

**PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM**

Date: 10-29-2022

CRN: KC22071068

I, Detective Ephraim Vega #5606  
(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 07-19-2022, at 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand Avenue in  
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson County Missouri Toney Lamont Powell  
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

B/M 03-22-2001 committed one or more criminal offense(s).  
(Description of Identity)

**Murder**

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 10-19-2022 at 1701 hours, Officers with the Kansas City Missouri Police Department were dispatched to 12th Street and Grand Boulevard, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri on a reported shooting. Upon arrival a male victim, later identified as Donald Moore B/M 01-12-2001, was located on the south east corner of 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand suffering from an apparent gunshot wound to the abdomen. The victim was transported to Truman Medical Center where he later succumbed to his injuries and pronounced deceased.

Responding officers made contact with several witnesses at the scene. Wit #1 advised he got off bus #201 on 10-19-2022 at approximately 1630 hours. Wit #1 observed two black males arguing at the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand Boulevard. During the verbal argument Wit #1 heard both men say they were going to shoot the other. Wit #1 walked away from where the two men were arguing to wait for his bus at 12<sup>th</sup> and Grand. A few minutes later Wit #1 heard approximately four (4) gunshots followed by the victim running toward 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand where he (Victim) eventually fell to the ground. Wit #1 observed the victim to have what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the abdomen. Wit #1 described the suspect was a black male approximately 5'9 to 6'0 tall and 33 to 38 years of age.

Officers contacted Wit #2 who was inside 222 E 12<sup>th</sup> Street at the time of the shooting. Wit #2 heard sounds of shots which diverted his attention over to the windows on the south side of the building. Wit #2 advised he did not witness the shooting, but did observe a young black male, mid 20's with dreadlocks tied up, wearing a gray pea coat style jacket and blue jeans and some facial hair running away from the scene. The male ran eastbound on the south side of the sidewalk on 12th street carrying a black in color handgun on his left side.

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Officers then made contact with Wit #3 was sitting at the bus stop at 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand at the time of the incident. Wit #3 observed a black male with long hair, wearing a black jacket and possibly glasses shooting as he was running down the sidewalk east bound from the south east corner of 12th St and Grand Blvd. Wit #3 advised the suspect continued to run east bound passing her at the bus stop but lost sight of where he went from there.

Detectives from the Assault Squad responded to photograph and process the scene. Three (3) 9mm shell casing were recovered to the southeast of the intersection at 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand near a set of electrical boxes. Apparent blood was located on the sidewalk where the victim had fallen after the event. After the victim was pronounced deceased, Sgt. Oldham with the Assault Squad notified Sgt. Ray and a homicide investigation was initiated.

On 10-20-2022, Detectives from the 1030 Homicide Squad conducted an area canvas for cameras that may have captured the incident. A camera was located on the back side of the building at 1125 Grand Boulevard which is positioned to the east of the bus stop and faces west bound directly toward the incident. Upon reviewing the video at 16:58:20 hours a male party wearing a black jacket over a white shirt and light colored or blue jeans is seen shooting the victim with his left hand near the corner of 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand Blvd before running eastbound on 12<sup>th</sup> Street. The suspect appeared to have long dreadlocks and his hair pulled up in a ponytail or bun. The suspect continues running eastbound on 12<sup>th</sup> Street until he is out of view.

Detectives then reviewed video from Genetec cameras from the area and time of the incident. On 10-19-2022 at 16:45:46 hours, the suspect is seen walking eastbound on 12<sup>th</sup> street on the north side of the pedestrian crosswalk at the northeast corner of Walnut Street. The suspect is a black male with long dreadlocks pulled up into a ponytail style bun. The suspect is wearing a black pea coat over a white t-shirt, blue jeans and blue tennis shoes. The suspect is walking alongside a young black female wearing a red coat, light colored jeans and dark shoes. At 16:46:57 hours, on the 12<sup>th</sup> & Grand – PTZ camera, the suspect and young female cross the intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand Blvd eastbound still on the north side of 12<sup>th</sup> Street on the pedestrian crosswalk.

