

## PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

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I, Detective Peter Neukirch 5561, Homicide Unit, Kansas City Missouri Police Department  
(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 07/04/2024, at 3101 Southwest Boulevard in  
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Smith, Orlando D Jr.  
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

[Redacted] committed one or more criminal offense(s).  
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 7/4/2024 at 0109 hours, Patrol Officers with the Kansas City Missouri Police Department responded to the QuikTrip, located at 3101 Southwest Boulevard, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri to assist with a shooting investigation.

Upon arrival, the Patrol Officers observed a black female, who was later identified as [Redacted], seated in the driver's seat of a Ford Escape on the south end of the lot, resting against a curb. The female had an apparent gunshot wound to her head and showed no signs of life. Kansas City Fire Department Medic 9 responded and pronounced [Redacted] deceased at 0118 hours. On 07/04/2024 at 0800 hours, a body exam was conducted at the Jackson County Medical Examiner's office. During the body exam, a single defect was observed to [Redacted] left cheek near her left ear. An x-ray scan showed a bullet lodged at the base of her brain at the time of the examination.

On 07/04/2024 at approximately 0205 hours, surveillance video was recovered from the QuikTrip. It was determined that the timestamp observed on the QuikTrip video surveillance was consistent with the real time.

Detectives reviewed the QuikTrip surveillance and observed the following: (correct time)

Front Entry Camera 1:00:18 – The suspect vehicle, a dark colored Chevrolet Malibu, enters the parking lot from West 31st Street. The driver parks the Malibu in front of the store near the front doors.

Front Canopy Right 1:00:18 – A burgundy Chevrolet Camaro, with the headlights turned on, is seen backed into a parking spot on the west side of the parking lot.

Front Entry Camera 1:00:32 – The driver of the Malibu, a black female wearing a white tank top and black pants, exits the Malibu and walks in the front doors of the store.

Front Entry 1:01:46 – A black male occupant, wearing what appears to be a red hoodie, dark colored knee length shorts, and athletic shoes with white soles exited the rear passenger's seat of the Malibu. He looks around the parking lot and appears to have a large pistol in his left hand which he switched to his right hand. He walks in front of the Malibu and walks to the north side of the QuikTrip.

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Front Entry 1:01:53 – A Latino male, who was later identified as a witness, is seen walking through the parking lot from the gas pumps and into the store. He passes within a few feet of the Malibu with an unimpeded view and looks at the passenger's side as he walks by. As he enters the store he looks back in the direction of the Malibu.

Front Entry 1:02:05 – The black male occupant walks around the corner of the store along the north wall.

Front Entry 1:02:16 – The victim's Ford Escape is driving west on 31st Street towards the store.

Front Entry 1:02:18 – The black male with the red hoodie walks back to the corner of the store and stands near a light pole.

Front Entry 1:02:24 - The black male raises and then lowers his left arm as the Escape approaches the store. He appeared to be pointing in the direction of [REDACTED] vehicle as she turned into the parking lot.

Front Entry 1:02:26 – The Escape drives out of camera view and the black male takes a step back.

Front Entry 1:02:31 – The black male quickly raises his left arm and appears to be pointing in the direction of the Ford Escape which is out of camera view.

Front Entry 1:02:33 – The Escape comes back into camera view as it enters the parking lot and passes the black male in the red hoodie at the parking lot entrance. At the same time, an additional black male occupant is observed exiting the rear driver's side seat with what appears to be a short barrel rifle. The black male occupant appears to have a beard, and is observed wearing a black jacket, black shorts, with white trim.

Front Entry 1:02:37 – The Escape continues south through the parking lot. Another black male occupant with a beard exits the Malibu from the rear driver's seat and is observed carrying what appears to be a short barrel rifle as well. The black male appears to be wearing a long sleeve light green T-shirt, gray pants with white shoes. A short black female exits the front passenger's seat of the Malibu wearing a black shirt and shorts. The two other black males and the black female walk towards the black male who is wearing the red hoodie.

Parking Left 1:02:43 – The Ford Escape rolls to a stop against the curb at the south end of the parking lot. As the Escape is coming to a stop, a black male exits the front passenger's seat and attempts to hold onto the door frame.

Front Entry 1:02:59 – The driver of the Malibu exits the store and walks towards the area the other occupants of the Malibu are standing.

