

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 05/23/2025

CRN: KC25032230

I, Detective Ilinca Rusnac #5741, of the 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 05/23/2025, at ██████████ l ██████████ in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Marquis PONDER
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

R:B S:M DOB: ██████████ committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 05/23/2025 at approximately 1603 hours, Officers with the Kansas City Missouri Police Department were dispatched to the area of Westport Rd and Broadway Bl, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri on a reported injury accident of vehicle versus motorcycle. While on scene, Officers learned that the driver and sole occupant of the involved vehicle was suffering from a gunshot wound and was transported to an area hospital. The Victim was pronounced deceased at the hospital at 1635 hours. The Victim was later identified as ██████████ and he had suffered one through and through gunshot wound to the abdomen. Witnesses at the scene notified Officers that the shooting took place in front of ██████████ Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri.

Officers located a crime scene in front of ██████████ Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri.

The scene consisted of learning that a possible verbal altercation began inside the business and escalated to a shooting outside, just north of the front doors. One shell casing was located in the roadway just west of the east curb, by the entrance to the north parking lot to the business. A small blood trail was also located north of the shell casing on Broadway Bl.

Witness ██████████ stated that he was riding his motorcycle southbound on Broadway Bl, just south of W 39th St. when he heard a “pop” which he identified as a gunshot. He immediately looked to his left (direction of where he heard the shot) and observed a black male wearing a blue polo shirt, possibly in their 40’s or early 50’s, slightly overweight with a “beer gut” and not balding but having short black hair. The described male had his right arm extended and holding a handgun. Witness ██████████ also observed another black male running away northbound in a hunched over position. Witness ██████████ then continued southbound to the red light at Westport Rd. There, he and another motorcyclist (unknown to him) briefly exchanged small talk about how crazy of an

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incident they had just witnessed, when a white vehicle (identified as the Victim's vehicle) drove between the two motorcyclists, knocking Witness [REDACTED] off of his bike and across the intersection.

Witness [REDACTED] stated that he was riding his motorcycle southbound on Broadway Bl when he heard a single gunshot. He looked over to his left and observed a black male on the east side of the street by a business, pointing a firearm towards the north. Witness [REDACTED] continued south to the traffic light at Westport Rd and Broadway Bl. While waiting for the traffic light to turn green, he had a brief conversation with Witness [REDACTED]. Once the light turned green, Witness [REDACTED] began pulling ahead of him when Witness J.G. witnessed a white SUV strike Witness [REDACTED] and continue driving. He began helping the other motorcyclist and, once learning that the white SUV had crashed, Witness [REDACTED] went over to the crash location, where he took photographs of the vehicle's license plate and VIN. Once he looked inside the vehicle, he observed the driver was bleeding and unresponsive and called 911.

Video surveillance was reviewed from [REDACTED]. Video surveillance shows the Victim arriving and parking on Broadway Bl, just north of [REDACTED]. Approximately one minute later, **Ponder** is observed arriving at the same business and parking his vehicle in the customer parking lot north of the location. The Victim can be seen walking inside the business at approximately 1555 hours and **Ponder** walking behind him approximately one minute later. While there is no audio on the video surveillance, the two can be observed interacting and exchanging words while inside the business. The two exit the business at approximately 1558 hours, with the Victim walking out first and **Ponder** following approximately twenty feet behind him. The two are observed continuing to exchange words as the Victim turns around and stops on the sidewalk, right by the entrance to the north parking lot. **Ponder** closes the gap between them and the two continue talking face to face for roughly twelve seconds before the Victim turns around and begins walking away from **Ponder** by stepping off the sidewalk, into the street and in the direction of his parked vehicle. As the Victim is walking away, **Ponder** is observed reaching his right hand into his front right pant pocket and retrieving a black handgun by the magazine. He then adjusts his handling of the weapon by gripping the handgun properly and begins walking behind the Victim while extending his right arm in his direction. **Ponder** then pulls the trigger one time as the Victim is approximately thirty feet away with his back still turned. The Victim is observed immediately reacting by bending over at the waist, reaching his arms to his lower back and running away northbound to his parked vehicle. He then drives his vehicle away by making a U-turn onto Broadway Bl and driving southbound. **Ponder** then gets into the driver seat of a white Dodge Charger and leaves northbound on Broadway Bl.

The video captures the license plate on **Ponder's** vehicle to be [REDACTED]. A search of the Missouri Department of Revenue revealed it to come back as registered to **Ponder**. The video surveillance also shows **Ponder** to be wearing a blue polo shirt with the left chest bearing an embroidered logo that reads "[REDACTED]" and "Officer Ponder" on the right chest. Responding Officers immediately recognized **Ponder's** clothing as that issued to [REDACTED] security officers. KCPD Sgt. Carter (Off-Duty Coordinator for [REDACTED]) was contacted from the scene and shown a still image of the Suspect, obtained from video surveillance. Sgt. Carter immediately recognized the suspect as **Ponder**.

At 1809 hours, Officers on proactive patrol observed **Ponder's** vehicle driving westbound on Gregory Bl from Indiana Av and initiated a felony car check. **Ponder** was taken into custody without incident and escorted to Police Headquarters.

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Ponder repeated the phrases “it is what it is” and “I don’t want to say anything wrong. I don’t want to say anything right” throughout the entirety of the interview. When shown photographs of himself and the Victim inside the store, **Ponder** did not deny the events and his involvement. **Ponder** only offered that the Victim said and did some things he should not have said or done, both outside and inside of the store and that the Victim was not a “perfect, innocent man.”

Printed Name Detective Ilinca Rusnac #5741 Signature /s/ Detective Rusnac #5741

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

Judge

Circuit Court of _____ County, State of Missouri.