

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI
AT

POLICE NO. :	18-006410
PROSECUTOR NO. :	095443498

STATE OF MISSOURI,	)	
	PLAINTIFF,	)
vs.	)	
RONZELL M. WRIGHT	)	
5033 Bellefontaine,	)	CASE NO. 1816-CR
Kansas City, MO - 64130	)	DIVISION
DOB: 02/27/1991	)	
Race/Sex: B/M;	)	
SSN: XXX-XX-████	)	
	DEFENDANT.	)

COMPLAINT

**Count I. Resisting Arrest/detention/stop By Fleeing - Creating A Substantial Risk Of
Serious Injury/death To Any Person (575.150-002Y20174801.0)**

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 575.150, RSMo, committed the **class E felony of resisting a lawful stop**, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.002 and 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about January 26, 2018, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, Officer Jason Hennigh, a law enforcement officer, was attempting to make a lawful stop of a vehicle being operated by defendant, and the defendant knew that the officer was making a lawful stop, and, for the purpose of preventing the officer from effecting the stop, resisted the stop of defendant by fleeing from the officer and defendant fled in such a manner that created a substantial risk of serious physical injury or death to a person in that defendant operated a motor vehicle at high rates of speed and crossed into oncoming lanes of traffic.

The range of punishment for a class E felony is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than two (2) years and not to exceed four (4) years; or by imprisonment for a special term not to exceed one (1) year in the county jail or other authorized penal institution; or by a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); or by both imprisonment and a fine. If money or property has been gained through the commission of the crime, any fine imposed may be not more than double the amount of the offender's gain from the commission of the crime.

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Count II. Resisting Arrest/detention/stop By Fleeing - Creating A Substantial Risk Of Serious Injury/death To Any Person (575.150-002Y20174801.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 575.150, RSMo, committed the **class E felony of resisting an arrest**, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.002 and 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about January 30, 2018, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, Officers Brandon Winders and David Barbour, law enforcement officers, were making an arrest of defendant for resisting a lawful stop in violation of Section 575.150, RSMo, and the defendant knew that the officers were making an arrest, and, for the purpose of preventing the officers from effecting the arrest, resisted the arrest of defendant by fleeing from the officers and defendant fled in such a manner that created a substantial risk of serious physical injury or death to a person in that defendant operated a motor vehicle at high rates of speed and crossed into oncoming lanes of traffic.

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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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by,

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DET James Manley, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO - 64106
PO James R. Palmer, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO - 64106
DET Brian Tomanio, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO - 64106
PO David Travaglione, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO - 64106
PO Brandon B. Winders, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO - 64106

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Date: January 31, 2018

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I, Detective James Manley #4846

(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 1-26-18, 1-30-18, at Blue Pkwy & Sni-A-Bar/8609 E. in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Ronzell WRIGHT Jr. (BM, 02-27-1991)
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

[REDACTED] committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On January 26th, 2018 at approximately 1500 hours, Detective Tomanio with the Kansas City Missouri Police Departments Gang Unit observed a light skinned black male, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt with different colored lettering on the front, carrying a gray backpack, in the 5000 block of Bellefontaine, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri.

Detective Tomanio identified the male known to him as Ronzell WRIGHT Jr. (BM, 02-27-1991). Detective Tomanio observed WRIGHT approach the passenger side of a maroon Lincoln MKZ, open the front passenger door, and placed the gray backpack on the passenger seat. WRIGHT then walked around to the driver's side, entered the front driver's seat, and drove off.

A computer check of WRIGHT revealed he had three outstanding warrants out of Kansas City, Missouri. Detective Tomanio maintained surveillance on WRIGHT, directing uniformed officers to his location to conduct a car check in order to arrest WRIGHT on his outstanding warrants.

Officer Hennigh observed the maroon Lincoln east bound on Blue Pkwy at Sni-A-Bar Rd., Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, where he pulled behind it and activated his emergency equipment, attempting to pull it over.

WRIGHT refused to stop and accelerated northbound on Sni-A Bar at a high rate of speed, crossing the double yellow lines driving into oncoming traffic around blind corners. Officer Hennigh continued to follow WRIGHT at high speeds on Sni-A Bar for about a half mile. WRIGHT turned south on Glenside Dr., still driving at a high rate of speed and driving into oncoming traffic for approximately a half mile. WRIGHT failed to stop at a stop sign when he turned south onto Fairway drive, and failed to stop at the stop sign when he turned westbound onto Blue Pkwy. Officer Hennigh disregarded following WRIGHT due to high speeds.

The Kansas City Missouri Police Helicopter (Radio #690) began observing the maroon Lincoln. The helicopter noted the high speeds, and driving at times across double yellow lane lines into the oncoming lanes of traffic without any marked police vehicles behind him.

The vehicle was observed by the helicopter for approximately 25 minutes. During that 25 minute period, the vehicle was seen reaching speeds of over 100 miles per hour, running stop signs and lights, driving through residential neighborhoods,

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nearly striking multiple vehicles and crossing over into oncoming lanes of traffic. WRIGHT was last seen traveling westbound on Interstate 70 into Kansas City, Kansas where the helicopter lost sight.

