

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

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BY: [Signature] DCA

I, Detective Brielle Plaschka #5917

(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 03/26/2025, at [Redacted] in [Redacted]
(Date) (Address)Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Demarion Nichols
(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 03/26/2025 at approximately 1927 hours, Officers with the Kansas City Missouri Police Department responded to [Redacted] on reports of a shooting. Upon arrival, they located the victim in the parking lot of the address suffering from multiple apparent gunshot wounds. The Kansas City Missouri Fire Department responded and pronounced the victim deceased. The death was ruled a Homicide by the Jackson County Medical Examiner's office. The victim was identified as [Redacted]

Upon processing the scene, 11 total spent CBC .45 caliber shell casings were located.

A witness, [Redacted], was contacted and stated she was close friends with the victim and had only known him for approximately two weeks. [Redacted] stated yesterday (03/25/2025), the victim told her he didn't feel safe and he wanted to move to Georgia. [Redacted] stated on 03/26/2025, the victim called her and wanted a ride to the store and then he wanted to stay with her for the evening. She picked him up and drove him to [Redacted] stated she stayed in the car while the victim went into the store. While the victim was inside, a vehicle backed into the space next to her vehicle. [Redacted] advised the vehicle was black and had a heavily damaged rear bumper. She described the driver/suspect as a black male in his 20's, approximately 5'7, and wearing black clothing. [Redacted] stated the male exited the vehicle armed with a handgun with an extended magazine. [Redacted] stated the victim exited the store, and as he walked by the suspect, the suspect shot the victim. She stated she ducked down and when she looked up, she saw the suspect looking at her, which made her believe he would shoot her too. [Redacted] stated she did not recognize the suspect.

Video surveillance at the location captured the incident. Upon review of the surveillance, it shows the victim arriving with [Redacted] at approximately 1919 hours on 03/26/2025. The victim exits the vehicle and enters the store. At 1923 hours, the victim exits the store and walks to the trunk of the vehicle he arrived in. After collecting something from the trunk, the victim responds back inside the store. As soon as the victim enters the store, a black Ford Fiesta with heavy damage all around the vehicle arrives and backs into a parking space directly next

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to [REDACTED]'s vehicle. A Kansas license plate, [REDACTED], is clearly observed on the rear of the Ford. At 1925 hours, as the victim exits the store, the suspect exits the driver's side of the Ford. The suspect stares at the victim until the victim passes him, then the suspect pulls a black handgun with an extended magazine from his left side and begins firing at the victim, continuing to shoot the victim even after the victim had fallen between two vehicles. The suspect then gets back in the driver's side of the Ford and flees the scene. The suspect could be described as a black male, 20-30 years old, approximately 5'06-5'10, approximately 150-175lbs, with short dreads. He's wearing a tight black wrap or hat on his head, a brown hoodie with black writing on the front, black Nike sweatpants, and black slides with black socks. The suspect also appeared to have a tattoo on the top of his left hand and had a long lanyard that he originally dropped but picked up before fleeing.

A check of the suspect vehicle's Kansas license plate responded on a black 2013 Ford Fiesta, registered to [REDACTED], at [REDACTED]. After searching that party through police databases and noting his provided height and weight, he did not appear to match those of the suspect as observed in the surveillance footage.

An open source search on Facebook led investigators to a profile [REDACTED]. Upon viewing photographs posted by the account owner, it was noted that the apparent owner of the account was similar in appearance and build of the suspect. A post was located, posted [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] that said "Birthday on Friday". Utilizing a calendar, it was determined that the Friday following [REDACTED] was [REDACTED].

A KCPD Analyst reviewed available ALPR reads in conjunction with city camera footage of the suspect vehicle in order to identify any other locations and leads for detectives. The vehicle was observed pulling into [REDACTED] on 03/24/2025 at approximately 1322 hours. Detectives responded out to the business and were allowed to view surveillance footage. Upon review, the black Ford Fiesta bearing Kansas license [REDACTED] with heavy damage all over the vehicle was observed entering the parking lot and backing into a parking space in front of the business. A driver and passenger exit the vehicle and enter into the store. The driver is immediately identifiable as the suspect from the homicide. In the video, he's observed wearing the same kind of black, tight head covering he wore during the homicide. His hair is styled in the same way, with short dreads sticking out from under the head covering and a tattoo is observed on the top of his left hand.

Utilizing department resources, the male in the store with the suspect was positively identified as [REDACTED]. A review of [REDACTED] utilizing a law enforcement database showed he was most recently associated to [REDACTED]. Further investigation into persons associated with that address revealed a male by the name of [REDACTED] with a previously noted social media name of [REDACTED]. A publicly visible Facebook profile for [REDACTED] was located. Images viewed on this Facebook profile appeared similar to [REDACTED]. A search of Instagram was conducted using that name and an account named [REDACTED] was located. The profile appeared to be consistent with the previously identified Facebook profile photo and the photos posted on the account closely resembled [REDACTED].

