

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**  
**AT**

<b>POLICE NO. :</b>	KC20051101
<b>PROSECUTOR NO. :</b>	095460322
<b>OCN:</b>	

<b>STATE OF MISSOURI,</b>	)	
	)	<b>PLAINTIFF,</b>
<b>vs.</b>	)	
	)	
<b>SYAN R CRAWFORD</b>	)	
<b>LKA: Homeless</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. 2016-CR</b>
<b>Kansas City, MO 64128</b>	)	<b>DIVISION</b>
<b>DOB: 08/20/1980</b>	)	
<b>Race/Sex: B/M</b>	)	
	)	
	)	<b>DEFENDANT.</b>
	)	

**COMPLAINT**  
**WARRANT REQUESTED**

**Count I. Murder 2nd Degree (565.021-001Y19840999.0)**

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.021, RSMo, committed the **class A felony of murder in the second degree**, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about July 31, 2020, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly or with the purpose of causing serious physical injury to Larry Dickerson caused the death of Larry Dickerson by stabbing him .

An individual convicted and sentenced for this offense shall not be eligible for parole until eighty-five percent of the sentence is served.

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.

**Count II. Armed Criminal Action (571.015-001Y19755299.0)**

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 July 31, 2020, in the County of Jackson, State of

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Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of murder in the second degree charged in Count I, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of murder in the second degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a dangerous instrument.

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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**WITNESSES:**

1. [REDACTED]  
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2. Larry Dickerson, Prosecuting Atty. Office, 415 E 12th St, Floor 11, Kansas City, MO  
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3. [REDACTED]  
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4. PO Gregory T. Kinney,
5. DET Sean P. Martin, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
6. PO Nicholas S. Simons,
7. DET Nathan S. VanVickle, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
8. [REDACTED]  
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**PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM**

Date: 08/16/2020

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I, Det. Sean Patrick Martin #5733, 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 07/31/2020, at 2636 Van Brunt Bl in  
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Syan Crawford  
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

B/M; 08/20/1980 committed one or more criminal offense(s).  
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 07/31/2020 at approximately 0810 hours, officers of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department were dispatched to Linwood and Benton Bl in regard to a shooting. They were flagged down by pedestrians and located the victim, covered in blood and suffering from a life-threatening wound. The victim, positively identified as Larry Dickerson, would die of his injuries on 08/02/2020 and the Jackson County Missouri Medical Examiner's Office ruled the death as homicide. The victim suffered a single puncture wound, consistent with a knife wound, to the center chest.

When detectives arrived on scene, they contacted a witness who stated that the suspect had a bicycle parked in the breezeway entrance of 3206/3208 Linwood Bl. Detectives observed a blue bicycle parked against the east wall, in front of the main door. That bicycle was swabbed for DNA by crime scene personnel.

Further investigation by the homicide unit revealed the following:

On 07/31/2020 at approximately 0105 hours, the victim Larry Dickerson, called the police in regard to a suspicious person at 3208 Linwood Bl. Dickerson described a black male, wearing a white shirt and blue shorts sleeping in the laundry room.

On 07/31/2020 at approximately 0142 hours, a witness, [REDACTED], arriving at that same location described seeing a black male sleeping in the stairway of the apartment complex. [REDACTED] had known the male for over twenty years and knew his name as **SYAN CRAWFORD**. [REDACTED] videotaped **SYAN CRAWFORD** sleeping and sent the video to the twin brother of **SYAN CRAWFORD**. [REDACTED] heard the police arrive at the location and speak to **SYAN CRAWFORD**, resulting in him leaving the location. [REDACTED] described leaving the apartments soon after and walking to a nearby gas station. [REDACTED] observed **SYAN CRAWFORD** sitting with another female resident, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] spoke to **SYAN CRAWFORD** and returned back to his apartment.

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██████████ refused to speak with investigators in regard, but spoke to the victim's daughter after the incident. The daughter openly recorded ██████ speaking with her and then provided that video to police. On the video, ██████ mentions being with **SYAN CRAWFORD**, known to her under the moniker, "TWIN," just prior to the homicide. ██████ states on video that **SYAN CRAWFORD** was upset about the victim calling the police on him and indicated that he would retaliate against the victim. ██████ then left **SYAN CRAWFORD** at the complex and walked down the street to pay rent at the complex' office.

