


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

<b>POLICE NO. :</b>	KC22003178
<b>PROSECUTOR NO. :</b>	095467883
<b>OCN:</b>	

<b>STATE OF MISSOURI,</b>	)	
	)	<b>PLAINTIFF,</b>
<b>vs.</b>	)	
	)	
<b>JOSE E ESCALANTE-CORCHADO</b>	)	
<b>1109 Shawnee Ave</b>	)	<b>CASE NO.</b>
<b>Kansas City, KS - 66105</b>	)	<b>DIVISION</b>
<b>DOB: 03/21/1992</b>	)	
<b>Race/Sex: H/M</b>	)	
	)	
	)	<b>DEFENDANT.</b>

**AMENDED COMPLAINT**

**Count I. Murder 1st Degree (565.020-001Y20200999.0)**

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.020, RSMo, committed the **class A felony of murder in the first degree** punishable upon conviction under Section 565.020, RSMo, in that on or about on or about January 15, 2022, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant after deliberation, knowingly caused the death of Mackenzie Hopkins by striking her, and that the defendant was eighteen years of age or older at the time of the offense.

The range of punishment for Murder in the First degree is death or imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for life without eligibility of probation or parole, or release except by act of the governor. A person found guilty of murder in the first degree who was under the age of eighteen at the time of the commission of the offense shall be sentenced to a term of life without eligibility for probation or parole as provided in section 565.034, life imprisonment with eligibility for parole, or not less than thirty years and not to exceed forty years imprisonment.

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**Count II. Armed Criminal Action (571.015-001Y20205212.0)**

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 571.015, RSMo, committed the **felony of armed criminal action**, punishable upon conviction under Section 571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about January 15, 2022, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of murder in the first degree charged in Count 1, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of murder in the first degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a dangerous instrument.

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. 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.

**Count III. Assault 1st Degree Or Attempt - Serious Physical Injury Or Special Victim (565.050-001Y20201306.0)**

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.050, RSMo, committed the **class A felony assault in the first degree**, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about on or about January 15, 2022, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant attempted to kill ■ by striking with a blunt force instrument, and in the course thereof defendant inflicted serious physical injury on ■

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

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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 IV. Armed Criminal Action (571.015-001Y20205212.0)**

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 571.015, RSMo, committed the **felony of armed criminal action**, punishable upon conviction under Section 571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about January 15, 2022, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of assault in the first degree charged in Count 3, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of assault in the first degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a dangerous instrument.

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. 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.

**Count V. Endangering The Welfare Of A Child - 1st Degree - Serious Physical Injury  
- No Sexual Conduct (568.045-019Y20203802.0)**

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 B 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 January 15, 2022, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly acted in a manner that created

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a substantial risk to the life of I.A., a child less than seventeen years old, by striking her in the head.

The range of punishment for a class B felony is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than five (5) years and not to exceed fifteen (15) years.

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

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**PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM**

Date: 01-18-2021

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I, Detective Scott Mullen #5431  
(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 01-15-2022, at 7324 Wabash Ave in  
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Jose E. Escalante-Corchado  
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

W/M 03-21-1992 committed one or more criminal offense(s).  
(Description of Identity)

- Murder
- AGG Assault
- ACA

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 01-15-2022, at 1749 hours, Kansas City Missouri Police Officers were dispatched to 7324 Wabash, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri in regard to a check the welfare. Upon arrival officers met with the victim’s father who had a key to the residence. The victim’s father attempted to use his key to unlock the front door and as he attempted to use his key the door opened. Officers entered the residence and discovered a 24 year old female deceased in a bathtub submerged in water and a 4 year old victim suffering from severe trauma to her head laying on her bed. When the 24 year old victim was removed from bathtub, blunt force trauma injuries were observed on her face/head. The 4 year old victim was transported to a local hospital and is still in critical condition.

A previous 911 call (Disturbance with open line where call taker heard parties fighting) from 01-15-2022 at 0601 hours was also reported to detectives. The call came from 913-680-5240 which was later determined to be the victim’s phone number.

There were several spots on the floor inside the main floor of the residence where large amounts of blood had pooled and there were apparent drag marks in blood where it appeared the victim had been moved. In different locations there were shoe impressions in blood. In the photos taken by KCPD CSI personnel, the pattern on the sole of the foot ware showed thin horizontal stripes with the word “ARIAT” in the middle of the top portion of the sole.

Ariat is a popular cowboy boot manufacturer and a Google search of “Ariat boot soles” revealed numerous versions of their soles with all the results having a seemingly different pattern for each style of their boots. The result and picture for “Ariat Men’s Sport Wide Square Toe Boots” revealed a pattern on the sole and placement of “ARIAT” consistent with the pictures and observations of the prints in blood at the crime scene.