Upon review of the account, a photograph was located, posted 03/18/2025, of two males with their heads down. In the photograph, one male has short dreadlock styled hair, a black graphic t-shirt, black pants, and black shoes with yellow soles. The male's right arm was around the shoulder of a male who appears similar in appearance to

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the suspect in the homicide and was wearing clothing consistent with that of the shooter including a brown hooded sweatshirt with the word "SUPREME" across the front in black, black pants with what is believed to likely be the white Nike logo, and black slip-on shoes with white socks.

It was noted that [REDACTED] was in custody at the Jackson County Detention Center from approximately 02/13/2025 until approximately 03/18/2025. Due to believing [REDACTED] was an associate of the suspect, jail communications were reviewed. Upon review of [REDACTED] jail communication during that time, a message was located, sent from [REDACTED], the mother of [REDACTED], to [REDACTED] on 02/15/2025. In the message, [REDACTED] included three phone numbers with names attached, one of which was [REDACTED] This is [REDACTED] number".

A search of the phone number in a law enforcement database showed a Kansas City, Kansas police report at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Additional public records data regarding that phone number were located and responded to **Demarion Nichols**, [REDACTED], with an address of [REDACTED]. A search through a law enforcement database revealed a Kansas DOR photograph of **Demarion J'Von Nichols** and a full entry of Nichols information, including that his date of birth was the same as the one linked from the KCKPD police report. Additionally, **Demarion Nichols** shared common addresses with [REDACTED] the registered owner of the suspect vehicle.

Utilizing the aforementioned Facebook account [REDACTED] an additional Facebook [REDACTED] was located. After reviewing publicly available photographs, it was believed this person was similar in appearance to **Nichols**. From that Facebook account, an Instagram account belonging to [REDACTED] was located. A photograph observed on [REDACTED] open profile page shows a male similar in appearance to **Nichols**. Upon viewing his stories, a photograph was observed that showed a black male, wearing a black head covering with short black dreads sticking out from underneath, the same as observed on the suspect the day of the murder. Further, a hand tattoo is clearly observed on the top of the left hand. In the photograph, a gun similar in appearance to the one used by the suspect the day of the homicide is observed on the floor.

On 04/17/2025, a Jackson County Judge granted a search warrant for the historical data belonging to the phone number [REDACTED], serviced by [REDACTED]. After reviewing the data, preliminary results showed the phone number in the area of the homicide at the time of the homicide. Additionally, the phone number subscriber was noted as [REDACTED] out of [REDACTED]. It was noted that three locations existed in Kansas City, Kansas. On 05/01/2025, [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was contacted and the Director of Human Resources advised they issue company cell phones. On 05/02/2025, the Director of Human Resources contacted Detectives and stated that phone and phone number had been issued to [REDACTED] who is employed at [REDACTED]. It was previously noted that a [REDACTED] was listed as the father of **Nichols** through a Kansas City Kansas Police Report and had an address in common with **Nichols**.

On 04/18/2025 a Jackson County Judge granted a search warrant for the Instagram account belonging to [REDACTED]. On 05/01/2025 the data was received from [REDACTED] and the contents were reviewed. It was noted that the gender provided on the account was "male" and the birthdate provided was [REDACTED]. A video post was located in the contents, posted 03/26/2025 at 16:07:57 UTC, showing a person similar in appearance to **Nichols**. He's wearing a black head covering similar in appearance to the one worn at the time of

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the homicide, with the similar looking hairstyle. Throughout the video, the male displays a handgun with an extended magazine similar to the handgun observed on surveillance video of the homicide. Throughout the video, he refers to the name 'Nichols', such as "four in them grave, Nichols *unintelligible* stop playing with me" and "you don't know nothing about them Nichols". Toward the end of the video, the male puts the slide of the gun close to the camera. In that position, a "45 Auto" stamp was clearly observed on the slide. Additionally, "21C" and the Glock logo are observed stamped into the slide. An open source search of a Glock 21C revealed that firearm to be a .45 caliber handgun, the same caliber utilized in the homicide. A tattoo is observed on top of the male's hand over the course of the video.

On 05/16/2025, a Jackson County Judge granted a search warrant for historical and prospective records on [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED]. The search warrant was executed 05/16/2025 and [REDACTED] activated the pings and provisioned the pen register trap and trace. On 05/17/2025, [REDACTED] sent the historical records. A cell site analysis was conducted on the historical and prospective records which determined the target telephone consistently utilizes cell sites located in the Kansas City, Kansas area.

Printed Name Detective Brielle Plaschka #5917 Signature /s/ Detective Brielle Plaschka #5917

The Court finds probable cause and directs the issuance of a warrant this 20th day of May, 2025.

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.