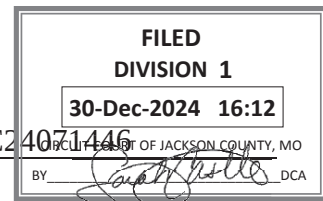


PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 10/09/2024CRN: KC24071446I, Detective Sarah Bedell #5693, 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 09/18/2024, at Missouri Avenue/Lexington Avenue in
(Date) (Address)Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Austin Stiles
(County) (Name of Offender(s))R:W S:M DOB: [REDACTED] committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 09/18/2024 at 1909 hours, Officers with the Kansas City Missouri Police Department were dispatched to [REDACTED] in regard to a shooting. The call notes advised that there were fifteen (15) sound of shots and two parties on the ground near Maple Park. Another 911 caller advised the gunshots came from a black car that drove off, but came back to see if the parties were dead. The caller described the suspects as either Hispanic males or light skinned, in a Chrysler 300 with tinted windows.

Officers located the two victims in the street on Lexington Avenue near the park with multiple people attempting to give life saving measures to the victims. KCFD confirmed both parties deceased at 1917 hours. Parked on the street next to the victims, was a gray Chevy Sonic belonging to [REDACTED] who arrived after the shooting and was on scene providing aid to the victims. A white Chevy Suburban was parked on the grass near the scene and belonged to [REDACTED], who also arrived on scene after the shooting to provide aid to the victims.

Witness [REDACTED] stated he was in his vehicle on Maple Blvd just north of Missouri Avenue, when he observed a black and gray Chrysler 300 park just north of Missouri Avenue and Lexington Avenue, near the Lexington and Pendleton Avenue split. He observed two white males, both wearing ski masks, exit the back seats of the vehicle and approach the victims on foot. The two suspects fired multiple rounds at the two victims, who immediately collapsed. He observed the two suspects remove firearms from both of the victims. The suspects ran back to the Chrysler 300 and left the scene. At that time, [REDACTED] stated he followed the Chrysler 300 while attempting to call 911. He advised he followed the vehicle into North Kansas City. After he was unable to get through to 911, due to being on hold, he disregarded following the vehicle in the area of 16th Street and Iron Street in North Kansas City.

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Witness [REDACTED] stated he heard shots, looked out of his window, observed the two victims on the ground and saw two males going through the victim's waistbands. He believed the two suspects were a white male wearing a black top and white shorts, and a black male wearing a black hoodie and black shorts.

At the crime scene, both deceased victims were located in the street. [REDACTED] was on his back; his shirt was cut off and he appeared to have sustained gunshots wounds. In his waistband, was an empty gun holster. His cell phone was located in his left pocket. [REDACTED] was just a few feet away from [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was also on his back and appeared to have at least one gunshot to his chest. Eleven (11) shell casings were located throughout the crime scene. Of those casings, three (3) were 9mm and eight (8) were .40 caliber.

While processing the scene, I was contacted by [REDACTED], who owns the Chevy Sonic that was parked in the scene. She advised that she and the victim, [REDACTED] (who she calls [REDACTED]) had been dating for the past month. She stated earlier in the day, around 3pm, she picked up [REDACTED] from apartments up north. She brought the two to her apartment complex at [REDACTED]. She stated [REDACTED] also lives in her complex. She stated she and [REDACTED] had sex and then she got ready for a job interview that was at 1800 hours. When she got back to the apartment about 45 minutes later, she saw [REDACTED] outside and observed them walking off towards the park. A few minutes later, she heard about 20 gunshots. She ran to the hill that looks down into the park and saw two people on the ground. She got into her car and drove down to where they were. She stated she tried to help them but she knew they were already deceased and waited there for police to arrive.

Surveillance video was obtained from the apartments at [REDACTED]. The time depicted on the video was one hour slow from the actual time. The video showed the following;

09/18/2024 at 17:58 hours- the suspect vehicle, a dark blue Chrysler 300 pulls into camera view on Lexington Avenue and parks on the east side of the street. A gray Buick is parked on the street prior to the Chrysler arriving. A male gets out of the driver's seat of the Chrysler and goes to the rear of the vehicle. He is wearing a black hoodie, a white shirt hanging out of the bottom of the hoodie, and black shorts. It appears that the male is removing the rear license plate of the vehicle and then gets back into the driver's seat.

At 18:07 hours, the two victims come into camera view, walking east through the park. As the victims approach, the male in the driver's seat gets out and opens the trunk of the vehicle. Another male gets out of the rear driver's side of the vehicle and walks to the back of the car.

