

## PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 3/31/2016

Report #: 2016-23205

I, Steve Schmidli, 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 03/28/2016, at between 1730-1800 hours, **CORY L. KING**, (Race- Caucasian, Sex- Male, DOB- 03/27/1990, Address-6305 Farley Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64133, SSN- [REDACTED] committed one or more criminal offenses in Jackson County, Missouri.

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

**CORY L. KING** and or referred to hereafter as the **DEFENDANT** committed the act of Murder by knowing causing the death of **LOUISE M. DICKEY** by slitting her throat with a box cutting knife and stabbing her in the chest/heart multiple times with a 2004 Winchester Limited Edition fixed blade knife. The following are the supporting facts to the case:

On 03/29/2016 at approximately 1739 hours, Independence Police Officer(s) responded to the residence located at 10409 E. 27<sup>th</sup> Street South, Independence, Jackson County, Missouri regarding a suspicious death investigation. Initially it was determined that the complainant identified as Miranda L. Rice had received a text message from Barbara L. Morgan, who was identified as the neighbor of Louise M. Dickey and or the victim. Information was relayed to Mrs. Rice that Mrs. Morgan was concerned for Mrs. Dickey and was inquiring if she was okay because her gold 1998 Buick Park Avenue bearing Missouri handicap license plate # AR-40F was missing from the driveway at approximately 0600 hours. When Mrs. Morgan later returned back to her residence that evening on 03/29/2016, the vehicle was still missing and therefore contacted Mrs. Rice via text message.

On 03/29/2016 at approximately 1730 hours, Mrs. Rice arrived to the residence of 10409 E. 27<sup>th</sup> Street South and entered into the residence by using her spare residential key and subsequently located her mother and or Louise Dickey inside the bathroom tub while deceased. During the course of the investigation, it was determined that Ms. Dickey sustained multiple injuries to her neck and chest/heart area that was the result of some type of unknown edged weapon that subsequently resulted in her death.

Information was obtained during the course of the investigation that led to a person of interest and or the **DEFENDANT** as he was identified as the nephew to Mrs. Morgan. It was determined that the **DEFENDANT** had previously resided with Mrs. Morgan at her residence and would often frequent Ms. Dickey at her residence and also had a history of substance abuse.

Based on the reported missing 1998 Buick Park Avenue, the Independence Police Communications Center broadcasted a radio transmission to all of the on duty Independence Police officers with the attempt to locate the stolen vehicle regarding a homicide.

On 03/29/2016 at approximately 1842 hours, Independence Police Officer Jason Harris located the reported stolen Buick Park Avenue while parked at the Country Grocery convenient store; located at 1001 W. Truman Road while unoccupied. Independence Police detectives responded to the scene and reviewed the video surveillance footage and observed a Caucasian male, mid 20's, wearing a red t-shirt underneath a black long sleeve style t-shirt and tan bib style overalls, arrive and exit from the driver side of the stolen Buick Park Avenue and enter into the business. The subject was also observed attempting to utilize a debit/credit device two times at an ATM machine while located inside the business.

Still images taken from the video surveillance footage were later compared to a booking photo as that provided a positive identification leading to the identity of the **DEFENDANT** and a Stop Order was issued. It was also determined based on the video surveillance that a gray 2012 Ford Focus arrived to the Country Grocery convenient store and retrieved the **DEFENDANT** as he and the unknown driver proceeded to depart from the business. Also based on the video surveillance footage, it appeared that the **DEFENDANT** was making several phone calls from a cellular phone with the distinct possibility that it could belong to the Ms. Dickey since her phone was not initially observed at the residence.

On 03/29/2016 at approximately 2120 hours, Detective Brice Minter contacted Mrs. Rice and her husband, Matthew H. Rice and requested that they check the T-Mobile account pertaining to Ms. Dickey. It was determined that the cellular phone that Ms. Dickey was utilizing was identified as an LG Optimus L90 cellular phone, and, that the primary account holder was Mrs. Rice.

