video I observed what appeared to be headlights west bound on 56th Street traveling towards the area the victim was found deceased. The video froze however the audio continued to record. Approximately 45 seconds after the video froze I could hear three gunshots which lead me to conclude the shooting occurred at approximately 11:52:14pm on 11/11/2019. After the

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gunshots I could hear what sounded like someone talking and then two car doors slamming. It sounded like a car was accelerating away from the scene after the shooting.

The left rear pocket of the victim's pants was swabbed. A lab report was generated and stated genetic information developed from the swab of the left rear pocket was matched through CODIS to Griffin, Douglas B/M 11/17/1993.

On 10/02/2020 Douglas Griffin was in custody for Robbery at the Jackson County Detention Center. Douglas was transported to Police Headquarters to be interviewed. During the interview Douglas initially denied all involvement in the homicide and upon showing him a picture of the victim denied ever seeing the victim. Upon further questioning and showing Douglas the lab report showing his DNA on the victim's pocket, Douglas admitted to reaching into the victim's pocket and taking out his wallet. Douglas stated they were in his Chevrolet HHR. Douglas stated [REDACTED] saw the victim walking and pulled over to the side of the road. Douglas stated [REDACTED] grabbed the victim and also tried to tackle him. Douglas reached into the victim's pocket and took his wallet. Douglas handed the wallet to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] then pulled out a gun and shot the victim. Douglas stated, "I think he just intentionally wanted to kill somebody." [REDACTED] put the cash in his pocket. Douglas admitted he robs people but he did not intend for anyone to get hurt. Douglas stated the victim kept saying, "Please don't hurt me."

At the end of the interview Douglas was transported back to the Jackson County Detention Cener. After his interview, Detectives listened to Jail calls made by Douglas Griffin. During a jail call Douglas tells an unknown male that Detectives had suveillance video which showed him killing somebody. The unknown male asks, "Was it you?" Douglas states, "Yeah bro". Douglas tells the unknown male they got DNA and footage. Douglas says the incident occurred on 56th. The unknown male asks, "Was it a random person?" Douglas replies back, "Yeah bro. I thought he was trying to do something, I thought he was trying to shoot at me and I thought I seen something." Douglas tells the male it occurred on November 11, 2019. Douglas asks a female to tell his family this was because of [REDACTED]. During the phone call Douglas spoke to his mother and told her he was charged with murder and admitted to participating in the murder.

On 10/10/2020 [REDACTED] was interviewed at South Patrol Division. [REDACTED] denied all involvement in the murder and advised did not remember where he was at during the time of the murder but he was not at 56 / Park and did not witness or participate in the murder. [REDACTED] was shown pictures of David Como, and Douglas

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Griffin and advised he did not know them. Upon further questioning [REDACTED] requested an attorney and the interview was ended.

Printed Name Hobart Price #5254 Signature /S/ Hobart Price #5254

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

Judge

Circuit Court of _____ County, State of Missouri.