Detectives contacted one of the victim’s friends, [REDACTED], at her residence, 1109 Shawnee Ave, Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas on 01-16-2022. Detectives observed [REDACTED] arrive to her residence in a white crew cab truck with a license number of 378PMG, KS. [REDACTED] also advised she has a KIA, which was parked out front with a

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license number of 884LLS, KS. While talking with [REDACTED] inside her residence detectives observed a pair of cowboy boots sitting near the door. Detectives asked [REDACTED] who the boots belonged to and [REDACTED] advised they belong to her boyfriend, Jose Escalante W/M 03-21-1992. Detectives responded back to Police Headquarters and checked the license number 378PMG through the license plate reader (LPR) system which showed the white truck travelling south on 57th Street on 71 Highway in KCMO on 01-15-2022, at 04:17:11 hours. Previous LPR hits show the truck to have a sunroof. Detectives reviewed the Genetec video system at Gregory and Prospect and observed a vehicle truck matching the description of the white truck, with a sunroof, turn west from 71 Highway onto Gregory on 01-15-2022, at approximately 04:20:30 hours. The truck stops at the stoplight at Gregory and Prospect and continues west and then turns south onto Wabash Ave from Gregory. The truck stops and parks on the west side of Wabash just south of Gregory for approximately 37 minutes and then headed south on Wabash at 04:57:51. The truck was observed going southbound past the victim's house at approximately 0459 hours and then west on 74th St.

On 01-15-2022 at approximately 0536 hours, an unknown male wearing dark colored clothing is observed on surveillance video coming from the east on 74th St and then walks northbound on Wabash past the victim's residence and then west on 73rd St. At approximately 0546 hours, the same unknown male is observed coming from the east on 73rd St walking south on Wabash and then going up to the victim's residence before disappearing behind the house. At approximately 0602 hours (911 call from victim's phone is at 0601 hours), the unknown male is observed running south on Wabash from victim's residence and then east on 74th St. At approximately 0604 hours, the unknown male is observed walking southbound on Montgall Ave and getting into the white truck which was parked facing south and then the white truck leaves south on Montgall toward 75<sup>th</sup> St. At approximately 0604 hours, the white truck is observed turning east on 75th St from Montgall Ave toward 71 Hwy. At approximately 0606 hours, the white truck is observed coming off 71 Hwy North and turning again west onto Gregory before continuing west on Gregory past Wabash. At approximately 0612 hours the white truck pulls into the parking lot to the Shell Express Mart (7033 Prospect) and the unknown male enters the store. The male is wearing a dark colored hooded sweatshirt, dark colored coveralls, and a blue medical mask. The male appears to be Hispanic with black hair. The male leaves the store, enters the white truck, and leaves the lot at approximately 0622 hours going south on Prospect. At approximately 0627 hours the truck was observed following two police cars northbound on Prospect past Gregory. At 0648 hours, the unknown male was observed back on foot from east on 73rd St running back to the victim's house and going behind the residence. At 0848 hours, the male leaves the victim's residence and walks southbound on Wabash until out of sight.

On 01-16-2021 a search warrant was executed at 1109 Shawnee Ave at which time Escalante was taken into custody and transported to KCKPD Police Headquarters. [REDACTED] also responded to KCKPD to provide an additional statement. [REDACTED] stated she told Escalante she was going to be with the victim the evening of 01-14-2022 when she was going out. [REDACTED] stated this was a cover story and she did not plan on being with the victim. [REDACTED] stated she went out on 01-14-2022 and returned home after midnight on 01-15-2022. [REDACTED] stated when she returned home, Escalante was not home and she did not remember him coming home until around 1000 hours.

After being read his Miranda Rights, Escalante stated he went out the evening of 01-14-2022 and went to the 7<sup>th</sup> St Casino in his 2015 White GMC Sienna. Escalante stated he met two of his cousins there and after he left the casino alone, he went to Missy B's in Kansas City, MO. Escalante stated he stayed at the bar until it closed (website shows 0300 hours). Escalante stated he was wearing black jeans, a black jacket with the Mexican flag on it, and gray/black Puma shoes. He stated after the bar closed he stayed outside the bar and talked to a few people before leaving in his truck. Escalante stated he "made a few turns" in his truck before going home.

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After being presented the information about the video of his truck in the area of the victim's house, Escalante admitted it was him in his truck and stated that was what he meant by making a few turns. Escalante admitted he went to the Shell gas station and identified himself in still shots from the video surveillance system. When confronted about the clothing he was seen wearing in the store not matching what he said he was wearing when he went out, Escalante stated when he left the bar, he put on his boots and the clothes he was wearing to be warm. Escalante stated he helped the victim move in her house and stated the victim's daughter would know who he was. Escalante denied any involvement in the murder of the victim and assault on her daughter but had no reasonable explanation for being in the area of the victim's house in his truck for over 2 hours.

Printed Name Detective Scott Mullen #5431 Signature /s/:Detective Scott Mullen #5431

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

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