Front Canopy Right 1:03:04 – A white male exits the driver's side of the Camaro and is looking along 31st street, in the direction the occupants of the Malibu are standing. A black female exits the passenger's side of the Camaro, as both occupants of the Camaro run towards the gas pumps along the 31st Street side of the parking lot.

Gas Right 1:03:15 – The driver of the Camaro can be seen walking towards the sidewalk, where the occupants of the Malibu were seen going off camera. The passenger of the Camaro stops near the gas pumps, but has an unimpeded view of the occupants of the Malibu.

Gas Right 1:03:25 – The Malibu occupants can be seen returning to their vehicle, as one black male occupant appears to be carrying a short barrel rifle in his right hand and the other black male occupant, wearing the red hoodie, appears to be carrying a pistol in his left hand. The passenger from the Camaro appears to watch them walk back to the Malibu.

Front Entry 1:03:12 – The same Latino male exits the store and stands near the front door. Again, the Latino male has an unimpeded view of the Malibu and its occupants as they walk to the sidewalk along 31st Street.

Front Entry 1:03:15 – The three black males and two black females walk out of the view of the camera towards West 31st Street.

Front Entry 1:03:22 – The Latino male appears to watch all five occupants walk back to the Malibu. He suddenly enters the store, but can be seen watching the Malibu leave the parking space through a window.

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Front Canopy Right 1:03:45 – The Camaro occupants return to their vehicle.

Front Entry 1:04:03 – All of the parties enter the Malibu. It backs out of the parking space and drives towards where the Ford Escape went out of camera view.

Gas Left 1:04:19 – The Malibu drives past the Ford Escape, and the black male passenger of the Escape is observed standing in the parking lot. The Malibu exits onto Southwest Boulevard going north bound.

Front Canopy Left 1:04:23 – The Camaro exits the parking lot onto Southwest Boulevard going east. The Malibu exits the parking lot going the same direction as the Camaro.

On 07/04/2024 at approximately 1030 hours, surveillance video was recovered from the Minsky's restaurant located at 3036 Southwest Boulevard. It was determined that the timestamp observed on the Minsky's video system was approximately fifty-seven minutes and forty-eight seconds slower than the real time.

Detectives reviewed the Minsky's surveillance video and observed the following:

Minsky's (fifty-seven minutes and forty-eight seconds slow)

Back Door QT 00:02:36 - The Malibu enters the parking lot from West 31st Street, coming from the east. As the Malibu enters the parking lot, an unknown person can be seen standing on the northside sidewalk near the parking lot entrance of the QuikTrip.

Back Door QT 00:04:30 - A figure, determined to be a black male wearing a red hoodie and armed with a pistol (consistent with the QuikTrip video), walks to the northside of the QuikTrip. The black male is observed walking to the east end of the store before walking back and standing near a light pole. An unknown figure is observed in the area of the light pole as well.

Back Door QT 00:04:52 - The victim's Escape is seen driving west on West 31st Street before turning into the QuikTrip parking lot. As the Escape entered the QuikTrip parking lot, what appears to be a bright flash of light (consistent with a muzzle flash), could be seen coming from the area the black male was standing.

Back Door QT 00:05:00 - The Escape continues across the parking lot and later comes to an abrupt stop. Two black males (QuikTrip video) approach the light pole where the first black male and the unknown figure are. All of the males appear stand near the light pole and the unknown figure. One of the black males appear to shove the unknown figure with enough force that caused the figure to fall into the gutter. Another bright flash of light consistent with a muzzle flash can be seen. The three males then walk away and return to the Malibu. The Malibu then drives through the parking lot passing the Escape.

Back Door QT 00:06:30 - An unmarked patrol vehicle pulls into the parking lot and the unknown figure gets up and walks around near the sidewalk.

A further review of both surveillance videos was conducted by a Kansas City Police Department Analyst in an attempt to identify the suspect vehicle and its occupants.