The witness ██████ stated that while in his apartment on the morning of 07/31/2020, he heard a female running down the hallway screaming. ██████ stated that he went to investigate and observed multiple residents outside the complex and another resident, ██████, holding the victim. ██████ stated that the victim was bleeding profusely. ██████ states that he tried to figure out what happened and was told by ██████ that the guy who rides a blue bike, parked at the complex, stabbed the victim. ██████ stated that he returned to his apartment and eventually received a phone call from **SYAN CRAWFORD**. ██████ stated that during the phone call, **SYAN CRAWFOD** admitted to stabbing the victim and stated that nobody at the complex respects him. **SYAN CRAWFORD** stated that he had gotten shot by another party, who arrived after the homicide, and witnessed **SYAN CRAWFORD** running away. **SYAN CRAWFORD** indicated that he wished to retaliate on the party that shot him, as well as other parties in the complex for their lack of respect. ██████ provided the phone number 816-315-9401 for **SYAN CRAWFORD** and stated **SYAN CRAWFORD** had been using it prior to the homicide to contact him. ██████ further added that he believes **SYAN CRAWFORD** knows somebody in Joplin MO because **SYAN CRAWFORD** has mentioned running to Joplin MO after getting in trouble. ██████ provided his number, which was later cross-checked against **SYAN CRAWFORD's** phone number. Investigators confirmed that **SYAN CRAWFORD's** number did call the number belonging to ██████ after the stabbing.

Another witness, ██████, was contacted and stated that she observed a male she knew as, "TWIN," to be arguing with the victim about the victim calling the police on TWIN. ██████ described the suspect making multiple lunging motions towards the victim, saying, "I'm gonna get you, I got something for you." ██████ describes the victim putting his hands up in a boxer's stance and TWIN producing a knife. ██████ stated TWIN stabbed the victim a single time, pulled the knife out, and retreated westbound on Linwood Bl. ██████ described the victim stumbling to the complex door and falling, while ██████ attempted to render aid. ██████ described hearing a gunshot afterwards and seeing TWIN lying on a sidewalk, stand up and then limp away. After positive identification on TWIN as **SYAN CRAWFORD** was made, ██████ was shown a lineup and immediately picked **SYAN CRAWFORD's** photo as the male who murdered the victim.

Detectives received a phone call from ██████ girlfriend, prior to his statement, who identified TWIN by the name **SYAN CRAWFORD**. Utilizing a Missouri Department of Revenue (DOR) photo of **SYAN CRAWFORD**, detectives contacted 3 separate people at the complex who stated they would recognize TWIN if shown a photograph. All 3 people identified the photograph of **SYAN CRAWFORD** as the party they knew as TWIN.

Phone records for **SYAN CRAWFORD** indicated he was in the vicinity of the crime scene, both before and after the time of the crime.

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On 08/15/2020 at approximately 2230 hours, **SYAN CRAWFORD** was taken into custody. An interview was attempted but **SYAN CRAWFORD** was uncooperative. During his brief interview, multiple injuries to both of **SYAN CRAWFORD**'s legs and in various states of healing were readily observable.

A buccal swab was collected via warrant in order to compare the DNA of **SYAN CRAWFORD** to any DNA swabs from the scene of the crime.

The case detective is requesting an arrest warrant in lieu of a summons for the listed offender as a weapon was used in this offense. **SYAN CRAWFORD** has had prior contacts with law enforcement and apparent access to implements capable of killing. During his time in detention, **SYAN CRAWFORD** accused another male in detention custody of being a police officer or informant, followed by multiple threats to kill that male. Additionally, a family friend of **SYAN CRAWFORD** advised that **SYAN CRAWFORD** has fled to other cities in the past after previous incidents. In light of the incidents and his recent conduct, the case detective believes the offender is a danger to the public and a clear flight risk.

Printed Name Det. Sean Patrick Martin #5733 Signature /s/ Det. Sean Patrick Martin #5733

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

Circuit Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of Missouri.