

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 04/17/2025

CRN: KC25023087

I, Kansas City Missouri Police Detective Brian Caniglia #5977
(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 04/15/2025, at [REDACTED] in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri James Basham
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

white/male, [REDACTED] committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 04/15/2025 at approximately 1510 hours the Kansas City Missouri Police Department received a call for service at [REDACTED], Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. Officers arrived on scene and contacted [REDACTED] inside their 2021 Chevrolet Equinox, bearing Kansas Plate [REDACTED], who both work for [REDACTED] as a videographer and a news reporter.

Before Officers arrived on scene a Kansas City Missouri Police Sergeant received an email from the [REDACTED] News Desk with a subject headline of "HELP". When he read the message it stated the following, "Hi, Sorry to send out an SOS, but [REDACTED] are "trapped" by tow trucks at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] says she is on hold with 911, but they are concerned for their safety. Any chance you have someone to send over there to help? Thanks, [REDACTED]."

The Sergeant and Officers arrived on scene. The news employees advised Officers on scene they were sitting on the east side of Agnes at [REDACTED], Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, in their vehicle when four tow trucks for [REDACTED] began to block their vehicle in from the front, left side, and rear. On the right side they were blocked in by a fence. Officers were able to contact the tow truck drivers who parked their trucks blocking them in and have them move their vehicles. The tow trucks were moved and [REDACTED] were able to leave the area without further incident.

On 04/16/2025, Kansas City Missouri Property Crimes Police Detectives were informed of the [REDACTED] employees' incident and were provided a video. After watching the video Detectives could see one [REDACTED] truck backed in and parked next to the front driver side bumper. Another black flatbed [REDACTED] truck then backs in close to the driver side doors, a third white truck pulls in blocking the front of the vehicle, and a blue flatbed truck with [REDACTED] affixed to it backing in blocking the rear of their vehicle. A short stocky white male with a handlebar

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mustache and a black [REDACTED] shirt walks from around the first two white trucks and a taller stocky white male with dark hair exits the black truck wearing a [REDACTED] shirt. They walk to the side of [REDACTED] building while looking at [REDACTED].

Detectives were able to identify two of the subjects from the video as **James "Mike" BASHAM, white/male,** [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] through Missouri Drives License photos.

[REDACTED] arrived to Metro Patrol for a formal interview with detectives. They both said they work for [REDACTED] and arrived to [REDACTED] to interview any employee at the business. They were turned down for an interview but were able to talk with one person who recovered their vehicle from the tow lot. After the interview [REDACTED] sat across the street in a vacant lot in their running vehicle to film a live story later in the day. [REDACTED] said they had [REDACTED] apparel on and their vehicle had a "Media" placard in the front windshield. The employees knew they worked for the news station and would have seen them exit and enter their vehicle. [REDACTED] stayed where they parked on the east side of the street in the abandoned lot at [REDACTED]. Next to the right side of their vehicles was a small fence. After sitting for approximately 45 minutes one white [REDACTED] arrived and backed in near the front of their vehicle on the left side. A few moments later three other tow trucks arrived with [REDACTED] markings visibly affixed to the side of the trucks. A white tow truck parked directly in front of their vehicle, a black flatbed tow truck backed in on the driver side, and a blue flatbed tow truck backed in blocking the rear of the vehicle. Both [REDACTED] said he believed they were trying to intimidate them by blocking them in. [REDACTED] was worried for his and [REDACTED] safety and was nervous. [REDACTED] said she called 911 because she was afraid of what they might do since there was no escape for them. After the first vehicle backed in [REDACTED] knew something was wrong and was nervous so he began to film the interaction. [REDACTED] described the ordeal as a threat and felt the tow company was sending a message to them. After a short time, Officers arrived and asked for the tow drivers to move their trucks from blocking them in.

On 04/16/2025, Kansas City Missouri Police Officers located **BASHAM** at [REDACTED], Kansas City, Clay County, Missouri. Officers contacted **BASHAM** at the address and took him into custody without issue. He was transported to the Kansas City Missouri Police Metro Patrol Detention and placed on an investigative hold for Harassment/Threats.

On 04/17/2025, Kansas City Missouri Property Crimes Police Detectives interviewed **BASHAM** at the Metro Patrol Detention. **BASHAM** was escorted to an interview room where he was read the Standard Miranda Warning and Waiver and agreed to talk.

Detectives asked **BASHAM** about the [REDACTED] vehicle on site. He did not know anyone was inside. He was shown a picture of a black [REDACTED] and he confirmed that was the one he was driving. Pictures were shown of the other male on site and he did not know that male even though he had the same [REDACTED] shirt on **BASHAM** had. **BASHAM** said he was not called to the area to block [REDACTED] in.

The interview was completed and **BASHAM** was escorted back to detention staff.

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Criminal History

On 05/03/2002, in Boon County Sheriffs Office, **BASHAM** was convicted of Misdemeanor Excessive BAC and sentenced to 731 days of probation (02CR166468).

Printed Name Detective Brian Caniglia #5977 Signature /s/ Det. Brian Caniglia #5977

The Court finds probable cause and directs the issuance of a warrant this _____ day of _____.

Judge

Circuit Court of _____ County, State of Missouri.