

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 11/29/2021

CRN: 21-080400

I, Det Brad Thomas 3971, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department
(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 11/26/2021, at 4300 Cleveland in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Byron Fowler
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

B/M, 01/21/1991, 6'/220, Bn/Bk committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 11-26-2021 at 1939 hours, Officers from the Kansas City Missouri Police Department were dispatched to 4300 Cleveland Ave (Blue Valley Market) on a shooting call. Upon arrival a black male victim was located in the parking lot of the business suffering from an apparent gunshot injury. The victim was transported to an area hospital where he later died as a result of his injuries.

Surveillance video from the store captured the shooting which showed a gray Nissan (driver's side head light out) pull into the parking lot and a heavy set black male wearing black pants, white t-shirt, black shoes with white sole, and black jacket exited the rear driver's side seat and go into the business. An unknown black male who appears to have a bald head is observed in the front passenger seat and an unknown black female wearing a blue jacket with red sleeves, gray t-shirt, black pants, and black shoes exited the driver's door and opened the trunk to the vehicle. While the trunk was opened, KS license plate 325NVM was observed on the vehicle. While the gray Nissan was parked in parking lot, a maroon Honda Pilot (victim's vehicle) was observed backing into a parking spot near the gray Nissan.

The heavy set black male who went inside the store returned to the vehicle and entered the rear passenger seat of the Nissan and the unknown female entered the driver's seat. At this time the victim opened the driver's door to his vehicle and as he exited the vehicle he dropped a large amount of cash on the ground in the open parking spot between his vehicle and the Nissan. The victim and the occupants of the Nissan exchange words as the Nissan is backing out of its parking spot. As the Nissan drives out of camera view the victim reacts to something and jumps into his vehicle. The victim exits his vehicle holding what appeared to be a gun as he picks up his money off the ground. The victim walked to the north side of the business and looked to the west down 43rd St and appeared to fire several rounds to the west before going into the store.

While the victim was inside the store he talked with a female (witness) who later provided a statement to detectives. The witness said she was at 43rd and Indiana when she observed a dark 4 door car parked on the side of the road with it lights off and all the doors open. The car was parked east of 43rd and Indiana. She stated she

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stopped and backed up and then drove around the block and went the long way around to get to 4300 Cleveland to avoid the parked car. The witness stated as she pulled into Blue Valley Market she heard gunshots. She turned off her car and observed the victim who she referred to as "ED" standing on the NE corner of the building and he was looking west bound with cash in his hands. When she went inside the store, the clerk asked the witness if she was Ok and she told the clerk she was fine. ED was inside and talking to the cashier and the witness overheard ED saying, "These bitch ass niggers just tried to rob me."

Video surveillance also showed a male friend of the victim arrived at the store and they talked inside the store before exiting the store together. While standing at the driver's side of the victim's vehicle a dark gray vehicle with the driver's head light out which looked similar to the gray Nissan previously in the lot pulls into the lot from the south on Cleveland. An unknown person is observed shooting from the front passenger window and as the vehicle continues into the lot another person is observed shooting from the rear passenger driver's side seat. The victim and his male friend are not seen shooting back until the shots are fired from the Nissan. The vehicle continued through the parking lot and went west on 43rd St after the shooting.

A computer check of KS 325NVM in the License Plate Reader (LPR) System revealed the vehicle hitting in the area of 23rd and Wheeling on 11-25-2021 which is in the area of the Blue Valley Townhomes which has Watchtower surveillance video. The gray Nissan was observed on the video which pulled into a parking spot in front of 2052 Wheeling. A black male with a bald head exited the vehicle in the video. A computer search of the address revealed two people (Bonzel T. Fowler B/M 09-10-1993 & Tateona C. Jackson-Williams B/F 08-04-1994) associated with the address. Bonzel appeared similar in appearance to the male who exited the vehicle. A computer search of Tateona revealed her associated with Byron T. Fowler B/M 01-21-1991 who looked similar in appearance to the heavy set black male who exited the gray Nissan and was in the store prior to the shooting.

On 11-27-2021 detectives contacted an employee from the Blue Valley and showed him a photo line-up containing Byron Fowler. The employee positively identified Byron as being in the store prior to the shooting and being a "regular" at the business.

A computer check of Byron Fowler revealed his name registered on a water bill at 7100 E. 104th St. Undercover detectives responded and conducted surveillance at the address on 11-27-2021. Byron Fowler was observed in and out of the residence numerous times throughout the day at the residence.

Detectives returned to 7100 E. 104th St on 11-29-2021 and observed the gray Nissan bearing KS plate 325NVM parked behind the residence and Bryon Fowler, Bonzel Fowler, and Tateona Jackson-Williams were all observed leaving the residence.

Bryon Fowler, Bonzel Fowler and Tateona Jackson-Williams were arrested in a vehicle after leaving the address. Byron was placed under arrest and transported to Police Headquarters for questioning. Byron was read his Miranda Rights and initially stated he wanted an attorney. Byron asked detectives several questions and we advised him we could not answer his questions due to him requesting an attorney. Byron was advised if he changed his mind and wanted to speak with us he could ask for us while in the interview room and we would return and talk to him. After a few minutes Sgt. Heins took Byron some water and he asked her if she could send the detectives back in because he wanted to talk. Detectives responded back to the interview room and

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reinitiated the interview. Byron stated he was with Tateona, Bonzel and two young children. They had stopped at the Blue Valley Market to get something to drink. Byron stated when he left the store and got into their vehicle the victim got out of the vehicle and threw a bunch of money on the ground. Byron stated the victim was yelling at them daring them to take the money. Byron stated he told the victim they didn't want his money and they had kids in the car and started leaving. Byron stated as they were in the parking lot leaving the victim fired several shots at them as they were leaving striking the driver's door window and the rear driver's door. Byron stated as they were leaving Tateona had driven over a curb and several items fell out of the car onto 43rd street. Byron stated they got out of the car to retrieve the items that fell out of the car and the victim ran to the street and fired several more shots at them. Byron stated they then went to 4100 Benton and dropped the kids off and then went back to Blue Valley Market to review the video to see who had shot at them. Byron stated they drove by Blue Valley Market and did not see the victim and then they turned around to pull into the parking lot at which time he stated the victim began shooting at them. Byron stated he and Bonzel fired back at the victim and he was seated in the back seat and Bonzel was seated in the front passenger seat with Tateona driving. Byron stated they drove away from the scene and he didn't know the victim had died. Byron said the firearm he used was located at his Grandmothers residence in Kansas. He described it as being in the kitchen cabinet. When detectives responded to the Grandmothers residence Byron's firearm was not located.

Printed Name Det B. Thomas 3971 Signature /s/ B. Thomas 3971

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

Judge

Circuit Court of _____ County, State of Missouri.