

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 5/27/2021

Report #: 21-31436

I, Jeff Pagel, 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 5/23/2021, at 0630 hours, Steven B. Turner, (Race- Black, Sex- Male, DOB- [REDACTED], Address- [REDACTED] Higginsville Mo 64037, SSN- [REDACTED], committed one or more criminal offenses in Jackson County, Missouri.

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 5/23/2021 at approximately 0630 hours, the Defendant **Steven B. Turner** did knowingly cause the death of [REDACTED] by shooting both victims who were inside of a Jeep Renegade SUV parked behind the residence of [REDACTED] Independence, Jackson County, Missouri 64053.

On 5/23/2021 at approximately 0630 hours, Independence Police received a 911 emergency call of an accident at [REDACTED]. Police also received a 911 call in reference to the sound of shots fired in the area of Kentucky Ave and Huttig about the same time as the reported accident. When Independence Police arrived at the traffic accident (minor front end collision with a parked vehicle), they located a b/m identified as [REDACTED] inside of a purple or blue Jeep Renegade SUV that had been riddled with bullet holes and the front driver's side window and rear glass was shattered. Both [REDACTED] had apparent gunshot wounds and later died from their injuries. Officers also responded to the area of Kentucky Ave and Huttig and located several PMC 10mm spent shell casings behind the residence of [REDACTED] along an alleyway. Officers also located what appeared to be vehicle window glass on the ground near the shell casings that were located.

Responding officers located juvenile children at the residence of [REDACTED] riding bikes behind the house. After brief contact with police, it was determined the children possibly witnessed the incident. The children were forensically interviewed, and information was revealed that a male they knew as "Stevie" was at the residence moments before the shoot occurred. Interviews revealed the kids heard a gun being "racked" and shots being fired behind the house moments after "Stevie" walked out of the house. It was also stated that "Stevie" was seen running from the back of the residence after the sound of the shots being fired.

Through the investigation, investigators contacted several members of [REDACTED]'s family; Notably, [REDACTED] who identified herself as [REDACTED]'s cousin and [REDACTED]'s girlfriend. When she was asked if she knew a male named "Stevie", she provided the Defendant's name. She was then shown a DOR photograph of the Defendant and confirmed that was the male she knew to be "Stevie." She stated the Defendant was friends with [REDACTED], and often would assist her with paying utility bills. [REDACTED] also stated she knew the Defendant very well and had been around him since they were kids. She was asked about the history between the Defendant and [REDACTED], and she advised they did not get along. [REDACTED] did not know exactly what the feud was over but hinted it was about guns and the way [REDACTED] acted towards people when he was "High." [REDACTED] also advised that the Defendant had previously shot at [REDACTED] on two other occasions. She stated one was at the [REDACTED] in Kansas City, and the other was at [REDACTED]'s residence of [REDACTED] in Kansas City.

As the investigations progressed, investigators received NIBIN information that the shell casings recovered at the scene of the shooting from 5/23/21 were matched casings recovered in (5) other incidents in the Kansas City area over the last two years. These incidents include a homicide that occurred in September of 2020, and two other shootings on 4/25/21 and 4/30/21. The incident on 4/25/21 was shell casings recovered from the parking Lot of the [REDACTED] located at [REDACTED] in Kansas City. The incident on 4/30/21 was in reference to the sound of shots being fired near the intersection of 83rd St and Holmes, which is

right next to [REDACTED] home. Both NIBIN hits are consistent with [REDACTED]'s statement. Additionally, [REDACTED] stated she was with [REDACTED] when the incident at [REDACTED] occurred, and that she observed the Defendant arrive in a black Mercedes. She stated she observed the Defendant shoot at [REDACTED].

