

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORMDate: 03/31/2025CRN: KC25018839I, Detective Ilinca Rusnac #5741 of the 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 03/29/2025, at 5631 E. 29th Street in
(Date) (Address)Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Carter, Damien A
(County) (Name of Offender(s))B/M committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 03/29/2025 at 1852 hours, Officers with the Kansas City Missouri Police Department were dispatched to [REDACTED], Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri on a shooting. Upon arrival, they located a female in the front yard of [REDACTED], Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. The female was suffering from apparent gunshot wounds and showing no signs of life. KCFD medics pronounced the female deceased at the scene, at 1859 hours.

A search warrant was secured and executed at [REDACTED], Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, allowing investigative personnel to recover all items believed to be of evidence at the time.

A total of eleven (11) 9mm shell casings were recovered from around the Victim's body. Holes were observed in the dirt underneath the Victim's body and consistent with the location of the defects to her back. One spent bullet was recovered from the ground underneath the Victim's body.

Video surveillance cameras were observed on the outside of the residence and a surveillance DVR system was located inside. Video surveillance was recovered and reviewed.

At approximately 1849 – 1850 hours, a light tan/silver Chevrolet Tahoe is observed arriving and parking (facing eastbound) in front of [REDACTED], Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. The Tahoe's front passenger window does not appear to be tinted, making it possible to view the inside the vehicle. I observed no front passenger to be present. As the vehicle is placed in park (evident by the rocking forward and backward of the vehicle upon stopping) I could see the driver's right-hand reach to his right hip area (where the seatbelt latch would be) and move his right hand across his body to the left, in a manner consistent with someone unbuckling their seatbelt. I then observed him reach his right hand again in the same general area between the driver seat and center console and grab what appears to be a black with silver slide handgun. The male suspect then exits the vehicle, walks around the rear of the Chevrolet Tahoe while holding his right hand in his front right pocket. He walks onto the front yard of [REDACTED], Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri as the Victim is observed walking out of the residence, towards him. As the victim gets within what appears to be slightly further than an arm's length distance from him, the suspect pulls out his right arm holding the

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handgun, points it in the direction of the Victim's head and begins to fire. The Victim is observed falling to the ground and the Suspect continuing to close the distance and firing into her body as she is laying on the ground.

The Suspect then gets back into his vehicle and drives away eastbound onto E 29th St.

The Suspect is observed to be a bald, shorter and stocky black male, wearing all black clothing and black and yellow shoes.

The handgun appears to be a black frame with a silver slide.

Based on the appearance of the Chevrolet Tahoe on video surveillance, it was believed to be year model 2007 through 2009.

The suspect's total time at the crime scene is approximately one minute.

Witness [REDACTED] stated that the Victim had been residing at [REDACTED], Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri for approximately one month and had been suffering from addiction to crack cocaine. On the early evening of 03/29/2025, the Victim (who did not have a working cell phone) used one of the computers inside the residence to call her drug supplier, "LB." Shortly thereafter, Witness [REDACTED] was sweeping the floor when he heard a car horn go off and the Victim say "he's here." Witness [REDACTED] gave the Victim a \$20 bill and went back to sweeping. He heard the screen door shut and shortly thereafter heard three (3) gunshots. Witness [REDACTED] ran outside and saw the Victim laying on the ground, bleeding from the neck. Witness [REDACTED] observed the brown/tan SUV drive off eastbound on E 29th St, then make a northbound turn onto Topping Av.

Witness [REDACTED] explained that the Victim had purchased her drugs from "LB" in the past and "LB" drives a vehicle that looked like the Suspect vehicle. He added that approximately one month prior, he and the Victim were in the area of [REDACTED] shelter located at [REDACTED] Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. At that time, the Victim pointed to a brown/tan SUV she knew to be "LB's" in the parking lot of the [REDACTED] ([REDACTED], Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri) and purchased drugs from "LB." Witness [REDACTED] never saw what "LB" looked like. Witness [REDACTED] knows the Victim to always pay "LB" when she purchases her drugs from him.

KCPD intelligence analyst located the Suspect vehicle leaving the area of the crime scene, driving westbound on E 27th St approaching Van Brunt Blvd, at 1852 hours. The vehicle was located and tracked on multiple city cameras and License Plate Reader cameras, to the area of Independence Avenue and Bales Av, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. The vehicle was observed to not have a front license plate and a rear temporary license plate affixed.

Investigative Detectives conducted a search of the Niche reporting system beginning with the search for any 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe involved in documented incidents. The most recent entry was located under Field Interview Report (FIR) KC25900084. This is an ongoing FIR documenting ongoing narcotics activity in the area of Roberts St and Bales Av, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. One of the vehicles listed was 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe temporary license plate [REDACTED] VIN [REDACTED], registered to a **Damien A. Carter, BM, DOB [REDACTED]**. A search of the Missouri Department of Revenue using **Carter's** information, returned his driver's license photograph and recorded identifiers. His identifiers and appearance in the photograph match that of the suspect captured on video surveillance.

On 03/30/2025, Covert Detectives located **Carter** and the listed Chevrolet Tahoe in the parking lot of [REDACTED] Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. Covert Detectives observed **Carter** exit hotel room

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█ and followed him throughout Kansas City for several hours, conducting what appeared to be drug transactions. **Carter** was wearing what appears to be the same clothing and distinctive shoes.

It should be noted that the manager of the Roadway Inn motel confirmed that **Carter** had been renting room █ under his legal name and date of birth since December of 2024 and had renewed the rental agreement on the morning of 03/31/2025. He also provided Detectives with the paperwork for the room.

Covert Detectives continued to surveil **Carter** on 03/31/2025 and observed him to be wearing the same clothing and shoes. He was taken into custody on 03/31/2025 as he was sitting inside the driver seat of the listed Chevrolet Tahoe. He was observed to be doing furtive movements and Detectives and Officers conducted a felony car check, resulting in **Carter** exiting his vehicle and being taken into custody.

The rear of a black and silver handgun was observed in plain sight sticking out from under the front passenger seat. A shell casing was also observed sitting at the base of the windshield wiper.

KCPD CSI arrived, documented and recovered the handgun and shell casing for safekeeping.

Carter was transported to Police Headquarters for questioning and would not provide a statement, and asked for an attorney. The deceased female victim was later identified as █.

Printed Name Detective Ilinca Rusnac #5741 Signature /S/ Detective Ilinca Rusnac #5741

The Court finds probable cause and directs the issuance of a warrant this 31st day of March, 2025.

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.