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CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MO

BY Laurie P. Barnett

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 12/5/2024

Report #: 2024-76364

I, Rogelio Garcia, 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 12/5/2024, at hours, Nicolas Adolfo Camacho Sanchez, (Race- White, Sex- Male, committed one or more criminal offenses in Jackson County, Missouri.
2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 12-05-24 at 0246 hours, Officers with the Independence Missouri Police Department were dispatched to the area of Independence Ridge Apartments on a sound of shots being fired in the area.

At 0304 hours, Officer Hubbard arrived on scene and observed a Hispanic male in the middle of the parking lot near building 19104 E 37th Terrace South. Officer Hubbard advised the male, later identified as the Defendant Nicholas Adolfo Camacho Sanchez (06-01-1993), was running toward him and waving his arms. Officer Hubbard made contact with Defendant Sanchez and tried to communicate with him, but Defendant Sanchez would not say anything. Officer Hubbard advised Defendant Sanchez stood with his arms in the air not saying anything. Due to the shots fired call and the suspicious behavior of Defendant Sanchez, he was detained. While detaining Defendant Sanchez it was observed that he had a large amount of blood down the front of his shirt and shorts as well as on his hands.

Officers continued to conduct an area check and at 0307 hours, Involved 1 was observed talking on his phone walking towards officers. Officers made contact with Involved 1 and was found that Involved 1 was on the phone with 911 dispatchers. Involved 1 did not speak English and at that point in the investigation it was unknown what his involvement was.

While being detained, Involved 1's girlfriend called his phone and informed Officers Involved 1 did not speak English but she could translate for him. She advised that there had been a disturbance at 19104 E. 37th Terrace South in apartment number 8. She advised Officers that Involved 1 received a call from someone in the apartment asking him for a ride due to the disturbance.

At 0318 hours Officers responded to 19104 E. 37th Terrace apartment number 8 for a wellbeing check. As they were approaching the apartment a blood trail was located in the outside stairwell and hallway leading to the apartment. Upon arriving at apartment number 8 there was blood located on the outside of the door. The door was shut but unlocked. Officers opened the door and made announcements. The blood trail was found to lead into the apartment and down the hallway to a rear bedroom. Upon entering the apartment and following the blood trail to the back bedroom, a male was located, deceased, with apparent gunshot wounds.

At 0305 hours Officer Ostendorf, who was working off duty at Centerpoint Hospital, was advised a Hispanic male had been brought in with a gunshot wound to the chest. Officer Ostendorf observed the

shots fired call at Independence Ridge Apartments, located approximately a half mile away from Centerpoint Hospital. He made contact with the male and identified him as the Victim.

Officer Ostendorf utilized the language line due to the Victim not speaking English. It was learned that the Victim lives in an apartment with 8 or 9 other people whom he is not familiar with. He stated he fell asleep earlier in the evening but was woken up due to a verbal altercation. The Victim maintained that he does not know what started the argument and that he was not involved. He stated during the argument a subject who he knew as "Nicholas" was in possession of a gun and started shooting at people. The Victim advised he does not know where "Nicholas" went after the shots were fired. He stated he was transported to Centerpoint in a white work van by other people who live in the apartment.

Detective Roach, with the Independence Missouri Police Department, arrived on scene to assist with the investigation. Upon approaching the apartment, a blood trail was located in the breezeway leading to apartment number 8. Blood was observed on the outside and inside of the apartment door. The blood trail continued into the apartment and down the hall to the back bedroom where the decedent, who is unidentified at this time, was located.

While on scene, Involved 1's girlfriend called his phone again and provided further information. She advised she and Involved 1 live in a hotel outside of Independence. Involved 1 had received a call from a subject named "Jose" who lives at 19104 E. 37th Terrace apartment number 8. "Jose" advised there was a disturbance in the apartment with "Nicholas" and was requesting Involved 1 respond. "Jose" advised he and others in the apartment wanted a ride from Involved 1 to get away from "Nicholas."

While in the parking lot in front of 19106 E. 37th Terrace five spent shell casings of an unknown caliber were located. The original shots fired caller, who is unknown, advised 3 shots were heard there was a long pause and then two more shots were heard.

Witness 2, Witness 1, and Witness 3 were located and contacted in the lobby of Centerpoint Hospital. It was learned that they had been in the van that had transported the Victim to the hospital. They were all transported to the Independence Police Department for formal interviews.

It was learned that the Victim, Witness 2, Witness 1, and Witness 3 all live at the apartment with Defendant Sanchez and the deceased male they identified as the Defendant's brother M.S.

Information was received that Defendant Sanchez and the Defendant's brother M.S. were drinking heavily prior to the shooting. Defendant Sanchez then began to talk about having a firearm in his possession and shooting people. Witness 2 stated this made him, Witness 1, and Witness 3 nervous.

Witness 2 stated he contacted Involved 1 via phone and advised him that they wanted to leave and asked for a ride. It was learned that Involved 1 called a subject named "Milky" and asked him to transport the men from the apartment. Witness 2 stated they all walked out of the apartment with Defendant Sanchez and the Defendant's brother M.S. following. As they were getting into a white van to leave the scene, Defendant Sanchez was observed firing a gun into the air. Witness 2 advised Defendant Sanchez fired the weapon into the air a few times, then pointed the gun at the van and fired into the van. Witness 2 advised the Victim was struck in the torso by the round fired by Defendant Sanchez. He stated they drove him to Centerpoint Hospital.

On 12/05/2024 Witness 2, Witness 1, and Witness 3 responded to the Independence Police department and formal interviews were conducted. All three individual's statement corroborated the one provided by Witness 2.

Witness 2 further advised prior to leaving the parking lot and after Defendant Sanchez fired into the van, the Defendant's brother M.S. was observed wrestling with Defendant Sanchez trying to get him to go back into the apartment. It was advised that when they left the scene the Defendant's brother M.S. was alive.

On 12/05/2024 Officer Virgil responded to Centerpoint hospital and conducted a follow-up interview with the Victim. Lino advised he had been asleep when he was awoken by Witness 2 who told him "get up, we are leaving!" The Victim was not provided a reason why but he complied. As he was walking out of the residence, The Victim heard "Nicholas" threatening to kill people and also heard him say "I have something to do it with." The Victim then followed Witness 2, Witness 1, and Witness 3 into the white van. As the vehicle was pulling away, The Victim heard two gunshots and felt a bullet hit him.

Surveillance footage was recovered from Indy Ridge Apartment Complex which captured the shooting. The video shows a group of individuals, which include Witness 1, Witness 2, and Witness 3 walking across the parking lot and getting into a white van. A few moments later, two figures later identified as Defendant Sanchez and the Defendant's brother M.S., were observed following the group. As the van is pulling away, a figure is observed firing three rounds into the air. A few moments later, firing two rounds at the van as it was leaving the parking lot.

Detective Garcia with the Independence Missouri Police Department presented a photo line-up to Witness 1, Witness 2, and Witness 3. Witness 2 and Witness 1 identified Defendant Sanchez as the person in possession of the gun as well as the person who fired at the van as they were leaving.

Officer Virgil presented a photo line-up to the Victim who identified Defendant Sanchez as one of two people who followed them into the parking lot. The Victim further stated he heard Defendant Sanchez state he was going to kill them all and had the means to do it.

Rogelio Garcia #1583

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Print Name

Signature

THE COURT FINDS PROBABLE CAUSE:

Date

Judge