

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

POLICE NO. :	17-095422
PROSECUTOR NO. :	095442344

STATE OF MISSOURI,)	
)	PLAINTIFF,
vs.)	
PANOM GAI)	
Homeless,)	CASE NO. 1716-CR
, -)	DIVISION
DOB: 03/12/1969)	
Race/Sex: B/M;)	
SSN: XXX-XX ██████)	
)	DEFENDANT.

COMPLAINT

Count I. Murder 2nd Degree (565.021-001Y19840904.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.021, RSMo, committed the class A felony of murder in the second degree, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about on or about November 8, 2017, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant with the purpose of causing serious physical injury to Cynthia L Thomas caused the death of Cynthia L Thomas by stabbing her.

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.

Count II. Armed Criminal Action (571.015-001Y19755299.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 571.015, RSMo, committed the felony of armed criminal action, punishable upon conviction under Section 571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about November 8, 2017, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of murder in the second degree charged in Count One, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of murder in the second degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a dangerous instrument.

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The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015 RSMo. is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than three (3) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of three (3) calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015 RSMo. as a second offense is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than five (5) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of five (5) calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015 RSMo. as a third offense is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than ten (10) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of ten (10) calendar years. Any punishment imposed pursuant to section 571.015 RSMo. shall be in addition to any punishment provided by law for the crime committed by, with, or through the use, assistance, or aid of a dangerous instrument or deadly weapon.

Count III. Assault 1st Degree Or Attempt - Serious Physical Injury Or Special Victim (565.050-001Y19841305.0)

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 November 8, 2017, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly caused serious physical injury to [REDACTED] by stabbing [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.

Count IV. Armed Criminal Action (571.015-001Y19755299.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 571.015, RSMo, committed the felony of armed criminal action, punishable upon conviction under Section 571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about November 8, 2017, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of assault in the first degree charged in Count Three, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of assault in the first degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a dangerous instrument.

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The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015 RSMo. is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than three (3) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of three (3) calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015 RSMo. as a second offense is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than five (5) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of five (5) calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015 RSMo. as a third offense is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than ten (10) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of ten (10) calendar years. Any punishment imposed pursuant to section 571.015 RSMo. shall be in addition to any punishment provided by law for the crime committed by, with, or through the use, assistance, or aid of a dangerous instrument or deadly weapon.

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.

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Cynthia L Thomas , Homeless, , -

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PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 11/09/2017

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I, Det. Darin Penrod #4288
(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 11/08/2017, at 1509 W. 12th Street in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Panom R. Gai
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

BM, DOB 03/12/1969, SSN [REDACTED] 6'00", 200lbs. committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 11/08/2017 at 1729 hours, officers of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department were dispatched to 1509 W. 12th St., Phillips 66, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, in regard to an ambulance call. Upon arrival, officers observed a female and male with life threatening injuries, who had both been apparently stabbed in the areas of their chests. The male was transported to an area hospital. The female victim, identified as Cynthia Thomas, w/f, 1/15/70, was pronounced deceased at the scene. The male victim was in critical condition. The Jackson County Medical Examiner's office ruled the female victim's cause of death as a stab wound to the chest and manner of death as homicide.

A witness, a customer utilizing the gas pumps at 1509 W. 12th St. at the time of the offense, was alerted to the sounds of multiple voices arguing near the front of the business of 1509 W. 12th St. The Witness observed the source of the verbal disturbance to be between a Caucasian male and female and a black male with a dark complexion wearing dark clothing holding an apparent pole or stick with an apparent foot long blade affixed to the end. The Witness stated neither the Caucasian male or female had a weapon or were physically assaultive towards the black male, but she described the Caucasian male and female as pursuing the black male. The Witness stated all parties were walking. The Witness stated the black male jabbed the blade end of the pole, which was several feet in its entirety, towards both the male and female's torsos, then again with more intention, then walked away northbound across 12th St. and then westerly towards a tree line behind a business. The tree line behind the business where the black male walked was determined to lead to railroad tracks.

Surveillance video just prior to the stabbing on 11/8/17 at approximately 1705 hours was obtained from a neighboring business at 1603 W. 12th St., The Millennium Super Stop one block west of 1509 W. 12th St.. The Millennium Super Stop store surveillance video captured a black male similar in appearance to the suspect in an apparent verbal altercation with someone out of camera view directly in front of the store. The black male appears to take an aggressive stance, and takes off his shirts and hat and throws them onto the ground as he steps towards whomever he is arguing with. The female stabbing victim then comes into view a few feet from the black male pointing at him and appears upset. A black male bystander apparently attempts to intervene or mediate and shoves the shirtless black male suspect in the chest causing the black male suspect to take a few steps back. The female victim then steps out of view, and then the black male suspect enters the business, puts

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his shirts back on, picks up his hat, then exits the business, and picks up an apparent dark coat from the ground just outside the entrance. The black male suspect then leaves eastbound on foot at approximately 1707 hours in the direction of 1509 W. 12th St., one block east of 1603 W. 12th. The surveillance video from 1509 W. 12th St. captured the stabbing incident. The black male suspect and two victims came into view at approximately 1726 hours. The two white victims are walking behind the black male suspect as he's walking backwards directly in front of the business entrance holding a long instrument in his hand. Neither Caucasian male or female have anything in their hands. The male victim appears to be pointing abruptly to the east, as there also appears to be a verbal altercation. The black male stops and then thrusts the long instrument at the male then the female. Both Caucasian male and female immediately realize they are injured and retreat to the store entrance and the male victim attempts to alert someone for help as they clutch their chests. The female victim collapses directly in front of the store as well as the male victim.

On 11/9/17 at approximately 1535 hours, the black male suspect depicted in the surveillance video was taken into custody by KCPD Officers, from a large storage container on the property of 1202 Genessee St., Jackson County, Kansas City, Missouri, within walking distance from the location of the stabbing. At the time of his arrest, the male was in possession of an instrument that was similar in appearance to the weapon used in this offense.

On 11/10/2017, the male victim was shown a photograph lineup which consisted of six black males, all similar in appearance. **Panom R. Gai**, was in the #5 position. The male victim positively identified Gai as the person who had stabbed him and the female victim (Cynthia Thomas).

On 11/10/17 the suspect, identified as **Panom R. Gai**, b/m, a 48 year old male from Sudan. **Gai** has been in the United States since approximately 1995. Detectives attempted to interview **Gai** through a Sudanese interpreter, as **Gai** indicated he was not fluent in English. **Gai** invoked his right to an attorney.

Printed Name Det. Darin Penrod #4288 Signature /s/ Det. Darin Penrod #4288

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

Judge

Circuit Court of _____ County, State of Missouri.