From reviewing the footage, it was determined that the suspect vehicle was a 2013 to 2015 Chevrolet Malibu that was dark or black in color and was missing the chrome trim above the rear passenger door. It was also determined that the rear license plate appeared to be a [REDACTED] license plate beginning with [REDACTED]" and ending in [REDACTED]". A search of the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) database was conducted and a black Chevrolet Malibu with a Colorado license plate of "[REDACTED]" was located. The images from the ALPR street and traffic cameras were compared several times to the QuikTrip surveillance video, and it was determined that the partial

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plate seen on the Malibu (while reviewing QuikTrip video) matched the [REDACTED] license plate "[REDACTED]" (on the Malibu) seen on ALPR.

The basic vehicle description also matched the information provided by a witness that identified the Malibu as having a Colorado license plate.

The plate was an expired [REDACTED] fleet plate listed to the Avis Car Rental company to another vehicle. A continued search of the [REDACTED] license plate showed it regularly passing through multiple intersections on 39th Street, on dates before and after the homicide occurred.

The QuikTrip video also captured the black female driver of the Malibu who entered the store. A screen shot of the black female was analyzed using department resources, which tentatively identified the black female driver as [REDACTED] BF [REDACTED]. A further review of [REDACTED] was conducted comparing booking pictures and social media information and it was determined that [REDACTED] was the driver of the Malibu. From the review of [REDACTED] social media information it was determined that she was identifying [REDACTED] BF [REDACTED] as her sister. A search of [REDACTED] was conducted and both the Analyst and Detective reviewed booking pictures and social media platforms for [REDACTED]. It was determined that [REDACTED] appeared to be the black female occupying the front passenger's seat of the Malibu.

At the time of the investigation, no determination could be made for the identity of the three black males occupying the rear seat of the Malibu. However, both the Detective and Analyst determined that the black male occupant and shooter (wearing the red hoodie), was wearing a large gold in color medallion that was hanging from his neck at the time of the shooting.

Another witness was identified and contacted by a detective. That witness identified [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as their cousins and admitted that they were the two females that were occupying the Malibu at the QuikTrip. The witness also admitted to being the owner of the Malibu. The witness did not provide any information about the three black males that had been in the Malibu, but did add that [REDACTED] would know who the males were.

On 08/26/2024, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were located and detained. They were both interviewed separately.

[REDACTED] provided the following statement:

She was informed that we were there to talk about what occurred at the QuikTrip on July 4th. She immediately stated, "I didn't know he was going to shoot that motherfucker." She swore that she did not know that anyone had been shot. After the shooting, they all got back in the car and left the QuikTrip. While [REDACTED] (her cousin) was driving, she started arguing with the shooter and he and his two friends got out of the car and walked off when [REDACTED] stopped the car. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] eventually met up with their other cousin, [REDACTED], and her boyfriend [REDACTED]. They all stayed at her apartment and ate. She said they talked about "That shit be really crazy. Now you just threw your life away. "

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She explained that on July 3rd, she and [REDACTED] were together and the plan was to meet up with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] let them use her black car and she rode with her boyfriend [REDACTED]. They went to the In-N-Out Liquor store at 5510 Prospect Avenue. She used Facetime to contact her "friend" Lando about getting together. He told her that they were close to where he was staying and that they should pick him up. She could not remember the address of the house, where they picked up Lando, but she knew that it was in the [REDACTED] block of [REDACTED].

Eventually she admitted that they picked up Lando and the other two black males at [REDACTED], in the [REDACTED]. She was not sure of the apartment number, but knew it was on the top floor. She also knew that the apartment belonged to one of the guys that was with Lando. She also remembered that the male who rented the apartment had a disabled sister. When they left the [REDACTED], Lando's two friends left with them. At some time later, they did go to the house at [REDACTED]. All five of the them went to Westport and walked around for about fifteen minutes. She was not sure which one was under age, but one of the three was nineteen or twenty. They left Westport to go to an after-hours club on 9th Street when [REDACTED] got her to stop and told her that they should meet them at the QuikTrip on 31st Street.

When they got to the QuikTrip, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were already there and parked on the other side of the parking lot. [REDACTED] went inside. She, Lando, and the other two black males stayed in the car. Eventually Lando got out of the car and went to the corner of the building. He was "peeing" and got into an argument with a homeless man who was standing nearby. She looked over and saw Lando assault the homeless man. She and the other two black males got out of the car and she walked over to stop Lando. She saw Lando shoot a rifle in the air and then attack the homeless man. She was not aware that anyone was shot. She was sure that he had a switch on the rifle and that it kept shooting until he took his finger off the trigger. He could not keep control of the rifle as he shot and it went everywhere. She was mad at him for shooting and she saw [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] watching also as Lando shot the rifle and attacked the homeless man. She was not aware of anyone else standing around them when Lando was shooting. She remembered at least one of the other males also being armed with a gun. She did not hear anyone yell or scream anything before or after Lando was shooting the rifle. She made Lando get back in the car along with the other two guys and they left.

