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CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MO

BY 

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 11/16/2022

Report #: 2022-80012

I, John Roach, a Detective with the Independence, Missouri, Police Department, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true.

1. I have probable cause to believe that on 11-14-22, at 4011 S. Cedar Crest Drive Apartment 126, Independence, Jackson County Missouri 64055, Austen M. Taube Hack, (Race: White, Sex: Male, DOB: 01-06-2003, Address: 4011 S. Cedar Crest Drive Apartment 126, Independence, Jackson County Missouri 64055, SSN:XXX-XX-6922) committed one or more criminal offenses in Jackson County, Missouri.
2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 11/14/2022 at 1315 hours, Officer D. Stewart and Officer G. Delacruz were dispatched to 4011 S Cedar Crest Drive, Apartment # 126, Independence, Jackson County, MO 64055 in reference to a juvenile medical call.

The caller advised the Victim (DS, 08-28-22) was in her crib unresponsive, not breathing, and cold to the touch. The caller advised that they were attempting to perform CPR on the Victim. At about 1323 hours, AMR crew responded to this call. The baby was called deceased by Paramedic Schuler at 1356 hours.

Detective Knox and Detective Roach responded to the scene and spoke with the biological parents, Defendant Taube Hack and Sarah M. Stone. Defendant Taube Hack and Stone stated Stone delivered the Victim at their residence, 4011 S. Cedar Crest Drive #126 on 08/28/2022. They stated the Victim has never been to a doctor or received any immunizations. They advised the Victim weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and was 50 centimeters long when she was born.

Defendant Taube Hack and Stone advised the Victim was last seen alive at 1130 hours on 11/14/2022. Stone said she went into the Victim's bedroom at 1313 hours and the Victim was not breathing, cold to the touch, and limp. Stone stated she called for Defendant Taube Hack, who came into the bedroom and observed the Victim nonresponsive. Defendant Taube Hack stated that he used Stone's cell phone and conducted a Google search on how to perform infant CPR. He stated he began providing chest compressions and breaths on The Victim. Defendant Taube Hack stated he did this for approximately 4 minutes until fire and AMR arrived on scene and took over.

Detective Roach asked about the Victim's medical history, Defendant Taube Hack advised the Victim was born at home and he supervised the birth. There were no medical personnel in attendance and the Victim has never been seen by any medical personnel since birth. He also advised the Victim has only been breast fed since her birth and has never been given a bottle.

Detective Knox and Detective Roach observed The Victim to be laying on the floor in the Southeast bedroom. The Victim appeared extremely malnourished and emaciated. She

appeared to be wearing a cloth diaper and a white onesie. The Victim's ribs and collarbone were protruding through her skin.

On 11-14-22 a Search Warrant was obtained for Defendant Taube Hack and Stone's apartment. During a search of the apartment several items of drug paraphernalia were found with trace amounts of marijuana. There was also a small amount of "dab" located in a jar in Defendant Taube Hack's room. "Dab" is concentrated THC and is consumed by heating up the wax and inhaling the smoke. Also found was a large clear plastic tote with what appeared to be a grow operation of illegal narcotic hallucinogenic mushrooms.

The Victim was listed on the search warrant and her body was seized, along with the placenta, by the Jackson County Medical Examiners Office.

On 11-15-22 Detective Roach and Detective Knox responded to the Jackson County Medical Examiner's Office for the medical examination. The Medical Examiner weighed the Victim and found her current weight to be 5 pounds 9 ounces with a length of 55 centimeters. The ME advised the Victim suffered from severe dehydration and malnutrition due to the emaciated state her body was in.

It should be noted that the Victim weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and was 50 centimeters when she was born. The Victim's weight had decreased 1 pound 15 ounces and her length had only increased 5 centimeters.

On 11-15-22 Defendant Taube Hack and Stone came to the Independence Police Department for formal interviews. Defendant Taube Hack was escorted to a 3rd floor interview room where he was read and signed the Miranda Warning of Rights form.

Defendant Taube Hack was asked about the narcotics in his apartment. He advised that he was a daily user of marijuana in some form. Defendant Taube Hack stated his preferred method of use is "dab" wax. He admitted that he had a mushroom grow operation in his bedroom closet and advised he got it from a "friend".

During the interview Defendant Taube Hack stated the Victim was on a regular breast-feeding schedule and he felt she was getting the nutrients she needed. He stated he weighed the Victim when she was born and again when she was approximately a week old. Defendant Taube Hack stated he purchased a clear bowl and a kitchen scale to weigh the Victim. He stated when he weighed her a week after her birth, she was over 8 pounds. Defendant Taube Hack stated he didn't feel it was necessary to weigh her after that.

