


**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI
AT INDEPENDENCE**

POLICE NO. :	18-026956
PROSECUTOR NO. :	095445113
OCN:	an017448

STATE OF MISSOURI,)	
	PLAINTIFF,)
vs.)	
)	
TRISTEN W. BISHOP)	
3113 S. Harris Ave.)	CASE NO. 1816-CR
Independence, MO 64052)	DIVISION
DOB: 06/03/1996)	
Race/Sex: W/M)	
)	
	DEFENDANT.)

COMPLAINT

Count I. Unlawful Use Of Weapon - Subsection 9 - Shoot At/from Motor Vehicle, At Person, Motor Vehicle Or Building, Resulting In Death Or Injury (571.030-015Y20145213.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 571.030, RSMo, committed the **class A Felony of unlawful use of a weapon**, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 571.030.9, RSMo, in that on or about April 19, 2018, at 560 S. Oxford Ave., in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant, knowingly discharged a firearm at a habitable structure, a residence located at 560 S. Oxford Avenue, and as a result of the above described conduct, Abigail Edwards suffered injury or death.

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.

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.

JEAN PETERS BAKER

State vs. Tristen W. Bishop

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Jackson County, Missouri
by,

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WITNESSES:

1. DET Christopher Burris, 223 N. Memorial Drive, Independence, MO 64050
2. Abigail L Edwards, 560 S. Oxford Ave., Independence, MO 64053
3. [REDACTED]
4. PO Kurt Jarnagin, 223 N. Memorial Drive, Independence, MO 64050
5. DET Kyle Jarnagin, 223 N. Memorial Drive, Independence, MO 64050

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 4/22/2018

Report #: 2018-26956

I, Christopher Burris, 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 4/19/2018, at approximately 0037 hours, Tristen W. Bishop, (Race- White, Sex- Male, DOB- 06/03/1996, Address-3113 S. Harris Avenue, Independence, Missouri 64052, [REDACTED], committed one or more criminal offenses in Jackson County, Missouri.

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 04/19/2018 at approximately 0037 hours, Independence Police Officers were dispatched to 526 S. Oxford Avenue, Independence, Missouri 64052 in reference to a person who was reported to have been shot in the head.

Upon the arrival of officers, officers could hear screaming coming from 560 S. Oxford Avenue. Officers approached 560 S. Oxford Avenue, where they made contact with a male and female. Officers were directed into the residence and up to a second story bedroom, where they found a female laying on the floor. The female appeared to have been shot in the head and was obviously deceased. Officers secured the residence and surrounding scene, which included the roadway of Oxford Avenue. The residence of 526 S. Oxford was found to have no involvement in this incident. Several firearm shell casings were found on Oxford Avenue, just to the north of 560 S. Oxford Avenue. The shell casings were later identified to be 9mm.

Officers spoke with the two people initially contacted and determined that about five or six shots were heard. The two people were identified as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. It was reported that the resident, [REDACTED], got into a red SUV and fled the scene prior to the arrival of officers. The deceased female was believed to be Williams' girlfriend. Patrol Officer Robert Romey found Williams' red Chevrolet Tahoe at 570 S. Evanston Avenue, unoccupied.

Later in the day, Detectives Brian Draveling and Douglas Miller contacted [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] S. Evanston Avenue. [REDACTED] agreed to come to police headquarters to provide a formal statement. Upon being interviewed, [REDACTED] identified a subject as "[REDACTED]" AKA "[REDACTED]" who may have been responsible for the shooting. [REDACTED] subsequently identified [REDACTED] as being "[REDACTED]" from a photo lineup. [REDACTED] also provided information about two other individuals who may have been responsible for the shooting. Williams told Detective Draveling he had a feud with [REDACTED] about [REDACTED] stealing a vehicle from him. [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]'s parent's residence was burned down after the theft and [REDACTED] believed he was responsible. Williams advised there had been shootings at his residence prior to this, but never reported the shootings to the police.

During the investigation, a citizen called to report that he located a pistol magazine with ammunition near the intersection of Lexington Avenue and Cedar Avenue. The magazine identified to be for a SCCY CPX-2 9mm pistol. The magazine was loaded with live ammunition.

Detective James Fries and ATF Task Force Detective Ken Royster were familiar with the moniker "[REDACTED]". Both Detective Fries and Royster were actively working an investigation into a series of street robberies involving [REDACTED] who they knew from their investigation to go by the moniker "[REDACTED]". Detectives Fries and Royster knew [REDACTED] to associate with Tristen Bishop and [REDACTED]. Bishop was arrested for being

a felon in possession of a firearm on 04/07/2018. Bishop was questioned by Detective Royster in reference to that case.

Detective Fries and Detective Scott McKee conducted follow-up on Bennett's vehicle, which was believed to have been involved in the robberies they were investigating. The vehicle was identified as a burnt orange Pontiac G5. The vehicle was learned to have been repossessed on 04/18/2018 in the morning. Detectives Fries and McKee made contact with employees of AutoNow, 10500 E. US 24 Highway, the car lot who originally sold the vehicle and repossessed the vehicle from Bennett. Consent was obtained from a responsible party from AutoNow to search the vehicle. Inside the vehicle, Detective Fries located two receipts dated 04/14/2018. One of the receipts was for Celltronix KC, 1605 U.S. 24 Highway, the other receipt was from The Armory KC, 10531 E. US 40 Highway. On the receipt for The Armory KC, it shows that on 04/14/2018, 50 rounds of 9mm ammunition and a pistol magazine for a SCCY CPX-2 9mm was purchased.

On 04/21/2018 at approximately 2124 hours, Bishop was arrested after being contacted during a traffic stop. Bishop was found to be in possession of a Ruger 9mm pistol. Bishop was placed on a 24 hour investigative hold for being a felon in possession of a weapon. Bishop was interviewed by Detective Royster on 04/22/2018, after Bishop was read his Miranda rights. Bishop admitted to knowingly possessing the firearm. Due to his association with [REDACTED], Detective Royster questioned Bishop about this case. Bishop subsequently provided a detailed confession about this case. Bishop advised on the night in question, he, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] drove by [REDACTED]' residence. Bishop advised he and [REDACTED] fired rounds from pistols at the residence. Bishop advised [REDACTED] began to firing his pistol, so he (Bishop) began to fire his pistol. Bishop advised he didn't mean for that to happen, when referring to the victim's death. Bishop identified the pistol that was recovered from his person on 04/21/2018, as being the one he used to shoot at the residence of 560 S. Oxford Avenue. Bishop advised [REDACTED] used a SCCY 9mm pistol and had lost one of the magazines in somewhere on Home Street. It should be noted that the magazine that was previously mentioned as being recovered in the area of Lexington Avenue and Cedar Avenue, is only one block west of Home Street.

Detective Christopher Burris # 1401

/S/ Christopher Burris

Print Name

Signature