At 16:47:06 hours, the suspect's attention is turned toward the southeast intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand Blvd. At 16:47:16, the suspect breaks away from the crosswalk and walks direct towards the southeast intersection of 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand Blvd until out of view of the 12<sup>th</sup> & Grand – PTZ camera. Detectives then turned their attention to the 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand PTZ (South West Corner) camera where at 16:50 hours the suspect is seen running eastbound on 12<sup>th</sup> Street and picked up again at 16:58:56 running southbound in the grassy area between McGee Street and Oak Street toward 13<sup>th</sup> Street this time accompanied by the young black female wearing the red coat.

Detectives transitioned to the 13<sup>th</sup> Street and Oak PTZ where the two parties are seen running southbound on the Westside of Oak. Continual monitoring of the two parties are maintained utilizing the 14<sup>th</sup> Terrace and Oak PTZ (From 1700 to 1704), 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Oak PTZ (From 1702 to 1705) and 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Oak 360 West camera (From 1705 to 1710). On the 19<sup>th</sup> Street and Oak 360 West camera the suspect is observed by a blue dumpster wearing his black coat and when he comes back into view he is no longer wearing the black coat.

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On 10-20-2022, detectives canvassed the alley between 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> Street that runs parallel with McGee Street and Oak Street. During the canvass, detectives contacted a witness, "DA", who stated that on 10-19-2022 at approximately 1705 hours, he exited 1833 McGee Street using the east exit. While walking to his vehicle he observed a black male wearing a white T-shirt and female wearing a red jacket running south through the alley. DA observed the male place a black object on the ground next to the blue dumpster just north of 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

The male continued north to 19<sup>th</sup> Street while the female stood near the blue dumpster. The male looked back to the female and signaled for her to continue south with him. The female complied and the male and female briefly continued south together. The male then turned around and returned to the blue dumpster. The male retrieved the item he'd dropped on the ground, and placed it in a green dumpster in the same alley just north of the blue dumpster. The male ran south across 19<sup>th</sup> Street joining with the female as they continued south on foot.

Detectives observed cameras in the alley at 1829 McGee and made contact with the responsible party who allowed access to the footage. At 18:02:31 (Real time 17:06:28) the male and female are seen walking south through the alley where the suspect takes off his black coat and tosses it on the ground by a blue dumpster. The pair then continue southbound past 19<sup>th</sup> Street until the suspect turns around and runs back to retrieve the coat, which he then tosses into a green dumpster just north of the blue dumpster. The suspect runs back southbound and meets back up with the female in the alley south of 19<sup>th</sup> Street.

Detectives then made contact with the responsible party for Menlo Inc. (1901 McGee Street Suite 200) who allowed Detectives access to their exterior cameras facing the alley between 19<sup>th</sup> Street and 20<sup>th</sup> Street. At 1707 hours, the male and female are seen walking through alley, the suspect without his black coat, and female still wearing her red coat. The suspect turns around and runs back northbound past 19<sup>th</sup> Street (Where he picks up the coat and throws it in the green dumpster) and returns to alley south of 19<sup>th</sup> Street. The suspect is clearly wearing a polo style shirt with a collar, blue jeans and glasses.

The young female is wearing a long red coat with a fur covered hood, light grey or blue jeans and black shoes with white stripes (Possibly Adidas). The suspect is seen running south through the alley clutching at the front waistband of his jeans. The suspect meets back up with the female where she removes her coat and hands it to the suspect. The suspect then tosses the red coat into a green dumpster on the eastside of the alley south of Menlo Inc. The pair continues south through the alley toward 20<sup>th</sup> Street until out of camera view.

