

**STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE****DATE: 10/21/2021****JCSO CASE NO.: PC 21-03009**

I, Detective Bradford P. Smith, of the Jackson County, Missouri Sheriff's Office, 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 07/01/2021, at 308 W. Kansas Avenue, Independence, MO 64050, which is inside the boundaries of Jackson County, Missouri, Harris, David A (B/M, 09/30/1999) [REDACTED] (last known address 1717 NW 6<sup>th</sup> St Blue Springs, MO 64014, committed one or more criminal offense(s).
2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 07/01/2021 at approximately 1610 hours, Deputy Naudet was assisting with additional security for the correction guards in Division 12, located at 308 W. Kansas Avenue, Independence, MO 64050.

It is to be noted that the Dep. Naudet was requested by the prosecution, regarding the sentencing verdict of a subject identified as Harris, David A (B/M, 09/30/99). At approximately 1618 hours on 07/01/2021 the jury declared sentencing for Harris. Harris had just been convicted by a jury of murder 2<sup>nd</sup> degree, armed criminal action, assault 1st, and armed criminal action in the Jackson County Circuit Court in case number 1816-CR04591-01 and was sentenced to 25 years on murder 2nd, 10 years on ACA, 10 years on assault 1st, and 3 years on aca.

After the sentencing of Harris, two Jackson County Corrections took custody of Harris and escorted him outside of the court room and into the west side of the 1st floor corridor. Dep. Naudet walked with Correction Officers as they escorted Harris east through two double doors and into the main corridor. Immediately after entering the main corridor, Harris bolted towards the secured north door employee entrance. Harris ran towards the door and struck it with such speed and force that he shattered the window portion of the door, while simultaneously breaking the magnetic connection securing the door.

Dep. Naudet pursued Harris on foot as he traveled westbound out of the north employee parking lot. Harris was observed fleeing westbound on Kansas Avenue before running southbound on Pleasant Avenue. Harris then fled eastbound between 211 S. Pleasant Street and 215 S. Pleasant Street, at which point Dep. Naudet momentarily lost sight of Harris. A few seconds later, Dep. Atty located Harris near 214 S. Spring Street, Independence, MO 64050, where he was taken into custody without further incident.

Deputy Rieck located the security leg restraint that Correction's Officers had applied to Harris, prior to court, in the restroom area of the holding cell located on the 3rd floor. Dep. Naudet examined the leg restraint finding the bottom leather locking portion of the restraint to be severed.

/S/ Bradford P. Smith

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