

**THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI
AT KANSAS CITY**

Police# 16-043940
Prosecutor# 095432913
1616-CR02277^{EG}
OCN#

COMPLAINT

STATE OF MISSOURI

vs.

Craig A. Sutton
5735 Tracy
Kansas City, MO 64130
DOB: 09/13/1981; Race/Sex: B/M;
SS# [REDACTED]
Defendant.

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Count I. Assault 1st Degree - Serious Physical Injury (565.050-001Y19841306.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.050, RSMo, committed the **Class A Felony of Assault in the First Degree**, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about June 19, 2016, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant caused blunt force trauma to the victim, and such conduct was a substantial step toward the commission of the crime of attempting to kill or cause serious physical injury to [REDACTED] and was done for the purpose of committing such assault, and in the course thereof inflicted serious physical injury on [REDACTED]

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

The range of punishment for a class A felony is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than ten (10) years and not to exceed thirty (30) years, or life imprisonment.

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.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI

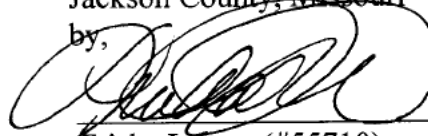
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PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 06/22/2016

CRN: 16-43940

I, Detective Terrence Owens #5379, of the 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 06/19/2016, at 2402 E 55th Street (Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson County Missouri Craig Sutton (County) (Name of Offender(s))

B/M 09/13/1981 SSN: [REDACTED] committed one or more criminal offense(s). (Description of Identity)

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Assault

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 06/20/2016, officers of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department were dispatched to 24th Terrace and Campbell Avenue regarding a medical nature unknown. Upon arrival, the officers discovered the victim, [REDACTED] (06/25/1951), lying in the back seat of a black Buick LeSabre (later identified as the victim's vehicle) completely unresponsive. The back seat of the vehicle was heavily saturated in blood. The vehicle was running and the emergency flashers were on.

The victim was transported to an area hospital where he was admitted for injuries from apparent blunt force trauma to the head and body. Medical personnel have indicated that the victim's injuries will possibly result in the victim's death. At this time the victim remains unconscious.

Video surveillance footage obtained during an area canvass in the area of 24th Terrace and Campbell showed the victim's vehicle pull up northbound on Campbell south of 24th Terrace and stop on 06-19-2016 at 2306 hours. The footage showed a black male wearing dark clothing run from the victim's car to a gold colored Chevrolet, Blazer. The victim was lying in the vehicle for approximately eleven hours before he was discovered.

The victim's family advised detectives that the victim had been in a relationship with a female in Kansas City. Detectives identified a possible address for this female at 2402 E. 55th Street. A residence check was conducted at that location at which time a gold colored Chevrolet, Blazer was located in the driveway of the residence, backed in. Doing a visual inspection from the exterior of the vehicle there was what appeared to be blood on the dashboard of the vehicle. This vehicle was towed for later processing. Detectives knocked on the door of the residence and they contacted the female witness who had been in a relationship with the victim and a male witness.

A search warrant was obtained for this location. Using the chemical Luminol, it indicated a positive reaction for blood in several locations inside the residence and at the exterior door of the residence. It also indicated a positive response for blood on some cleaning items in the kitchen of the residence.

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The female witness (C.D.), who was interviewed under Miranda, identified **Craig Sutton (B/M 09/13/1981)** as the suspect. She stated that Sutton is the father of her children and that he was recently released from federal prison. She stated that on 06-19-2016, she and the victim were at the residence at 2402 E. 55th. The victim was inside sitting on the couch. Sutton arrived at that location and forced his way inside. He confronted the victim and said "what are you doing here" and then he punched the victim in the face. C.D. stated that she saw that there was a small amount of blood coming from the area of the victim's eye after being struck, but he was still coherent at that time.

The victim walked outside with C.D. after the assault. Later that evening Sutton and his cousin, Jermaine Oliver, (B/M, 06-18-1981) got into another confrontation with the victim. Sutton punched the victim and knocked him to the ground. Jermaine then punched the victim when he was on the ground. C.D. claimed that Oliver injured his hand during this incident.

C.D. stated that after the second assault she and the victim were having drinks and she went to sleep. The victim and witness E.D. were in the residence when she passed out but Sutton was not. When she woke up, the victim and her vehicle (a gold Chevrolet Blazer) were missing. She called her brother, (male witness E.D.) and he came to the residence in her gold Blazer. Sutton then showed up and told E.D. that he (Sutton) needed a ride. C.D. stated that Sutton left on foot and never got into the Gold Blazer, and E.D. just followed him up the street in the gold Blazer.

At an unknown time "in the middle of the night" C.D. got a phone call from Sutton. Sutton stated that he had "hurt the victim and took him to the hospital." He stated "I fucked up Tom."

Witness E.D later told C.D. that he had driven the gold Blazer and followed Sutton in the victim's car (the black Buick LeSabre) and dropped it off "near a hospital." Sutton got back into the Chevrolet, Blazer with E.D and E.D. took Sutton back to the residence at 2402 E. 55th.

Detectives also interviewed witness E.D. under Miranda. E.D. also identified **Craig Sutton (B/M 09/13/1981)** as the suspect. E.D. stated that on 06-19-2016, he was at 2402 E. 55th. He stated that he walked in and found out that Sutton had punched the victim. E.D. left and then came back later. When he came back Sutton and the victim were gone. Later on Sutton showed back up at 2402 E. 55th and left the residence in C.D.'s gold Chevrolet Blazer with some of his friends (cousins) for extended period of time, but the victim was unaccounted for at that time.

Sutton returned to 2402 E. 55th and started washing his clothes off in the bathroom. Sutton told E.D. that he needed a ride. E.D. gave Sutton and his friends a ride. E.D. stated they were "handling guns" directly behind him in the vehicle. E.D. was not familiar with the area, but at some unknown location Sutton got into the victim's Buick LeSabre and E.D. started following him. E.D. Followed Sutton to the area where the vehicle was abandoned (24th Terrace and Campbell) and then Sutton ran back and got back in the Blazer. They drove back to 2402 E. 55th and they parted ways. E.D. stated that he did not know that the victim was in the back of the victim's vehicle.

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Jermaine Oliver was arrested and interviewed under Miranda. He admitted to being in the residence at 2402 E. 55th with the victim and Sutton on 06-19-2016. Oliver admitted to punching the victim one time during a confrontation at that location. He stated that he left that location and went to work at 8 PM. Oliver stated that the victim did not appear to be seriously injured at that time. Sutton had later told him things "had gone bad" after he left. Oliver was observed to have apparent injuries to his knuckles during the interrogation.

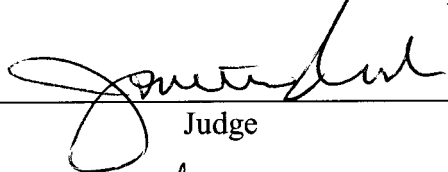
Sutton was arrested and interviewed under Miranda. He denied all involvement in the case. He stated that he was never at 2402 E. 55th and he stated that he did not know the victim. When he confronted with evidence he denied everything even though several witnesses place him at the scene.

Witness C.D identified a single photo of Craig Sutton, B/M, 09-13-1991. Witness C.D, was shown a lineup consisting of a photo of Jermaine Oliver, B/M, 06-18-1981, and five other males of similar appearance. E.D. identified the photo of Oliver.

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Printed Name Detective Terrence Owens #5379 Signature  5379

The Court finds probable cause and directs the issuance of a warrant this 22nd day of June, 2016


Judge

Circuit Court of Jackson County, State of Missouri.