

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 08/12/2025

CRN: KC25043899

I, Detective Bradley Bailey #5543; Gang Squad; 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 07/12/2025, at ██████████ in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Julian Chavarria
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

H/M, ██████████ committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 07/12/2025 at 1802 hours, officers with the Kansas City Missouri Police Department were dispatched to ██████████. Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri in regard to shots which had been fired into the residence.

Upon arrival, contact was made with the victim, who reported he was inside his residence located at ██████████ when he heard what he thought were fireworks outside. He then discovered that his vehicle, a white 2014 Dodge Challenger, which was parked in his driveway, had been damaged by gunfire. The victim also found the front south-facing exterior wall of ██████████ which he is the owner of, was also damaged by gunfire. The victim was not injured and advised that no persons were inside or presently staying in ██████████. He stated did not know who, or why someone would target his residence. The victim later provided a repair estimate for the vehicle's damage which listed a minimum cost of \$12,362.00.

Officers recovered thirty-four (34) spent 9mm shell casings from the street directly in front of the residence and one (1) 5.7mm caliber spent shell casing to the west of the 9mm casings.

Contact was made with the residents of ██████████, who reported their exterior, street-facing surveillance camera captured the incident. Detectives were provided the video and reviewed it as part of the investigation. The video depicted a gray Hyundai Accent sedan with tinted windows, black wheels, damage to the front driver side quarter-panel, and a red in color driver-side view mirror, travelling west on ██████████. The vehicle slows down as it reaches the area directly in front of ██████████. At this time, smoke can be seen coming from the passenger side of the Hyundai, with visible simultaneous impacts to the Dodge Challenger and front of ██████████. The vehicle then flees westbound out of the camera's vantage point.

Hours later, on 07/13/2025 at 0015 hours, officers were dispatched to ██████████ in regard to shots which had been fired into the residence. Contact was made with three uninjured occupants of the residence who

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reported hearing gunshots outside before discovering their home had been damaged by gunfire. One of the victims reported the rate which the gunfire was heard sounded as if an automatic weapon was used.

Officers also contacted an uninjured victim at [REDACTED] which is one house to the east of [REDACTED]. This victim reported he was sitting on the front porch of his home when he observed three individuals walking west on [REDACTED]. One of the males was holding a gun in his hand. The victim was aware of the earlier shooting incident on the block, and proceeded inside his residence. Once inside, he heard gunshots and discovered damage to the north-facing exterior wall and window of his residence. These offenses at [REDACTED] were documented under KC25043968.

Officers located and recovered sixteen (16) 9mm spent shell casings, nineteen (19) .40 caliber spent shell casings, and nineteen (19) 5.7mm caliber spent shell casings near the intersection of [REDACTED]. It was noted that two of the three calibers (9mm and 5.7mm) were the same from the earlier incident.

Just over three hours later, on 07/13/2025 at 0340 hours, officers were dispatched to [REDACTED] regarding shots which had been fired into the residence. Contact was made with the victim from the earlier property damage on 07/12/2025, his juvenile son, and another juvenile male. All three reported they were inside the residence when they heard gunfire outside. They discovered the window of the bedroom the two juvenile males were occupying had been damaged by gunfire. No injuries were reported by the victims and this offense was documented under KC25043993.

Officers located and recovered thirty-one (31) 9mm spent shell casings, five (5) 5.7mm spent shell casings, and one (1) .40 caliber spent shell casing from the scene. These calibers matched both of the earlier shooting incidents.

Later in the morning, officers were dispatched to [REDACTED] regarding shots which had been fired into the occupied residence and two unoccupied vehicles parked outside during the earlier incident(s). In total, eight (8) persons, including three (3) juveniles were inside the home at the time of the shootings. Additionally, two vehicles belonging to the victims were found to have several defects consistent with damage from gunfire. This offense was documented under KC25044034 but believed to have occurred during the prior shootings.

Officers located and recovered an additional six (6) 9mm spent shell casings near [REDACTED] which had not been located during the earlier incidents.

The owners of a vehicle parked at [REDACTED] also contacted police on 07/13/2025 to report damage from gunfire during the earlier incidents (KC25044070).

