

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 11-12-2014

CRN: 14-075292

I, Detective Heather Leslie #5194

(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 17, 2014, at 10615 Blue Ridge Blvd in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Howard K. Chase IV
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

B/M 07-26-1995 SSN [REDACTED] committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 10-17-2014 at 1915 hours, Kansas City, Missouri Police Officers were dispatched to 10615 E. Blue Ridge Blvd, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri on a "Shooting call". The caller stated a female victim was shot. The caller stated the suspects occupied a white vehicle and had left in an unknown direction of travel. Upon arrival officers located a young black female lying in the parking lot suffering from a gunshot wound to the head. The female was transported to Overland Park Regional Medical Center and was pronounced deceased. Several possible witnesses were contacted in the parking lot of the 7-11 convenience stores. While reviewing the surveillance video, it was determined shots were being fired from a white vehicle which appeared to be a 4 door Pontiac Grand Prix.

On 10-17-2014 at 2012 hours, a female called 911 to report her car stolen. At the time of her call the vehicle, a black 1997 Mazda Mellenia MO LIC FL5N1S VIN: JMITA2214W1412436 was found on the side of the road at I-435 and 87th Street with bullet holes all over it and the tires flat from being shot.

On 10-17-2014 at 2153 hours, officers responded to 2318 Michigan trying to locate the owner of the black Mazda found on the highway. Two witnesses were taken into custody at 2318 Michigan. Both stated they had been shot at while occupying a black Mazda while pulling into the parking lot of the 7-11 located off 107th and Blue Ridge Blvd.

On 10-18-2014 detectives were contacted by an individual that was a witness to a fight that occurred the day before in a park located in the area of 72nd and Indiana Ave at approximately 1815 hours. This individual

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stated there was a fight between two black females. The individual identified a subject who she knows as "Chugs" (**Howard K. Chase IV BM 07-26-1995**) at the fight with a "K" commonly referred as an AK-47. The individual also stated "the K" was brown in color and smaller like it had been shortened. The witness gave detectives consent to view the fight that had been videotaped on her phone. The video supported the witness statement. A police report was filed regarding this incident.

On 10-17-2014, another witness was interviewed at Police Headquarters and stated that she responded to the area of 72nd and Indiana to fight with another female. While there she observed several other people to be armed with guns. She stated during the fight an individual told her to get in the car because **CHASE** had a gun. As they were leaving the fight in her black Mazda, a gun was fired in the air from one of the occupants in her Mazda. They then drove the black Mazda over to the area of 76th and Monroe. **CHASE** was at the location.

On 10-23-2014, at approximately 1530 hours, the owner of the 2004 White Pontiac Grand Prix was identified. On 10-24-2014 the owner was interviewed and stated Leandre **SMITH** is her boyfriend and he regularly drives her car. She stated that on 10-17-2014 **SMITH** had her car all day until her picked her up around 1730hrs. She stated they went over to a family friend's house and stayed there for about an hour. The owner stated when they left **SMITH**, who appeared agitated, drove over to another friend's apartment located at 76th and Monroe Ave and when they arrived, there were several people outside. She got out of her White Pontiac Grand Prix that **SMITH** was driving. She stated she saw **CHASE** getting in the front passenger side seat of her car and **SMITH** drove her vehicle away. She stated he was gone with her car for about 30-45 minutes.

On 10-28-2014, **SMITH** was arrested during a car check. Smith read aloud and signed the Miranda Waiver. He stated the following: on the day in question he drove the above referenced white Pontiac Grand Prix, and **CHASE** was a passenger. **SMITH** denied any knowledge of any homicide that occurred and stated he had just heard of the homicide.

On 10-30-2014, another witness was contacted and stated about a week and a half before the interview, **CHASE** called him and told him that he and **SMITH** got into a shoot-out at the 7-11 located at 107th and Blue Ridge Blvd. **CHASE** asked him what he should do and the witness told him to wait for the Police to come get him but not to run when the police do catch him. The witness asked **CHASE** what he did with the guns that were used in the shooting, and **CHASE** said "They won't find them, they are gone, melted". The witness stated he took that to mean destroyed.

On 11-11-2014, **CHASE** was taken into custody. **CHASE** read the Miranda Waiver aloud, signed and stated the following: on Friday, October 17th, 2014, his cousin got into a fight with another female. He admitted he was present at the fight. **CHASE** denied being a passenger in the white Grand Prix and denied involvement

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in the homicide. He stated that at the time of the homicide he was present at an apartment located at 76th and Monroe, however, analysis of cell phone records show that within minutes of the homicide, **CHASE** was in the area of the 107th and Blue Ridge Blvd., the location of the homicide.

Printed Name Det. Heather Leslie #5194

Signature

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

Judge

Circuit Court of _____ County, State of Missouri.