At 18:09:21- the male that came from the rear driver's side, suddenly lifts his arm causing the victims to back up. He shoots [REDACTED] who immediately falls to the ground. He then turns towards [REDACTED] and it appears he and [REDACTED] exchange gunfire. [REDACTED] falls to the ground and out of sight next to the vehicle. The two suspects take cover on the passenger side of the vehicle. The front passenger door opens and another person gets out of the vehicle. The passenger door of the Buick opens and an unknown person stands up and appears to possibly be pointing a gun at the victims. It does not appear that the person shoots, and gets back in the vehicle. All three from the Chrysler get back in and drive off northbound followed by the Buick.

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At 18:10:02- two of the suspects run back into camera view. One of the suspects is the male in the black shorts and the other appears to be heavier with jeans on and a black tank top. The suspect in shorts bends over [REDACTED] and appears to pick something up. The male in the tank top goes over to [REDACTED], rolls him over, and then appears to take something from him. The male in the shorts also bends over [REDACTED]. The two then run northbound out of camera view.

Cell phone video was obtained by witness, [REDACTED]. The cell phone video captured two of the suspects running towards the Chrysler 300. One suspect is wearing a black hoodie with the hood up or a black mask on, a white shirt underneath and black shorts. The other male appears to be wearing jeans, a black tank top and a mask. As they approach the Chrysler, the trunk is open and the rear driver's side door is open. The male with the tank top gets into the rear driver's side. The male in shorts shuts the trunk and gets into the passenger side of the vehicle.

Prior to the murder, detectives observed the Chrysler arriving in the area of the crime scene on Genetec cameras. The vehicle was identified as a black Chrysler 300 with gray front quarter panels and hood. After the murder, detectives spotted a black Chrysler 300 with a gray hood and quarter panels driving onto I-35 North, away from the crime scene, also captured by Genetec cameras. This further corroborated the witness's statement that they had followed the vehicle from the crime scene to North Kansas City.

On 09/20/2024, I spoke with [REDACTED] who provided the passcode of [REDACTED] for his son's phone. Once in the phone, I observed [REDACTED] last outgoing phone call on 09/18/2024 at 7:03 PM (1903) to [REDACTED]. The phone number was found to be associated to an Independence Police report, [REDACTED], from 09/02/2024, which was a stolen auto of a blue Chrysler 300 with a Kansas plate, [REDACTED]. The victim in that report was Austin C. Stiles, [REDACTED]. Once Independence Officers attempted to put the vehicle in as stolen, they were advised by records that the vehicle had been towed by Clay County Sheriff's Office after being abandoned. Independence Officers relayed this information to Austin Stiles, who then went and retrieved the Chrysler from the tow lot.

On 09/20/2024, detectives searched the Kansas license plate [REDACTED] using the Flock camera system in an attempt to locate a Chrysler 300. The vehicle's license plate registered a hit on 09-20-2024 at 1537 hours in Maryland Heights, Missouri, at the intersection of Lackland and Schuetz. The vehicle pictured in the Flock hit appeared to be a black or dark blue Chrysler 300 with a gray hood and quarter panels. A bulletin for the vehicle was then released to the St. Louis metropolitan area in an effort to locate it. Shortly after, the Maryland Heights Police Department reported they had found the vehicle in the parking lot of a Red Roof Inn at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Maryland Heights PD identified one of the occupants as Austin Stiles, a white male, born on [REDACTED]. Stiles was placed on a 24-hour investigative hold and transported to a local detention center for questioning.

Later that day, detectives from the 1010 Homicide Unit traveled to Maryland Heights, Missouri, and interviewed Stiles. Stiles was read his Miranda Rights with a DJO (Deputy Juvenile Officer) and a parent present, and he agreed to provide a statement. Stiles said the following: [REDACTED] had been robbed by [REDACTED] the day before the murder. In response, [REDACTED] and Stiles devised a plan to rob [REDACTED] by setting up a gun deal using the app "Telegram" using Stiles profile. On the day of the murder, Stiles agreed to meet [REDACTED]

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at a park located at Missouri and Lexington. [REDACTED] sent a message with his location, saying to meet them there. In the car with Stiles was a male who he did not know and a Hispanic male named [REDACTED].” [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] girlfriend were parked behind them in a Buick. While waiting for [REDACTED] to arrive, Stiles got out of the vehicle and removed his license plate. He then re-entered the vehicle, and both [REDACTED] and the unknown male exited the car when the victims arrived.

[REDACTED] shot both victims, after which he and the unknown male returned to the vehicle. As they drove away, they stopped, and both men got out again, ran to the victims lying in the street, and took the handguns from them. They ran back to the car, and they drove toward North Kansas City. Upon reaching North Kansas City, Stiles put the license plate back on the Chrysler and they turned around and drove to an apartment near [REDACTED] in Kansas City, Missouri. He advised the apartment was on the 5th floor, but he did not know the exact apartment number.

