

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

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BY <u>[Signature]</u> DCA

I, Detective Haley Raines #50000, Kansas City Missouri Police Department, Homicide Unit
(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 01/01/2025, at [Redacted] in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Jerome L. Davis
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

B/M, [Redacted] committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 01/01/2025 at 0247 hours, officers of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department (KCPD) were dispatched to [Redacted], Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri regarding a shooting. Upon their arrival, officers located four parties at the address, two of whom were suffering from gunshot wounds (victims). The first victim (identified as [Redacted]) was declared deceased while the second victim ([Redacted]) was transported to a nearby area hospital for treatment with a gunshot wound to his arm. A homicide investigation was initiated.

A search warrant for the residence was authorized by the honorable [Redacted]. Detectives processed the scene with crime scene technicians, where they located 165 spent shell casings outside the residence. Those consisted of various calibers (9mm, .45, .223 and a 12-gauge shotgun shell). The interior of the residence was processed for evidence including fingerprints, DNA, and trace evidence. Seven (7) spent 9mm casings were located inside, where witnesses stated the shooting occurred. Multiple cell phones were also located. Two (2) large bags of apparent marijuana and two (2) plastic baggies containing white substances were located inside the residence, as well as a 9mm pistol.

A Chevrolet Cruze was parked outside of the residence. Consent to search was obtained from the owner of the vehicle, who was also a witness to the shooting. A search of the Cruze revealed apparent blood on the inside of the driver's door and a .223 rifle located in the trunk. The apparent blood was swabbed for DNA and the firearm was recovered. The vehicle was towed from the scene for safe keeping.

On 01/01/2025, KCPD detectives transported [Redacted] (witness) to KCPD headquarters for a formal statement. [Redacted] stated the following: On 12/31/2024 she was at her residence, located at [Redacted], Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, with [Redacted] (deceased victim) getting ready to have people over for a New Years Eve gathering at their residence. Around 2230 hours (10:30 PM) on 12/31/2024, "[Redacted]" (later identified as Jerome DAVIS, suspect) arrived to the residence with [Redacted] (witness) and [Redacted] (victim). They arrived in [Redacted] maroon Chevrolet

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Cruze. While at the [REDACTED] residence, all parties participated in taking various drugs and drinking. Around midnight, all parties started shooting celebratory gunshots from the front porch. They continued to do this for the next few hours. On 01/01/2025 at approximately 0240 hours (2:40 AM), "[REDACTED]" (DAVIS) began to load his 9mm handgun while sitting on the couch in the living room with all other parties present. [REDACTED] then stood up, turned, and shot [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] proceeded to run out of the front house and [REDACTED] followed them outside. A short time later, "[REDACTED]" walked back into the residence and chased [REDACTED] out the back door. [REDACTED] ran out of the front door of the residence. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] found each other outside and began to hide. While doing so, they observed "[REDACTED]" pull out of the driveway of the incident location in the deceased victim's ([REDACTED]'s) white Chevrolet Impala.

[REDACTED] advised she had never met "[REDACTED]" prior to this incident but that she knows that he was friends with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised that she knows "[REDACTED]"s Facebook name started with a "D". She also advised that "[REDACTED]" had just been released from prison.

[REDACTED] viewed a photo lineup consisting of Jerome Davis (B/M, [REDACTED]) and five other fillers similar in appearance. [REDACTED] was unable to positively identify the suspect.

