

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 4/24/14

CRN: 14-026036

I, Det. Robert Guffey #5032

(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 4/18/14, at 4051 Cleveland Ave in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson County Missouri Dontae D. Jefferson, b/m, 1/17/1987
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

6'1", 170lbs, s.s.# [REDACTED] committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 4/18/14 at approximately 2209 hours, members of the Kansas City Missouri Police Dept were dispatched to 4501 Cleveland Ave, a BP service station, in regard to a shooting. Upon arrival, officers observed a silver four door 2005 Chevrolet Impala, bearing license HD2 H4A, MO 2014, VIN # 2G1WH55KX59224988, at the gas pumps, and an adult b/m victim in the driver's seat with apparent life threatening gunshot wounds. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene. Two minor children, a ten year old boy and a five year old boy were also in the victim's listed vehicle when the shooting occurred. The ten year old, the deceased victim's son, was also shot, and was transported by EMS to an area hospital in critical condition. The ten year old is currently paralyzed as a result of spinal damage from the impact of a bullet. The five year old boy, no relation to the deceased, was unharmed and released to his mother at the scene.

Eight spent .40 caliber shell casings were recovered from the scene. Interior and exterior video surveillance video footage was recovered the night of the shooting on 4/18/14 from 4501 Cleveland Ave, which captured the shooting and vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the property. On the north side of the business on 45th St., the exterior video surveillance shows a subject wearing a light colored baseball cap and a dark colored hoodie and blue jeans, approach the victim's driver's side door and shoot into the victim's vehicle parked at the gas pumps. Interior surveillance video illustrates the shooter was wearing a dark long sleeved shirt, light colored blue jeans, a watch on his left wrist with a large face on the watch, and a large earring in his left ear, and a white or light gray baseball cap, and using a white touch screen cell phone. (The aforementioned subject described as the shooter will be referenced as "the shooter" throughout the remainder of this document. *Later identified as Dontae D. Jefferson, b/m 1/17/87.*)

The video surveillance footage indicated approximately 30 minutes prior to the shooting, a black four door Chevrolet Tahoe arrived on the property of the service station, and was parked on the west side of the station parking lot. The Tahoe appeared to be a 2000-2004 model, with a chrome front bumper, chrome door trim, running boards, with the right rear wheel lug nut cover missing. A standard lug nut cover was observed on the right front tire of the black Tahoe. "The shooter" and his b/m associate were video recorded having arrived in the Tahoe. "The shooter" was the driver. The two of them walked into the business of 4501 Cleveland Ave. Interior store surveillance also captured the face and clothing of "the shooter's" associate. The occupants of the Tahoe were shown to be on the property prior to the victim arriving on the property. The victim and the two minor children were also observed inside the store, and then exited the store and re-entered the victim's vehicle while the two b/m occupants of the Tahoe were still on the premises. Prior to the victim leaving the property, "the shooter" responded from inside the store to the Tahoe and donned a dark colored hoodie. "The shooter"

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then walked across the business lot northbound to the north side of the business. "The shooter's" associate also exited the store and returned to the driver's seat of the Tahoe which was still parked in the business lot. The Tahoe was then driven out of the parking lot and entered the roadway on Cleveland Ave, then made an eastbound turn on 45th St. The Tahoe never left camera view. The Tahoe was observed coming to a stop on the north side of the business, the tail lights and headlights were then turned off.

"The shooter" then walked from the north side of the business back towards the gas pumps where the victim's vehicle was located, and fired a handgun into the driver's side window of the victim's vehicle. No other individuals were observed around the area of the victim's vehicle or from where the shooter had positioned himself on the north side of the business. "The shooter" then fled northeast on foot back towards the north side of the business and towards where the Tahoe was parked on 45th St.

A witness in the area who was outside near the intersection of the business at 45th and Cleveland Ave with a clear view of 45th St. east of Cleveland Ave reported hearing 7-8 gunshots and then immediately observed a subject running next to the SUV as it drove northbound on Mersington Ave from 45th St. The witness perceived the dark SUV was associated with the subject who fled on foot based on the speed of the SUV and the close proximity of the subject outside the vehicle immediately following the gunshots.

