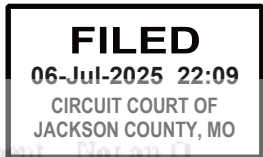


STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE



Date: July 6, 2025

I, Detective Sergeant Beets of the Sugar Creek Police Department knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state the facts contained herein are true:

I have probable cause to believe that on or about 7/5/2025, Jacob L. Ackerman committed one or more criminal offenses in Jackson County, Missouri.

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 07/05/2025, at approximately 2213 hours, Sugar Creek Officers were dispatched to the area of M-291 Highway and 210 Highway in reference to a welfare check. Dispatch advised the reporting party was a relative of the victim. Dispatch further advised the relative stated the Victim's phone was being tracked utilizing the "Life 360" application which was on the victim's phone. The reporting party stated the phone had not shown any movement for approximately seven hours. The reporting party stated the victim was last seen driving a black in color Mercedes passenger car. Officers conducted an area check for the vehicle using their patrol vehicles and an aerial drone but were unable to locate the vehicle.

The reporting party provided Officers with a screen shot of the "Life 360" location of the last known location of the victim's phone which was showing on the northeast corner of a pond in the area. Officers responded to the location and observed the victim lying on his back on the bank of the pond. Officers observed the victim lying on his back with a wound to the back of his head. Officers observed a large pool of blood on the right side of the victim's body and under his head. Near the body officers observed an empty can of Mike's Hard Lemonade alcoholic beverage, black in color "Crock" type shoes, a QT 32 ounce cup filled with unknown liquid, a electronic cigarette vaping device, a pocket knife and a pair of gray in color sweatpants. Officers did not observe any type of weapon at the scene. The Medical Examiner's Office and Detective Sergeant Beets responded and processed the scene. After the scene was processed the victim's body was released to the Jackson County Medical Examiner's Office. Officers recovered the clothing and miscellaneous items which were near the victim's body and packaged them as evidence.

On 07/06/2025 At approximately 0312 Officers were contacted at Police Headquarters by relatives of the victim. The relatives inquired as to the whereabouts of the victim's brother who they identified as Jacob Ackerman and stated they believed he was responsible for the victim's death. Officers were then contacted by the Medical Examiner's Investigator who advised the Medical Examiner's Office had received phone call from the victim's relatives. The Medical Examiner's Investigator advised while on the phone with the relative an unknown individual could be heard in the background stating the incident was a "Cain and Abel" situation.

On 07/06/2025, at approximately 0638 hours, relatives of the victim contacted dispatch and advised the victim's black in color Mercedes, CL2 was found in the driveway at Jacob's residence.

On 07/06/2025, at approximately 0644 hours, Dispatch was contacted by the victim's relatives and informed Jacob had arrived at a McDonald's restaurant in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. Jacob was observed by the relatives driving a white in color, 2013 Ford Econoline Van. Kansas City PD Officers arrived on scene due to a disturbance and contacted Jacob. Jacob was asked to exit the vehicle by KCPD and immediately complied and placed his hands behind his back without being ordered to do so. After being detained a relative of Jacob's asked him why he killed the victim. Jacob did not respond and looked at her with a blank stare on his face. Jacob was transported to Police Headquarters, the van Jacob was occupying and the victims' vehicle were secured and transported to Police Headquarters pending the execution of a search warrant.

On 07/06/2025, at approximately 0845 hours, Detective Sergeant Beets and Officer Mika were contacted at police headquarters by relatives of the victim. One relative provided a "selfie" photo which had been taken by the victim which showed the victim and Jacob standing with a canine in the exact area where the victim's body had been located. The relatives advised Jacob's mental health had been declining and Jacob had been jealous of the victim for most of his life due to the victim being successful in life and Jacob struggling. The relatives further advised the victim had been given permission to use one of the relative's debit cards and had made purchases at the Quickway Gas station located at 4500 N. Cobbler Road, River Bend, Jackson County, Missouri. It should be noted that the gas station is near the area where the victim's body was located.

Sugar Creek Officer Counihan responded to the Quickway Gas Station and was able to recover surveillance video of Jacob and the victim in the victim's black Mercedes. The victim can be observed entering the store and Jacob can be observed remaining in the front passenger seat of the vehicle.

Officer Counihan and Officer Mika escorted Jacob from his holding cell into a recorded interview room where he was read his Miranda warning from a prepared form. Jacob indicated he understood his rights and agreed to speak without an attorney. During the interview Jacob stated he had no knowledge of where his brother was located. When Jacob was told the situation looks bad he replied and stated "if it looks bad then it's bad". Jacob was asked for consent to search his Ford van and consented to the search of the van by later signing a prepared Consent to Search Form. When asked for consent to search his residence Jacob did not give a straight forward answer and replied, "you are going to do what you are going to do".

Officer Counihan executed a search warrant at Jacob's residence and located the clothing which Jacob was believed to be wearing in the "selfie" photograph that had been taken. Officer Counihan stated the clothing items were recovered from various locations throughout the residence.

Officers from the Sugar Creek Police Department and Detectives with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office conducted a search of the victim's black Mercedes and Jacob's van. Inside the van Detective Sergeant Beets recovered Jacob's cell phone which was seized and held pending a search warrant. Inside the victim's Mercedes, Jackson County Detectives recovered a wallet with a bank card belonging to the victim.

Detectives with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office conducted a recorded interview with Jacob. During the interview Jacob admitted to standing behind the victim and shooting him in the head. When asked why he shot the victim Jacob indicated he and the victim and gotten into an argument over a girl. When asked about the location of the firearm, Jacob stated he could not remember what was done with the firearm after the shooting occurred. Jacob was later returned to his holding cell.

During the booking process Officer Counihan inquired as to the whereabouts of the firearm. Jacob then provided Officer Counihan with a hand written statement admitting that he had hid the forearm in the attic crawl space under the insulation.

A computer inquiry of Jacob's criminal history revealed he is a convicted felon in the state of Missouri and had been convicted of the following felony offenses:

2001 Possession of a Controlled Substance Jackson County Missouri

2006 Burglary 1st Degree, Domestic Assault 2nd Degree X3 Jackson County Missouri

The above facts support a finding of reasonable grounds to believe the defendant will and the defendant poses a danger to the crime victim, the community or other people.

Detective Sergeant Matthew Beets #906

/s/ Det. Sgt. Matthew Beets

Signature

EXTRADITION AUTHORIZATION

Felonies On Police Report Number:

#25-1059

Criminal Complaint Number:
