IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI AT

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WARRANT REQUESTED

Count I. Murder 1st Degree (565.020-001Y20200903.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.020, 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 November 1, 2021, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant after deliberation, knowingly caused the death of Stephon D. Johnson by shooting him, 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.

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

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571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about November 1, 2021, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of murder in the first 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 first degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a 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. 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. Fraudulent Use Of Credit/Debit Device (570.130-002Y20202605.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 570.130, RSMo, committed the **class A misdemeanor of fraudulent use of a credit** device, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.002 and 558.011, RSMo, in that on November 2, 2021, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant used a credit device, namely a credit card beloning to Steohon Johnson, for the purpose of obtaining a cigar, knowing that the card was stolen and/or the defendant's use of the device was unauthorized.

The range of punishment for a class A misdemeanor is imprisonment in the county jail or other authorized penal institution for a term not to exceed one (1) year; by a fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000); 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 up to a maximum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).

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Count IV. Fraudulent Use Of Credit/Debit Device (570.130-002Y20202605.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 570.130, RSMo, committed the **class A misdemeanor of fraudulent use of a credit** device, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.002 and 558.011, RSMo, in that on November 2, 2021, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant used a credit device, namely a credit card beloning to Stephon Johnson, for the purpose of obtaining juice, knowing that the card was stolen and/or defendant's use of the device was unauthorized.

The range of punishment for a class A misdemeanor is imprisonment in the county jail or other authorized penal institution for a term not to exceed one (1) year; by a fine not to exceed two thousand dollars (\$2,000); 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 up to a maximum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000).

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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- 3. PO John P. Mahoney, 1200 E. Linwood, Kansas City, MO 64106

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PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

CRN: KC21076047

I, Detective Jonathan Cook #5572 of the	ne Kansas (City Missouri Police Department
(Name and identify law enforcement officer	, or person ha	ving information as probable cause.)
knowing that false statements on this for	m are punis	shable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true.
I have probable cause to believe that on		1800 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd. Apt. 21 , at #402 in (Address)
Kansas City,Jackson	Missouri	Perez D. Reed
(County)		(Name of Offender(s))
R/S: B/M DOB: 11-10-1995		committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity	['])	

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

Date: 04-19-2022

On 11-05-2021, Stephon Johnson's sister filed a Missing Person's report with the Kansas City Missouri Police Department, claiming that she had not spoken to Johnson since 11-01-2021.

On 11-08-2021 at 1445 hours, Officers and Detectives of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department responded to 1800 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd. Apt. #402, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, to conduct a residence check at the home of Stephon Johnson. While inside the apartment, officers located the body of a deceased male inside a closet. The male was later determined to be Stephon Johnson.

Inside of Johnson's apartment, detectives observed that Johnson's body was partially wrapped in a blanket, and that Johnson had sustained an apparent gunshot wound to the back of his head. Detectives observed apparent blood on the floor and bed near the closet. Items of note inside Johnson's apartment include an empty package of "Swisher Sweets" cigarillos in a multi-colored wrapper, along with three plastic cigarillo tips on a coffee table.

Detectives contacted Johnson's mother, who stated she responded to Johnson's apartment building after not hearing from him, and that the visitor log kept at the security desk showed Johnson recently had a visitor by the name of Perez Reed. Johnson's mother later heard news of a "serial killer" from St. Louis that had been arrested, by the name of Perez Reed. Johnson's sister showed the last message she'd received from Johnson, a message on 11-01-2021 at 2235 hours which read "Sorry Kelsey wyd". Johnson's sister replied to the message on 11-02-2021 at 0913 hours, however, Johnson never responded.

On 11-05-2021 Perez Reed was arrested by Task Force Officers of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department for warrants issued by St. Louis County. At the time of his arrest, Perez Reed was in possession of a .40 caliber Smith and Wesson handgun, an additional pair of shoes which he carried in a backpack, a cell phone, a set of keys including a "Schlage" key with the markings "AE20 009747", a Mastercard debit card issued to Stephon Johnson, and a handwritten note which read "Stephon Darnell Johnson 12/09/1990 497-04-5318 1800 Emanual Cleve II Blvd Apt 402 Kansas City 64130".