On 4/23/14 at approximately 1510 hours, detectives observed a black Chevrolet Tahoe, approximately 2000-2004 model, four door, with chrome trim, a chrome front bumper, bearing Missouri license plates as it was being driven northbound on Prospect from 47th St. Detectives drove behind the Tahoe as it approached 31st and Prospect Ave, and observed it enter a parking lot associated with a business marked as 3041 Prospect Ave. The Tahoe was then observed to be backed in to a parking space associated with the business. Detectives then observed a b/m exit the driver's side who appeared consistent in physical appearance as "the shooter" on the store surveillance video from the shooting at 4501 Cleveland Ave. "The shooter" was also wearing a large watch on his left wrist, and was seen possessing a white touch screen phone on this occasion as well. "The shooter" was observed to have exited the driver's seat of the parked Tahoe then he entered 3041 Prospect Ave very briefly, and then came back to the parked Tahoe. Detectives then observed the Tahoe being driven off of the parking lot, northbound on Prospect, but "the shooter" remained on foot in the parking lot, and proceeded to walk casually northbound on the east sidewalk of Prospect Ave as he appeared to be focused on the touch screen phone. "The shooter" was then observed to continue to walk northbound on Prospect Ave and another b/m was observed on foot in the immediate area of "the shooter" but they weren't walking together. Detectives had lost sight of the Tahoe prior to spotting "the shooter" and his associate on foot. A detective recognized the second b/m, the associate, upon sight, as being "the shooter's" accomplice as seen on the surveillance video from 4501 Cleveland Ave. Uniformed officers were directed into the area of 30th and Prospect, and both "the shooter" and his associate were detained. The license plate of the Tahoe detectives had observed was communicated to uniformed officers. A black 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe with the same MO license as observed parked at 3041 Prospect Ave was located parked at a shop at the corner of 27th and Prospect Ave, occupied by a lone subject.

On 4/23/14 a witness was interviewed advised detectives that "the shooter" and his associate, both now detained by officers, had driven and parked the Tahoe at 3041 Prospect Ave shortly before they were detained by officers. The witness stated "the shooter" had been the driver and parked the Tahoe at 3041 Prospect Ave. "The shooter" had announced to the associate that the police were in the area when "the shooter" parked the Tahoe at 3041 Prospect Ave. "The shooter" and his associate then exited the Tahoe parked by the store, entered 3041 Prospect Ave briefly, and "the shooter" returned to the Tahoe. "The shooter" then directed the witness to drive the Tahoe to the store at 27th and Prospect Ave, and stated he and the associate would walk to the store and meet the Witness there. No reason was given for this action.

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The same witness, not having been advised a homicide was being investigated, was shown single photographs developed from the in- store surveillance video from 4501 Cleveland Ave related to the night of the shooting on 4/18/14, and identified "the shooter" as **Dontae D. Jefferson, b/m, 1/17/87**, and also identified Jefferson's associate, both currently detained by officers.

On 4/23/14 the registered owner of the black Chevrolet Tahoe was located and gave consent for the Tahoe to be searched. The owner of the Tahoe stated the vehicle has been in the possession of "the shooter," and the owner also identified "the shooter" in a single surveillance photo related to the shooting. The Tahoe was searched and a fully loaded .40 caliber handgun with a live round in the chamber, capable of lethal force, was discovered hidden from view and easily accessible in an unsecured area under the cup holder between the two front seats of the Tahoe. In addition, a box of .40 caliber live rounds was located in a bag in a seat pocket associated with the rear seat of the Tahoe. The ammunition box has a 20 round capacity but 11 rounds were missing.

On 4/23/14 a witness was interviewed and stated he and Jefferson responded to the BP at 4501 Cleveland Ave on 4/18/14 and parked a black Chevrolet Tahoe on the property (driven by Jefferson). The witness also confirmed his identity as Jefferson's associate, and confirmed he and Jefferson's identity as depicted in the still photos developed from the interior store surveillance video prior to the shooting. The witness also identified Jefferson from a six person photo line-up of black males of similar appearance. The witness described that Jefferson exited the store and returned to the Tahoe and dawned a dark colored hoodie from the driver's side of the Tahoe, then walked northeast across the parking lot of the business. The witness then drove the Tahoe onto Cleveland Ave northbound then east on 45th St. Jefferson, who was now standing near the south curb on 45th St. north of the business, directed the witness to stop the Tahoe. The witness then heard multiple gunshots, and observed Jefferson run towards the Tahoe. Jefferson opened the driver's side door of the Tahoe and directed the witness to get over. The witness moved to the front passenger seat without exiting the Tahoe. Jefferson then drove himself and the witness out of the area northbound on Mersington Ave from 45th St. The witness stated he observed Jefferson with a handgun during the day on 4/23/14, and that Jefferson tossed the dark hoodie out of the Tahoe shortly after the shooting on southbound 71 Highway between Blue Parkway and 53rd St.

On or about September 28, 2004, **Dontae D. Jefferson, b/m 1/17/87**, was convicted of the felony of Robbery in the First Degree, in 16CR04003103-01 in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Jackson County, Missouri.

Printed Name Det. Robert Guffey #5032 Signature _____

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

Judge

Circuit Court of _____ County, State of Missouri.