She was shown still shots from the QuikTrip video. She identified the male who exited the rear passenger seat of the black Malibu wearing a red hoodie as Lando. She only heard Lando refer to the other two black males as "brother".

She provided a phone number for Lando of [REDACTED]. The last exchange she had with him was on July 31st. She insisted that she had tried to contact Orlando to tell him the police were looking for him, but he had blocked her on social media.

His Facebook profile as [REDACTED].

She eventually admitted that Lando was Orlando and she had known him since they were teenagers and had dated several times. She knew that Lando's mom lived in the area of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Possibly four houses from the corner.

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While the interview was being conducted, another detective determined that Orlando was Orlando Smith. Two pictures were shown to [REDACTED]. One picture was Orlando Smith's DOR picture another one was from a social media platform of Orlando Smith and he was wearing the same golden medallion in the picture as he was wearing at the QuikTrip. She identified both pictures as Orlando Smith. She also explained that the medallion contained ashes of Orlando's deceased brother.

She gave consent and provided access to her cellphone and a detective reviewed her messages with Orlando. It was later determined that she had stayed in regular communication with Orlando after the homicide occurred. She was adamant that she had not seen him in person though. Five screenshots were taken of items in her cellphone. Two of the pictures were of her and Orlando. In the picture, Orlando was wearing a red hoodie, similar in appearance to the hoodie he was wearing during the homicide. The other picture was of a map screenshot of the address [REDACTED], in the [REDACTED]. A second map screenshot was of a pin drop dated 07/03/24 and was showing to be the [REDACTED] address. The final screenshot was of a Cash App account for a [REDACTED] who she identified as belonging to one of Orlando's friends that was with him the night of the homicide.

[REDACTED] provided the following statement:

She was at her house ([REDACTED]) with her cousin [REDACTED] on July 3rd. They decided to hang out with their cousin [REDACTED] and her boyfriend [REDACTED]. Before meeting up with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] decided she wanted to meet up with a guy she has been dating and his friends. She was driving [REDACTED] black car (Malibu). She admitted to picking up three black males at the [REDACTED]. She was not sure which building they were in, but she parked near the buildings in the northeast section of the apartment complex. She insisted that she did not go into an apartment building. Instead, she backed into a parking space and the three men came out to the car from an unknown building. They then stopped at the In & Out liquor store at East 55th and Prospect Avenue. She would only acknowledge that she spoke to the guy [REDACTED] was dating, that she knew by his Facebook name [REDACTED]. [REDACTED], the guys they were with, and her went to Westport and they hung out in the area for a little while. They then contacted [REDACTED] who was in her boyfriend's car and agreed to meet them at the QuikTrip (3101 Southwest Boulevard).

While at the QuikTrip, she went inside to use the bathroom. When she came outside, she looked to her left and saw everyone arguing with someone. She asked what happened and they said that "Orlando" got out of the car to "pee" and a homeless guy was walking by and was looking at him, so they got into a fight. All three black males were standing over the homeless guy. They then decided to leave the parking lot. She saw several of them carrying guns. She insisted that the only reason they went to the QuikTrip was to meet [REDACTED]. She remembered the males using cell phones. She only heard the three males refer to each other as "brother". After leaving the QuikTrip, she and [REDACTED] took the three males back to the [REDACTED]. She added that Orlando would only say that he was "peeing" on the side of the building and the homeless guy approached him. He told the guy to back up and the homeless guy wouldn't, so he swung on him. She acknowledged that Orlando had a gun, and that it looked like an "AR". After they dropped the three males off, they met up with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] so [REDACTED] could get her car back, at her house and they spent the night together.

When asked if she knew Orlando Smith and if she had any contact with him she stated, "Not like that". When asked when was the last time she contacted him, she said it had been a few months. She was then shown a screen

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shot of her communicating with Orlando Smith on social media on 08/25/2024. She stated, "On Facebook?" and denied that contacting him on Facebook was not having "contact" with him. She admitted that she knew Orlando and that he was dating [REDACTED].

