

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

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I, Detective [REDACTED], 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 11-25-2024, at [REDACTED] in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Michael Lynn Hill
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

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

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

In 2024, detectives in Kansas City, Missouri, identified a widespread pattern of non-residential burglaries that began in March 2024 and continued into 2025. These burglaries were committed by an organized group of suspects who concealed their identities using masks and dark clothing. They broke into small businesses by shattering windows and stole or attempted to steal items such as cash, register drawers, and safes. The suspects frequently used the same or similar vehicles to arrive at and flee from the scenes.

At least six suspects are involved in the burglary crew. Four appear to be Black males of average build, one is a short and extremely heavyset Black male, and one is a thin White male of average height. These individuals are responsible for more than 100 non-residential burglaries across the Kansas City metropolitan area.

Two of the suspects, [REDACTED], were arrested earlier in the investigation and charged in connection with some of the burglaries. Despite [REDACTED] being in custody and [REDACTED] having fled, the burglaries continued. In a post-Miranda interview, [REDACTED] admitted to his involvement and identified [REDACTED] as the leader of the burglary group.

Numerous burglaries occurred on November 25, 2024, and December 9, 2024, which are believed to have been committed by the same group. Detectives obtained a tower dump search warrant for five of the burglary locations associated with those dates. These offenses occurred on two separate days and in different areas of the city, which would have required any involved cellular devices to connect to different cell towers based on their geographic location at the time of each incident. Analysis of the obtained records revealed that phone number (816) 874-1371 was present at three of the five burglary locations. Open-source databases, including CLEAR and Accurant, identified this number as belonging to Michael Lynn Hill, a Black male born on [REDACTED].

Booking and DOR photographs confirmed Hill to be a heavyset male matching the suspect seen in burglary surveillance videos. Footage from both dates showed a heavyset suspect wearing the same clothing and walking with a distinct gait. This consistency in physical characteristics and phone location data initially linked Hill to the burglaries.

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Detectives then conducted physical surveillance on Hill and compared his movements to both real-time and historical location data from the phone associated with [REDACTED]. Each time, the phone's location matched Hill's physical movements. Surveillance also confirmed that Hill walked with the same unique gait seen in burglary surveillance footage.

Hill's phone was found to be present at or near nine crime scenes in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. All incidents occurred in the early morning hours when the businesses were closed to the public. None of the locations are near Hill's residence. In several surveillance videos, Hill does not make entry into the businesses but is seen acting as a lookout or the driver. His presence on scene and role in arrival and departure demonstrate that he was aware of the burglaries as they occurred and participated in them knowingly.

Burglaries on November 25, 2024 and December 09, 2024:

Nine businesses were burglarized on the morning of 11-25-2024. Surveillance footage was recovered for five of the locations:

- At 0305 hours, [REDACTED] was burglarized. The glass front door was shattered and entry was made. The repair estimate was \$500. The suspects entered the business.
- At 0328 hours, [REDACTED] was burglarized. A suspect entered through a shattered patio window but fled when an alarm sounded. The repair estimate was \$2,000.
- At 0336 hours, four suspects attempted to burglarize [REDACTED]. They threw a large object at the window but failed to break the bullet-resistant glass. The victim estimated damage at \$10,000.
- At 0408 hours, [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] was burglarized. The front door was shattered and \$155 was stolen from the register. The repair estimate was \$399. The suspects entered the business.
- At 0438 hours, [REDACTED] was burglarized. The front window was shattered and a safe containing \$2,865 was taken. Additional losses included \$500 for the safe and \$10,000 in property damage. The suspects entered the business.

Four businesses were burglarized on the morning of 12-09-2024. Surveillance was obtained for three of the incidents:

- At 0457 hours, [REDACTED] was burglarized. The glass door was shattered and entry was made. The business provided an invoice for \$236.34 to replace the door.
- At 0525 hours, [REDACTED] was burglarized. The front glass door was broken and estimated replacement was \$1,000. The suspects entered the business.
- At 0535 hours, [REDACTED] was burglarized. An exterior door was forced open and a safe containing \$1,000 was stolen. The replacement cost for the safe was \$655.95. The suspects entered the business.

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The suspect vehicle observed in both series of burglaries was a black Dodge Charger, which is believed to be owned by Idonnas Gavrilys. Surveillance footage showed a short, extremely obese Black male matching Hill's description. In each incident, the heavysset suspect wore a gray hooded sweatshirt and black pants. Phone records showed that the device associated with Hill was present at or near each of the burglary locations. The burglaries occurred across a wide area covered by multiple cell towers. The tower activity is consistent with the device being mobile and connecting to several different towers.

Attempted ATM thefts on 03-26-2025.

- [REDACTED] in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. The ATM was severely damaged between approximately 0240 and 0315 hours. Video surveillance revealed that four suspects arrived in a dark GMC Yukon on two separate occasions and attempted to gain access to the ATM. The repair cost for the ATM was \$7,309.97.

A similar incident occurred earlier that morning at the Country Club Bank at 2001 Shawnee Mission Parkway in Mission Woods, Kansas. Surveillance stills show the same suspects as in the previous incident. One heavysset Black male wore the same clothing seen on Hill during prior burglaries.

Detectives observed a matching GMC Yukon parked at Hill's residence on multiple occasions. Hill's phone was again located at or near both ATM crime scenes. Tower records reflected movement across several cell sites, consistent with mobile phone activity and physical travel between locations.

Cell site location data associated with Hill's device indicates a consistent pattern of activity. The phone connected to a tower near his residence immediately prior to the burglaries, transitioned to towers covering the target locations during the offenses, and returned to the sector near his residence shortly after each incident

Arrest and Interview:

On June 4, 2025, arrest warrants were issued for [REDACTED] in regard to this ongoing pattern. Both were taken into custody on June 5, 2025. During a post-Miranda interview, [REDACTED] identified the heavysset suspect seen on surveillance as [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

On June 5, 2025, Hill was arrested after he exited [REDACTED], apartment 8-5 and was placed on a 24-hour investigative hold. At the time of his arrest, Hill had an iPhone in his possession. After being advised of his Miranda rights, Hill agreed to speak with detectives. He confirmed that his phone number is [REDACTED] but denied knowing anything about the burglaries. He also denied knowing [REDACTED], despite records confirming they are cousins related by blood. The interview was then concluded.

Printed Name [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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

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Judge

Circuit Court of _____ County, State of Missouri.