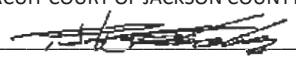


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CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MO

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PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 3/15/2025

Report #: 2025-14521

I, Rogelio Garcia, a Detective with the Independence, Missouri, Police Department, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true.

1. I have probable cause to believe that on 3/15/2025, at 0518 hours, Jeromy C Keith, (Race- White, Sex- Male, committed one or more criminal offenses in Jackson County, Missouri.
2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 03/15/2025 at 0518 hours, officers responded to an address in Independence, Jackson County, Missouri regarding a disturbance

Victim #1 advised the Suspect, her husband, was on scene after making threats to harm her and Victim #2. The Suspect had threatened to kidnap Victim #1 and murder Victim #2. Victim #1 advised the Suspect was on scene with the Involved and had shown up in the Involved's vehicle. As police were arriving in the area, the Suspect and Involved left the scene. Victim #1 updated dispatch with the route the Suspect was taking due to having access to Life 360 tracking.

Officers located the vehicle near the intersection of 43rd St S and S Stayton Ave. The Suspect and the Involved were later arrested and transported to detention. As the Suspect exited the vehicle, a roll of packing tape fell out of the vehicle. In the vehicle was a mask, a container of cleaning bleach, a container of detergent, a striking baton, and an electronic later found to be a specialized view camera. The vehicle was later towed to the IPD K9 Unit for an evidence hold. The vehicle was later processed after a search warrant was approved. The items recovered were placed on police property.

On 03/15/2025, Victim #1 responded to headquarters and a formal interview was conducted. In the interview, Victim #1 advised of an extensive history of abuse which culminated a week prior. Victim #1 left the Suspect and moved around to avoid him. Victim #1 rented hotels/motels, visited her sister out of town, and later rented additional motels in the KC Metro Area to not be contacted by the Suspect. The entire time, the Suspect sent messages threatening her safety and harassed Victim #1 via unwanted phone calls and text messages. While at a motel in Jackson County, Missouri, the Suspect sent messages to Victim #1 that led her to believe the Suspect was looking at her motel room window. That caused Victim #1 enough fear for her safety she laid on the ground behind the bed and called 911.

Victim #1 stated on 03/14/2025 the Suspect threatened suicide which prompted a police response to the residence. Police responded, were unable to make in person contact with

the Suspect and completed a report. At that time, the police officers made arrangements so Witness #1, Victim #1 and the Suspect's daughter, be with Victim #1.

Witness #1 and Witness #2 then told the Victim something they had heard while at the residence with the Suspect over the previous week. Witness #1 advised she had heard the Suspect and the Involved party agree to an exchange of money. The agreement was for the Involved party to aid the Suspect in kidnapping Victim #1 and murdering Victim #2. Witness #1 stated she knew the Suspect to have about 700 in his wallet just prior to the conversation and the money was missing from his wallet immediately after the conversation.

On 03/15/2025 a forensic interview was conducted with Witness #1. The forensic interview corroborated the above statement.

On 03/15/2025, a formal interview was conducted with the Suspect. The Suspect was read his Miranda rights, and he agreed to provide a statement. The Suspect confirmed the history of abuse at the residence stating he had only ever struck Victim #1 four separate times. The Suspect ultimately admitted to sending threatening messages but stated he only meant to instill fear into Victim #1. The Suspect stated the reason he had been at the motel was to tape a cell phone to Witness #2's car to be able to track it. The Suspect also admitted to having the conversation with the Involved about paying him money for the aid in committing the crimes, but stated it was only to instill fear into Witness #1 who was eavesdropping.

On 03/15/2025 a formal interview was attempted with the Involved but he invoked his rights to an attorney.

The Suspect shows a history of arrests for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Distribution Delivery Manufacture Controlled Substance.

Rogelio Garcia #1583

/S/ R. Garcia #1583

Print Name

Signature

THE COURT FINDS PROBABLE CAUSE:

15-Mar-2025

Date



Judge