

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

<b>POLICE NO. :</b>	18-021106
<b>PROSECUTOR NO. :</b>	095445031
<b>OCN:</b>	

<b>STATE OF MISSOURI,</b>	)	
	)	<b>PLAINTIFF,</b>
<b>vs.</b>	)	
	)	
<b>JARED M WITTHAR</b>	)	
<b>11330 E Truman Rd</b>	)	<b>CASE NO. 1816-CR</b>
<b>Independence, MO 64050</b>	)	<b>DIVISION</b>
<b>DOB: 06/04/1985</b>	)	
<b>Race/Sex: W/M</b>	)	
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	)	<b>DEFENDANT.</b>

**COMPLAINT**

**Count I. 565.020 - Murder 2nd Degree (565.021-001Y19840912.0)**

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 March 15, 2018, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly or with the purpose of causing serious physical injury to Theresa Chrisman caused the death of Theresa Chrisman 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 (571.015-001Y19755212.0)**

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 March 15, 2018, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the **Felony of Murder in the Second**

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Degree, charged in Count 1, 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 deadly weapon.

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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**WITNESSES:**

1. [REDACTED]
2. DET Bonita Y. Cannon, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
3. Theresa Chrisman, Pros Atty. Office, 415 E 12th St, Floor 11, Kansas City, MO 64106
4. DET Jason C. Findley, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
5. [REDACTED] 6
6. DET Heather D. Leslie, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
7. PO Patrick T. Moss, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
8. DET James H. Price, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
9. [REDACTED]
10. DET Timothy R. Taylor, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
11. DET Nathan S. VanVickle, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 04/16/2018

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I, Detective James Price #5480, Kansas City, Missouri Police Department
(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 03/15/2018, at E. 11th Street and Ewing Ave. in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Jared M. Witthar
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

W/M 06/04/1985 / committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 03/20/2018 at 1228 hours Officers of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department were dispatched to Sheffield Park, E. 11th Street and Ewing Ave, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, in regard to a dead body. Upon arrival, officers located the victim, a deceased white female, in a wooded area of the park. The Jackson County Medical Examiner subsequently ruled the death a homicide, due to multiple stab wounds.

Witness #1, provided a formal statement in regard to this investigation. stated on 03/15/2018 she was with the victim until approximately 1800 hours. At that time, the victim stated she was going to meet her ex-boyfriend, the suspect, later identified as Jared M. Witthar W/M 06/04/1985. stated she did not want the victim to go meet Witthar, due to his violent nature and prior incidents of assault against the victim. recalled an incident that occurred in late February, when the victim showed up to work late, appeared disheveled and had bruising on her neck and arms. The victim told that Witthar had held her against her will at knife point. The victim went on to say that this occurred in a large park and later in the interview; stated she believed the name the victim gave her was Sheffield Park.

Witness #2, stated on 03/15/2018, she was on the front porch of her residence, Independence, MO, when she observed a dark colored, four door vehicle, pull up across the street from her address. A white male, wearing a dark colored hoodie and dark long shorts exited the driver's seat and walked southbound away from the car. had never seen the vehicle prior to that day.

Witness #3, stated she was on the front porch of her residence, Independence, MO when she observed a dark colored vehicle arrive and park across the street from her address. The occupant of the vehicle sat in the car for approximately 20 minutes. A skinny, white male, taller than 5'5" wearing a dark hoodie and blue jeans, then exited the vehicle and walked away. She observed the male look over his shoulder and appeared to be checking to see if anyone was watching him.

The vehicle that parked across the street from was determined to be the victim's vehicle. The vehicle was towed by Independence Police Department and subsequently towed to the Kansas City Police Vehicle Processing Facility. It was further determined, the location where witness #2 and #3 observed the vehicle

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parking is .09 miles away from **Witthar's** current residence, Maple House, 11330 E. Truman Road, Independence, MO.

While processing the victim's vehicle, Crime Scene Technicians utilized a Luminol spray which revealed the presence of blood on the steering wheel, turn signal lever and gear shifter. DNA swabs were taken and processed by the Crime Lab. The Crime Lab reported a female major profile matching the victim and minor genetic information was developed from the swab of the steering wheel. **Witthar** is included as a possible minor contributor. No genetic information foreign to the victim and **Witthar** was detected. The genetic information is 16 septillion times more likely to be observed if the victim, **Witthar** and an unknown individual are the contributors than if the victim and two unknown individuals are the contributors.

During the course of the investigation, detectives were contacted by several parties regarding **Witthar's** history of violence and jealousy involving the victim. ■ stated when **Witthar** and the victim began their relationship; he was obsessed with the victim. He would track her movements through her phone and although she had never seen any acts of violence against the victim, she had heard **Witthar** threaten the victim with violence. She further stated, it is troubling that **Witthar** was so obsessed with the victim and now shows no emotion over her death.

A second party, ■, stated he believes **Witthar** was very much in love with the victim; however, had made comments several times that he was going to kill her. He went on to say, he specifically recalls **Witthar** telling ■ he was going to stab the victim. ■ spoke with **Witthar** via phone, after hearing the news about the victim's body being located and asked **Witthar** what was going on, to which **Witthar** replied nonchalantly "I don't have time for this, I gotta go to work" and hung up.

The cell phone records from both the victim's phone and **Witthar's** phone were reviewed. It was determined they were making phone calls and sending text messages to each other on 03/15/2018 with the last text message being sent at 2007 hours. The victim's phone then received several incoming text messages; however, none were sent. The incoming phone calls to the victim's phone following 2007 hours all appear to be routed to voicemail. **Witthar's** phone number does not appear to have called or sent the victim a text, following 2007 hours. **Witthar's** phone received several calls and text messages until 03/28/2018 at 1638 hours. All activity following this time is inbound text messages which are never responded to by **Witthar** and none of the calls or text messages come from the victim's phone.

While processing the crime scene, a brown and silver colored, folding pocket knife was located in the field, just east of the victim. This knife was recovered as evidence and processed by the Kansas City Police Crime Laboratory, for DNA. Blood was discovered on the blade of the knife and the source of the blood was determined to be the victim. It is the opinion of the examiner that the genetic profile from the swabs of the blood are 740 octillion times more likely to be observed if the victim is a contributor to this sample, than if an unknown individual is the contributor.

From the DNA swabs of the knife handle, it was determined **Witthar** is included as a possible contributor of the DNA. The genetic information from this swab is 870 times more likely to be observed if the victim and **Witthar** the contributors, than if the victim and an unknown individual are the contributors.

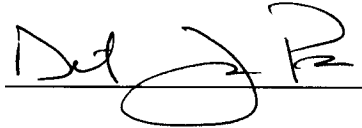
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While the victim was being examined at the Medical Examiner's Office, the Doctor observed photographs of the knife located at the crime scene. It was his opinion that injuries on the victim's body were consistent with the blade of the knife. Specifically, it appeared injuries to her forearms, were consistent with the serrated portion of the knife blade.

On 03/21/2018 at 2030 hours **Witthar** was taken into custody and transported to Police Headquarters. He was escorted to an interview room, where he was advised of his Miranda Rights. **Witthar** stated he understood his rights and did not wish to speak with detectives.

Printed Name Det. James Price #5480

Signature  #5480

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

Circuit Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of Missouri.