Detectives obtained consent to download Stiles' phone. While reviewing the phone's contents, detectives discovered a video of Stiles holding a handgun with red writing on it, timestamped at 1912 hours, along with a location stamp indicating North Kansas City. It should be noted that a very similar gun with red writing was also found in a video on [REDACTED] phone taken 09/18/2024 at 3:15 AM and in a photograph from 09/16/2024 at 5:22 PM.

Upon going through Stiles' phone data, a search in Cellebrite for [REDACTED]” was conducted and a contact with the phone number [REDACTED] came up. A search of that phone number came back to [REDACTED]

A second interview was conducted with Stiles the next day, 09/21/2024. The DJO again read Stiles his Miranda Rights with his mother presents and he agreed to answer more questions. A DOR photograph of [REDACTED] was shown to Stiles and he confirmed [REDACTED]

Stiles was shown a photograph of the apartments at [REDACTED], Kansas City, MO and he confirmed that was the apartment building the group went to after the homicide. He advised the apartment they went in was on the 5th floor.

Stiles confirmed that he had phone contact with the unknown male that was in the vehicle with them just prior to the homicide and then [REDACTED] had the unknown male's phone in the Buick and called Stiles just after the homicide. A search of Stiles phone showed phone calls before and after the homicide from phone number, [REDACTED]. Stiles also believed the Buick belonged to the unknown male.

Crime Analyst [REDACTED] conducted a search for the Buick and located a very similar Buick with the same distinctive damage to the rear passenger door bearing a Missouri license plate of [REDACTED]. A search of that plate showed a warning ticket issued by the Lee's Summit Police Department to [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was the driver of the 2006 Buick Lucerne on 05/16/2024 at 2125 and given a warning ticket for defective equipment. [REDACTED] also provided phone number “[REDACTED] to the Lee's Summit Police Department in regard to an incident on 04/19/2024 at his residence, [REDACTED]

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In Austin Stiles' phone records, he makes phone contact with [REDACTED] on the day of the homicide just prior to the homicide and immediately after the homicide. These records corroborate Stiles' statement that he contacted the unknown male prior to the homicide and then [REDACTED] contacted him from that phone immediately after the homicide.

A Pen Trap and Trace was initiated on [REDACTED] phone. Based on [REDACTED] historical call detail records provided by T-Mobile, a list of all the numbers that were in contact with or contacted by [REDACTED] number was created. Those numbers were ran through a law enforcement open database. As a result, the phone number [REDACTED] was found to be associated to an [REDACTED] with an address of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] which is consistent with the apartment Stiles said they went to after the homicide.

Surveillance video was obtained from [REDACTED] and shows the following;

Ch1: 09-18-2024 at 16:02:11- [REDACTED] walks from the parking lot into apartment complex (wearing black tank, jeans, gray shoes, camo hat backwards).

Ch4: 16:02:45- [REDACTED] walks through lobby to the elevator.

Ch1: 16:03:40- Buick pulls into camera view and parks at the curb.

Ch1: 16:10:01- [REDACTED] gets out of driver seat of Buick while [REDACTED] approaches [REDACTED] on foot (dark hoodie, black Nike shorts and black slides with dark socks).

Ch4: 16:10:40- [REDACTED] (dark t-shirt, multi-colored shorts, light colored shoes) and [REDACTED] walk through lobby towards the elevator.

Ch4: 16:38:05- [REDACTED] (carrying a large case and now has on white tennis shoes), a female in blue Puma hoodie, [REDACTED] (wearing black tank, jeans, gray shoes, camo hat facing forward and necklace) and Stiles (wearing white t-shirt, black Nike shorts, black shoes, appears to have black facemask around his neck and a backpack) walk from the elevator through the lobby.

Ch1: 16:38:32- [REDACTED] walks to the Buick and gets in the driver's seat.

Ch1: 16:40:48- at the top of the screen, the Chrysler 300 can be seen turning left into a parking lot and then turning right out of camera view.

Ch1: 16:43:02- the Chrysler 300 comes back into view at the top of the screen and turns left onto Main Street and goes out of camera view.

Ch1: 16:43:21- [REDACTED] walks to the passenger side of the Buick and gets in the vehicle. A dark colored, possibly a Nissan Altima pulls out of the parking lot and goes towards Main Street then takes a right on Main. As the Nissan passes, the Buick makes a U-turn and drives towards Main Street and takes a left on Main Street.

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Ch4: 19:31:36- the female in a blue hoodie, [REDACTED] (wearing a black tank, blue jeans, gray shoes, camo hat, necklace and backpack), [REDACTED] (wearing black hoodie with white shirt hanging out the bottom, black shorts and black shoes), [REDACTED] (wearing dark hoodie, multi-colored shorts and light colored shoes) and [REDACTED] (carrying large case, wearing black hoodie with hood up, black Nike shorts and white shoes) walk through the lobby towards the elevator.

