

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

Police# 16-033825
Prosecutor# 095432091
1616-CR
OCN# AN013514

COMPLAINT

STATE OF MISSOURI

vs.

**Michael A Porter
729 N Clay
Nevada, MO 64772
DOB: 10/29/1975; Race/Sex: W/M;
SS# [REDACTED]
Defendant.**

**Count I. Kidnapping - Facilitating A Felony Or Flight Thereafter/inflicting
Injury/terrorizing Victim (565.110-002Y19501006.0)**

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.110, RSMo, committed the class B felony of kidnapping, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about May 6, 2016, in the county of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant unlawfully removed [REDACTED], without her consent from 126 N Davidson, Independence, Missouri, the place where she was found by the defendant, for the purpose of inflicting physical injury on and terrorizing [REDACTED].

An individual convicted and sentenced for this offense shall not be eligible for parole until eighty-five percent of the sentence is served.

Count II. Domestic Assault 1st Degree - 1st Offense (565.072-002Y19991306.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.072, RSMo, committed the class B felony of domestic assault in the first degree, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about May 6, 2016, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant struck [REDACTED], and such conduct was a substantial step toward the commission of the crime of attempting to cause serious physical injury to [REDACTED], and was done for the purpose of committing such assault, and [REDACTED], and the defendant were family or household members in that [REDACTED], and the defendant were adults who were or had been in a continuing social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature.

An individual convicted and sentenced for this offesne shall not be eligible for parole until eight-five percent of the sentence is served.

Count III. Kidnapping - Facilitating A Felony Or Flight Thereafter/inflicting Injury/terrorizing Victim (565.110-002Y19501006.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.110, RSMo, committed the class B felony of kidnapping, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about May 6, 2016, in the county of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant unlawfully confined [REDACTED], without her consent for a substantial period, for the purpose of inflicting physical injury on and terrorizing [REDACTED].

An individual convicted and sentenced for this offense shall not be eligible for parole until eight-five percent of the sentence is served.

Count IV. Domestic Assault 1st Degree - 1st Offense (565.072-002Y19991303.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.072, RSMo, committed the class B felony of domestic assault in the first degree, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about May 6, 2016, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant struck [REDACTED], and such conduct was a substantial step toward the commission of the crime of attempting to cause serious physical injury to [REDACTED] and was done for the purpose of committing such assault, and [REDACTED]. and the defendant were family or household members in that [REDACTED] and the defendant were adults who were or had been in a continuing social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature.

An individual convicted and sentenced for this offense shall not be eligible for parole until eight-five percent of the sentence is served.

Count V. Resisting Arrest/detention/stop By Fleeing - Creating A Substantial Risk Of Serious Injury/death To Any Person (575.150-002Y20054801.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 575.150, RSMo, committed the class D felony of resisting a lawful stop, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.011, RSMo, in that on or about May 6, 2016, in the county of Jackson, State of Missouri, Officer Ledezma, a law enforcement officer, was attempting to make a lawful stop of a vehicle being operated by the defendant, and the defendant knew or reasonably should have known that the officer was making a lawful stop, and, for the purpose of preventing the officer from effecting the stop, resisted the stop of defendant by fleeing from the officer and the defendant fled in such a manner that created a substantial risk of serious physical injury or death to other persons in that the defendant was travelling at a high rate of speed into oncoming lanes of traffic.

The facts that form the basis for this information and belief are contained in the attached statement(s) of facts, 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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PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 5-6-16

Report #16-33825

I, Steve Cook, a Detective with the Independence, Missouri Police Department, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true.

1. I have probable cause to believe that on 5-6-16 at 0001 hours, Michael A. Porter, (W, M, 10-29-75, SSN: [REDACTED] 729 N. Clay, Nevada, MO. 64772 committed one or more criminal offenses in Jackson County, Missouri.

2. The facts supporting this believe are as follows:

On 05/06/16 at 0101 hours, Officer Stewart was dispatched to the area of 201 N. Jennings in regard to a nature unknown. While en route, dispatch advised the caller stated that the suspect vehicle, a gray Mitsubishi, left southbound 291 with the victim in it.

A short time later, dispatch advised that the caller had lost sight and would like to meet Officers in the parking lot of the Mr. Goodcents off 291 and Frontage.

Upon arrival, Officer Stewart contacted the caller, Justin Jennings who advised his friend, [REDACTED], was just assaulted by a male, later identified as Michael A. Porter. He stated that Michael had punched [REDACTED] multiple times and shoved [REDACTED] in the vehicle then took off.

