

## PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 03-30-2017CRN: 17-022311  
IPD CRN: 2017-21578I, Detective Blake Groves #5271 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 03-29-2017, at 3622 S. Delaware Av in  
(Date) (Address)Independence, Jackson Missouri Donald E. Nussbaum  
(County) (Name of Offender(s))w/m 05-22-1965; [REDACTED] committed one or more criminal offense(s).  
(Description of Identity)RSMO 569.160.1 (1,2,3); Burglary in the 1st Degree  
RSMO 565.052.1 (2); Assault in the 2nd Degree  
RSMO 565.110.1 (5); Kidnapping in the 1st Degree  
RSMO 570.023.1 (2,3,4); Robbery in the 1st Degree

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 03-29-2017, officers with the Independence, Missouri Police Department were dispatched to 3622 S. Delaware Avenue in Independence, Jackson County, Missouri regarding a Residential Burglary

Upon arrival, they located Ronar Santiago-Torres w/m 04-14-1989; [REDACTED] and Joseph Edward Wyatt w/m 01-07-1989; [REDACTED] inside the residence. After refusing to obey verbal commands, both suspects fled by taking the homeowner's car and driving it through the closed garage door. After a pursuit with officers operating emergency vehicles with lights and sirens activated, Santiago-Torres and Wyatt were taken into custody at 23<sup>rd</sup> and Cedar Avenue in Independence, Missouri.

The victim was located inside the residence with his hands restrained in front of him with Zip-Ties. He was transported to an area hospital where he was treated for multiple abrasions to his arms and hands as well as lacerations to his head.

During his formal interview, the victim stated he was home when two men (later identified as Santiago-Torres and Wyatt) knocked on his door stating they were looking for a lost dog and also offering gutter cleaning. The victim sent them away, but minutes later, one of them knocked on the door again. When the victim opened the door, one of the suspects displayed a black semiautomatic handgun with a long barrel. He warned the victim that he had a silencer on the gun, so he could shoot the victim without anyone hearing it.

The suspects forced their way into the residence and threw the victim against a sliding glass door where they began beating the victim. They tied his hands in front of him with Zip-Ties and demanded the location of the victim's safe. One of the suspects held the victim at gunpoint while the other suspect ransacked the residence. After finding the safe, one of the suspects demanded the combination from the victim. When the victim said he didn't know it, they beat him again and warned that they would kill him.

While the offense was occurring, the victim's girlfriend had looked at a video feed of the victim's residence and saw what was going on. She called 911.

When the suspects heard approaching sirens, they asked the victim where his car keys were. When he told them, they went out to his garage and got in the car. They then started the engine and drove through the closed garage doors.

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Santiago-Torres was transported to Kansas City Police Headquarters for a statement. After waiving his Miranda rights, he admitted to going to the residence to rob the victim. He admitted that he and Wyatt forced their way into the residence and then restraining and holding the victim at gunpoint while searching his house. They repeatedly struck the victim with a handgun, and when they heard sirens, they stole the victim's car and fled in it. He stated that the robbery was "Steve's lick", but neither "Steve" or "Donnie" could come inside because they knew the victim. During the course of his interview, Santiago-Torres identified James Steven McChan w/m 07-02-1960; [redacted] as "Steve" and Donald E. Nussbaum w/m 05-22-1965; [redacted] as "Donnie". He added that McChan drove them to the residence in his car. He described it as a grayish-green Ford Taurus with damage to the front fender.

During the course of the investigation, detectives learned that Nussbaum was the son of the victim's girlfriend.

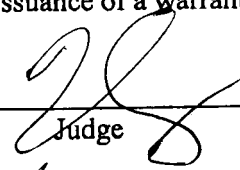
Review of security footage from a nearby camera showed the Ford Taurus that Santiago-Torres described driving back and forth in front of the victim's residence.

Officers were conducting an area canvass in the area where Santiago-Torres suggested. They observed a vehicle matching the description given by Santiago-Torres and conducted a car check. They located Nussbaum in the driver's seat and McChan in the front passenger seat. Both were transported to Headquarters for questioning.

After waiving his Miranda rights, Nussbaum admitted to driving the suspects to the area with the knowledge that they planned on robbing someone and attempting to obtain the combination for a safe. He stated he pointed out the victim's residence and told the other suspects not to rob that specific house because they have surveillance.

Printed Name Detective Blake Groves #5271 Signature  5271

The Court finds probable cause and directs the issuance of a warrant this 30 day of March

  
Judge

Circuit Court of Jackson County, State of Missouri.