Ch4: 20:48:03- [REDACTED] walks through lobby to elevator (wearing gray shoes, jeans, black t-shirt, camo hat and visible necklace.

Ch4: 21:28:54- [REDACTED] walk through lobby towards elevator.

On 10/07/2024, Detective [REDACTED] and I responded to [REDACTED] contact the witness, [REDACTED]. While walking around the exterior of the complex, I observed a male that appeared to be [REDACTED]. I contacted him, he advised he was [REDACTED] and agreed to come to Police Headquarters voluntarily. [REDACTED] stated he contacted a male named "[REDACTED]" to buy weed. [REDACTED] came to his apartment with an unknown male and female but he did not have weed. [REDACTED] advised he was going to go get some and gave [REDACTED] the location of a park where they would all meet to get the weed. Once at the park, [REDACTED] and his brother, [REDACTED] were in [REDACTED] Buick and [REDACTED], the other unknown male and female pulled up in a Chrysler. Two black males walked up and [REDACTED] and the unknown male met the black males at the back of the Chrysler. [REDACTED] heard gunshots but did not see who shot first. [REDACTED] drove off and eventually they all met back at the apartment. He advised the unknown male was saying that one of the black males started reaching and he thought they were about to get robbed. [REDACTED] was shown a single photograph of [REDACTED] and identified the photo as "[REDACTED]" and then advised his real name was [REDACTED] and they went to high school together.

[REDACTED] also responded to Police Headquarters for an interview after [REDACTED] contacted him by [REDACTED] advised he went to his brother's apartment. They needed weed so, [REDACTED] who gave them a location of a park and they went there to meet him. He advised when they got to the park, he saw [REDACTED] get out of the rear driver's side of the Chrysler that was parked in front of them. The male he did not know, got out of the driver's seat and popped the trunk. Then he saw two guys walking from down the hill and met up with [REDACTED] and the other male. [REDACTED] stated the two "dudes" started shooting and [REDACTED] and the other "dude" shot back. [REDACTED] stated they left and went back to the apartment. When they got back, [REDACTED] girlfriend and the unknown male came to the apartment. I showed [REDACTED] a photograph from surveillance video of the apartment. He pointed himself out in the back of the line, and said [REDACTED] was in front, then [REDACTED] girlfriend and then the male he did not know. I showed [REDACTED] a photograph of [REDACTED] and he identified him as [REDACTED]. He advised he met [REDACTED]" through [REDACTED]. I showed [REDACTED] a photograph of [REDACTED] and he stated that it looked like the other guy who was in the surveillance video with [REDACTED].

On 10/21/2024, [REDACTED] was taken into custody in Overland Park, Kansas and was transported to the Overland Park Police Department. [REDACTED] was read his Miranda Warning and then stated he and Stiles were going to do a gun trade. He advised they took the plates off Stiles' car so no one would know they were involved. He stated when they got there, they saw two black males trade seats in a van and take the plates off but stated the black males did not know they were watching them. He stated the black males parked up the street and then walk down to them. [REDACTED] called them and asked if they were there and they told him they were walking down to

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them. [REDACTED] advised he was going to stay in the car but when he saw it was two guys, he decided to go outside the car with Stiles. He stated the AR was in the trunk and when he went to do the trade, he thought something wasn't right about it. The guy lifted up his shirt and [REDACTED] thought he was going to rob them for the AR with his friend. [REDACTED] stated it was self-defense and "Austin and I didn't hesitate". He stated all he really cares about is that God forgives him and he wishes that it didn't have to go down like that. [REDACTED] stated that doing the things he was doing, he was going to end up in jail or dead and he knew that. He then stated if it wasn't them, it would have been him and Stiles. He said, "I just feel so bad, I didn't know he was 15". When asked where the gun is that he shot, he advised it was Stiles' "dead brother's gun". When asked where the victim's guns went he stated he did not know where they went but stated Stiles sold the guns. When asked what triggered him to shoot, he stated, "him lifting up his shirt". When asked who he shot first, he only stated, "I didn't know he was 15".

Due to the above mentioned facts documented during the course of the investigation, we believe that **Stiles** represents a clear danger to the community.

Printed Name Detective Sarah Bedell #5693 Signature /s/ Detective Bedell #5693

The Court finds probable cause and directs the issuance of a warrant this 30th day of December, 2024 .

SIGNED BY JUDGE

*This is a redacted public document. The original
unredacted document bears the Judge's signature.*

Judge

Circuit Court of Jackson County, State of Missouri.