

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI
AT KANSAS CITY

POLICE NO. :	KC2015257
PROSECUTOR NO. :	095458116
OCN:	

STATE OF MISSOURI,

PLAINTIFF,)

VS.

ERNEST JONES

342 Richmond Ave.

Kansas City, KS 66101

DOB: 06/09/1996

Race/Sex: B/M

DEFENDANT.)

COMPLAINT
WARRANT REQUESTED

Count I. Unlawful Use Of Weapon - Subsection 9 - Shoot At/from Motor Vehicle, At Person, Motor Vehicle Or Building, Resulting In Death Or Injury (571.030-015Y20145213.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 571.030, RSMo, committed the **class A Felony of unlawful use of a weapon**, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 571.030.9, RSMo, in that on or about February 29, 2020, at 4045 Mill Street, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant, acting alone or purposefully in concert with another, knowingly discharged a firearm from a motor vehicle, a white Acura, and as a result of the above described conduct, Devin Harris and/or [REDACTED], suffered injury or death.

The range of punishment for a class A felony is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than ten (10) years and not to exceed thirty (30) years, or life imprisonment.

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Count II. Armed Criminal Action (571.015-001Y19755213.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 571.015, RSMo, committed the felony of armed criminal action, punishable upon conviction under Section 571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about February 29, 2020, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant, either acting alone or acting alone or purposefully in concert with another, committed the felony of unlawful use of a weapon charged in Count I, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of unlawful use of a weapon by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a deadly weapon.

The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015 RSMo. is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than three (3) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of three (3) calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015 RSMo. as a second offense is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than five (5) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of five (5) calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015 RSMo. as a third offense is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than ten (10) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of ten (10) calendar years. Any punishment imposed pursuant to section 571.015 RSMo. shall be in addition to any punishment provided by law for the crime committed by, with, or through the use, assistance, or aid of a dangerous instrument or deadly weapon.

The facts that form the basis for this information and belief are contained in the statement(s) of facts filed contemporaneously herewith, made a part hereof, and submitted as a basis upon which this court may find the existence of probable cause.

Wherefore, the Prosecuting Attorney prays that an arrest warrant be issued as provided by law.

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PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 02-29-2020

CRN: KC20015257

I, Detective K. Oldham # 5166

(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 02-29-2020, at 4045 Mill St in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Ernest Jones Jr. B/M, 06-09-96
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 02-29-2020 at 0124 hours an Officer with the Kansas City Missouri Police Department was working in an off duty capacity at 4040 Mill St., Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, when he observed the occupants of a white Chevrolet Tahoe shooting at a group of individuals on Mill St. just north of Westport Rd. which is contained within the entertainment district known as Westport. Four individuals suffered gunshot wounds and another individual died as a result of being shot during the shooting.

Video surveillance was obtained and Detectives observed individuals shooting from the white Chevy SUV. The SUV is pulling out of a near-by parking garage as its occupants begin shooting in a southerly direction toward several pedestrians. A dark colored Lexus as well as a white Acura are seen following the white Chevy and appear to be part of the same group. Seconds before the occupants of the white Chevy SUV begin firing, muzzle flashes can be seen coming from inside the white Acura, which is just behind the white SUV. The license plate of 312LHL for Kansas can be seen on the white Acura. The license responds back to an Ernest P. Jones.

On 03-06-2020, a witness, [REDACTED] was identified and agreed to provide a statement to Detectives. [REDACTED] stated she was occupying the passenger's seat of a burgundy Mazda being driven by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated a drunk woman crossed the street in front of their vehicle as they were going north, passed Offkey/Throwback lounge, toward the parking garage. They stopped they're vehicle abruptly and an argument ensued with several people on the street, in front of their vehicle who believed they were driving in a reckless manner. The individuals who were arguing in the street included [REDACTED] and Ernest Jones who she knows as they are all frequent patrons of the Westport Entertainment District. During the interview, [REDACTED] was shown a DOR photograph of [REDACTED] B/M [REDACTED] and Ernest Jones B/M 06/09/96.

[REDACTED] identified each party by name and stated that shortly after the argument they parked their red Mazda inside the parking garage. She and her party began walking in a southerly direction, away from the parking garage. As she was walking she turned to see [REDACTED] firing shots from the passenger's seat of a vehicle being driven by Ernest Jones.

On 03-10-2020, at approximately 1345 hrs, Jones was arrested by Kansas City MO PD Career Criminal Detectives with the assistance of Kansas Law enforcement agents. Jones was arrested after walking out of 342 Richmond Av, Kansas City, KS. After walking out of the residence Jones is seen walking toward a white Acura ILX which bears the license plate of 312LHL for KS.

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On 03-10-2020, at approximately 1500 hrs, Detectives met with Mr. Jones in an interview room located within the KCKS Police Department. Mr. Jones was advised of his Miranda rights at which time he declined to speak to Detectives.

Career Criminal Detectives approached the residence and contacted the residence's owner who advised Jones did not live there. The resident gave consent for the Detectives the search the residence for any firearms. Inside one of the bedrooms, Detectives located a .9mm handgun as well as a .45 Cal handgun. It should be noted that multiple .9mm and .45 Cal spent shell casings were located at the crime scene and in the vicinity where an occupant of the white Acura is seen firing a weapon. While processing the crime scene over 95 spent shell casings were located throughout the area where the shooting occurred.

Ernest Jones has a prior conviction for unlawful use of a weapon in case 1616-CR0139201. Jones's conduct, assisting and encouraging others to fire weapons in a popular entrainment district, caused significant injury to innocent by-standers, as well as placing everyone in the area in danger. Jones is a safety risk to the community.

Printed Name Detective K. Oldham # 5166 Signature /S/ Detective K. Oldham # 5166

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

Judge

Circuit Court of _____ County, State of Missouri.