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PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 10/30/2024

CRN: KC24080138
BY: [Signature] DCAI, Det. Kenton Curfman #50004, Kansas City Missouri Police Department, Assault Squad

(Name and identify law enforcement officer, or person having information as probable cause.)

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

I have probable cause to believe that on 10/24/2024, at [REDACTED] in
(Date) (Address)Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Marcus A. Bell
(County) (Name of Offender(s))B/M, [REDACTED] committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 10/24/2024 at approximately 1538 hours, officers of the Kanas City Missouri Police Department were dispatched to [REDACTED], Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. Officers contacted the victim, [REDACTED], who stated he was inside his house with his two-year-old son, [REDACTED], when he heard gunshots outside his residence and then observed bullet holes in the front of his house. [REDACTED] advised he has had ongoing issues with his ex-coworker, Marcus BELL, damaging property leading up to this incident as documented in prior reports. Officers also contacted a witness, [REDACTED], who heard the gunshots and observed a bald black male, wearing a white shirt, carrying a black jacket, walking north away from the scene. Officers observed multiple bullet holes while on scene and recovered two 9mm shell casings on the sidewalk in front of [REDACTED], Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri.

On 10/29/2024, BELL was arrested on an unrelated incident and transported to Metro Patrol Detention where detectives contacted him. BELL was read his Miranda Rights and provided the following statement: He denied knowing [REDACTED] or having issues with a former co-worker. He denied going to [REDACTED] on 10/24/2024 and firing shots into the residence, and also denied prior incidents of property damage. He advised he did not have a firearm because he is a felon. He stated he does not have a car and takes a bus or Uber for transportation. It should be noted, while speaking with BELL, BELL was observed to have a cast on his left arm.

On 10/30/2024, [REDACTED] provided a formal statement to detectives and stated the following: On 10/24/2024 he was inside his kitchen at [REDACTED], when he heard gunshots and ran to [REDACTED]'s room to protect him. He waited until the gunshots were over and then went outside. He observed a male closely resembling BELL going to the gas station at the intersection of E 80th Street and Hickman Mills Drive and observed the male getting into a red Lincoln MDX, which he recognized as BELL's vehicle. He then called police and observed multiple neighbors outside. He did observe a bullet hole by his son's room after the incident. Since the incident he has not stayed at his house, but has been by to check for any additional damage to his house. [REDACTED] advised he had cameras on the exterior of his residence that captured the incident. He provided camera footage, which showed a red sedan driving past the front of his residence. Then a black male, matching

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the description provided by officers and witnesses in the original report, approaches the residence, points what appears to be a firearm at the residence, and fires multiple shots. The male then leaves northbound out of camera view. [REDACTED] stated he believes the male in the video is BELL although it is not close enough to see his face clearly.

Detectives reached out to witnesses who advised they did not see the suspect's face and would not be able to identify the suspect in a lineup.

Detectives responded to 8025 Hickman Mills Drive at the BP Gas Station to recover camera footage. In the footage a red Lincoln sedan can be seen entering the parking lot at 1534 hours, and a black male, identifiable as Marcus BELL, is seen exiting the vehicle. A cast can be seen on his left arm as well as his distinctive facial hair and $\frac{3}{4}$ shaved haircut. He is wearing a black jacket, light gray sweatpants and white shoes, consistent with the shooter's clothing in the video from the victim's residence. BELL walks northwest from the parking lot and exits the camera's view. BELL returns in view at approximately 1536 hours and walks from the west side of Hickman Mills Drive back to his vehicle, enters and leaves southbound on Hickman Mills Drive out of the camera's view. The license plate appears to be a Missouri plate ending in G7V, which is consistent with the red Lincoln Continental bearing MO license TA4G7V that BELL is documented as driving in prior police reports.

BELL's criminal history lists the following convictions: On or about 04/19/2010 in the 8th judicial district court in Nevada, Marcus BELL was convicted of robbery and was sentenced to Nevada State Prison (length of sentence not available at this time); on or about 09/11/2018 in Shelby County, Missouri Circuit Court BELL was convicted of unlawful possession of a firearm (#18SBCR0004001) and sentenced to confinement for 7 years suspended and 5 years probation.

Prior incidents of property damage include the following: KC24076666 from 10/10/2024, in which [REDACTED] was at his residence and saw a male he believed to be BELL vandalizing his maroon 2009 Chevrolet Impala. [REDACTED] confronted BELL and captured the confrontation on his phone. Officers observed several scratches on [REDACTED]'s vehicle and his front passenger side tire to be flat. In the property damage documented under KC24078470, [REDACTED] had left his property on 10/17/2024 and returned to find white paint thrown on the front side of his house and his red Dodge Charger. [REDACTED] believes BELL was the suspect, because of BELL damaging his other vehicles in the past. However, his security cameras did not catch the incident.

A warrant is requested and a bond is requested to be associated with that warrant due to the following factors: BELL's escalation from damaging property to violence, knowledge of [REDACTED] residence, pattern of escalating violence, and status as a felon who is barred from possessing firearms.

Printed Name Det. Kenton Curfman #50004 Signature /s/ Det. Kenton Curfman #50004

The Court finds probable cause and directs the issuance of a warrant this 31st day of October, 2024.

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SIGNED BY JUDGE

*This is a redacted public document. The original
unredacted document bears the Judge's signature.*

Judge

Circuit Court of Jackson County, State of Missouri.