


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

<b>POLICE NO. :</b>	KC21042199
<b>PROSECUTOR NO. :</b>	095465175
<b>OCN:</b>	

<b>STATE OF MISSOURI,</b>	)	
	)	<b>PLAINTIFF,</b>
<b>vs.</b>	)	
	)	
<b>DERELL E. THOMPSON</b>	)	
<b>2027 E. 39th Street</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. 2116-CR</b>
<b>Kansas City, MO 64127</b>	)	<b>DIVISION</b>
<b>DOB: 03/15/1986</b>	)	
<b>Race/Sex: B/M</b>	)	
	)	
	)	<b>DEFENDANT.</b>

**COMPLAINT**  
**WARRANT REQUESTED**

**Count I. Murder 2nd Degree (565.021-001Y20200903.0)**

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 June 29, 2021, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly or with the purpose of causing serious physical injury to Darron Mitchem, caused the death of Darron Mitchem by shooting 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 (571.015-001Y20205213.0)**

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 June 29, 2021, 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 deadly weapon.

The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015.1, RSMo. is imprisonment by the department of corrections for a term of not less than three years and not to exceed fifteen years, unless the person is unlawfully possessing a firearm, in which case the term of imprisonment shall be for a term of not less than five years. No person convicted under this subsection shall be eligible for parole, probation, conditional release, or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of three calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015.2, RSMo. as a second offense is imprisonment by the department of corrections for a term of not less than five years and not to exceed thirty years, unless the person is unlawfully possessing a firearm, in which case the term of imprisonment shall be for a term not less than fifteen years. No person convicted under this subsection shall be eligible for parole, probation, conditional release, or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of five calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015.3, 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 punishment imposed pursuant to Section 571.015, RSMo shall be in addition to and consecutive 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.

### **Count III. Endangering The Welfare Of A Child Creating Substantial Risk- 1st Degree - 1st Offense - No Sexual Conduct (568.045-005Y20203899.0)**

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 568.045, RSMo, committed the **class D felony of endangering the welfare of a child in the first degree**, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 558.002, RSMo, in that on or about June 29, 2021, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly acted in a manner that created a substantial risk to the life, body and health of [REDACTED]. DOB 12/10/2008, a child less than seventeen years old, by shooting a firearm inside an elevator that [REDACTED]. DOB 12/10/2008 was occupying.

The range punishment for a class D felony is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than one (1) year and not to exceed seven (7) years; or by imprisonment for a special term not to exceed one (1) year in the county jail or other authorized penal institution; or by a fine not to exceed ten thousand

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dollars (\$10,000); or by both imprisonment and a fine. If money or property has been gained through the commission of the crime, any fine imposed may be not more than double the amount of the offender's gain from the commission of the crime.

**Count IV. Unlawful Possession Of A Firearm (571.070-001Y20205212.0)**

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 571.070, RSMo, committed the **class D felony of unlawful possession of a firearm**, punishable under Sections 558.011 and 558.002, RSMo, in that on or about June 29, 2021, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly possessed a black handgun, a firearm, and on October 17, 2008, the defendant was convicted of the felony of trafficking in drugs in the second degree in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri.

The range punishment for a class D felony is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than one (1) year and not to exceed seven (7) years; or by imprisonment for a special term not to exceed one (1) year in the county jail or other authorized penal institution; or by a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); or by both imprisonment and a fine. If money or property has been gained through the commission of the crime, any fine imposed may be not more than double the amount of the offender's gain from the commission of the crime.

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. DET Nathan S. VanVickle, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106

**PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM**

Date: 06/29/2021

CRN: 21-42199

I, Detective Nathan VanVickle #5169, 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 06/29/2021, at 770 W. 47<sup>th</sup> Street in  
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Thompson, Derell E.  
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

B/M 03/15/1986 committed one or more criminal offense(s).  
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 06/29/2021 at 0758 hours, officers of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department were dispatched to the Sheraton Suites Country Club Plaza, located at 770 W 47th St, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri regarding a disturbance with a weapon.

Upon arrival, officers located one victim (D.M.) suffering from several gunshot wounds. The victim was transported to an area Hospital by EMS where he later died as a result of his injuries.

Officers on scene were provided with a suspect description of a black male wearing a red flannel shirt, black pants, running away from the scene with a younger black male who was wearing a white t-shirt and red shorts. Additional information was given by witnesses, that a black male was observed running with a gun. KCFD EMS crews, who were staging, advised they observed the suspect holding a handgun in one hand while running with the young male.

As additional information was being relayed to officers on scene, it was updated that parties matching the suspect description were observed in front of the Courtyard Inn, at 4600 JC Nichols Road. Officers began conducting an area canvass and located the suspect running across the street from the Courtyard Inn with the young male who was later identified as the suspect's juvenile son. The suspect, **Derell E. Thompson B/M 03/15/1986**, was taken into custody, and a K9 officer was requested to conduct an article search in the area the suspect was seen running from. The K9 and his handler located a black handgun in the landscaped area between 46th Terrace and 4600 JC Nichols on Courtyard Inn property. **Thompson** spontaneously uttered to Officers while at the location he was taken into custody at that he had shot someone.

