

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 06/17/2025

CRN: KC25036836

I, Detective Janna Nelson #5881, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department Homicide 1010
(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 06/12/2025, at [REDACTED] in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson County Missouri Johnny X. HOLMES
(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 06/12/2025, at 0639 hours, officers of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department were dispatched to [REDACTED] in regard to a reported cutting. Upon their arrival, they located the victim, [REDACTED], lying in the parking lot of [REDACTED], Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri suffering from multiple lacerations. The victim was declared deceased and a homicide investigation was initiated.

Detectives contacted multiple persons at the scene, none of which provided any suspect information as all of them located the victim long after he had been assaulted and succumbed to his injuries. Detectives canvassed for surveillance video related to the incident and located footage which depicted the victim and suspect walking westbound on Knickerbocker Place from Broadway Boulevard, then north on Pennsylvania Avenue toward West 34th Terrace. The suspect was walking in front of the victim, far enough apart they did not appear to be communicating. Both the suspect and victim walk into the parking lot of [REDACTED], far enough away from the camera that the footage became very distorted and pixelated. The suspect walked back into camera view a short while later and walked east through the parking lot of [REDACTED] toward Broadway Boulevard where he was last observed on camera. The victim was located later deceased in the same location where the suspect and victim walked which was heavily pixelated on camera. The suspect appeared to have a distinctive gait when he walked, consisting of a dragging of his right leg and out-toeing/duck footed posture of his right foot. It should be noted that detectives reviewed surveillance camera footage both from north of 34th Street and south of 34th Street on Broadway Boulevard. The suspect did not walk north or south on Broadway Boulevard and appeared to walk east on 34th Street.

The victim's injuries consisted of multiple stab wounds to the base of his neck and his chest. There were no defensive injuries on the victim which led investigators to believe he was attacked from behind, knocked down and then stabbed in the chest. This information is speculative but consistent with his injuries. The areas around the victim's neck where investigators believed the suspect may have grabbed him were saturated in the victim's blood which could potentially destroy/diminish any of the suspects transfer DNA.

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

CRN KC25036836

Detectives located a case from 05/04/2025 with a similar string of facts to this homicide. This incident consisted of a homeless male lying on the sidewalk sleeping when the suspect approached him. The suspect in the assault had the same distinctive gait as the suspect from the homicide. The suspect in the assault stabbed the sleeping victim in the neck but the victim was able to fight him off and seek medical treatment for his injuries. This incident occurred at West 39th Street and Broadway Boulevard, which is approximately four to five blocks south of the homicide scene.

The suspect from the assault had a similar gait to the suspect in the homicide, was on foot, was not identified and utilized a cutting instrument to attack a lone homeless individual at night. Surveillance footage also appeared to show the suspect wearing very similar clothing, similar height and build from the homicide and during the assault. The clothing from each incident appeared to be dark colored hoodie with the hood over his head and pants slightly lighter in color than the hoodie. Surveillance footage was obtained from both the assault and the homicide which shows the suspect in both cases leave on foot toward the area of West Armour Boulevard and Broadway Boulevard. It should also be noted that neither victim had any indication they had been robbed as both victims appeared to have all their personal belongings on them after the crimes were committed.

Detectives conducted a search through the report writing system for violent assaults with similar modus operandi in the area of East 34th Street and Broadway Boulevard to East 39th Street and Broadway; the area which the suspect is known to frequent. They discovered an aggravated assault which occurred on 07/09/2024 at 3420 Broadway Boulevard in which the victim was walking from the building and was attacked from behind, [REDACTED]. The suspect attacked the victim in this assault with a hammer from behind, completely unprovoked. During that investigation, it was determined the suspect and victim had no prior association. The victim in that case provided a description of the suspect and the suspect was subsequently located and arrested at West Armour Boulevard and Wyandotte Street. The suspect was later identified as Johnny Holmes B/M [REDACTED] and issued a summons for the incident. Detectives reviewed body worn/dashboard camera footage from this incident and found Holmes to match the description of the suspect in this homicide and the assault at 39th Street and Broadway Boulevard.

Holmes was determined to live at an apartment at [REDACTED], Kansas City, Missouri. This is relevant because all three incidents, to include this homicide, have a similar pattern in which the suspect arrived and left on foot near Broadway Boulevard. No vehicles were determined to be involved, so detectives believed the suspect to have lived near or frequented the area consistently as he was always on foot. Detectives located Holmes's booking photo from the 07/09/2024 arrest and began comparing it to the recent assault/homicide incidents. Holmes had a similar hairstyle, hairline, physical stature, facial hair and skin complexion as the suspect from the assault/homicide surveillance footage.

On 06/16/2025, detectives were requested to do undercover surveillance on Holmes. Detectives observed Holmes walking from his apartment building at [REDACTED]. The first thing that drew their attention to him was his distinctive gait, consisting of the same dragging of his right leg and out-toeing/duck footed posture of his right foot noted above. Holmes had the same hairstyle/facial hair as mentioned above as well. Holmes also appeared to be wearing the same pants and shoes from both the recent cases. The pants appeared to be long and gray with gray shoes that have white on the bottom and middle. Holmes was subsequently taken into

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

CRN KC25036836

custody and transported to headquarters for an interview. Crime scene technicians responded and began collecting perishable evidence from Holmes as apparent blood droplets were plainly visible on his shoes. Crime scene technicians swabbed the apparent blood droplets on Holmes's shoes.

Detectives read Holmes his Miranda Warning from P.D. Form 72. Holmes immediately requested an attorney at 1648 hours. Holmes was transported to Metro Patrol Detention for booking.

Detectives responded to Holmes apartment, which was [REDACTED] and knocked on the door to contact any parties that lived with Johnny. The force of their knock caused the door to swing open. The door did not have a traditional door handle, where the door will secure itself as the door handle mechanism engages when the door closes. The door was only secured by one single deadbolt that did not appear to be engaged when they knocked on the door, so the door was able to swing free with no resistance. Once the door was open, detectives observed a pocket knife on the living room floor in plain view from the front door.

A search warrant was applied for and granted by the Honorable Judge James Kanatzar, Jackson County Circuit Court Division 5. Detectives and crime scene technicians responded to [REDACTED] Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri to execute the search warrant. A Missouri nondriver license issued to Johnny Xavier Holmes B/M 0 [REDACTED] was located in a drawer in the kitchen. Two black sweatshirts and three pair of gray pants appeared to match the clothing items Holmes wore during the homicide. The two black sweatshirts and three pair of gray pants were photographed and collected as evidence. Two black folding knives were located in the apartment; one on the floor next to a broken brown futon, and one tucked into the cushion of the broken brown futon. A fixed red Milwaukee knife was located in the front closet area. These knives were also collected as evidence.

Once at the lab, the black pocket knife which had been located on the living room floor near the broken brown futon was found to have blood on it. One pair of gray Nike sweatpants further had apparent blood spatter on the front of the pant legs.

The swab of apparent bloodstain A from Holmes's shoe and swab of apparent bloodstains B from Holmes's shoe were submitted to the lab for testing. The genetic material from both swabs is more than 1 billion times more likely to be observed if [REDACTED] and an unknown individual are the contributors than if two unknown individuals are the contributors.

Due to the aforementioned facts documented during the course of the investigation, we believe that Holmes presents a clear danger to the community.

Printed Name Detective Janna Nelson #5881 Signature /s/ Detective Janna Nelson #5881

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

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

CRN KC25036836

Judge

Circuit Court of _____ County, State of Missouri.