

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 2/15/2017

Report #: 2017-10226

I, John Roach, 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 02-14-17, at 10047 E. Wilson Road, Independence, Jackson County Missouri, Tyrell L. Staten, (Race: Black, Sex: Male, DOB: 04-10-1995, Address: 5304 E. 12th Street, Apt #6, Kansas City Missouri, SSN: ██████████ committed one or more criminal offenses in Jackson County, Missouri.
2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 02-14-17 at 1040 hours Officers with the Independence Police Department were dispatched to the area of 10047 E. Wilson Road in regards to a black male, later identified as Defendant Staten, shooting a gun into a silver Toyota Rav 4.

Officers arrived on scene to find Defendant Staten and the Victim (BK, 06-17-1997) standing in front of the vehicle. Officers detained both parties while an investigation was conducted.

Detective McKee with the Independence Police Department arrived on scene and conducted an interview with ██████████ who observed the shooting. ██████████ advised that he was standing near his business at 10047 E. Wilson when he observed a silver Toyota Rav stop in the middle of Wilson Road. ██████████ advised he observed Defendant Staten get out of the vehicle holding a gun. He said the Victim was still in the passenger seat of the vehicle as Defendant Staten walked to the front of the car. ██████████ said he heard Defendant Staten say “fuck this”, and fired the gun five or six times into the front of the car. He advised he heard the Victim screaming as Defendant Staten fired the gun into the vehicle.

The Victim was transported to Headquarters where a formal interview was conducted. He/she advised that the vehicle had broken down on Wilson Road and that is why they had stopped there. The Victim stated he/she was engaged to Defendant Staten and they had been in a romantic relationship. The victim stated Defendant Staten was upset over the car breaking down. He/she stated that Defendant Staten got out of the car with the gun and fired the gun into the engine compartment because he was upset at the car. The Victim also advised the gun “accidentally” went off and that Defendant Staten wasn’t intending to hurt him/her.

The Independence Police Department Crime Scene Unit arrived to process the scene. Five empty .9mm shell casings were found in front of the vehicle. One live .9mm round was found as well. Five bullet holes were found in the front passenger side bumper and radiator of the car. The vehicle was inventoried prior to being towed from the scene and a black Hi Point .9mm semi-automatic hand gun was found under the rear passenger seat of the car. An opened box of Federal Ammunition .9mm luger ammunition was found in the glove compartment of the car.

Detective Roach with the Independence Police Department conducted an interview with Defendant Staten in the BA room of the Independence Detention Unit. Prior to the interview Defendant Staten was read and signed the Miranda Warning of Rights form. During the interview Defendant Staten stated he and the Victim had gotten into an argument in the car. He advised he was angry at the Victim and stopped the car in the middle of the road. Defendant Staten admitted the car had not broken down. He said he grabbed the gun from underneath the driver's seat and exited the vehicle. Defendant Staten said the Victim was still in the passenger seat of the car as he got out.

Defendant Staten stated as he was walking away from the car the gun hit the side of his pants and he heard the safety "click" off. He said that "triggered" something in his head and his mind went "blank". Defendant Staten said the next thing that he knew he saw he was pointing the gun in the direction of the Victim. He said he meant to fire rounds into the ground in front of the car but as each round was fired the gun kept moving up towards the Victim. Detective Roach asked Defendant Staten if he meant to scare the Victim and he stated, "I guess, I don't know".

Detective John Roach

/s/ John Roach

Print Name

Signature

THE COURT FINDS PROBABLE CAUSE:

Date

Judge