Detectives also transported [REDACTED] (witness) to KCPD headquarters for a formal statement. [REDACTED] is the owner of the Chevrolet Cruze that was parked in front of the residence. [REDACTED] stated the following: she is currently romantically involved with [REDACTED] (victim). On 12/31/2024, [REDACTED] left her residence with [REDACTED] and picked up the suspect, "[REDACTED]" in her 2013 Chevrolet Cruze. She advised that "[REDACTED]" is close friends with [REDACTED] and lives at [REDACTED] Jackson County Missouri, which is near [REDACTED]'s residence. At around 2100 hours (9 PM), they drove to [REDACTED], Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri to meet up with [REDACTED] (deceased victim) and [REDACTED] (witness) for a New Year's Eve party. While at the residence, [REDACTED] recalled both [REDACTED] and "[REDACTED]" going outside of the residence. [REDACTED] stated she believed that they were shooting pistols into the air and that would explain the multiple spent shell casings outside the residence. As the night continued, all parties were sitting on the couch in the living room when [REDACTED] pulled out a silver-colored handgun and began shooting. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were both shot. [REDACTED] attempted to hide in a closet at the residence but was followed by [REDACTED]. "[REDACTED]" began to ask her "where the money was," to which she responded that she did not know. [REDACTED] observed "[REDACTED]" run out the back of the residence and [REDACTED] fled out the front door. [REDACTED] was able to meet up with [REDACTED] while outside. [REDACTED] then observed [REDACTED] laying in the front yard of the incident location. She called 911 from her cell phone, which she left on the ground by [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as a Black male, approximately 40 years old, with short, braided hair. He was wearing a dark shirt, dark pants and red and black "Jordan" tennis shoes and a black "Lakers" hat. [REDACTED] further advised that this was her first-time meeting "[REDACTED]" but she had a picture of him on her phone, and she knew that he had just got out of prison.

[REDACTED] viewed a photo lineup consisting of Jerome Davis (B/M, [REDACTED]) and five other fillers similar in appearance. [REDACTED] positively identified DAVIS as the suspect.

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Detectives then contacted [REDACTED] who had been transported to Truman Medical Center for treatment for gunshot injuries. At first, [REDACTED] did not want to provide a statement. He was then informed that [REDACTED] had passed away from the incident. [REDACTED] then advised that the suspect's name is "Jerome Davis," whom he has known since he was very young; [REDACTED] further stated that DAVIS had just gotten out of prison.

At this time, detectives conducted a Facebook search for the name "Jerome Davis". The search revealed multiple accounts featuring individuals with a similar appearance. One account was identified as "Jerome Davis ([REDACTED])," a moniker provided by witnesses. This account was last active in January 2015. The most recently active account appeared to be under the name "Jerome Davis" which showed activity as of January 1, 2025. Detectives then utilized a system equipped with advanced biometric analysis to compare and match facial features from the profile pictures of the identified accounts. This analysis identified the individual as Jerome Lee Davis, a Black male born on [REDACTED], whose booking photos were found in KCPD's database. The individual shown in the booking photos closely resembled the Facebook profile pictures from the aforementioned accounts.

Further investigation into DAVIS revealed that he was mentioned in a KCPD report from 1998 (Case Number: KC [REDACTED]) alongside [REDACTED]. During an interview, [REDACTED] stated that he had known DAVIS for approximately 30 years.

On 01/02/2025, KCPD detectives re-interviewed [REDACTED] who provided the following statement: [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED], whom he refers to as a "brother", was having a few people over for New Years. [REDACTED] and his girlfriend, [REDACTED], picked up DAVIS, whom he calls [REDACTED] or [REDACTED], from [REDACTED], Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. [REDACTED] stated he and [REDACTED] have known DAVIS for many years but DAVIS had been in prison for the last eleven years and just got out about a month ago.

While at [REDACTED]'s residence on [REDACTED], all parties were drinking and hanging out. At midnight, [REDACTED] and DAVIS went outside and shot their guns off in celebration. [REDACTED] was not sure what kind of guns they had, but he saw a shotgun, a rifle, and believed [REDACTED] also had a .45 pistol. They continued just hanging out and after a few hours, they were all seated on the couch in the living room. [REDACTED] advised he was sitting on the armrest of the couch close to the front door, [REDACTED] was seated right next to him, and [REDACTED] was next to [REDACTED]. DAVIS was seated on the part of the couch that faces north and next to DAVIS, on the chaise lounge, was [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was talking with [REDACTED] when DAVIS stood up and started shooting. [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] was shot first and then [REDACTED] was shot in the arm. [REDACTED] jumped up and ran to the door when he was shot again in the hip. [REDACTED] ran out of the front door and up the street. He saw [REDACTED]'s white Chevrolet Impala leave the residence, and he walked back towards the house. [REDACTED] then observed [REDACTED] dead in the front yard and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were next to him calling 911. [REDACTED] was adamant there was no argument nor anything else to provoke DAVIS prior to him shooting.

