


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

POLICE NO. :	
PROSECUTOR NO. :	095470054
OCN:	HU007912

STATE OF MISSOURI,)	
)	PLAINTIFF,
vs.)	
)	
ZACHARY J. ZORICH)	
2804 W. 79th Street)	CASE NO. 2216-CR
Prairie Village, KS 66208)	DIVISION
DOB: 02/13/1991)	
Race/Sex: W/M)	
)	
)	DEFENDANT.

COMPLAINT
WARRANT REQUESTED

Count I. Dwi - Death Of Another Not A Passenger (577.010-033Y20205404.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 577.010, committed the **class B felony of driving while intoxicated – resulting in death**, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 577.010, RSMo, in that on or about June 8, 2022, 75th Street and Ward Parkway in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant operated a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, and acted with criminal negligence by failing to obey a traffic control device and as a result caused death to Remington Williams, and Remington Williams was not a passenger in the vehicle operated by the defendant.

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 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.

State vs. Zachary J. Zorich

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WITNESSES:

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2. DET Lawrence R. Pollard, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
3. PPO Jordan M Sanders, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
4. [REDACTED]

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PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 06/08/2022

CRN: 22-037961

I, Det. Lawrence Pollard #5044

(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 06/08/2022, at W. 75th Street and Ward Parkway in

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri, Zackary J. Zorich W/M 02/13/1991

(County)

(Name of Offender(s))

(Description of Identity)

committed one or more criminal offense(s).

Careless Driving/DWI/Vehicular Homicide

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 06/08/2022 at 0041 hours, Kansas City Missouri Police Officers responded to W. 75th Street and Ward Parkway Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, on a reported injury crash. Upon arrival it was determined a maroon, 2014 Jeep Grand Cherokee bearing Missouri license EG9B8A was being driven by Zackary J. Zorich (w/m 02/13/1991) westbound on W. 75th Street approaching Ward Parkway. A gray, 2016 Mercedes Benz CLA250 bearing Kansas license 164RAR being operated by Remington R. Williams was traveling southbound on Ward Parkway approaching W. 75th Street. The Jeep and Mercedes collided in the intersection and came to rest west of the intersection on the south side. Williams was pronounced dead at the scene.

Members of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department Accident Investigation Section took control of the scene and conducted an investigation. Investigators determined the Jeep was traveling west on W. 75th Street at a high rate of speed approaching Ward Parkway. The Jeep enters the intersection for southbound Ward Parkway against a red traffic control signal and impacts the driver's door and side of the Mercedes causing both vehicles to rotate and come to a rest west of the intersection. A search warrant is pending for the ACM data as well as DNA on the Jeep to determine actual speed and confirm Zorich as the driver.

Witness [redacted] was in his residence at 1201 W. 75th Street when he heard the crash. He exited his residence and observed a male, the sole occupant of the Jeep, exit the driver's door and walk about the scene and look in the Mercedes. That male driver was identified by the police as Zackary J. Zorich (w/m 02/13/1991).

At the scene, DUI Officer N. Magers responded to process Zorich for possible signs of impairment. Upon contact Officer Magers detected a strong odor of intoxicants about Zorich. His eyes were watery and bloodshot; his speech heavily slurred and mumbled. Zorich was uncertain on his feet and swayed as he stood. Due to a tornado warning and driving rain, Zorich was transported to Metro Patrol Division for additional testing. At the station, Officer Magers administered the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test and observed 6 out of 6 clues with vertical nystagmus present. Zorich refused the remaining two SFSTs. He was placed under arrest for DWI and advised of Missouri Implied Consent. Zorich requested an attorney and was allotted twenty minutes for legal consultation. At the expiration of the twenty minutes, Zorich refused to provide blood for testing. A search warrant was sought and granted by the Jackson County Circuit Courts. Zorich was transported to an area hospital and four gray top vials of blood were drawn by a trained medical technician pursuant to the warrant, 2 vials 30 minutes apart. The four gray top vials were immediately transported to Children's Mercy Toxicology Lab for analysis. Results of those tests are pending.

On 06/08/2022 at 0850 hours, detectives responded to Metro Patrol Division in an attempt to obtain a statement from Zorich. He was escorted from the detention unit to the interrogation room. Upon being seated at the table, Zorich promptly stated that he was, "not going to say anything without my attorney present". Zorich was returned to the detention unit.

A review of city cameras positioned along 75th Street captured the red Jeep westbound from Prospect at what appears to be a high rate of the speed. The Jeep fails to stop for the red traffic control signals at both 75th Street and Troost and 75th Street and Ward Parkway. The Jeep clears the northbound lanes of Ward Parkway against a red traffic control signal.

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As the Jeep enters the intersection for southbound Ward Parkway against a red traffic control signal it impacts the driver's door and side of the Mercedes.

A review of Officer Sprinkle's body camera shows **Zorich** admit to being the driver and sole occupant of the Jeep. **Zorich** advises Officer Sprinkle he was westbound on W. 75th Street traveling 40 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. **Zorich** stated the Mercedes ran a red light causing the crash.

An autopsy of Williams is pending.

A computer check of **Zackary J. Zorich** revealed a valid operator's license through the Missouri Department of Revenue with prior alcohol convictions.

On or about 09/27/2017 the defendant was convicted of DWI in the Clay County Circuit Court – Liberty, Missouri on case #17CY-CR00384.

On or about 04/21/2010 the defendant was convicted of DWI in the Platte County Circuit Court – Platte City, Missouri on case #09AE-CR03449.

Printed Name Det. Lawrence Pollard #5044

Signature 

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

Judge

Circuit Court of _____ County, State of Missouri.