

**MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL
PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT**

STATE OF MISSOURI }

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COUNTY OF JACKSON }

CFS # 220611015

DATE: November 22, 2022

OCN:

I, Tpr. [REDACTED], 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 Christopher Allen Northcutt, on 11/19/2022, at Intersection of Shaw Parkway and 6th Street Terrace, Blue Springs, Missouri., committed the offense(s) listed below:
(To be determined by Prosecuting Attorney)

2. State the facts that support a finding of probable cause to believe crime(s) was/were committed and that the accused committed the crime(s): On Friday, November 19, 2022, at approximately 1803 hours, Missouri State Highway Patrol Trooper [REDACTED] attempted to conduct a traffic stop of a gray Ram pickup truck, bearing a Kansas temporary registration, for a traffic offense. Trooper [REDACTED] attempted to initiate the traffic stop on westbound Interstate 70 at Grain Valley, in Jackson County, Missouri. The driver of the vehicle briefly pulled over and as Trooper [REDACTED] exited his patrol car, the truck accelerated away at a high rate of speed and a pursuit ensued. As Trooper [REDACTED] pursued the vehicle on Shaw Parkway, west of NW 6th Street, in Blue Springs, Missouri, a rear seat passenger of the vehicle emerged from the right rear window and fired several shots at Trooper [REDACTED], striking his patrol vehicle. Trooper [REDACTED] subsequently lost sight of the vehicle as it fled. Processing of the scene resulted in the recovery of three 9mm shell casings near the intersection of NW 6th Street Terrace and Shaw Parkway.

An area canvas revealed the vehicle was abandoned in the LaQuinta Inn parking lot in Blue Springs, Missouri. A computer check of the vehicle indicated it was reported as stolen through the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department. (On November 21, 2022, the complainant who reported the vehicle stolen was contacted by Missouri State Highway Patrol Corporal [REDACTED]. The vehicle was determined to have been stolen from a transport lot owned by ADESA Kansas City, a vehicle auction business. At least one other vehicle, as well as multiple vehicle keys, were also stolen during the same incident.)

An area canvas revealed video footage from the neighboring Motel 6 directly east of the LaQuinta Inn. This video shows three suspects (two white males and one white female) leaving the vehicle. This footage showed the three suspects park the vehicle on the East side of the LaQuinta Inn, before running east to the adjoining Motel 6. The suspects entered the guest laundry area briefly, before the driver of the vehicle entered the front office and rented a room (Room 214), providing an ID identifying him as [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was ultimately identified as [REDACTED]. During this transaction, [REDACTED] appeared to place an unknown object near the vending machine, before retrieving the item, and instead placing it in a trash can in the lobby. This trash can was later searched and the item was found to have been the key fob belonging to the RAM pickup.

[REDACTED] and the other two suspects only stayed in the rented room (Room 214) for a matter of minutes before leaving. The other male subject was wearing a black shirt, black pants, and a black knit hat. They exited the room, which was on the second level, and walked south to a stairwell at the southeast corner of the building. As the male subject wearing all black exited the room, he can be seen carrying a white towel. As he approached the stairwell area, he appears to be reaching into his front right pocket or waistband area. It is unknown where

the subjects went from there, as the surveillance cameras did not capture their direction of travel after reaching the stairwell.

An area canvas also revealed video footage from the LaQuinta Inn. This video corroborates the actions seen in the Motel 6 video, and shows the three suspects park the Ram on the southeast corner of the LaQuinta Inn building and flee from the vehicle. [REDACTED] is seen exiting the driver's door, the female is seen exiting the front passenger door, and male subject wearing a black shirt, black pants, and a black knit hat exits the rear passenger door.

During the course of the investigation, information was obtained from the Missouri State Highway Patrol Gaming Division that [REDACTED] was identified at Bally's Casino on the morning of November 18, 2022. Also identified with [REDACTED] was [REDACTED]. Investigation revealed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are in a relationship and have a child in common. [REDACTED] was ultimately positively identified by surveillance footage as being the female suspect.

On November 21, 2022, [REDACTED] was taken into custody on unrelated charges. During a subsequent interview, she stated information related to the identity of the suspect who fired at law enforcement was contained in her cellular device. She identified the subject only as "Chris." A consensual search of her cellular device identified the subject as Christopher NORTHCUTT. NORTHCUTT was ultimately identified as Christopher A. NORTHCUTT, date of birth [REDACTED]. NORTHCUTT has a criminal history under [REDACTED]. NORTHCUTT has multiple active warrants for his arrest from Jackson County, Missouri, Johnson County, Missouri, the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, and the Independence, Missouri Police Department. Northcutt was positively identified on surveillance video as being the third suspect who was wearing the black shirt, black pants, and a black knit hat.

On November 20, 2022, the Motel 6 property, and Room 214, were searched. A black knit hat was located on the floor in Room 214. A Ruger 9mm firearm was recovered from the southeast stairwell (same stairwell used by suspects to leave). The Ruger was concealed underneath the stairs, under a white towel, and under dirt, leaves, and other debris. (NORTHCUTT can be seen on video surveillance leaving Room 214 and walking towards this stairwell, with a white towel in his hands.)

NORTHCUTT currently has active warrants for failure to appear, tampering, and resisting law enforcement. As such, NORTHCUTT has shown criminal summons to be insufficient, and has posed a significant threat to law enforcement and the public in general. I request an arrest warrant be issued for NORTHCUTT for his involvement in these crimes.

I, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true.

/s/ [REDACTED]
Signature

11/22/2022
Date