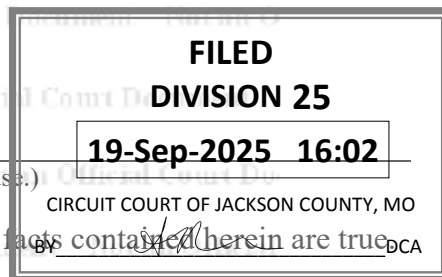


PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 09-19-2025CRN: KC25037484

I, Detective Brian Cowan #5114 (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 06-15-2025, at 1901 Vine Street in
 (Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri William E. Sipple
 (County) (Name of Offender(s))

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

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 06-15-2025 at 0325 hours, Kansas City, Missouri Police Officers were dispatched to Truman Road and Prospect Avenue Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri in regard to a reported shooting. Upon arrival, Officers located a male victim suffering from apparent trauma and KCFD EMS transported the victim to University Health (TMC) for medical treatment. During an initial on-scene investigation by responding Officers, it was determined the shooting occurred in the parking lot of 1901 Vine Street Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri.

On 06-30-2025, the 1020 Homicide Squad was notified that the victim from the shooting that occurred on 06-15-2025 at 1901 Vine Street had succumbed to his injuries he sustained as a result of the shooting. The victim was pronounced deceased on 06-30-2025 at 1306 hours by medical staff at TMC. The Jackson County, Missouri Medical Examiner's Office has ruled the victim's death a homicide.

Detectives recovered video surveillance footage from the apartment building (1901 Vine Street) which showed the east side parking lot where the incident occurred. During a review of the video footage, the vehicles and persons associated with the incident are already parked along the wall located on the east side of the property at 0305 hours. At 0317 hours it appears a disturbance breaks out among the group which goes on for a while. At 0319 hours a black Chevrolet truck drives south into the east side of the parking lot and stops where the disturbance is happening. The occupants of the truck exit and walk to where the disturbance is happening in front of the truck. At 0321 all the aforementioned vehicles and persons have left the view of the camera. The video footage goes in and out of focus during the playback and while the incident is happening it is out of focus and not clearly depicted.

On 07-07-2025 an interview was conducted with [REDACTED], the victim's father. During the interview, [REDACTED] stated he responded to TMC after being notified of the incident and while there, he spoke with others that were present and to his understanding the incident started after his son ([REDACTED]) slapped [REDACTED] girlfriend ([REDACTED]). [REDACTED] further stated [REDACTED] and his cousin (Will) showed up and became involved with the fight and at some point, Will brandished a firearm which resulted in [REDACTED] getting shot. [REDACTED] further stated while [REDACTED]

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was at the hospital, he was on the phone with Will and he handed the phone to him so Will could speak to him. [REDACTED] stated Will apologized several times to him over the phone for shooting [REDACTED], telling him that he did not intend for [REDACTED] to get hurt.

On 07-10-2025 an interview was conducted with [REDACTED], victim's brother. During the interview, [REDACTED] stated he had been hanging out with his brother [REDACTED] all day and they decided to go out that night to celebrate Father's Day. [REDACTED] stated they went to Westport and while there they met up with another group of people (later identified as [REDACTED], Will, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who were in the black truck) who were associated to his brother and his girlfriend ([REDACTED]). After Westport, they went to 18th and Vine Street where they all met up again. [REDACTED] stated while they were hanging out on Vine, he got into an argument with [REDACTED] and he ended up slapping her in the face. [REDACTED] stated his brother began fighting with him as a result of him slapping [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated as he was tussling with his brother, a "big guy" knocked him to the ground and they began fighting. [REDACTED] stated as he was fighting with the big guy, [REDACTED] stopped fighting with him and started helping him with the big guy. [REDACTED] stated he was able to get up off the ground and he went back at the big guy, which resulted in him getting knocked down to the ground again. [REDACTED] stated while he was on the ground he heard a single gunshot; however, he did not see anyone armed with a gun. [REDACTED] further stated he did observe the big guy tucking something into his waistband as he was turning away from the fight, which he believed was a pistol. [REDACTED] described the "big guy" as older (35-40), 6'2"/230lbs, with a goatee and [REDACTED] kept referring to him as his cousin.

On 07-10-2025 an interview was conducted with [REDACTED], girlfriend of [REDACTED]. During the interview, [REDACTED] stated she observed the suspect produce a handgun and shoot the victim. [REDACTED] described the suspect as a black male, tall, heavy set (with a "beer belly"), with short hair and he was wearing tan short sleeve button up shirt with blue jean shorts.

On 07-11-2025 an interview was conducted with [REDACTED] and he stated the following: [REDACTED] stated he was out with a group people (8 or 9) who all went out to Westport and eventually ended up on Vine Street. [REDACTED] stated he stopped at the gas station on the way to Vine Street and as he was meeting back up with the group on Vine Street, he observed some commotion among some members of the group. [REDACTED] stated as he exited his truck, someone told him that [REDACTED] had slapped [REDACTED] and now [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were starting to fight. [REDACTED] stated he intervened and was able to separate [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], however [REDACTED] kept trying to push everyone. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] pushed Will, causing Will to push him back which resulted in a tussle between the two of them. [REDACTED] stated both Will and [REDACTED] fell to the ground and [REDACTED] began to jump in the fight in defense of [REDACTED]. While [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and Will were physically engaged with one another, [REDACTED] heard a gunshot and [REDACTED] immediately stated, "I'm hit, I'm hit." [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] was loaded into one of the vehicles associated to the group in order to transport him to the hospital because he was bleeding so badly. [REDACTED] stated he left the scene and dropped off [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] before heading to the hospital. I asked [REDACTED] where Will went after the shooting and he stated he got out of the truck on Vine Street as they were leaving and he did not know where he went from there. I asked [REDACTED] if anyone involved in the physical altercation, including himself, was armed with a gun and he stated he was not and he did not see anyone else with a gun. I asked [REDACTED] about contacting [REDACTED] (victim's father) at the hospital and he stated he spoke with him there. I asked [REDACTED] about a phone conversation involving Will and [REDACTED] in which Will apologized to [REDACTED] for shooting [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated he had Will on the phone when he handed it to [REDACTED] so they could speak,

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however he did not know what the two of them said to one another. [REDACTED] identified his cousin as the listed Offender **Sipple, William E. B/M** [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were shown a Photo Array upon development of the suspect. All three identified **Sipple** as the shooter upon viewing the Photo Array.

A computer check of **Sipple's** criminal history was conducted and the following record was found:

- 07-16-2013: 2013CR0355 Possession of Cocaine (level 5 drug felony) Wyandotte County, Kansas
Guilty Plea, 11 months KDOC, post release supervision of 12 months. Probation granted for 12 months.

An arrest warrant for **Sipple** is being sought due to the nature of the offense, his out of State ties and his identity is known to the persons involved.

Printed Name Detective Brian Cowan #5114 Signature /s/Detective Brian Cowan #5114

The Court finds probable cause and directs the issuance of a warrant this 19-Sep-2025 4:02 pm day of .

SIGNED BY JUDGE

*This is a redacted public document. The original
unredacted document bears the Judge's signature.*

Judge

Circuit Court of County, State of Missouri.