



# SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



## PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 06/05/2023 Case #: SPD230416011025

I, K [REDACTED] B [REDACTED], a law enforcement officer, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that E [REDACTED] B [REDACTED], Black/Male committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The following crime(s) happened on 2023/04/16 04:28 - 2023/04/16 05:30 at 2150 S GLENSTONE AVE in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.
3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 04/15/2023, Victim 1 reported the overnight theft of his white, 2014 Chevy Traverse (MO [REDACTED]) from in front of his residence in Nixa, MO, as documented in [REDACTED]. The keys to the Traverse had been stolen from inside of another vehicle owned by the victim that had been parked next to the Traverse. According to the Nixa PD, there were at least five other vehicles broken into in the same night in that neighborhood, and at least two handguns were stolen from the other vehicles.

At approximately 04:28 on 04/16/2023, Officer K. H [REDACTED] was on routine patrol when he received notification from a FLOCK camera system that the stolen Traverse was traveling northbound on Glenstone AVE from Battlefield RD. Officer H [REDACTED] was in that vicinity, so he began traveling northbound on Glenstone and observed the stolen Traverse stopped at fuel pump #1 at the Kum & Go convenience store located at 2150 S. Glenstone. As he and Officer Snow pulled their patrol vehicles onto the lot and stopped behind the Traverse, he observed there was no one in the driver's seat. There were two passengers in the vehicle, subsequently identified as A [REDACTED] B [REDACTED] (front seat) and E [REDACTED] B [REDACTED] (rear seat).

Officer H [REDACTED] looked over toward the store and observed a young black male subject wearing a black mask, tan hooded sweatshirt, black pants, and black shoes, who was looking out through the west glass of the store. That subject then ran to the north part of the store and exited through another door. Through a subsequent review of surveillance footage on scene, that subject was identified as a 16-year-old juvenile and was determined to have been the driver of the stolen vehicle.

Officer H [REDACTED] contacted and arrested B [REDACTED] and B [REDACTED] while other officers checked the area for the juvenile suspect. Officer Hammers located two handguns in the vehicle, one of which B [REDACTED] had tucked into his waistband (a Glock 40, 10mm pistol with 11 rounds in the magazine and one round in the chamber), and the other of which was found in a backpack belonging to B [REDACTED] in the front passenger floorboard.

B [REDACTED] had a black handbag hanging on his person at the time of his arrest, and Officer H [REDACTED] subsequently inventoried the contents of that backpack prior to booking B [REDACTED] into the jail. Among

the items located in the bag were a vaping cartridge labeled "Primal Extracts THC", a bag containing leafy green buds consistent with marijuana, and an orange pill bottle with no label containing 17 blue pills labeled "M 15". One of those pills was subsequently sent to the lab for testing, and a certified lab report identified those pills as containing oxycodone, a Schedule II controlled substance.

During subsequent interviews, B [REDACTED] maintained that he did not know where he was picked up in the vehicle or how long he had been in it, and was otherwise evasive regarding his involvement with the vehicle.

During a subsequent interview, B [REDACTED] was equally evasive about how he came to be riding in the vehicle with the juvenile suspect. He then refused to answer further questions when I sought clarification about his involvement with the stolen vehicle.

The juvenile suspect was subsequently located hiding in a drainage ditch nearby, and a juvenile case report packet was submitted to the Juvenile Prosecutor's Office on him in reference to this incident.

I am requesting that an arrest warrant be issued because (complete at least one of the following):

- 1. I have reasonable grounds to believe the defendant will not appear upon a summons based on the facts stated above and the following information:

[Enter supporting facts here]

Not Applicable

- 2. I have reasonable grounds to believe the defendant poses a danger to a crime victim, the community, or any other person based on the facts stated above and the following information:

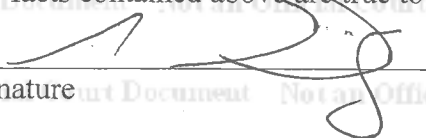
Although B [REDACTED] has no prior arrests or convictions, he was the suspect in a shooting incident on 07/30/2019, during which he also sustained gunshot wounds that left him paralyzed. The victim was uncooperative, however, so no charges were filed on Bedell.

Not Applicable

The facts contained above are true to the best of my information and belief.

/s/

Signature



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DSN

Officer

Title