

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 03/25/2021

CRN: 21-018108

I, Detective Nathan VanVickle #5169, 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 03/21/2021, at 417 White Avenue in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Pritchard, Brandon L.
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

W/M 09/09/1985 committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 3/21/2021 at approximately 1830 hours, officers of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department were dispatched 417 White Avenue on a reported Shooting.

Upon arrival, officers made contact with [REDACTED] who advised that officers should enter the house through the backyard, and [REDACTED] then led the officers to the backdoor and pushed it open for them. When officers entered the house, they observed the Victim, Michael Uttley, to be deceased and lying on the floor next to the stairs in the front foyer.

Detectives obtained consent for the residence at 417 White Avenue from [REDACTED]. While inside the residence eight (8), 9mm shell casings were found in the kitchen and one (1) 9mm shell casing was found in the small hallway between the kitchen and living room. Detectives found a Smith and Wesson .40 handgun that was loaded, in the foyer at the bottom of the stairs, and one of the victim's shoes was in the hallway.

Detectives transported [REDACTED] to Police Headquarters where she provided the following statement: She and her boyfriend, who is the victim, had just arrived home from a hike and went upstairs to their bedroom. While they were cleaning off, she heard a male voice, whom she recognized to be [REDACTED] later identified as [REDACTED] W/M 03/17/1982, yelling for her to come outside in a threatening manner. Uttley went to the bedroom window and looked outside. Uttley told her it was her ex-boyfriend "Brandon", later identified as **Bandon Pritchard W/M 09/09/1985**. Uttley asked [REDACTED] if she wanted him to go scare them off, to which [REDACTED] told him no because **Pritchard** and Jordan did not know if Uttley and [REDACTED] were home or not. [REDACTED] heard the back door of the house start to open and realized they had left the door unlocked. Uttley grabbed his gun, told [REDACTED] to stay upstairs, and went downstairs. [REDACTED] then heard the voices of Uttley, **Pritchard** and [REDACTED] arguing back and forth for about two minutes. During the argument, she heard Uttley tell **Pritchard** and [REDACTED] to get out of his house. She heard **Pritchard** and Jordan asking for her and saying they were just going to go upstairs and see, and heard Uttley telling them no to get out of the house. She heard **Pritchard** yelling, "You know me, you know me, why you

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pulling a gun on me?" [REDACTED] heard Uttley say, "Because you came into my house." [REDACTED] then heard about five gunshots. [REDACTED] went downstairs and saw Uttley. He told her, "They shot me," and she saw the blood on his shirt. Uttley collapsed onto the couch in the living room. MA used her phone to call 911 and started rendering aid to Uttley before police arrived.

MA further stated she had known **Pritchard** her whole life and that Jordan is his best friend. MA had dated Pritchard about 2-3 months, but he ended their relationship about three months ago. MA was shown a single photo of **Pritchard** and a single photo of Jordan from surveillance video of them walking towards the 417 White Avenue house. She positively identified both **Pritchard** and Jordan. MA initialed and dated the single photos.

[REDACTED] advised **Pritchard** lived on Donnelly Ave just to the north of Independence Ave. She also stated Jordan lived on Monroe just to the north of Independence Ave.

While speaking with Detectives, **Pritchard** called and texted [REDACTED] multiple times from the contact "Bitch Brandon" (816-489-9772). She stated that it was **Brandon Pritchard** calling. [REDACTED] answered the phone and **Pritchard** told her he did something on accident earlier and the, "dude shouldn't have did what he did to me." He further stated that her boyfriend Mike had pulled a, "strap," on him when **Pritchard** went over to her house. [REDACTED] asked **Pritchard** why he went over to her house when he was not invited, and **Pritchard** told her he went into the house to see what was going on. **Pritchard** asked her if she went to the police to which she told him she did not and she did not know anything had happened. Pritchard told her that she would know what happened soon. [REDACTED] kept asking **Pritchard** what happened, and he told her again that her, "homie pulled a pistol on me and I had one too." **Pritchard** further stated that Mike put his gun down and **Pritchard** did not know what happened. MA asked if **Pritchard** was at his mom's house and he told her no. She asked him again what happened and **Pritchard** again told her that he did not know what happened.

Utilizing past police reports, detectives were able to locate addresses for both **Pritchard** and Jordan. Undercover officers began conducting surveillance on 407 Monroe Avenue, as it is an address known to be [REDACTED]. During the surveillance, Detectives observed **Pritchard** standing out in front of 407 Monroe Avenue walking around a blue Toyota. Detectives lost sight of **Pritchard** and then the Blue Toyota left the area.

On 03/21/2021, Detectives obtained a search warrant from the Jackson County Courts to search 407 Monroe Avenue. When the search warrant was served, [REDACTED] was inside the residence, but **Pritchard** was not at the residence. The search did not result in the recovery of any firearms, and [REDACTED] was placed on an investigative hold, and transported to East Patrol for booking.

On 03/22/2021, Detectives responded to East Patrol to conduct an interview with [REDACTED] was contacted in his cell and agreed to come talk with us. He was escorted to interview room 2 where he was advised of his Miranda Rights. [REDACTED] stated he understood his rights and then provided the following statement. He and **Pritchard** went for a walk looking for a tree. He stated they were looking for a tree and he did not know anything about what happened and that he wanted an attorney. [REDACTED] continued talking and Detectives advised him that he asked for an attorney but if he wanted to continue to talk they would talk with him. He continued to talk and stated they ended up at a house because **Pritchard** wanted to talk to a girl. He again asked for an

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attorney and then continued to talk and Detectives advised him that they were looking for a gun at his house when the warrant was served, and that they were investigating a Homicide. [REDACTED] stated that he and **Pritchard** went into a house and he had a gun pointed at him and he did not know what happened and that he wanted an attorney.

On 03/25/2021, Pritchard was taken into custody at 441 Donnelly and was transported to Police Headquarters for questioning. Upon being advised of his Miranda Rights, **Pritchard** stated he understood his rights and the provided a statement. During his interview, he admitted to being with [REDACTED] and walking around. When asked about going to [REDACTED] house and being in a confrontation with the victim, he denied being at the house or shooting the victim. He denied carrying a gun because he is a felon. He stated it had been months since he talked to [REDACTED]. Detectives presented **Pritchard** with messages he sent to [REDACTED] on 03/21/2021 which he admitted he had sent and a recorded phone call between him and [REDACTED] that took place on 03/21/2021, and then asked for an attorney.

Because of Pritchard's prior felony conviction for Domestic Violence Assault, and his intimate knowledge of a primary witness to the homicide, Pritchard represents a clear danger to the witness and has demonstrated a propensity to violence. If Pritchard were released from custody, the threat to an innocent witness would exponentially increase. Furthermore, Pritchard demonstrated that he knew the witness' address, abuses alcohol and prescription medication, and claims to, "black-out," leaving significant gaps in memory or judgement.

Printed Name Detective Nathan VanVickle #5169 Signature  #5169

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

Judge

Circuit Court of _____ County, State of Missouri.