Officer Stewart then requested Justin call [REDACTED] to see if he could find out their current location. [REDACTED] answered the phone scared and crying and stated he/she had just jumped out of the moving vehicle in attempt to get away from Porter and was bleeding badly. [REDACTED] stated that Porter was taking him/her to the hospital and they were on 291 possibly at 39th Street.

Officer Ledezma observed the vehicle at 291 and Hidden Valley and initiated his emergency equipment in an attempt to stop the suspect vehicle. The vehicle did not stop and a pursuit was initiated. During the pursuit the vehicle operated by Michael Porter drove into the oncoming lanes of traffic on eastbound 39th at Crackerneck at 62 MPH and headed towards a vehicle traveling westbound. Michael Porter also drove in the oncoming lanes of traffic while traveling eastbound on 39th Street at Little Blue Parkway traveling at 87 MPH. Michael Porter drove at speeds in excess of 100 MPH during the pursuit and eventually crashed the vehicle into a wooded area after reaching a dead end road.

After reaching the termination point, Michael was taken into custody. [REDACTED] was bleeding from the face and holding the back of his/her head. [REDACTED] appeared to be scared and originally stated that nothing had happened and Michael was taking him/her to the hospital. During continued conversation [REDACTED] stated that he/she was kidnapped and afraid to talk because Michael had threatened to kill him/her and knows where his/her son lives.

[REDACTED] was transported to Centerpoint and interviewed by Officer Stewart. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] and Michael had been hanging out throughout the day because Michael was a very good artist and he was going to give him/her a tattoo. [REDACTED] stated at approximately 1500 hours, he/she and Michael went to a friend's house at an unknown location in Kansas City.

█████ stated upon arrival, they entered the residence where multiple people were "hanging out"; █████ stated that after a very short period of time, Michael became very irate and began accusing █████ of looking at a guy. █████ stated Michael then punched him/her in the right cheek two times and exited the residence. █████ stated that Michael's friends told him to leave and not come back.

█████ stated that Michael's friends were comforting him/her trying to get █████ to calm down and a short time later, Kansas City Police arrived. █████ stated that he/she lied to them and told them nothing had happened because he/she was scared of repercussions.

█████ advised that Michael's friend left shortly after to talk to Michael and to get █████ stuff that was in the vehicle: bags of clothes, shoes and miscellaneous other items.

█████ advised a short time later, Michael and his friend returned. █████ stated that Michael was very apologetic and calm. █████ advised he/she believed that Michael went to a friend's and used drugs due to his behavior.

█████ advised Michael asked where █████ wanted to go and offered █████ a ride. █████ advised Michael he/she wanted to go to a coworker's house off of Wayne St. in Kansas City. █████ advised Michael was calm and being nice at this time. █████ stated while en route to Wayne Street, Michael kept almost falling asleep while driving.

█████ stated upon arriving into the area of Wayne Street, Michael began circling the surrounding blocks. █████ stated that when he/she advised Michael that he had missed his turn, Michael stated that "You'll get there when I get you there." █████ stated while circling the block, █████ texted Justin advising him that he/she needed help.

After a short period of time, Michael began acting calm and nice towards █████ again. █████ stated that Michael told him/her to call Justin and have him meet them somewhere to pick █████ up. █████ stated at this time, █████ called Justin and told him to meet him/her at the gas station at 85th and Holmes.

█████ stated that upon arriving at the intersection of 85th and Holmes, Michael drove through the intersection and told █████ that he/she had been kidnapped. █████ stated that he/she could tell that he was being serious but he was trying to make it a joke.

█████ stated after driving through the intersection and driving a little bit, Michael then offered to take █████ to Justin's house so they could all "hang out".

█████ stated that was fine and used GPS to get directions to Justin's house. █████ stated while en route to Justin's house, █████ was advising Michael on where to turn. █████ stated that Michael would at times almost fall asleep and then would act out and start screaming at █████ for telling him where to go.

█████ stated upon arriving at Justin's, █████ exited the vehicle and grabbed his/her items. █████ stated upon grabbing the items, Michael stated "I knew you were going to do that." █████ stated he/she began walking to the house where █████ observed Justin sitting in the vehicle in the driveway. █████ stated that he/she stopped to talk to him and told him that he/she needed help.

