

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: February 9, 2015

CRN: 14-077219

I, Det. Ray Lenoir
(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 October 24, 2014, at 8609 Thompson in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson County Missouri Melvin McCaslin
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

W/M, 12/16/72 committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 10/24/2014 at 2237 hours, Kansas City, Missouri Police Officers were dispatched to 8609 Thompson on a shooting. As they were in-route the call was updated that the victim was inside a vehicle in the area of 8th and Blue Ridge. Upon arriving at 8th and Blue Ridge, officers found the victim inside a vehicle that was being driven by the witness. The victim was suffering from a gunshot wound. He was transported to an area hospital where he died. On 10/25/14 the Jackson County Medical Examiner ruled the victim's death a murder. The Medical Examiner determined that the victim had sustained a contact range gunshot wound to the left frontal scalp.

On 10/24/2014, the aforementioned witness was transported from the scene to the Homicide unit and she provided a statement regarding what she witnessed. She stated that she and the victim were at the residence, 8609 Thompson when the victim became involved in an argument with the listed suspect while outside in the front yard. A physical fight ensued between the listed suspect and the victim. The listed suspect was joined by another male who also began fighting the victim. The witness stated that when she attempted to stop the fight, she was struck in the back of the head with a baseball bat by the listed suspect's girlfriend. The witness stated that she then observed the victim lying on the ground on his back as if he was "out cold". She then saw the suspect walk up to the victim and reach down toward him and lift the victim's head up while pointing something at the victim's head. Then the witness heard a single gunshot and then observed that the victim was bleeding from about the head. The witness began pleading with the listed suspect to help her get the victim into her vehicle so she could get him medical attention. Once the victim was in the vehicle, the witness drove away and called 9-1-1 for help.

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An area canvass was conducted and several neighbors advised that they heard what sounded like a fight at the listed residence followed by the sound of a gunshot. One neighbor heard a female yelling, "You shot him". Other neighbors observed several vehicles leave the scene.

On 10/27/14 another witness was contacted. That witness advised that he observed the listed suspect and the suspect's 21 year old first cousin "kicking" the victim just before he heard a single gunshot. Immediately after the gunshot, he heard someone say, "You shot him".

On 01/10/15, another witness who was present when this offense occurred was contacted. She advised that she witnessed the victim and the listed suspect engaged in a physical fight. As a result of the fight, the victim was rendered unresponsive and down on the ground. The witness observed the suspect reach into his back pocket and take out a pistol and begin striking the victim with the pistol several times. After the suspect had struck the victim several times with the pistol, the suspect shot the victim one time as he stood over him while the victim was still on the ground. The witness stated that she then told the suspect, "You just killed him...you shot him!" She added that another witness told the suspect, "you didn't have to shoot him...you didn't have to shoot him!"

On 11/9/14 the suspect was arrested and transported to 1125 Locust. He was advised of his Miranda Rights at which time he invoked his right to a lawyer.

Printed Name Ray H. Lenoir Sr. Signature [Handwritten Signature]

The Court finds probable cause and directs the issuance of a warrant this 24th day of February.

[Handwritten Signature]
Judge

Circuit Court of Jackson County, State of Missouri.