Furthermore, Detective Minter requested Mr. and Mrs. Rice to log onto the T-Mobile account in order to verify if Ms. Dickey's cellular phone was utilized and to obtain the call log information dated for 03/28/2016 at approximately 1815 hours. Detective Minter requested this particular date and time based on Officer Harris locating the stolen 1998 Buick Park Avenue at the Country Grocery convenient store. Subsequent to the investigation revealed that the **DEFENDANT** contacted a particular cellular phone number several times during the referenced time frame that responded to Stephanie F. Trusty.

During the course of the investigation, it was also determined that Ms. Dickey was accompanied by the **DEFENDANT** on 03/28/2016; just prior to her death. Based on video surveillance footage obtained from the Walgreen's store located at 2261 S. Sterling Avenue, Ms. Dickey and the **DEFENDANT** arrived to the business on 03/28/2016 at 1707 hours while arriving in the Buick Park Avenue. Both subjects entered into the business as Ms. Dickey made a purchase. At approximately 1712 hours, Ms. Dickey and the **DEFENDANT** departed from the business.

On 03/28/2016 at approximately 1716 hours, Ms. Dickey and the **DEFENDANT** are captured on video surveillance footage arriving at the Dollar General; located at 10601 E. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street while occupying the Buick Park Avenue. Ms. Dickey and the **DEFENDANT** entered into the business as Ms. Dickey made a purchase. At approximately 1724 hours, Ms. Dickey and the **DEFENDANT** departed from the business. On 03/28/2016 at approximately 1730 hours, Mrs. Rice advised that she last spoke to Ms. Dickey via cellular phone. Several more phone calls were made by family members with negative contact with Ms. Dickey.

On 03/29/2016, Independence Police detectives with the Career Criminal Unit located the **DEFENDANT** and Ms. Trusty at the Frontier Motel; 12015 E. State Route 350, Kansas City, Missouri as they were subsequently taken into custody.

On 03/29/2016 at approximately 2205 hours, Detective(s) Brice Minter and Steve Schmidli conducted a recorded interview with the **DEFENDANT** after reading him the Miranda Warning of Rights as he agreed to provide a statement without the presence of an attorney. During the course of the interview, it was determined that the **DEFENDANT** has known Ms. Dickey for his entire life as she was a long term friend of Barbara Morgan and or the **DEFENDANT'S** aunt.

The **DEFENDANT** eventually admitted that he killed Ms. Dickey while located at her residence (10409 E. 27<sup>th</sup> Street South) as he was under the influence of Marijuana and Xanax. He further indicated that he and Ms. Dickey engaged in a verbal argument because he requested to sleep on her couch because he was not in a position to leave the residence because he was under the influence of drugs. He remembered that he felt as if Ms. Dickey didn't trust him and eventually retrieved a box cutting knife from inside the residence.

He advised that when he observed an opportunity, he believed that as she was walking from the living room into the bathroom, he grabbed her from behind and placed her in a head locking position and immediately slit her throat with the box cutting knife. The **DEFENDANT** advised he believed that she reached up with both hands and placed them around her neck as he cut her a second time with the box cutting knife; cutting her hands/fingers. He further indicated that he carried her into the bathroom and placed her into the tub as he stabbed her approximately four more times in the heart with his "2004 Winchester limited edition" fixed blade knife.

He admitted after killing Ms. Dickey, he emptied the contents of her blue purse onto the living room couch and retrieved approximately \$10.00 (U.S. Currency), vehicle keys to her 1998 Buick Park Avenue, UMB Bank debit card, prescription pill bottles containing (100 or more) 1mg Xanax tablets and (100 or more) Clonazepam tablets.

The **DEFENDANT** admitted that he later arrived to the Country Grocery convenient store where he attempted to utilize Ms. Dickey's ATM debit card and was unsuccessful. He then contacted Ms. Trusty while utilizing Ms. Dickey's cellular phone device as she later arrived to the convenient store. After departing, he eventually discarded Ms. Dickey's cellular phone along an unknown roadway while he was in a moving vehicle. He further admitted that he attempted to utilize Ms. Dickey's credit/debit card device again while at the Ameristar Casio and an unknown Quik Trip; all transactions that were unsuccessful.

Det. Steve Schmidli #842



Print Name

Signature

THE COURT FINDS PROBABLE CAUSE:

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Date

Judge