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PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 01-03-2025

CRN: KIC24090490 JACOBSON COUNTY, MO
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(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 12-09-2024, at [REDACTED] in
(Date) (Address)Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Linda S. Ater
(County) (Name of Offender(s))B/F [REDACTED] / SS# XXX-XX-XXXX committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 12-09-2024 at 1528 hours, Officers of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department were dispatched to [REDACTED] on a reported sound of shots call for service, which was updated while enroute to a shooting.

Upon their arrival, Officers located a male in the driver seat of a Nissan Sentra and a female on the ground, just outside of the front passenger door of the same vehicle. Both parties were suffering from apparent gunshot wounds. Both parties were initially confirmed deceased at the scene by responding KCFD Medic. Shortly thereafter, medical personnel believed they had detected faint signs of life from the female. They began life saving measures and transported her to a nearby trauma center, where she was pronounced deceased shortly after her arrival. The victims were identified as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was a surviving victim and witness to a homicide on 12-05-2024 under CRN KC24089623. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] death were ruled a homicide by the Jackson County Medical Examiner.

A total of twenty-three (23) 7.62x39, two (2) 9mm Luger and three (3) WIN .40 S&W shell casings were recovered from the scene. The 9mm casings were recovered from inside the rear passenger compartment of the victim vehicle.

During the course of this investigation, KCPD Housing Officers provided Detectives with the lease roster for building [REDACTED] and advised that the apartment complex had a working video surveillance system.

The video surveillance was reviewed and revealed the following:

At 1521 hours, what is identified as 2021 Chevrolet Malibu bearing MO temporary tag [REDACTED] (later determined to be the suspect vehicle) enters the apartment complex and parks near building [REDACTED]. The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle (later identified as [REDACTED]) exits the vehicle, enters building [REDACTED] at

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1522 hours, [REDACTED] exits the property less than one minute later, gets back in the car and drives southbound through the lot.

At 1523-1524 hours, the 2018 Nissan Sentra driven by [REDACTED] enters the parking lot and backs into a parking spot in front of building [REDACTED] with the same Chevrolet Malibu following immediately behind it and backing into a parking spot in front of building [REDACTED] two spots south (to the left on video) from the victim's vehicle.

-A tall, heavyset woman wearing all black (later identified as **Linda Ater B/F** [REDACTED]) exits the rear left passenger side of the victim vehicle, while holding a handgun with an extended magazine in her right hand.

-An average height, thinner black male (later identified as [REDACTED]) exits the rear right passenger side of the victim vehicle holding a black with brown/wood small rifle (similar in appearance to a mini Draco rifle) which he then tucks into the front of his pants as he proceeds to walk inside building [REDACTED]. The male is observed to be wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black balaclava (ski mask), black tight pants and white Nike Air Jordan 3 with red accents.

-While [REDACTED] is inside the building, the driver of the Chevrolet Malibu approaches the driver side of the Nissan Sentra (victim car) and converses with **Ater** and [REDACTED] as **Ater** hands him a green bottle, later determined to be a soft drink. **Ater** then re-enters the rear driver passenger side of the victim vehicle.

At 1525 hours, [REDACTED] exits the building and re-enters camera view as **Ater** opens her door fully. The same rifle is still visibly sticking out of [REDACTED] front right waist. He walks over to the front driver side of the Chevrolet Malibu, where the driver is now seated with the door open. The driver hands Simpson the green bottle of soda, which he grabs with both hands.

At this time, **Ater** exits the rear driver side of the victim's vehicle, looks in the direction of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] then raises her right hand, holding the handgun as before, aims in the direction of where [REDACTED] would be seated firing until her weapon appears to malfunction. As she is firing, [REDACTED] is observed dropping the green plastic bottle and reaching for and brandishing the small rifle from his waistband. As **Ater's** handgun malfunctions, she looks in the direction of [REDACTED] attempts to fire again (no shell casings can be seen being ejected) and begins to retreat away from the victim vehicle. **Ater** gets into the rear left passenger side of the Malibu. Once **Ater** is out of the line of fire, [REDACTED] begins firing the rifle from between the suspect vehicle and an uninvolved parked car, directly in the direction of the victim's vehicle.

As [REDACTED] is firing the rifle into the victim vehicle, [REDACTED] is observed seemingly unharmed as she is jumping out of the front passenger seat. As she is jumping out of the car, she slips and falls to the ground. As [REDACTED] jumps out of the car, [REDACTED] stops firing, runs around the uninvolved parked car and to the rear passenger side of the victim's vehicle, where [REDACTED] is cowering. [REDACTED] gets within approximately half of a car length away from [REDACTED] as she is getting up off of the ground. [REDACTED] having no obstructions in his path, discharges his rifle repeatedly and directly at [REDACTED] until she falls to the ground, motionless.

[REDACTED] then runs and gets into the front passenger seat of the Malibu. He reaches to close the door then gets back out and, with the rifle still pointed at the victim's vehicle, runs over and climbs into the victim's vehicle through the rear driver side. He is observed throwing what was later determined to be a can of Sprite onto the

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ground, before grabbing an item from inside the vehicle. He then runs back to the front passenger seat of the Malibu and it flees the scene southbound on Blue Hills Road.

On 01-03-2025 **Ater** was taken into custody and transported to Police Headquarters for questioning. **Ater** was advised of her Miranda Rights to which she stated she understood. During her interview **Ater** requested to speak to an attorney.

Printed Name Detective Bonita Cannon, #4585 Signature /s/Det. Bonita Cannon, #4585

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

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.