

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 03/05/2024

CRN: KC23076914

I, Detective Nathan VanVickle #5169, 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 11/10/2023, at [REDACTED] in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Lacy, Phillip R.
(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 11-10-2023 at approximately 0418 hours, officers of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department were dispatched to [REDACTED], Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri in regard to a cutting.

The calling party advised that the victim had been stabbed approximately 15 to 20 times. Upon officer's arrival they located the victim at 24th Street and Cypress Avenue. The victim was transported to a local hospital where he was declared deceased.

A witness was contacted in regard. The witness advised that she, the victim and the suspect were inside an abandoned structure (original crime scene). The victim and the suspect engaged in a verbal argument which then turned physical and the suspect stabbed the victim with what's believed to be a screw driver.

While on scene, officers observed a blood trail originating from where the victim was located which then led to an abandoned structure with no numbered address affixed to the front at 24th and Elmwood. While conducting a sweep for any additional victims or the suspect, officers located a crime scene within the abandoned structure.

On 11/10/2023 Detectives responded to St Luke's Hospital emergency room 9 where they conducted an interview the witness who stated the following:

She was inside the dispatched location of [REDACTED] Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri when the homicide occurred. She is homeless and staying between different homeless encampments off of Truman Rd and Hardesty Av across from the Family Dollar. She stated that she had been staying at the encampment off Truman Rd and Hardesty Av where a friend of hers by the name of "Phillip" but whose last name she could not remember. "Phill" was later identified as **Phillip R. Lacy**.

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She advised another woman named "[REDACTED]" was also staying there but ended up getting into an apartment off of Hardesty Av and E 24th St "behind the liquor store." It should be noted the female in question was later identified as [REDACTED] the apartment in question was [REDACTED], where she was identified through police contact.

Regarding the homicide at [REDACTED], she stated that she, the victim and **Phill** were inside the listed location, which had previously been damaged by fire and they were using to shelter from the cold. Shortly before the incident, She was lying down with **Phill** for warmth and talking. Shortly thereafter, the victim arrived. When the victim arrived, Phillip got up and was smoking meth through his glass pipe, which allowed the victim to lie down next to her.

She described **Phillip** as getting progressively more jittery and progressively more agitated, which she equated to getting higher. According to her, **Phillip** wanted to go see a female named [REDACTED] but needed a flashlight since there was no electricity inside the location. The only flashlight available belonged to the victim and he did not want to give the flashlight to **Phillip**. **Phillip** then told the victim that he was just going to take the flashlight in a manner she (witness) described as imposing his will on the victim.

The victim got out of the bed and at that time **Phillip** started attacking the victim by punching and kicking him. The victim fell to the ground and **Phillip** continued to kick the victim in the head. She began shouting and telling at **Phillip** to stop. That is when **Phillip** produced a screwdriver and began stabbing the victim several times in the back, the chest, the sternum area and base of the back of the head. She stated that she never observed the victim fight back at any time. She stated Phillip had the screwdriver with him on his person prior to the stabbing and believes he might have taken it with him after but she was not around to see since she ran out.

She stated she grabbed a gallon of water and a candle and threw it at **Phillip** in an attempt to stop him but it only made him madder. **Phillip** then shoved her across the room causing her to fall and hit her head. **Phillip** would not stop attacking the victim despite her already observing the victim begin to gurgle.

Phillip's level of aggression and actions towards victim and herself frightened her that he would kill her next so she ran out of the building and to the nearest location she knew a person to be at and asked them to call 911. She remained there until PD arrived.

She stated she's known **Phillip** from having been homeless and living in the same area for approximately 12 years. According to her Phillip has a light complexion, possibly mixed-race black male with short brown hair. She guessed his age to look to be around 40 years old but believes him to be younger than that, likely in his 30's.

She expressed a great deal of fear around having provided us with all of the information and **Phillip** eventually finding her and killing her.

During the course of the investigation **Phillip Lacy** was developed as a subject of interest by Officers who conducted field interviews of Homeless individuals in the area, and computer checks. During

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their field interviews and computer checks the located **Phillip Lacy B/M** [REDACTED] and showed photos of him to the parties they had spoke with.

On 03/03/2024, Detectives contacted the witness again and showed her a single photo of **Phillip Lacy B/M** [REDACTED] to her since she has known him for several years. She stated that that was the person who killed the victim and who she knew as **Phill**.

On 03/03/2024 a person of interest was issued for **Lacy** and on 03/05/2024, Lacy was taken into custody on an unrelated call for service. **Lacy** was transported to Police Headquarters where he was escorted to the 7th floor interview room 4. **Lacy** was advised of his Miranda Rights and stated that he understood his rights. **Lacy** was shown a photo of the victim and stated he knew the victim by [REDACTED]. He denied any knowledge of the Homicide of the victim and denied being in the vacant building at 24th and Elmwood. **Lacy** eventually asked for an attorney and the interview was concluded.

Printed Name Nathan VanVickle #5169 Signature /s/ Det. Nathan VanVickle #5169

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

Judge

Circuit Court of _____ County, State of Missouri.