When shown a still shot from the QuikTrip video of the black male wearing the red hoodie, she acknowledged that was Monnie "Orlando Smith".

She viewed a DOR picture of Orlando Smith and acknowledged that was the person who she knew as Monnie. She viewed a second picture of Orlando Smith from social media in which he was wearing the same golden medallion as the night of the homicide. She acknowledged that was the same person.

On 03/11/2025, Detectives conducted an interview with Orlando D Smith Jr. in interview room 1 on the 7th floor of the Kansas City Missouri Police Department Headquarters.

The Miranda Warning and Waiver was read to Smith and he acknowledged that he understood.

A Detective spoke to Orlando Smith about the medallion that he was wearing when he was arrested on 03/11/2025. He confirmed the medallion was his and held a picture showing him and partially of his deceased brother. He later clarified that he was the only person who wore the medallion.

Orlando Smith explained that a cell phone that was in his property was his cell phone, but he had it for less than a week. He told the Detectives that the cell phone he had on 07/04/2024 had been an older wi-fi only model iPhone. He broke the cell phone approximately two weeks later.

During the conversation he initially denied having any type of social media. He denied knowing anyone that lives in the area of [REDACTED] in the [REDACTED]. He was hesitant in admitting he knew a girl named [REDACTED]. He stated he knew several girls' named [REDACTED], but did not date any of them. He then spoke about knowing only one girl named [REDACTED].

A Detective showed Orlando Smith several pictures. One was of [REDACTED], who he identified as the [REDACTED] he was speaking about. He acknowledged his D.O.R. picture. He acknowledged a picture of himself wearing the medallion. He acknowledged a picture of him and [REDACTED] together, he later explained that the picture was taken on the morning of July 4th after the homicide occurred.

The Detectives asked Smith about July 4th, 2024, starting on the evening of July 3rd, 2024. Orlando Smith provide an account of what happened from the evening of July 3rd into the morning of July 4th. He was at his friend [REDACTED] apartment ([REDACTED]) with a mutual friend [REDACTED]. He denied knowing their legal names. Late in the evening [REDACTED] and her female cousin [REDACTED] picked the three of them up in a dark colored Chevrolet Malibu or Impala. [REDACTED] was sitting in the front passenger seat, her cousin was driving, he was sitting behind [REDACTED], the other two men wear sitting in the center and left rear seats. They went to the In-N-Out Liquor store on Prospect. They then went to a Quick Trip so the girls could use the bathroom. He also got out of the Chevy and was armed with a Glock 22 with an extended magazine. He decided that he had to "pee" but went around the corner of the Quick Trip. While he was

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urinating, an unknown white male approached him and asked for a "shell". Smith turned around and shot at the male. Smith thought he shot twice into the ground. The white male backed up and [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] approached the white male and [REDACTED] punched the male who fell to the ground with his mountain bike. They left the white male laying on the ground and got back in the Chevy and left because a cop was pulling into the parking lot.

Smith stated that he was the only person who shot a gun.

After they left the Quick Trip they dropped [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] off at [REDACTED] apartment. He, [REDACTED], and her cousin then went to her apartment and spent the night there along with [REDACTED] other cousin and her boyfriend. When he woke up later in the morning it was just him and [REDACTED] in the apartment. [REDACTED] ordered an Uber for Smith to get home.

Smith was informed that he did not shoot into the ground, but had shot and killed the victim as they pulled into the parking lot.

Smith was asked if he had any questions or had any additional statements to provide. He replied "No".

Based on the surveillance video from the QuikTrip and Minsky's, along with the statements from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. The statement from Orlando D Smith Jr. it has been determined that Orlando Smith is the person who shot the Victim as she was driving into the parking lot of the QuikTrip.

The underlying offense is related to a serious felony currently being investigated by Kansas City Missouri Police Department which is punishable by significant penalties that incentivize the defendant to fail to appear.

Printed Name Detective Peter Neukirch 5561 Signature /s/ Det. Peter Neukirch 5561

The Court finds probable cause and directs the issuance of a warrant this 12-Mar-2025 11:04 am day of                     .

**SIGNED BY JUDGE**

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

Circuit Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of Missouri.