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During formal interviews of witnesses, witness [REDACTED], who is a desk clerk at the Sheraton Suites Country Club Plaza, advised that while she was working behind the desk, the suspect, later identified as **Derell E. Thompson**, walked to her with a younger child and told her that his child was dead in his hotel room and asked for a spare key to room #1419. He stated that he was staying in said room and it was rented under "Charles Powell." [REDACTED] was shocked because **Thompson's** tone and demeanor were calm and he did not appear distraught over his child's death. She then asked him if he needed medical attention and asked for **Thompson's** ID to verify he was the renter of the room while also letting him know that the computer system was slow. **Thompson** then walked away from her and sat down with the young child at the bar in the dining area. A few minutes later, the child approached her and asked her for a spare key to which she replied that her system was still lagging. That is when **Thompson** approached her and became extremely agitated. She provided **Thompson** with a fake key card in an effort to diffuse his escalating behavior. **Thompson** and the young child walked away and approached the elevators. She heard **Thompson** shout, "You think you are going to get away with killing my son?" followed by several gunshots. She ducked behind the counter and did not see **Thompson** after that. She positively identified **Thompson** out of a line-up during her statement and described him and the young child to be wearing the same clothing as the description given by the other witnesses.

Witness [REDACTED] stated that on 06/29/2021 at 0745 hours, he arrived at work at Sheraton Suites Country Club Plaza where he is employed as a valet. He walked through the lobby to get a drink and noticed a young black male asking for a room key at the front desk. The young boy kept looking at an older black male wearing a red plaid shirt and red hat, who was standing in the breakfast/dining area and looked like he may have been the boy's father. [REDACTED] then walked out of the hotel lobby to the valet stand just outside the front doors. Minutes later, he heard three to four gunshots from inside the lobby. He and other guests began running across the circle drive when he observed the same young boy and older male he had described earlier running eastbound from the location and the male was holding a handgun in his hand. [REDACTED] then ran back into the hotel where he was helping secure guests near the elevator area when the back right elevator door opened, and he observed the victim lying on the elevator floor suffering from multiple gunshot wounds.

Witness [REDACTED] stated that she was working as a waitress at the Sheraton when she observed **Thompson** sitting at the bar area with his son. The victim arrived shortly thereafter and sat next to **Thompson's** son. According to [REDACTED] the three appeared to be together. [REDACTED] described **Thompson's** demeanor as agitated and staring at her in an aggressive way. Neither the victim, **Thompson**, or his juvenile son said anything to [REDACTED] while they sat down and they all left a short while later and went toward the lobby. [REDACTED] was in the kitchen when the shooting happened so she did not witness the incident.

Hotel video surveillance captured the incident. The victim is observed walking through the lobby from the dining area and to the elevators. He gets on what appears to be the southeast elevator while **Thompson** and his son [REDACTED]. III 12/10/2008 are following behind him. **Thompson** walks past the elevator lobby when the victim is seen sticking his head out of the elevator in what appears to be a way to get their attention or hold the elevator doors. **Thompson's** son [REDACTED]. III) gets on the elevator with the victim.

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**Thompson** immediately follows behind and is observed producing a handgun from either his front waistband or pocket, taking a shooter's stance while advancing into the elevator to where his hands are no longer visible. During this time his body is observed to move in a manner consistent with the recoil of a firearm while being fired. Thompson's son is observed running out of the elevator as **Thompson** takes a few steps back and then advances back into the elevator and takes the same shooter's stance. As **Thompson's** son is running out of the hotel, **Thompson** is also seen running behind him.

**Thompson** was transported to East Patrol where he was booked in and later transported to Police Headquarters. While at East Patrol Thompson spontaneously uttered to the Detention Officer, that he had shot someone. Detectives advised **Thompson** of his Miranda Rights, and he stated he understood his rights. **Thompson** stated that everything was a blur and he blacked out. He stated that he shot Darron who was a friend of his because he had a feeling that Darron had killed his son [REDACTED] Jr. who was up in the room. He thought that as they were going to get on the elevator with Darron he was not sure if Darron was going to kill him also so he shot him, and then ran from the scene with his son [REDACTED] III. When asked how many times he shot the victim, he stated he did not know. When asked where he got the gun, he stated he got it from his son.

A search warrant was obtained for the Hotel Room **Thompson** had been staying in. During the execution of the search warrant three handguns with extended magazines were recovered along, ammunition, three cell phones, and narcotics, and a scale.

A computer check of **Thompson** shows him to have a Felony drug Conviction out of Jackson County, Missouri, Case Number 0616-CR01843-01 from 2005.

Printed Name Detective Nathan VanVickle #5169 Signature /s/ Det. Nathan VanVickle #5169

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

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