During the investigation, a gray Hyundai Accent with tinted windows, black wheels, damage to the front driver side quarter-panel, and red side view mirrors was observed on city surveillance cameras arriving in and/or departing the vicinity of the first and second shooting incidents. This vehicle was identical to the Hyundai Accent with the described features seen in the surveillance video from the first shooting. License plate readers in the area captured the vehicle, which was then identified as a gray 2009 Hyundai Accent 4-door sedan bearing Missouri license plate [REDACTED]. This vehicle was read by license plate

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readers in the area of [REDACTED] entering or leaving the vicinity of the shootings during the time frames of all three shootings.

Victims from the first and second shooting incidents provided detectives the name [REDACTED] as a possible suspect, along with a video shared to the Instagram account "18gritter" (Account ID# 10589467486) posted around the time of the first shooting. From prior law enforcement investigations, detectives knew the account to belong to 18th Street gang member [REDACTED] AKA Leroy, HM, 09/15/2006, who regularly shares content to the account exclusively depicting himself, his associates, firearms, and gang-related references. The Instagram video depicted [REDACTED] and two of his known associates, [REDACTED], and Julian Chavarria, HM, 03/24/2006, inside a vehicle and displaying multiple handguns which appeared to be consistent with the calibers recovered from the crime scenes. [REDACTED] displayed a small frame Glock handgun with a visible rail adapter affixed to its frame. Chavarria displayed two handguns in the video, one of which appeared to have a tan or light in color frame, black slide, and red-dot optic affixed to its slide. The other handgun appeared to be a black handgun, possibly a Glock, which had a weapon-mounted light affixed to its frame. [REDACTED] displayed a black Glock handgun with an extended magazine. In this video, [REDACTED] was wearing a black balaclava mask which he had pulled to the top of his head and a black t-shirt underneath what appeared to be a black jacket. [REDACTED] was wearing a black Nike brand balaclava mask which he had pulled to the top of his head, a black t-shirt, and black jacket. Chavarria was wearing a black baseball cap and black t-shirt with a design on the front.

A victim also provided officers a screenshot taken from [REDACTED] Instagram account which he had shared during the time frame between the second and third shooting incidents. The posting depicted a male believed to be [REDACTED], holding a Glock 27 .40 caliber handgun in the parking lot of the Express Stop located at [REDACTED]. The weapon's frame had a Recover Tactical brand GR26 rail adapter affixed to its frame with two rusted screws. This attachment was consistent with the rail adapter visible in the above referenced Instagram video. The gray Hyundai Accent's front fender and red driver side mirror are visible in the photograph. Detectives later reviewed surveillance video from the Express Stop and city surveillance cameras nearby, which depicted a gray Hyundai Accent with tinted windows, black wheels, damage to the driver side front quarter-panel, and red side view mirrors arrive on 07/13/2025 around 0147 hours. [REDACTED] and Chavarria are seen exiting the vehicle and entering the business. They later leave in the vehicle at 0224 hours. All three individuals were wearing similar clothing articles from the aforementioned Instagram video, with the exception of Chavarria who was then wearing a plain black t-shirt. [REDACTED] was then wearing a "Gallery Dept." baseball cap and did not have his black jacket on. His black t-shirt featured a large character face design. Their occupancy in the identified suspect vehicle and presence at the business fell between the shooting incidents documented under KC25043968 and KC25043993.

On 07/13/2025 at 1443 hours, officers located the Hyundai Accent parked on the street near its registered address, [REDACTED], and towed it with a hold under KC25043993. This residence is that of [REDACTED] family. During its towing, a live 5.7mm caliber round of ammunition was found next to the vehicle's rear passenger side tire. A search warrant for the vehicle was applied for, granted, and later executed on 07/15/2025 which yielded the recovery of six (6) spent 9mm shell casings, live 9mm ammunition, and court documents related to a 2023 criminal case against [REDACTED] Fremont County Iowa.

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The initial victim in this case advised detectives that in July 2024 gang-related graffiti had been applied on his Dodge Challenger which was targeted in this case. He provided a photograph of the markings, which I recognized as being specific to the 18th Street gang. The application included [REDACTED] acknowledged moniker/nickname of "Leroy" and their writing style was identical to multiple other documented graffiti applications which he has made across the city over the prior two years.