█████ stated that Justin told █████ that he/she could stay the night at the residence. █████ stated he/she then walked up to the front door where Justin's mother, Patti Jennings, met him/her at the front door. █████ stated he/she walked inside the residence closed the front door, locking it, and then dropped his/her bags on the floor.

█████ stated at this time, █████ heard Michael yelling at Justin in the front yard. █████ stated that he/she felt bad because he/she felt like he/she brought his/her problems to Justin's so █████ went out front to help calm Michael.

Upon exiting the residence, Michael told █████ to get in the vehicle multiple times. After refusing to, Michael struck █████ in the face using a closed fist, causing his/her lip to split and causing him/her to fall to the ground. █████ stated that Michael continued striking him/her with closed fist at which time █████ went into a fetal position for protection.

█████ stated that Michael then picked him/her up, shoving him/her into the passenger seat of the vehicle. █████ stated that he/she opened the door in an attempt to get out of the vehicle, at which time Michael struck him/her in the face again using a closed fist. █████ stated after striking him/her in the face again, Michael slammed the door on him/her.

█████ stated that he/she again attempted to open the door to exit the vehicle at which time Michael began striking him/her through a partially opened window on the passenger door. █████ stated Michael then opened the door and got on top of him/her in the passenger seat striking █████ multiple times. █████ stated Michael then rolled over the center console into the driver seat, using his right hand to close the passenger door, and accelerated at a high rate of speed.

█████ stated upon turning southbound on Jennings from Davidson, █████ opened the door and rolled out of the moving vehicle, striking his/her head and shoulder multiple times. █████ stated that he/she didn't remember much but remembered Michael picking him/her up and shoving him/her back into the vehicle.

█████ stated that Michael then began driving around in unknown areas. █████ stated while driving around, Michael stated multiple times that he was going to duct tape █████ and kill █████

█████ stated Michael then began crying and apologizing to █████ for █████ jumping out of the moving vehicle. █████ stated at this time, Justin called at which time █████ advised him that Michael was driving █████ to Centerpoint Hospital.

█████ stated that upon seeing the patrol vehicles behind him, he stated that he had nothing else to lose and if he went to jail, he was going to kill █████ when he got out. █████ stated at that time, the police attempted to stop him and he "got in the zone" and wasn't speaking throughout the chase.

Officer Stewart also interviewed Justin Jennings while at the hospital. Justin stated that he received a text from █████ saying help me. He stated that he asked where █████ was so he could go pick him/her up. He stated █████ called him a short time later and asked for his address so █████ could be dropped off.

Justin stated upon the arrival of █████ and Michael, he advised █████ walked up to where he was sitting and told him to help him/her. He told █████ to go inside and call the police. Justin stated that when █████ went inside of the residence, Michael exited the vehicle in an aggressive

manner and told Justin to get [REDACTED] outside.

Justin said that Michael became very irate and began threatening him, telling him that he felt like going to jail and if [REDACTED] didn't come outside, he was going to kick the door open and go inside with a machete.

Justin stated while Michael was yelling at him threatening him, [REDACTED] came outside. Justin stated that Michael told [REDACTED] to get into the vehicle and [REDACTED] refused. Justin said Michael then struck [REDACTED] in the face using a closed fist causing [REDACTED] to fall to the ground. Justin said while [REDACTED] was on the ground, Michael struck [REDACTED] a few more times before picking [REDACTED] up and shoving [REDACTED] into the vehicle.

Justin stated that [REDACTED] attempted to open the door to get out of the vehicle when Michael walked back around to the passenger door from the rear of the vehicle and struck [REDACTED] in the face multiple times, shoving [REDACTED] back into the vehicle and closing the door. Justin stated that [REDACTED] attempted to open the door again and Michael began striking [REDACTED] through the passenger window.

Justin stated Michael eventually opened the passenger door and crawled on top of [REDACTED] and continued striking [REDACTED] Justin said Michael rolled over the center console, into the driver's seat, reached across slamming the passenger door and accelerated at a high rate of speed.

Detective Cook did interview [REDACTED] who confirmed the same information as provided to Officer Stewart. In addition [REDACTED] advised that he/she and Michael Porter had been involved in a relationship for a period of a couple weeks a couple of months ago. [REDACTED] further advised that during the pursuit he/she was in fear for his/her life and the lives of others due to Michael driving in excess of 100 MPH and driving into oncoming traffic. [REDACTED] also advised that he/she received stitches in his/her mouth and staples to the head from the assault.

Detective Steve Cook #879

Print Name


Signature

THE COURT FINDS PROBABLE CAUSE:

Date

Judge