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On 11-10-2021 detectives responded to 1800 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd. to view the visitor sign-in log kept by the apartments. The sign-in sheets showed seven visitations by Perez Reed to Johnson's apartment between 10-13-2021 and 11-05-2021. According to the visitor's log, the visitations by Perez Reed occurred on the dates of 10-13-2021 at 0919 hours, 10-15-2021 at 1606 hours, 10-21-2021 at 0827 hours, 11-01-2021 at 2001 hours, 11-02-2021 at 0252 hours, 11-03-2021 at 2322 hours, and 11-05-2021 at an unlisted time.

On 11-12-202, a resident at the same apartment building as Johnson provided a statement to detectives. The resident stated she would sometimes visit with Johnson at his apartment, and that Johnson would sometimes have a guest, who she described as a black male with a crescent tattoo between his eyes. The resident stated she last saw Johnson on 10-31-2021 or 11-01-2021, inside Johnson's apartment along with the male guest. The resident stated she never saw Johnson again, but that she saw the male coming in and out of Johnson's apartment for several days. The resident stated she later saw the news that a "serial killer" from St. Louis had been arrested, recognizing the photographed male, Perez Reed, as the same male with the crescent tattoo that Johnson had as a guest previously.

On 11-17-2021, detectives received information that Perez Reed's cell phone utilized a cell tower in eastern Kansas City on 11-02-2021 and a tower in Independence, Missouri on the same day. Johnson's credit card history showed that his Mastercard, with the same card number as the one Perez Reed was in possession of at the time of his arrest, to have been used on 11-02-2021 at a Wal-Mart store in eastern Kansas City, 10318 E. 43rd St. and at a Dollar Tree store in Independence, 11724 E 23rd St. Through observation of surveillance video from both locations, it's apparent that the person using Johnson's card had long hair and was therefore not Johnson. The transaction receipt from Wal-Mart shows Johnson's card was used to purchase one item listed as "cigars". Video of the transaction shows that the cigar purchased was wrapped in a multi-colored wrapper, apparently the same cigar wrapper that was found on Johnson's coffee table by detectives.

On 03-24-2022 detectives did a comparison of the keys found in Perez Reed's possession to the front door lock of Johnson's apartment, which was removed and recovered by Crime Scene Technicians of the Kansas City Police Crime Laboratory during the investigation of the crime scene. It was determined that the key found on Perez Reed fit the lock of Johnson's apartment door, and that turning the key caused the deadbolt to extend to the locked position, and turning the key back cause the deadbolt to return to the retracted, unlocked position.

The Report of the Medical Examiner lists Johnson's cause of death as a gunshot wound to the head, with the bullet inside of Johnson being recovered by Crime Scene Technicians. The report also stated that Johnson's body was found to be in a mild state of decomposition. A firearm/ammunition comparison completed by Crime Scene Technicians determined that the bullet found inside Johnson was fired from the same firearm Perez Reed was in possession of at the time of his arrest.

Additional examinations completed by Crime Scene Technicians revealed a strong support that Perez Reed is a contributor of DNA for the cigar wrapper and a plastic cigarillo tip found on the coffee table inside Johnson's apartment, as well as a strong support that Stephon Johnson is a contributor of DNA on the sweatshirt worn by Perez Reed at the time of his arrest, the keys carried by Perez Reed at the time of his arrest, and the shoes Perez Reed carried in his bag at his time of arrest.

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Perez Reed is currently in federal custody in St. Louis, Missouri.
Printed Name Det. Jonathan Cook #5572 Signature /s/ Det. Jonathan Cook #5572
The Court finds probable cause and directs the issuance of a warrant this day of
Judge
Circuit Court of County, State of Missouri.