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█████ stated he had tried calling DAVIS since the homicide but DAVIS had not answered. █████ provided phone number █████ for DAVIS. When asked about the rifle in █████'s vehicle, █████ stated that DAVIS had brought it with him in a backpack and that he was shooting it at midnight, but it kept jamming so DAVIS put it back in █████'S vehicle.

█████ viewed a photo lineup consisting of Jerome Davis (B/M, █████) and five other fillers similar in appearance. █████ positively identified DAVIS as the suspect.

Detectives were advised that the vehicle DAVIS had stolen and fled in was registered to a █████ who is the mother of █████ children. The vehicle was identified to be a 2007 white Chevrolet Impala (█████). Information about the vehicle and license plate was then broadcasted over police radios. Shortly thereafter, KCPD officers were in the area of █████ Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri (█████). Officers observed the white Chevrolet Impala parked facing westbound, in the northwest corner of the apartment complex's rear parking lot. The listed vehicle was towed to the City Tow lot with a hold for KCPD Homicide.

Detectives conducted a computer search of DAVIS due to █████ all stating that he had just been released from prison. The search revealed that DAVIS was on federal house arrest after being released from the federal penitentiary for a bank robbery. Contact was made with his probation officer who advised that DAVIS was wearing an ankle monitor GPS device, and that his house arrest location is █████, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. The probation officer advised that on 12/31/2024 at 2214 hours (10:14 PM), DAVIS's location showed him to be at █████, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. Per GPS data, DAVIS did not leave that location until 0245 hours (2:45 AM) on 01/01/2025. DAVIS then went to █████, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri on 01/01/2025 0302 hours (3:02 AM). It should be noted that the location where █████'s vehicle was recovered was around two city blocks from █████, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri.

On 01/02/2025, a search warrant was authorized by the honorable █████ for the residence of █████, Kansas City, Jackson County Missouri, due to DAVIS being present at that location after the homicide occurred. That residence is DAVIS' mother's house and where he advised his probation and parole officer where he would be staying while on house arrest. Detectives and crimes scene personal processed the residence and recovered multiple shell casings consisting of the same calibers that were recovered from the original crime scene (9mm, .45, .223 and a 12-gauge shotgun shell).

On 01/08/2025 at approximately 1000 hours (10 AM), KCPD detectives responded the United States Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kanas where DAVIS is currently being held for violating the terms of his house arrest. Detectives were escorted into a private room to interview DAVIS. DAVIS was advised of his Miranda rights and agreed to speak with detectives.

DAVIS provided the following statement: On the night of New Year's Eve (12/31/2024) he was at his family's house at █████, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, where he had dinner. He was contacted by █████ who asked if he wanted to go to a house party. DAVIS was then picked up by █████ and an unknown female. He arrived at a house near 30th St or 31st St for the party at around 2200 hours (10 PM). DAVIS stated while at the party, multiple people were present, including a man he only knew by the name "█████" (it was later

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determined that this was [REDACTED]). DAVIS admitted to getting into the backseat of "[REDACTED]s" vehicle, while at the party, to run to the store and advised his DNA would be in the backseat only. DAVIS was not aware of anyone shooting celebratory gun fire at the house nor that a homicide occurred. DAVIS further advised that he saw people show up with guns, and then he then got a ride home from an unknown individual at around 0200 or 0230 hours (2 or 2:30 AM). DAVIS stated he left without his phone because a "kid" was playing on it during the party, and he couldn't find it before he left. DAVIS advised he never felt threatened or had any arguments with anyone at the residence.

A check of DAVIS's criminal history revealed that on June 6, 2005, in the Sixteenth Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri, DAVIS was convicted of the felonies of Robbery in the Second Degree and Armed Criminal Action.

Printed Name Detective Haley Raines #50000 Signature /s/ Detective Haley Raines #50000

The Court finds probable cause and directs the issuance of a warrant this 14-Jan-2025 day of 4:50 pm.

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.