Defendant Taube Hack stated in the 24 hours prior to the Victim passing away she seemed to eat less. He was asked if he felt the Victim had dropped in weight and he stated "no". When asked about the Victim's body weight Defendant Taube Hack described her as "all muscle". He stated he would massage her legs and arms and they were "hard". He stated he bathed her several times within the week leading up to her death and that he didn't feel anything was wrong with her. Defendant Taube Hack was insistent that the Victim's weight only increased up until she passed. He stated she was "never sick once".

Defendant Taube Hack was presented with photographs of the Victim from the ME's body exam and asked if the Victim looked normal. He stated "no" and that "he didn't do it" and "no one did it". Defendant Taube Hack was asked who was responsible for feeding the Victim and his first respond was "Sarah" (referring the Stone). He then admitted that he was also responsible for making sure the Victim was fed.

Defendant Taube Hack advised they did not allow any over to their house to help care for the Victim because "everyone makes it worse". He also advised they did not take the Victim out of the apartment because "the world is a scary place".

Detective John Roach

/s/ John Roach

Print Name

Signature

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Taube Hack and Defendant Stone advised the Victim was last seen alive at 1130 hours on 11/14/2022. Defendant Stone said she went into the Victim's bedroom at 1313 hours and the Victim was not breathing, cold to the touch, and limp. Defendant Stone stated she called for Taube Hack, who came into the bedroom and observed the Victim nonresponsive. Taube Hack stated that he used Defendant Stone's cell phone and conducted a Google search on how to perform infant CPR. He stated he began providing chest compressions and breaths on The Victim. Taube Hack stated he did this for approximately 4 minutes until fire and AMR arrived on scene and took over.

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Detective Knox and Detective Roach observed the Victim to be laying on the floor in the Southeast bedroom. The Victim appeared extremely malnourished and emaciated. She appeared to be wearing a cloth diaper and a white onesie. The Victim's ribs and collarbone were protruding through her skin.

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On 11-15-22 Taube Hack and Defendant Stone came to the Independence Police Department for formal interviews. Defendant Stone was escorted to a 3rd floor interview room where she was read and signed the Miranda Warning of Rights form.

Defendant Stone stated the last time she fed the Victim was on 11-14-22 around 0130 hours for 30-45 minutes. She said the Victim laid down around 0230 hours and woke up around 0500 hours. Defendant Stone stated she held the Victim in her bed for a little bit and Taube Hack laid her back in her crib. Defendant Stone was asked how long she fed the Victim at 0130 hours and she stated 20-30 minutes. She said the Victim was acting "weird" taking food yesterday. Defendant Stone was asked about that. She said she would put the Victim on her "boob" and the Victim would eat for a little while then the Victim would "shake her head no". Defendant Stone stated she tried different positions or give her a break and try to feed her later. She said it was "weird" but the Victim pooped twice yesterday. Defendant Stone said it was Sunday when the Victim started not wanting to eat. She said the Victim would eat for 15 minutes and then would stop. Defendant Stone said she would feed the Victim in intervals and including burp times it would last 30-45 minutes. She stated excluding the burp time a normal feeding would last 30 minutes. Defendant Stone stated she would alternate breasts while feeding knew she was producing enough milk due to the Victim "slurping" while she ate. She stated she would stop feeding when the Victim would get off her breast and say "no" by shaking her head.

Defendant Stone said the Victim was a happy baby that was never sick or hurt. She said the Victim immediately took to breast feeding. Defendant Stone said after 2-3 times she figured it out and the Victim was eating consistently up until the last couple of days. Defendant Stone was asked how many days the Victim was having trouble eating and she stated "1-2 days".

Defendant Stone advised she never used a breast pump and felt she was producing enough milk to feed the Victim. She went on to say the Victim was developing and felt the Victim's had ample hand and foot strength.

Defendant Stone admitted that she used marijuana while she was pregnant with the Victim.

Defendant Stone was asked how she felt the Victim's appearance was yesterday compared to days prior. She advised she felt the Victim's cheeks were a little more sunken in than usual. Defendant Stone admitted that she had bathed the Victim in the days prior to her death and that she felt she appeared healthy and denied noticing any weight loss.

Defendant Stone was shown pictures of the Victim that were taken at the ME's office. When asked Defendant Stone advised seeing the picture made her feel "awful".

At that time Defendant Stone advised she didn't wish to make any further statements without her lawyer present.

Detective Emily Knox

/s/ Emily Knox

Print Name

Signature