At approximately 1530 hours, a party called 911 advising a white or light skinned black male abandoned a maroon Lincoln in the intersection of 3rd and Broadway, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri then got into a black Dodge Durango and left the area. Officers responded to the location and recovered the abandoned unoccupied maroon Lincoln. During an inventory prior to tow, 2 pieces of paperwork addressed to "Ronzell Wright" were recovered in a black trash bag in the back seat.

On January 30th, 2018 Detective Cartwright with the Kansas City Missouri Police Departments Illegal Firearms Squad identified WRIGHT as the sole occupant of a dark blue Dodge Charger bearing Missouri temporary license #03D0AW.

A computer check on the Missouri temporary license responded back through Missouri Department of Revenue to Ronzell Wright of 5033 S. Bellefontaine, Kansas City, Mo. 64130 on a 2004 Pontiac.

Detective Decker of the Kansas City Missouri Police Departments Illegal Firearms Squad was riding in the Missouri National Guard helicopter and maintained visual surveillance on the Dodge Charger until it pulled into a Car Wash located at 8609 E 63rd St., Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri.

At approximately 1521 hours, Wright parked in a car wash bay, exited the driver's seat of the Dodge, and stood outside the car.

Uniformed Officers Winders and Barbour entered the parking lot in an unmarked Dodge SUV, outfitted with red lights in an attempt to effectively arrest WRIGHT. As they entered the parking lot, they identified WRIGHT and activated their red dash lights. WRIGHT ran back to the Dodge Charger, entered the driver's seat, and fled the scene at a high rate of speed.

As WRIGHT pulled onto 63rd Street west bound, Sgt. Davis and Officer Travaglione got behind the Dodge Charger in their marked patrol vehicles with lights and sirens activated and attempted to pull WRIGHT over. Wright continued to flee westbound on 63rd street at a high rate of speed.

WRIGHT refused to stop, merged onto 350 HWY northbound, and accelerated to over one hundred miles per hour. WRIGHT merged onto Blue Parkway westbound from 350. Officers noted as he approached Eastwood Trafficway, the Dodge Charger crossed the double yellow lines into oncoming traffic at a high rate of speed in order to pass slower traffic which was also westbound. Due to his excessive speeds and danger he presented to others, Officers terminated the pursuit, and the helicopter maintained visual observation relaying his direction, speeds, and violations.

The helicopter relayed WRIGHT'S driving mannerisms: running multiple stop signs, stop lights, driving into oncoming traffic, forcing other motorists to take evasive actions to avoid him, and speeds in excess of the speed limit. Wright's driving was causing a danger to the general public without any officers pursuing him. Sgt. Davis authorized a pursuit of WRIGHT, due to the danger he was posing to others, and the helicopter continued to relay the location and actions.

Due to his excessive speeds, failing to stop for stop lights and stop signs, and driving into oncoming traffic, Officer Travaglione was not able to reinstate the pursuit of WRIGHT until NE Antioch and NE Russell Rd, Kansas City, Clay County, Missouri. By this time, it was more than one hundred blocks north of the attempted initial stop off 63rd Street.

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The helicopter relayed the Dodge Charger had turned east bound on Russell Rd from NE Antioch, where Officer Travaglione again activated his lights and sirens in order to attempt to stop WRIGHT. The Dodge evaded the officer by pulling off of the roadway into the grass, around the patrol vehicle, fleeing the area at a high rate of speed.

The helicopters maintained visual surveillance on WRIGHT for approximately 34 minutes, and on multiple occasions during the pursuit, marked police vehicles with lights and sirens on were behind him attempting to stop him. Law Enforcement was unable to keep up with WRIGHT due to high speeds and safety. At times WRIGHT reached speeds of over one hundred miles per hour, running traffic signs and lights, driving through residential neighborhoods, nearly striking multiple vehicles and crossing over into oncoming lanes of traffic.

WRIGHT eluded Law Enforcement spanning across Clay County and Jackson County, Missouri, until he pulled over on just west of 53rd St. and Jackson, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri.

WRIGHT exited the Dodge Charger and placed his hands in the air. Officers Nelson and Lee took WRIGHT into custody without further incident. WRIGHT was arrested for his warrants and held on an investigative hold for felony Eluding.

On January 30th at approximately 1712 hours, Detectives Manley and Riley of the Kansas City Missouri Police Departments Illegal Firearms Squad conducted a *Mirandized* interview with WRIGHT. WRIGHT admitted he eluded police because had an outstanding municipal probation violation warrant, where the original offense was for eluding the police. WRIGHT advised the Dodge Charger was his; he had just purchased it 2 days prior. WRIGHT acknowledged he knew even when law enforcement wasn't behind him during the pursuit, the helicopter was above and still tracking his whereabouts. When asked about the pursuit in the maroon Lincoln from January 26th, 2018, WRIGHT denied knowledge of the vehicle. When confronted that he was identified driving the vehicle, and his paperwork was recovered from inside of it, WRIGHT requested an attorney.

Printed Name Detective James Manley #4846 Signature /s/ Detective James Manley #4846

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

Judge

Circuit Court of _____ County, State of Missouri.