

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 9/5/2023

Report #: 2023-34135

I, Thomas Burchfield, 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 5/22/2023, at 1420 hours, Zachary C Arnold, (Race- White, Sex- Male, committed one or more criminal offenses in Jackson County, Missouri.
2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 5/22/2023, at approximately 1514 hours, Officers with the Independence Police Department responded to an address in Independence, Jackson County, Missouri regarding an assault.

Upon arrival Victim #1 and Victim #2 were contacted.

Victim #1 stated he and Victim#2 live at the address but had not been staying there since 4/22/2023 due to the erratic behavior of the defendant. He stated the defendant made several threats to harm him, other people who live at the residence and the animals at the residence.

On 5/22/2023 Victim #1 sent the defendant a text advising him he was coming over to feed the animals. Upon Victim #2 and his arrival the defendant was in the basement where the defendant's bedroom is located. The defendant told them to leave the food and he would feed the animals. Victim #1 told the defendant that he would take care of it since it would only take a few minutes. The defendant then walked to the top of stairs while holding a large silver bladed knife which Victim #1 estimated to be seven or eight inches long. The defendant then pointed the knife the victims' direction stating something like "Get out nigga" and "Fuck you to bitch and your Berzerk shirt". The victims then exited the residence and closed the door behind them. Victim #1 stated the defendant came within ten feet of him inside the residence but did not follow once they exited.

Victim #1 stated the defendant is Victim #2's uncle and has been staying at the residence for more than a year since he was released on parole for killing his father. He stated the defendant suffers from PTSD and schizophrenia auditory hallucinations.

Victim #2 statement was similar to Victim #1's statement.

The defendant does show to have a criminal history of a conviction for homicide out of Kansas.

T. Burchfield 1470

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Print Name

Signature

THE COURT FINDS PROBABLE CAUSE:

Date

Judge