On 07/23/2025, I was notified that the ATF NIBIN National Correlation and Training Center had developed the following presumptive investigative leads from NIBIN entry of the recovered spent shell casings in these cases: The 9mm casings recovered from all three shooting scenes (KC2503899, KC25043968, KC25043993) and the delayed report at [REDACTED] (KC25044034) are consistent with having been fired by the same weapon. The .40 caliber casings recovered from the second and third shooting incidents (KC25043968 & KC25043993) are consistent with having been fired by the same weapon. The 5.7mm casings recovered from all three shooting scenes (KC25043899, KC25043968, KC25043993) are consistent with having been fired from the same weapon. The .40 and 5.7mm caliber casings were later connected through NIBIN testing to a separate shooting incident on 07/16/2025 at [REDACTED], which detectives have also developed [REDACTED] and Chavarria as suspects in (KC25044954).

Since 07/12/2025, [REDACTED] and Chavarria have made multiple publicly visible postings to their Instagram and Facebook accounts which depict themselves in possession of what appears to be the aforementioned Glock 27 .40 caliber handgun with the Recover Tactical GR26 rail adapter, the aforementioned 5.7mm caliber handgun, and other handguns. These postings have spanned the time frame from the date of the initial incident to 08/09/2025.

Having probable cause to arrest [REDACTED] and Chavarria regarding these offenses, detectives conducted covert surveillance on 08/12/2025 at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] which had been identified as their current workplace. During the surveillance, [REDACTED] and Chavarria were observed exiting the primary building on the property and entering a red Jeep Rubicon driven by [REDACTED] mother. After the vehicle departed the location travelling eastbound, SWAT officers conducted a car check and took both parties into custody. During a search incident to arrest of Chavarria's person, officers discovered a tan frame Palmetto Armory 5.7mm Rock handgun displaying serial number RK037055 inside a holster within his waistband. The weapon had a black slide and red-dot optic affixed to its slide, which was identical to the firearm displayed by [REDACTED] and Chavarria on their social media profiles. He and [REDACTED] were transported to the Metro Patrol Division for booking.

Detectives responded to the Metro Patrol Division Detention Unit to conduct an interview with Chavarria regarding these cases and after being read his Miranda Warning, he agreed to speak with detectives. He initially denied knowing or having heard anything about the shooting incidents on 07/12/2025, 07/13/2025, and 07/16/2025. He admitted to having possessed the tan frame Palmetto Armory 5.7 Rock handgun displaying serial number RK037055 recovered from his waistband, for a "week". He claimed he had bought the weapon "on the street" but could not remember who from or where he allegedly purchased it. When presented with the probability that testing of the handgun would link it to these shooting incidents, Chavarria shook his head in affirmation. After discussing the events of each case, along with evidence linking him to the suspects, suspect vehicle and 5.7mm handgun, Chavarria was asked whether he had regret for what they did. He replied "yes"

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but claimed to not know why they committed these shootings. He stated he was seated in the back of the suspect vehicle.

Referencing the shooting incident on 07/16/2025 (KC25044954), he acknowledged his involvement in that shooting and stated he does not know who lives in the house they targeted.

I am requesting a warrant for Chavarria due his extremely violent use of a firearm in these three separate, but related shooting incidents from 07/12/2025 and 07/13/2025. In total, five residences, four of which were occupied; and four unoccupied vehicles were damaged from gunfire. The targeted and reckless use of firearms by Chavarria and his associates has caused fear amongst the involved victims and within the surrounding community. In total, 137 spent shell casings were recovered from the crime scenes near E. 8th St. and Chestnut Ave. and within the suspect vehicle.

Chavarria is known to associate with members the 18th Street gang in Kansas City Missouri, two of whom were involved in these specific incidents. The later shooting on 07/16/2025 also involved Lopez-Hernandez and another member of the 18th Street gang. Members of the gang regularly engage in violence, intimidation, and drug trafficking across the city.

Due to the above factors and information, I am requesting an appropriate bond which will ensure the future safety of the victims and witnesses in this case, as well as the community at-large due to the danger Chavarria poses to the community.

Printed Name Det. Bradley Bailey #5543 Signature /S/ Det. Bradley Bailey #5543

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

Judge

Circuit Court of _____ County, State of Missouri.