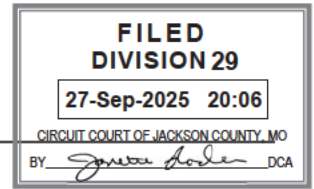


PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 09-27-2025

CRN: KC25059750



I, Detective Jonathan Cook #5572 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 09-14-2025, at [REDACTED] in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Dianna A. Brown
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

Race/Sex: B/F DOB: [REDACTED] committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 09-19-2025 at 0055 hours, members of the Kansas City, Missouri Fire Department were dispatched to [REDACTED] Independence Avenue, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri on a reported fire. Upon arrival, they observed the second-floor, southeast corner of the building was fully engulfed by fire. Members of the Fire Department entered the apartment, identified as [REDACTED] Kansas City, Jackson County Missouri. After extinguishing the fire, a deceased male, later determined to be [REDACTED], was located inside the apartment lying on a bed frame, with severe burns and apparent head trauma. Although the body of [REDACTED] was severely burned, [REDACTED]'s body appeared to have undergone an amount of decomposition.

On 09-19-2025 at 0652 hours, Detectives of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department's Homicide Unit, were notified and responded to the scene. Detectives observed the building to consist of a western half, identified by the numbers "[REDACTED]" on the front western side of the building, and an eastern half, identified by the numbers "[REDACTED]" on the front eastern side of the building. Inside of apartment [REDACTED], detectives located two smoke detectors, each without batteries, an open and apparently used bottle of lighter fluid, mail addressed to Dianna Brown, prescription medication issued to Dianna Brown, and a medical identification bracelet issued to Dianna Brown [REDACTED]. Detectives observed the apartment directly across the hall from apartment [REDACTED], to have its front door open, however, that unit was not searched at that time. The Property Manager of the apartments responded to the crime scene and stated the entire building consisting of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], is vacant and should not have anyone living inside it.

On 09-19-2025, while investigating the crime scene, detectives received information that a person at [REDACTED] [REDACTED], had information about the homicide detectives were currently investigating. Detectives responded to the coffee shop where they contacted the business' Executive Director, who stated he was contacted by a woman that morning, who told him that two days ago, she was invited to the apartment of a woman named Dianna Brown. While at the apartment, she saw the body of a deceased male who she believed suffered a gunshot wound to the face. The woman told the Executive Director that Dianna Brown

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claimed responsibility for the victim's death. The Executive Director refused to provide the witness' name to be contacted by detectives.

On 09-20-2025 at 0800 hours, a body examination of the victim was conducted by members of the Jackson County, Missouri Medical Examiner's Office. A Preliminary Anatomic Diagnosis conducted by the Medical Examiner's Office determined the victim's cause of death as "Blunt force trauma of the head", and the manner of death as "Homicide".

On 09-27-2025 at approximately 0620 hours, Dianna Brown called police stating she wanted to turn herself in for the murder of [REDACTED] involving an apartment fire on Independence Avenue in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. Dianna Brown was taken into police custody and transported to Police Headquarters to provide a statement.

On 09-27-2025 at approximately 0750 hours, Homicide Detectives interviewed Dianna Brown. Brown stated she's known [REDACTED] for nearly 20 years and was a friend to him. On Sunday evening (09-14-2025), she was with [REDACTED] at his apartment, [REDACTED] Avenue. She and [REDACTED] had an argument, based on [REDACTED] wanting to have sex with her. Brown did not want to have sex with [REDACTED] at that time, as [REDACTED] had not showered recently. Brown stated [REDACTED] got in her face, while poking her forehead with his finger. Brown was on the couch and attempted to get up, but was pushed back down by [REDACTED]. Brown stated she and [REDACTED] eventually stopped arguing, and [REDACTED] went to sleep. Brown was unaware of how much time passed after the argument, but she just "snapped". As [REDACTED] was in bed, sleeping and snoring, Brown used a nearby hammer to strike [REDACTED] in the face, as stated by Brown "I swung with all my might". Brown stated that after first striking [REDACTED] in the face with the hammer, [REDACTED] tried to fight, but his "movements were weak". Brown then struck [REDACTED] in the chest with the hammer and then in his groin area. With regard to how many times she struck [REDACTED] with the hammer, Brown stated "I couldn't stop hitting him." Brown stated she continued to strike [REDACTED] with the hammer even after realizing he was dead. Brown stated with regard to killing [REDACTED] "He didn't deserve that".

Brown stated that after killing [REDACTED], she "rinsed off" and "wiped down", the hammer she used and moved the hammer to the vacant apartment directly across the hall. Brown stated she continued to live at the apartment, and slept there "every night until the night I set the fire", as [REDACTED] lay deceased inside it. Brown had a guest, described by Brown as a "Mexican boy", over to the apartment one evening. After seeing [REDACTED]'s deceased body, the guest told Brown he would not tell, and left the apartment.

Brown stated that on the day she set the fire, a Friday, [REDACTED] began to smell "so bad". Brown used two bottles of lighter fluid to douse [REDACTED], the clothing she wore when she killed [REDACTED], and anything she believed could be used to identify her. Brown stated, "I wanted to cover up everything, everything that I did, him, the clothes I wore, and anything that would identify me".

Printed Name Det. Jonathan Cook #5572 Signature /s/ Det. Jonathan Cook #5572

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The Court finds probable cause and directs the issuance of a warrant this 27th day of September, 2025.



Judge

Circuit Court of Jackson County, State of Missouri.