

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI
AT

POLICE NO. :	KC21009858
PROSECUTOR NO. :	095462996
OCN:	HU003024

STATE OF MISSOURI,
PLAINTIFF,
vs.
MICHAEL H CHILDS
9444 Newton Dr.
Kansas City, MO 64138
DOB: 06/14/1952
Race/Sex: B/M
[REDACTED]
DEFENDANT.

COMPLAINT
WARRANT REQUESTED

Count I. Murder 2nd Degree (565.021-001Y20200999.0)

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 February 12, 2021, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly or with the purpose of causing serious physical injury to Stephanie Hunt caused the death of Stephanie Hunt by stabbing her.

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 (571.015-001Y20205299.0)

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 February 12, 2021, in the County of Jackson, State of

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Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of Murder in the Second Degree as charged in Count 1, all allegations of which are incorporated here 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 dangerous instrument.

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.

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

JEAN PETERS BAKER

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Jackson County, Missouri
by,

/s/ P. Benjamin Cox
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WITNESSES:

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6. [REDACTED]
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PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 02/13/2021

CRN: 21-009858

I, Detective Brad Thomas 3971, 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 02/12/2021, at 9444 Newton Dr #D in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Michael H. Childs
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

B/M, 06/14/1952, 5'11/200, Bk/Bn committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 02-12-2021, at 1825 hours, Officers of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department were dispatched to 9444 Newton Dr., Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri in regard to a disturbance involving a weapon. Upon their arrival, the victim (SH), was found lying on her back on the bed in a bedroom. Life saving measures were performed but to no avail and the victim was declared deceased.

The suspect, **Michael Childs** was located at the scene, arrested and transported to a police facility for questioning. After waiving his Miranda Warning **Childs** said he and SH are siblings. She had been staying with him at 9444 Newton Drive #D, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri for the last 2 months as she was homeless. **Childs** said he and SH had been drinking vodka and smoking marijuana when an argument started over her owing him \$100.00. The argument turned physical and both **Childs** and SH ended up on the ground. SH got up and **Childs** was able to get up. They continued arguing and SH started throwing things at **Childs** as well as tried hitting him with various objects within her reach. SH had a knife **Childs** described as a butcher type knife. **Childs** said he was knocked down a second time but as he fell he was able to disarm SH of the knife by grabbing it and pulling it from her grasp. SH went to her bedroom and **Childs** said he followed her for the purpose of continuing their discussion about the money SH owed him. **Childs** said he had the knife in his hand when he went to SH's bedroom because he was scared. When he entered the bedroom **Childs** said SH started throwing things at him again. **Childs** described waving the knife out in front of his body directing it towards SH to fend her off. **Childs** said she laid down and he left the room. **Childs** said he picked up a little bit and washed the knife off before putting it back in the kitchen drawer. **Childs** said he did not realize he had inflicted a lethal wound to SH.

Prior to questioning **Childs** body was processed for evidence. As part of that processing his body was visually inspected for any wounds or injuries. I did not observe any physical injuries on **Childs** body, hands or facial area.

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The crime scene at 9444 Newton Drive #D was processed by Crime Scene Personnel and a detective. According to the detectives report there was no significant signs of a physical struggle occurring as described by **Childs** in his statement. A knife was recovered from a kitchen drawer and had a positive reaction to a presumptive test for blood. In addition SH was found to have a broken acrylic type finger nail on her right hand. The broken off portion of the fingernail was found in close proximity to SH. A cell phone was found under SH's body.

A body examination by Jackson County Medical Examiner personnel was conducted. A single defect was observed on the left side of SH's torso. In **Child's** statement he said SH had her arms out in front of her fending off the knife he was wielding. On SH's right forearm I observed she had a scratch.

Printed Name Detective Brad Thomas 3971 Signature /s/ Det. Brad Thomas 3971

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

Judge

Circuit Court of _____ County, State of Missouri.