

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 12/28/2021

Report #: 2021-83878

I, Jeff Pagel, 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 12/23/2021, at 2032 Hours, Ronald L. Thompson II, (Race- white, Sex- male, DOB- 09/01/1992, Address-208 S, Gant Street, Sugar Creek, Missouri 64054, [REDACTED] X [REDACTED], committed one or more criminal offenses in Jackson County, Missouri.

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 12/23/2021, Ronald L. Thompson II; herein referred to as the Defendant did knowingly and willfully assault the victim [REDACTED] by stabbing her several times and cutting her throat with a knife. The victim required emergency surgery and had several stab wounds to her back, neck, chest, arms, and face while at Mill Creek Park 1717 N. River Blvd Independence, Jackson County, MO 64050.

Independence, Missouri police officer Jason Steward will testify that he responded to the area of Mill Creek Park; 1717 N. River Blvd on a reported stabbing. The calling party could hear a female yelling for help somewhere in the park saying that she had been stabbed. Upon arrival, Officers located [REDACTED] in the wooded area near the south edge of the park. Officer Steward noted that [REDACTED] was laying on the ground and her clothing was soaked with blood. Officer began to provide medical assistance and observed a large laceration to her throat. [REDACTED] told officers that "Ronald Thompson did this too me." Upon the arrival of ambulance personnel, [REDACTED] was transported to the hospital.

Upon arrival at the hospital, medical staff advised that [REDACTED] had a large laceration to her throat, five puncture wounds to her left upper back, one laceration to her chin, one laceration to her left arm and one to her right breast. Several photographs were taken of her injuries prior to emergency surgery for her wounds.

Prior to surgery, [REDACTED] told Officer Steward that the Defendant and another unknown male arrived at the park to have consensual sex with her. While [REDACTED] and the Defendant were having sex, the Defendant grabbed a knife, pulled her by the hair pulling her head back and cut her across the throat. [REDACTED] stated that she tried to get away from the Defendant, but he began to stab her several times. [REDACTED] stated that the Defendant and the other unknown male left the area leaving her in the woods.

Independence, Missouri Police Detective Roger Lane responded to Mill Creek Park to look for any evidence and to process the scene. While on scene, Detectives located several items of females clothing that officers had removed or cut off to render medical aide. There were several spots of blood near the clothing as well as under the walking bridge. Detective Lane took several photographs of the scene. Under the walking bridge, Detective Lane located a black leather jacket that had blood covering it. Under the jacket was an approximate five-inch folding knife that was extended and had apparent blood on the handle. The knife was photographed and recovered. All the items located on scene were photographed and recovered. They would later be released to Independence, Missouri Police Crime Scene Tech Pope for additional processing.

Detectives issued a "Person of Interest" for the Defendant as he was not on scene.

Independence, Missouri Police Detective Emily Knox and Detective Roach conducted an interview with [REDACTED] on 12/26/2021 while she was still in the hospital. [REDACTED] told Detectives that the Defendant "Did this to me." [REDACTED] advised she was walking with the Defendant towards Mill Creek Park by the tennis courts. [REDACTED] described the Defendants behavior at the time as playful and flirting with her. She stated the Defendant told her that he wanted to have sex with her. She stated they walked a little further into the park and begin having consensual

sex. While having sex, [REDACTED]. stated the Defendant was behind her and pulled her head back. She advised the Defendant told her that he was doing gods work, and that god wanted him to do this. [REDACTED]. stated the Defendant then slit her throat. She stated the Defendant tried to run the knife across her throat again, but she began fighting him. She advised he then slammed the knife into her back. [REDACTED]. stated she was screaming for help and the Defendant was shouting, "She's fine, we are just playing around." She stated every time she screamed, bubbles were coming out of her back. She estimated the Defendant stabbed her a total of eight times. [REDACTED]. advised she was able to get the attention of an older male who called the police. She stated the Defendant fled the area when he knew police were coming. [REDACTED]. further advised she remained clothed other than her pants while they were having sex. It should be noted that at least one of the stab would to [REDACTED]. punctured a lung.

Independence Police Detective Jeff Pagel attempted to conduct an interview with the Defendant. The Defendant declined to exit his cell and provide a statement.

A check of the Defendants criminal history revealed numerous municipal ordinance convictions to include domestic assault, stealing, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of controlled substances, traffic violations, assault, resisting arrest, property damage as well as a felony conviction for battery on a corrections officer out of the State of Kansas.

Detective Jeff Pagel

/S/ Jeff Pagel

Print Name

Signature