

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 06/06/2025

CRN: KC25030611

I, Detective Nathan VanVickle #5169, 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 05/16/2025, at [REDACTED] in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Hoskins-Ellis, Zechariah
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

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

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 05/16/2025 at approximately 1614 hours, Officers of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department were dispatched to the area of [REDACTED], Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri on a reported shooting.

Upon arrival, Officers located an adult, black male victim lying on the ground suffering from an apparent gunshot wound to the head.

EMS arrived on scene and transported the victim to an area Hospital where on 05/19/2025, at 0012 hours he succumbed to his injuries. The death has been ruled a Homicide by the Jackson County Medical Examiner's Office.

During the course of the investigation Detectives interviewed the witness, [REDACTED] who is the victim's girlfriend.

[REDACTED] stated that Her boyfriend, [REDACTED] (victim), does construction work and had been working on the house located at [REDACTED]. She stated that they arrived at the listed location on 05/16/2025, at about 1400 hours and [REDACTED] was working until about 1600 hours when **Zechariah Hoskins-Ellis** (suspect) arrived. She stated that **Hoskins-Ellis** arrived in a dark grey Dodge Ram 4 Door and it had an attached trailer with multiple ATV's on it. She stated that she believed the first three numbers of the license plate were [REDACTED]. She stated that [REDACTED] walked out of the house to go talk to **Hoskins-Ellis** and when he came back he told her that **Hoskins-Ellis** said something rude. She and [REDACTED] left but then returned after driving around the back because [REDACTED] left his tools in the house. She stated [REDACTED] and **Hoskins-Ellis** were still arguing as [REDACTED] retrieved his tools. She stated [REDACTED] cursed **Hoskins-Ellis** out and she observed **Hoskins-Ellis** go to his truck, grab a gun, which was possibly a black Glock with a tan handle, and state to [REDACTED], "Who you calling a hoe ass nigga?" She stated that **Hoskins-Ellis** then shot [REDACTED] in the head behind the Chevy Trailblazer. She stated that **Hoskins-Ellis** has a very short fuse so she isn't surprised that he shot [REDACTED], and after **Hoskins-Ellis** shot [REDACTED], he panicked and she begged him to dial 911. She stated that **Hoskins-Ellis'** friend, [REDACTED], (nickname "[REDACTED]"), was there at the time of the shooting, and he exited his Red Chevy Camaro and told **Hoskins-Ellis** to look for something under the Trailblazer (presumably a shell casing). She stated that they both went to their cars and drove away with [REDACTED] telling her that "he was not here." She stated that she knew both of the involved individuals' names because they Chime payments to her account. She stated that **Hoskins-Ellis** is

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from Sedalia, MO. She stated that **Hoskins-Ellis** Facebook profile name is "Zack Zacko" and at the time of the interview, it was still active. She provided phone numbers for **Hoskins-Ellis** [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. She was also able to provided phone numbers for [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. She stated that she and [REDACTED] have known **Hoskins-Ellis** for about 6 months and they have been constant communication during that period.

On 05/17/2025, Detectives again contacted [REDACTED] to show her a photo lineup of Hoskin-Ellis. During this interview with [REDACTED] she positively identified **Zechariah Hoskins-Ellis B/M** [REDACTED].

Detectives also interviewed [REDACTED] who stated, he was inside his residence when he heard a few "bangs" and then a female scream. He stated he then looked outside and observed a black Dodge Truck with a trailer attached to it parked in the driveway of [REDACTED]. He observed a female running and screaming asking him to call 911. He observed the Dodge truck to leave the scene north bound on Benton Avenue. He stated he also observed a younger black male standing outside of a black vehicle and the female was asking him to call 911 and he got into the black vehicle and then leave the scene.

During the investigation Detectives recovered doorbell camera video which shows a silver Dodge Truck with a trailer attached to it, carrying ATVs as described by [REDACTED] and a Red Camera pulls up behind it which was described by [REDACTED] as the vehicle [REDACTED] got out of. The video did not show the shooting or the vehicles leaving.

On 05/22/2025, the Jackson County Courts granted search warrants for **Hoskins-Ellis'** phone numbers, [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. Information from the search warrants are still pending from Verizon Wireless.

On 06/06/2025, **Hoskins-Ellis** was taken into custody at the downtown probation and parole office and transported to Police Headquarters.

The vehicle that **Hoskins-Ellis** arrived in and was the sole occupant of, was towed from the State Building Parking lot at the request of State Building Security. During an inventory prior to tow, approximately two pounds of Marijuana was recovered, a baggie of white powdered substance which tested positive for Cocaine, baggie of unknown pills, and multiple THC Lollypops and chocolates.

On 06/06/2025 **Hoskins-Ellis** was advised of his Miranda Rights and stated that he wanted an attorney.

Printed Name Det. Nathan VanVickle #5169 Signature /s/ Det. Nathan VanVickle #5169

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

Judge

Circuit Court of _____ County, State of Missouri.