

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

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CRN: <u>KC24083399</u>	<u>15-Jun-2025 16:03</u>
CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MO	
BY: <u>[Signature]</u>	DCA

I, Detective Cody Lewis #5958, 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 11-06-2024, at [Redacted] in
 (Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson County Missouri Hoang Vu Le
 (County) (Name of Offender(s))

A/M [Redacted] committed one or more criminal offense(s).
 (Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 11-06-2024, at approximately 1318 hours, officers were dispatched to [Redacted], located at [Redacted] Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, in regard to a non-residential burglary. Upon arrival, officers contacted the business owner, [Redacted], who reported that a rock had been thrown through a front window and the business's cash register, containing approximately \$155.00, had been stolen. [Redacted] estimated the cost of repairing the broken window at approximately \$2,000.00. She wished to assist in prosecution against any person(s) involved. The incident was documented under KC24083399.

Detectives obtained surveillance footage from the scene, which showed a silver Chevrolet Equinox with no license plates arriving at the business on 11-06-2024 at approximately 0237 hours. A male suspect, wearing a black mask, gray jacket, black pants, and white shoes, exited the driver's seat, threw a rock through the window, entered the business through the broken glass, and fled the scene with the cash register in the same vehicle.

Earlier that same day, on 11-06-2024 at 0742 hours, officers were also dispatched to [Redacted], located at [Redacted], Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, for a reported property damage. The manager, [Redacted] stated that the business had been secured the night before at approximately 1830 hours. When she arrived the next morning at 0730 hours, she discovered damage to the front door and adjacent window. The damage did not appear sufficient to allow entry into the building. She wished to assist in prosecution against any person(s) involved. The incident was documented under KC24083293.

Surveillance footage provided by the business showed that on 11-06-2024 at approximately 0150 hours, a silver Chevrolet Equinox—with headlights off—arrived at the location. A male, wearing a black mask, gray jacket, black pants, and white Adidas shoes, exited the driver's seat and threw an object at the business's window three times before fleeing in the same vehicle at 0151 hours.

On 11-07-2024, detectives with the Overland Park Police Department (OPPD) contacted Kansas City, Missouri Police Department (KCPD) detectives regarding an ongoing series of non-residential burglaries targeting Asian-owned businesses in their jurisdiction. OPPD had identified a suspect: **Hoang Vu Le (A/M, [Redacted])**

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of [REDACTED], Kansas City, Missouri. The suspect vehicle in their investigation was a silver Chevrolet Equinox bearing Missouri license plate [REDACTED]. OPPD advised they had placed a covert GPS tracking device on the Equinox associated with Le as part of their ongoing investigation.

On 11-08-2024, detectives conducted overnight surveillance on the Chevrolet Equinox. During surveillance, Le was observed removing the license plate [REDACTED] from the vehicle while stopped in the area of [REDACTED] Street in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. Le was then followed to [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED], Kansas City, Clay County, Missouri, where he was seen breaking into the business, stealing the cash register, and fleeing in the Chevy Equinox. He was subsequently arrested after stopping at a gas station. At the time of his arrest, Le was wearing same gray jacket, black pants, and white Adidas shoes seen in surveillance footage from the earlier incidents at [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

Overland Park detectives provided historical GPS data from the covert tracker placed on Le's Equinox. The data aligned with surveillance footage from both crime scenes on 11-06-2024. At approximately 0237 hours, the Equinox pinged within one block of [REDACTED] during the same time the burglary occurred. Similarly, at approximately 0156 hours, GPS data placed the vehicle at [REDACTED], consistent with surveillance footage capturing the attempted burglary between 0150 and 0151 hours. The GPS data corroborated the vehicle's presence and timeline at both locations.

Criminal History:

On or about 07/13/2018 Le was convicted of 2nd degree Burglary (D Felony) on case number 17CYCR0550201, in Clay County Circuit Court. He was sentenced to 6 years and was released on SIS with 6 years of probation.

On or about 01/20/2023 Le was convicted of 2nd degree Burglary (D Felony) on case number 2016CR0301801, in Jackson County Circuit Court. He was sentenced to 5 years confinement and released on SES with 5 years of probation.

On or about 01/20/2023 Le was convicted of 2nd degree Burglary (D Felony) on case number 1716CR0551101, in Clay County Circuit Court. He was sentenced to 5 years confinement and released on SES with 5 years of probation.

On or about 01/20/2023 Le was convicted of 2nd degree Burglary (D Felony) on case number 1816CR0006301, in Clay County Circuit Court. He was sentenced to 5 years confinement and released on SES with 5 years of probation.

On or about 01/20/2023 Le was convicted of Stealing \$750 or more (D Felony) on case number 1816CR0006301, in Clay County Circuit Court. He was sentenced to 5 years confinement and released on SES with 5 years of probation.

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On or about 01/16/2025 **Le** was convicted of 2nd degree Burglary (D Felony) on case number 24CYCR0383601, in Clay County Circuit Court. He was released on SIS and sentenced to 5 years' probation.

Printed Name Det. Cody Lewis #5958 Signature /s/Det. Cody Lewis #5958

The Court finds probable cause and directs the issuance of a warrant this 15th day of June, 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.