On 10-20-2022, Sgt. Toigo and I responded to 3228 Lockridge Avenue to contact Latoya Moore in regard to the above captioned case. During the interview Latoya gave the following account: On 10-19-2022 at 1656 hours, Latoya received a text message from her son Donald Moore where he writes, "Wya." Latoya responded she was home which Donald followed up with, "In a second meet me somewhere." This exchange worried Latoya because Donald only sends her messages like that when he needs money or something is wrong. Latoya asked Donald through text, "Meet you where" and then, "What's wrong." Donald answered with his final text which read, "Hold on." Latoya attempted to call Donald several times but he did not pick up the phone. At 1658 hours, Latoya was finally able to get through to Donald via FaceTime and knew right away something was wrong.

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Latoya could see Donald was on the ground and asked him what was wrong? Donald said he was shot and after Latoya asked him who did it he (Donald) said Toney shot him. At some point Donald's co-worker from Waldo Pizza, Christopher Thomas-Taylor, picked up the phone and told Latoya Donald was shot by Toney and they were at 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand. LaToya responded to the scene where she was able to retrieve Donald's phone from Christopher. Latoya is familiar with Toney and provided the last name of Powell. Donald and Toney grew up together and were friends. However, a shooting incident that occurred in 2021 fractured their relationship due to Toney accusing Donald of "Ratting" him out to police. The shooting incident in 2021 was the last time Donald and Latoya had seen Toney and there was no indication that the two have had any contact since.

On 10-20-2022, Det. Gantt and I responded to 5855 E 19<sup>th</sup> Terrace to contact Christopher Thomas-Taylor in regard to the above captioned case. Upon arrival, we made contact with Christopher who gave the following account: On 10-19-2022, Christopher and Donald Moore (Victim) took the bus together from work (Waldo Pizza) to the bus stop at 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand Blvd. They were waiting for the next bus that would take them to 23<sup>rd</sup> Street which is closest to Christopher's home. Christopher and Donald were at the bus stop for approximately 10 minutes when a play cousin of Christopher's named Tremaine stopped by to talk with them. Christopher and Tremaine then left to get food at Pickleman's Gourmet Café (25 E 12<sup>th</sup> Street) before the 23<sup>rd</sup> Street bus arrived.

When Christopher crossed the street towards Pickleman's he passed a black male with long dreads wearing a black coat accompanied by a young 10 year old girl wearing a red jacket. After Christopher had crossed the street he heard three (3) gunshots coming from the area of the bus stop. Christopher turned toward the bus stop and saw the black male he had passed with the dreads running toward the police station (Police Headquarters). Christopher ran back to where Donald was and observed him (Donald) on the ground suffering from gunshot wounds to the abdomen and right hand. Donald was on FaceTime with his mother Latoya Moore when Christopher picked up the phone and told Latoya where they were.

Latoya arrived at the scene shortly after and just as they were loading Donald into the ambulance. Latoya drove Christopher to her home at 3228 Lockridge and dropped him off. Christopher asked to go to the hospital with Latoya but she told Christopher he would not be allowed in because he's not family. Christopher called for an Uber and went home where he later learned Donald died from his injuries. Christopher described the suspect as a black male with long dreadlocks wearing glasses, a black trench coat, and blue jeans and possibly wearing a mask. The suspect was with a young black female wearing a red coat and who was possibly 9 to 10 years of age.

On 10-29-2022 at 1702 hours, I responded to East Patrol Detention to interview Toney Powell who was taken into custody on a Person of Interest entry in regard to the above captioned case. Toney was advised of his Miranda Rights and initially agreed to speak with me. Toney denied knowing the victim very well and wasn't sure if we were talking about the same person. Toney denied being in the downtown area on 10-19-2022 and further stated he had not been in the downtown area for several months. After stating the aforementioned Toney invoked his rights and the interview was concluded.

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Printed Name Det. Ephraim Vega #5606 Signature /s/ Det. Ephraim Vega #5606

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

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