

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 03/17/2017

CRN: 17-006869

I, MDet. Brent Taney #4641
(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 January 27th, 2017, at 5506 Paseo Blvd. in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson County Missouri Markus Hayes
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

B/M, 08/24/1993 committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

Murder, Assault x2, Unlawful Use of a weapon x3

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 01-27-2017 at 2155 hours, Officers from the Kansas City Missouri Police Department were dispatched to 5506 Paseo (Paul's Liquor and Grocery), Kansas City, Jackson County Missouri in regard to a shooting. Upon arrival a male victim was located in the back seat of a Black Toyota Matrix suffering from apparent gunshot injuries. The victim was transported to an area hospital where he later died as a result of his injuries. Video surveillance was obtained from the business, which showed a silver/gray two door Monte Carlo style vehicle with tinted windows enter the parking lot. An unknown black male wearing a red sweatshirt and an unknown black male wearing a gray sweatshirt exit the vehicle, enter the business, and purchase an unknown item. After the two unknown males exit the business, they engage in a shooting toward the black Toyota Matrix, where the victim was found. After the shooting, the two unknown males get back into the silver/gray Monte Carlo style vehicle and drive away from the scene, southbound on Paseo Blvd.

The surviving victims who occupied the black Toyota Matrix provided statements in regard to the shooting. The surviving victims stated the deceased victim was their cousin who wanted to hang out with them for the night. The surviving victims stated they responded to Paul's Liquor and Grocery in the black Toyota Matrix, briefly went inside the store and entered back into the Toyota Matrix when they observed the suspects exit the business. The surviving victims stated they did not get into any verbal or physical altercation with anyone while in the store or earlier in the evening. One of the surviving victims stated he was seated in the driver's seat of the black Toyota Matrix when he observed a black male in a gray sweatshirt, looking toward them and waving a gun. The deceased victim opened the back driver's side door when the suspects started shooting toward their vehicle. The surviving victims stated they returned fire with the suspects and fled the scene on foot. The surviving victims stated they did not know why the suspects were shooting at them and stated the deceased victim did not say anything to them when he opened the door of the Toyota Matrix. The surviving victims admitted they were all armed with handguns and returned fire with the suspects except for the deceased victim, who was not armed.

Video footage from the business was released to the media in attempts to identify the two unknown males and the vehicle from the scene of the shooting. Several anonymous TIPS were received in regard to the identity of the unknown males which listed Markus Hayes and Wardell Williams as the two unknown males from the

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shooting. Additional TIPS identified the owner of the vehicle as a female associate of Williams who owns a gray, Monte Carlo. A computer check of the female revealed she owns a gray, 2004 Chevy Monte Carlo, Kansas license plate # 234-DGL. The Gray Monte Carlo was located behind 5317 Michigan Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri on 02-01-2017, with an apparent bullet hole in the passenger door.

A brother of the victim responded to Police Headquarters and positively identified the two males from the video footage released as Markus A. Hayes, B/M, 08-24-1993, and Wardell L. Williams. The victim's brother stated he was not at the scene when the homicide occurred and observed the suspects from the video footage released to the media. The victim's brother stated he lived with Williams in 2016 on 53rd Street and Michigan Avenue. The victim's brother stated the only conflict he was aware of between the victim and the suspects occurred approximately a year ago when Williams accused the victim of stealing his phone. The victim's brother stated he was not sure if the shooting occurred from the stolen phone from a year ago or if it occurred for another reason. The victim's brother further stated, Williams's girlfriend owned the gray Monte Carlo when he lived with them on Michigan Avenue approximately a year ago.

On 02-01-2017, the Manager of the Liberty Tax Service called the Homicide Unit and reported Wardell L. Williams, B/M, 02/23/1991 had done his taxes on January 31st, 2017 at her store. She stated Williams was wearing the same sweatshirt she saw him wearing in the media release. She stated the other male she saw on the media release was with Williams and was also wearing the same sweatshirt he was wearing in the media release. She stated Williams and the other male were waiting in the business parking lot in a Gray Monte Carlo when she arrived to open the business on the morning of January 31st, 2017.

On 02/22/2017, Williams was taken into custody in regard to an investigative arrest. On 02/23/2017, Williams was escorted to Police Headquarters for questioning. Prior to any questioning, Williams was advised of his Miranda Rights. Williams stated he went to Paul's Liquors with Markus to buy some alcohol. Williams stated he arrived at Paul's Liquors in a gray Chevy Monte Carlo, he was purchasing from his girlfriend. Williams stated when he walked outside of the business he heard shooting and drove away from the scene. Williams denied any involvement in the shooting and requested a lawyer upon further questioning.

Printed Name MDet. Brent Taney#4641 Signature 

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

Judge

Circuit Court of _____ County, State of Missouri.