

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

DATE:	04/09/2024	Grain Valley Police Case Number	2013-0813
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I, **Det Jason Werges** a Police Officer with the Grain Valley 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 **08/31/2013**, at [REDACTED], **Grain Valley, Jackson County, MO, 64029**, **Jason Dewayne Bell** committed one or more criminal offense(s).

2.) The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 08/31/2013 at approximately 0401 hours, Grain Valley Officers responded to [REDACTED], Grain Valley, MO, 64029 regarding a sexual assault. P/O [REDACTED] responded to the back door of Whiskey Tango and contacted Sgt [REDACTED] and P/O [REDACTED] who were with a female (Victim) lying on the ground. The Victim told Officers she had been raped in a gravel parking lot, at the business adjacent to the bar. Victim stated she had gone to the bar with her sister to celebrate her sister's birthday. Victim stated she met a man named Jason inside the bar, and they walked out of the bar and across to the parking lot of Liquid Soap ([REDACTED]). She stated they went between the trailers in the lot and Jason opened his pants and forced her to "go down on him." P/O [REDACTED] asked Victim if Jason placed his penis in her mouth and she said he did. P/O [REDACTED] then asked if Jason penetrated her vagina and she said he did, and no condom was used. P/O [REDACTED] observed that the Victim was extremely intoxicated, and her pants were unzipped but the waist was fastened. He also observed she had a lot of gravel on her back. Victim told Officers that her vaginal area was hurting. P/O's [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] transported the Victim to Centerpoint Hospital for a SAFE exam. The SAFE kit was recovered and placed in inventory at the Grain Valley Police Department. It was not initially tested due to the fact the Victim was uncooperative.

P/O [REDACTED] contacted the Victim's sister (W1) who stated she and the Victim went out for W1's birthday and met a light-skinned black male named Jason, at Saint's in Independence, MO. W1 stated Jason was wearing a "Chili's Trainer" shirt and had what looked like psoriasis on his forearms. W1 stated that Jason suggested they go to Whiskey Tango, so she, the Victim, and a male friend from work all followed Jason to Whiskey Tango. W1 described Jason's vehicle as a silver SUV with Texas license plates. W1 stated her sister told her she was going to go outside with Jason for a while, and W1 didn't see her sister again before leaving the bar. W1 stated after her and the male friend left the bar, they got a phone call from a bouncer at Whiskey Tango. W1 stated at that point they went back to get the Victim.

P/O [REDACTED] then contacted the male friend (W2). He advised he picked up the Victim and her sister (W1) and took them to Saint's for W1's birthday. W2 said they met a man at Saint's and his name started with a "J." W2 described "J" as about 6-04, skinny, and black, with scars on his arms. W2 stated they followed "J" to Whiskey Tango, and J's vehicle was a silver Ford Explorer with Texas plates.

Officers identified the suspect as Jason Dewayne Bell, based on previous reports. Officers located Bell's picture on Facebook and observed it matched the pictures obtained from Whiskey Tango video surveillance footage that they obtained.

In July of 2020, the SAFE kit collected in this matter, was sent to Bode Technology for testing as part of the SAFE kit initiative from the Missouri Attorney General's Office. In March of 2024, Detectives received a Certified DNA Report from the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The report stated that male

DNA was indicated in the sample collected from the Victim. A DNA profile was developed from the sample and entered into CODIS.

On 03/04/2024, the Victim agreed to come to Police Headquarters for a formal statement regarding this incident. Victim stated she went to Saint's Pub and Patio in Independence, MO, with her sister and a male party whose name she could not recall. She stated they went to Whiskey Tango and were dancing and hanging out there. She stated it was almost closing time when Jason insisted on buying a round of drinks for the group, and then he asked her to go outside to smoke. She stated they went to his vehicle, a silver SUV, and he started driving. She said she asked him where he was going, and he told her he was just driving to another lot so they could smoke. She said she was attracted to him and thought they were going to make out, but she did not want what happened. She said he drove to a lot near Whiskey Tango and parked near some tractor-trailers. She said they kissed and then he got "super insistent" that she do things that she didn't want to do and placed her hand on his pants. She stated he unbuttoned his pants and told her she was going to "go down" on him. She said at the time they were either on the bumper of the car or the tailgate area, but she wasn't sure. She stated he forced her to perform oral sex on him and kept calling her a "stupid bitch." She said he was very strong, and she developed bruises as a result of the assault. She said he made her take her pants off and at that point he raped her vaginally. She stated she was trying to kick him, but her pants were still around her ankles and limited her movement. She stated she was crying and telling him to stop. She stated he put his hands around her neck and said "stay still... I'm almost done." She said it made it a little difficult to breathe but she didn't think he was trying to choke her. She stated she was fighting with him, and she got away from him but then he pushed her to the ground, and she was lying on her back in the gravel. She stated he penetrated her again, but not vaginally this time. She stated she pushed him away and kicked him then took off running toward the bar. She said she thought she had run through poison ivy on the way back to the bar. She stated she decided not to come forward before to protect her and her daughter. She stated some of her memories of the evening were hazy and that she was intoxicated. She stated she suffered physical damage from the assault and received ongoing medical treatment. I specifically asked how she expressed her lack of consent. She said she told him she didn't want to do that, as well as pushing him away and saying "no" several times and telling him to stop. She advised she did wish to assist with prosecution.

A law enforcement records check revealed that Jason Dewayne Bell worked for Hielan Restaurant Group from 2011 through 2016. A representative of Hielan Restaurant Group confirmed that they operated Chili's Restaurants, and Jason Dewayne Bell did work at the Independence, MO, Chili's location during that time. A picture from Jason Bell's Facebook was located in March of 2024. In the picture, Bell was wearing a short-sleeved shirt and scarring was observed up and down both of his arms. A search of a law enforcement database revealed that Jason Bell previously owned a 2002 Ford Explorer with Texas registration.

Jason Bell was interviewed on 03/18/2024. Jason Bell stated he did not remember the incident at all. I showed him still pictures taken from the Whiskey Tango surveillance video. The pictures showed him entering the bar with the Victim, her sister, and their male friend. Bell confirmed that it was him in the pictures. He also confirmed that he did have a silver Ford Explorer with Texas registration at the time.

Jason Dewayne Bell is the suspect in an additional active rape investigation in Grain Valley, MO (GVPD Report #2023-0859). He was the suspect of a rape investigation in Independence, MO (IPD Report #2018-00017375). He was the suspect of a rape investigation in Wichita, KS (WPD Report #21C045701).

On 04/09/2024, Detectives received a Certified DNA Report from the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Lab, dated 05/12/2022. The report stated, "A high stringency State level Arrestee Hit occurred in

the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) database between the profile developed from the aforementioned item (Vaginal Swabs from [REDACTED] (sperm fraction)) and the following individual.

Name Jason Dewayne Bell

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

MO SID No.: [REDACTED]"

In light of these facts, I believe that the defendant poses a danger to the community, and I respectfully request that a warrant for his arrest be issued.

Detective Jason Werges #2045
Printed Name

/s/ Jason Werges
Signature