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PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM **FILED** 094830 Date: 03/12/2025 **DIVISION 25** 23-Apr-2025 18:43 I. Detective Douglas Davidson #5646 (Name and identify law enforcement officer, or person having information as probable cause CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MO Knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained heptin are the I have probable cause to believe that on 12/30/2024 , at Carondelet Drive and Wornall Road in (Date) (Address) **Cortez A Hamilton** Kansas City, Jackson Missouri, (County) (Name of Offender(s) (Description of Identity) Committed one or more criminal offense(s). **Fatality Vehicular** The facts supporting this belief are as follows: On 12/30/2024 at approximately 1023 hours, Kansas City Missouri Officers were dispatched to Carondelet Drive and Wornall Road, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri on a reported injury crash. Upon arrival, Officers observed a had struck the front passenger corner of a that was making a left hand turn from Wornall Road onto Carondelet Drive. Both occupants of the Honda were pronounced dead at the scene. The defendant and driver of the Chrysler, Cortez A Hamilton was transported to an area hospital with minor injuries. PO Littleton with the DUI Unit responded to Research Medical Center and contacted **Hamilton**. PO Littleton stated he was unable to perform the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests due to the nature of Hamilton's injuries. PO Littleton read Statement of Blood Drawer in regard to serious injury/fatal crash. PO Littleton requested Hamilton to provide a chemical test of his blood, which he agreed to provide. Medical personnel conducted the blood draw from the body of **Hamilton**. The vials of blood were recovered and transported to Children's Mercy Hospital for toxicology. The results of the blood test revealed **Hamilton** was operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of Cannabinoids. Det. Davidson contacted **Hamilton** on 12/31/2024 at Metro Patrol Station. Det. Davidson obtained a statement from Hamilton. Hamilton stated the following: He was traveling on 99th St by the Willow Creek Apartments when a white tinted out vehicle came up on him really fast. He stated he did not know who was in the vehicle and he feared for his life so he started to drive fast to get away from the vehicle and it started to chase him. When asked about the Pedal Commander in his vehicle he said that was for donuts in parking lots and not for racing. When asked if it was activated prior to the crash he stated it was not and if it was it had to been turned on due to the crash. He stated he was traveling 50-60 miles per hour when he crashed his vehicle. Det. White with the Traffic Investigation Section contacted a witness who was identified as following statement: She was traveling south on Wornall just underneath 435 Hwy in the #1 lane at approximately 35-40 mph. observed a roaring sound from behind and looked in her rearview mirror where she observed two vehicles racing each other at a high rate of speed while weaving in and out of vehicles on the roadway. tated she observed the black Chrysler pass her first followed by a silver Dodge Charger or Challenger which she estimated their speeds to be over observed both vehicles speed past her in the #2 lane and approach the intersection at Carondelet without slowing down. stated the light at Wornall and Carondelet was green for southbound traffic. approximately 50 yards back from the intersection at Carondelet when she observed the black Chrysler enter the intersection without slowing and struck the victim on the passenger side and come to rest on the side of the road. Det. Williams with the Traffic Investigation Section contacted a witness who was identified as

sedan with tinted windows and a temporary license plate. Observed the silver vehicle in her rear-view mirror. The vehicle was driving at a high rate of speed and moving in and out of traffic was focusing on the silver car when

was driving south on Wornall Road near I-435 when she observed a silver older model

the following statement:

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she observed the crash in her rear-view mirror. Delieved the silver car made the black car swerve into the victim's vehicle. The silver car did not connect with either of the cars involved in the crash and continued south on Wornall Road. Was unsure of the specifics of the crash as she saw it in the rear-view mirror while focusing on the other car. exited her vehicle and observed the deceased male in the street. She then went to the black Chrysler and checked on the driver. The male was disoriented and looked at the victim in the street and asked is he okay?". The driver of the Chrysler heard on the phone with 911 and the dispatcher said "ma'am did you say he was deceased?" The driver of the Chrysler then started to say "oh God, what happened wasn't my fault, someone was after me".
Det. Davidson with the Traffic Investigation Section contacted a witness who was identified at Com Document gave the following statement: He was traveling southbound on Wornall Road just south of I-435. He stated he was in the number one lane of travel (left lane), when he heard a vehicle coming up behind him. He stated he observed a black sedan traveling at a high rate of speed in the number two lane of travel and blew past him. He stated he estimated the vehicle was traveling between 80-100 miles per hour when it passed him on Wornall Road. He stated the black sedan had a green light and a small SUV made a left hand turn from Wornall onto Carondelet. He stated the black sedan struck the silver SUV as it made the turn onto Carondelet. He stated he observed only one occupant in the black sedan.
PO Guhdija with the Accident Investigation Section, stated was driving the silver Honda HRV northbound on Wornall Road and slowed down to make a westbound turn onto Carondelet Drive. The traffic light had a flashing yellow arrow (yield before turning). Then proceeded to make the left hand turn after traffic had cleared. Cortez A Hamilton was driving the black Chrysler 300 southbound on Wornall Road at extremely high speeds. The Chrysler 300 struck the front right corner of the Honda HRV causing it to be redirected southbound and began rotating counterclockwise. During the rotation the front passenger was ejected and thrown across multiple lanes of traffic. The Chrysler continued in a southwest direction and collided with a wooden utility pole where it came to its final resting spot. The Honda continued rotating to the final resting place in the number one lane of travel of southbound Wornall Road. Prior to the collision Hamilton was traveling at a recorded ACM speed of 104 miles per hour, in a 40 miles per hour zone. At impact of the crash Hamilton was traveling 79 miles per hour in the 40 miles per hour zone. The Jackson County Medical Examiner's Office revealed the cause of death of both were multiple blunt force injuries.
A computer check of Hamilton revealed a valid Missouri Operators license.
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Printed Name Det. Douglas Davidson #5646 Signature
The Court finds probable cause and directs the issuance of a warrant this day of 23-Apr-2025 6:43 pm
SIGNED BY JUDGE This is a redacted public document. The original unredacted document bears the Judge's signature.
Judge
Circuit Court of County, State of Missouri.