

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI
AT INDEPENDENCE**

POLICE NO. :	2025-26398
PROSECUTOR NO. :	095484346
OCN:	1Q001757

STATE OF MISSOURI,

PLAINTIFF,

vs.

MEKAI G KELLY-JAMES

723 N Crysler ave

Independence, MO 64050

DOB: [REDACTED]

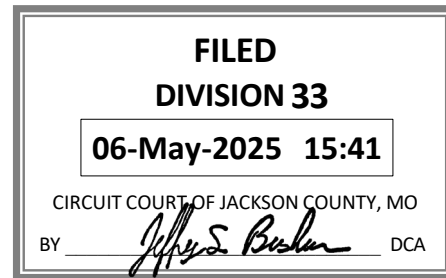
Race/Sex: B/M

S.S.N.: [REDACTED]

DEFENDANT.

CASE NO. 2516-CR

DIVISION



COMPLAINT
WARRANT REQUESTED

**Count I. Assault 1st Degree Or Attempt - Serious Physical Injury Or Special Victim
(565.050-001Y20201304.0)**

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.050, RSMo, committed the class A felony assault in the first degree, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about on or about May 5, 2025, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant shot at the victim, and such conduct was a substantial step toward the commission of the offense of assault in the first degree of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was done for the purpose of committing such assault and in the course thereof inflicted serious physical injury on [REDACTED]

An individual convicted and sentenced for this offense shall not be eligible for parole until eighty-five percent of the sentence is served. The range of punishment for a class A felony is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than ten (10) years and not to exceed thirty (30) years, or life imprisonment.

Count II. Armed Criminal Action (571.015-001Y20205299.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 571.015, RSMo, committed the felony of armed criminal action, punishable upon conviction under Section

571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about on or about May 5, 2025, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of assault in the first degree charged in Count One, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of assault in the first degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a deadly weapon.

The punishment imposed pursuant to Section 571.015, RSMo shall be in addition to and consecutive to any punishment provided by law for the crime committed by, with, or through the use, assistance, or aid of a dangerous instrument or deadly weapon. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015.1, RSMo. is imprisonment by the department of corrections for a term of not less than three years and not to exceed fifteen years, unless the person is unlawfully possessing a firearm, in which case the term of imprisonment shall be for a term of not less than five years. No person convicted under this subsection shall be eligible for parole, probation, conditional release, or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of three calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015.2, RSMo. as a second offense is imprisonment by the department of corrections for a term of not less than five years and not to exceed thirty years, unless the person is unlawfully possessing a firearm, in which case the term of imprisonment shall be for a term not less than fifteen years. No person convicted under this subsection shall be eligible for parole, probation, conditional release, or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of five calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015.3, RSMo. as a third offense is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than ten (10) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of ten (10) calendar years.

Count III. Unlawful Use Of Weapon - Subsection 9 - Shoot At/From Motor Vehicle, At Person, Motor Vehicle Or Building (571.030-020Y20205299.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of in violation of Section 571.030, RSMo, committed the class B Felony of unlawful use of a weapon, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 571.030.9, RSMo, in that on or about May 5, 2025, at [REDACTED], in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant, knowingly shot a firearm at a building, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The range of punishment for a class B felony is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than five (5) years and not to exceed fifteen (15) years. Pursuant to Section 571.030.9, RSMo, for the first violation a person shall be sentenced to the maximum authorized term of imprisonment for a class B felony; for any violation by a prior offender as defined in Section 558.016, RSMo, a person shall be sentenced to the maximum authorized term of imprisonment for a class B felony

without the possibility of parole, probation, or conditional release for a term of ten (10) years; and for any violation by a persistent offender as defined in Section 558.016, RSMo, a person shall be sentenced to the maximum authorized term of imprisonment for a class B felony without the possibility of parole, probation, or conditional release.

Count IV. Armed Criminal Action (571.015-001Y20205299.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 571.015, RSMo, committed the felony of armed criminal action, punishable upon conviction under Section 571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about on or about May 5, 2025, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of unlawful use of a weapon charged in Count three, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of unlawful use of a weapon by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a deadly weapon.

The punishment imposed pursuant to Section 571.015, RSMo shall be in addition to and consecutive to any punishment provided by law for the crime committed by, with, or through the use, assistance, or aid of a dangerous instrument or deadly weapon. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015.1, RSMo. is imprisonment by the department of corrections for a term of not less than three years and not to exceed fifteen years, unless the person is unlawfully possessing a firearm, in which case the term of imprisonment shall be for a term of not less than five years. No person convicted under this subsection shall be eligible for parole, probation, conditional release, or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of three calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015.2, RSMo. as a second offense is imprisonment by the department of corrections for a term of not less than five years and not to exceed thirty years, unless the person is unlawfully possessing a firearm, in which case the term of imprisonment shall be for a term not less than fifteen years. No person convicted under this subsection shall be eligible for parole, probation, conditional release, or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of five calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015.3, RSMo. as a third offense is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than ten (10) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of ten (10) calendar years.

Count V. Unlawful Use Of Weapon - Subsection 4 - Exhibiting (571.030-010Y20205299.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 571.030, RSMo, committed the class E felony of unlawful use of a weapon, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.002 and 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about May 5, 2025, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly exhibited, in the presence of one or

more persons a Glock 22, a weapon readily capable of lethal use, in an angry or threatening manner.

The range punishment for a class E felony is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than one (1) year and not to exceed four (4) years; or by imprisonment for a special term not to exceed one (1) year in the county jail or other authorized penal institution; or by a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); or by both imprisonment and a fine. If money or property has been gained through the commission of the crime, any fine imposed may be not more than double the amount of the offender's gain from the commission of the crime.

Count VI. Unlawful Possession, Transport, Manufacture, Repair Or Sale Of Illegal Weapon (571.020-001Y20205299.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of in violation of Section 571.020.1, RSMo, committed the class D felony of unlawful possession of a weapon, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 558.002, RSMo, in that on or about May 5, 2025, in the County of Jackson County, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly possessed a machine gun.

The range punishment for a class D felony is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than one (1) year and not to exceed seven (7) years; or by imprisonment for a special term not to exceed one (1) year in the county jail or other authorized penal institution; or by a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); or by both imprisonment and a fine. If money or property has been gained through the commission of the crime, any fine imposed may be not more than double the amount of the offender's gain from the commission of the crime.

The facts that form the basis for this information and belief are contained in the statement(s) of facts filed contemporaneously herewith, made a part hereof, and submitted as a basis upon which this court may find the existence of probable cause.

Wherefore, the Prosecuting Attorney prays that an arrest warrant be issued as provided by law.

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WITNESSES:

The State's witnesses as of 5/6/2025 are included on the "State's Witness List" filed contemporaneously with this Complaint.