As the investigation continued, on 5/26/2021 information was obtained that provided a possible address for the Defendant's location of [REDACTED] Kansas City Mo. Detectives with IPD, SWAT officers, and US Marshals set up surveillance on the room. As a result of the surveillance, the Defendant was eventually apprehended after throwing a gun, later identified as a Glock 10mm, out of the 3rd story window moments before being arrested. Prior to arresting the Defendant, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] were all identified as being inside the room with the Defendant. [REDACTED] was located inside the apartment with the Defendant. Each subject was interviewed individually by investigators with IPD. Both [REDACTED] stated that prior to his arrest, they had seen the Defendant carrying a black handgun inside the apartment.

[REDACTED] was later interview at police headquarters. [REDACTED] stated she was the sister of the victim, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] advised she was in a relationship with the Defendant and had been since she got out of prison. The Glock 10mm gun was described to [REDACTED], and she confirmed that was the gun she had knew the Defendant to carry. She advised he had the gun when she first met him. [REDACTED] was also asked about the incident where the Defendant had reportedly shot at [REDACTED] in the past, and she stated she was with the Defendant the night [REDACTED] was at the [REDACTED]. She stated they were in a black Mercedes, and that the Defendant shot at [REDACTED] and missed. When asked what she knew about her sister's death, she stated that she thought a guy named "[REDACTED]" did it. [REDACTED] advised she was kidnapped on Saturday night 5/22/21 by [REDACTED] while she was riding in a car named [REDACTED]. She stated she was set up by [REDACTED] for [REDACTED] because she had stolen [REDACTED]'s truck weeks before. [REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] "beat the shit out of her" for hours. She advised he would not let her go until the next morning after he knew [REDACTED] and her sister [REDACTED] were dead. [REDACTED] stated she thought that instead of killing her, [REDACTED] killed her sister. She stated that once [REDACTED] told her [REDACTED] had been shot, she asked him how he knew. He stated to her that he had people who told him.

Det. Waterworth interviewed [REDACTED] (known as [REDACTED]) about his involvement and interaction with the Defendant. [REDACTED] advised the Defendant had told him that he killed [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and stated that he didn't know [REDACTED] was in the car. [REDACTED] stated the Defendant told everyone but [REDACTED] that he'd shot [REDACTED] but was trying to convince [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] must have done it. [REDACTED] also stated that the Defendant always carries that Glock 10mm on his, and that just prior to the arrest, he ran into the bedroom [REDACTED] was in and threw the Glock out of the window.

On 5/27/2021 Detective Pagel and Lane interviewed the Defendant. Prior to the interview he was read his Miranda rights verbatim. Initially, the Defendant denied any involvement in the shooting death of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. He was then made aware of the evidence and eventually confessed to shooting both of them. The Defendant stated that on Saturday 5/22/21 he was contacted by [REDACTED] that he had taken [REDACTED], and it was told that he if he didn't kill [REDACTED], [REDACTED] would kill the whole family. He stated the issues with [REDACTED] all stemmed from when [REDACTED] stole [REDACTED]'s truck. The defendant advised that on the morning of 5/23/21 he near 23rd St and Pleasant and an apartment. He stated he received a call from a number and a person he didn't know telling him that [REDACTED] was over at [REDACTED]'s house ([REDACTED]) and this would be the best time to do it. The Defendant advised he drove over to the house a white Malibu alone. He stated he walked into the house and one of kids was still awake. He advised he heard voices in the basement and assumed everyone was down there. The Defendant stated he looked outside and noticed [REDACTED]'s jeep was running and observed [REDACTED] inside the car. He advised he stepped outside and shot until the gun was empty. When asked how many bullets were in the gun, he stated it held 17 and he fired them all. He advised he only noticed one head in the car and did not know [REDACTED] was inside the vehicle. The defendant stated after the shooting he left and returned to [REDACTED] off 210 Hwy. He advised he didn't know [REDACTED] was in the car and dead until his friend [REDACTED] told him.

Additionally, after the Glock 10mm firearm was recovered at [REDACTED] in the yard where it was thrown out the window, it was test fired at IPD. The casing from the test fire was entered into NIBIN and revealed a match to the shell casings recovered from the homicide at [REDACTED].

Detective Jeff Pagel

/s/ Jeff Pagel

Print Name

Signature