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**SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT**



Date: 11/16/2023 Case #: SPD231114035867

I, JAMES SWEET, 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 ELYSHA LAROY BEDELL, Black/Male committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The following crime(s) happened on 2023/11/14 20:00 - 2023/11/15 00:00 at W COLLEGE ST and N GRANT AVE in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.
3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 11/14/2023, officers of the Springfield Police Department responded to the intersections of Campbell and College and Grant and College in reference to multiple 911 calls reporting a shooting which had just occurred involving a masked male subject in a dark colored car shooting at another car. A 911 caller identified the intersection of Grant and College as where the shooting took place.

Officers arrived at the intersection of Campbell and College first, and they located a charcoal Chevrolet Cruze (MO VJ7 H7K) with multiple bullet strikes occupied by Victim 1 (V1) and Victim 2 (V2). Both V1 and V2, who was 29 weeks pregnant, had suffered multiple gunshot wounds. V1 was pronounced deceased at the scene as a result of the gunshot wounds by medical personnel, and V2 was transported to a local hospital for medical treatment for non-life threatening gunshot wounds.

Officers then responded to the intersection of Grant and College, and at that location, they found numerous spent shell casings. The shell casings consisted of an assortment of .40 caliber and .223 caliber, as well as 1 9mm casing.

I interviewed V2 at a local hospital. According to V2, she and V1 had just dropped off V1's juvenile child at his parent's residence, located at 3709 W. Brook Ct., and they were planning on going out to eat. V2 was driving the above described Chevrolet Cruze and V1 was sitting in the front passenger seat. V2 drove north on Kansas Expressway from Battlefield. V1 was driving her vehicle in the inside lane, and around the area of the United States Medical Center for Federal Prisoners, located at 1900 W. Sunshine, she observed a dark gray sedan with tinted windows and silver trim pacing her vehicle. The dark gray sedan was driving in the outside lane, and was maintaining her speed. V2 recalled V1 began staring at the dark gray sedan, and he told V2 it was "full of dudes" and they were staring at them angrily. V2 continued driving north, and at the intersection with Sunshine, she was able to separate from the dark gray sedan due to traffic backed up in the outside lane. V2 continued to drive north on Kansas Expressway, and did not notice the dark gray sedan again for a period of time. As V2 drove north on Kansas, she and V1 decided to go downtown to eat at a local

restaurant. V2 turned east onto Chestnut Expressway, and drove towards Grant Ave. Prior to reaching Grant Ave., V2 again observed the dark gray sedan catch up to and begin pacing her vehicle again. V2 pointed out the vehicle to V1 and she asked him if it was the same car from earlier. V1 told V2 he didn't think it was, so she turned south onto Grant. As V1 was turning south onto Grant, she continued to watch the dark gray sedan as it continued east on Chestnut Expressway, and she saw it activate it's passenger side turn signal. V2 then drove south on Grant, and as she approached the intersection of Grant and College, she entered into the southbound to eastbound turn lane to go east on College. V2 slowed her car in anticipation to turn, and as she was preparing to turn, she heard multiple rapid gunshots and felt herself get shot. V2 turned her car onto College from Grant after being shot, and she observed V1 was unresponsive in the passenger seat. V2 drove to the intersection of Campbell and College because she knew it was a place with lots of people. Once there, V2 began screaming for help, and she was approached by citizens.

W1 reported she was driving north on Grant approaching the intersection with College. W1 reported she heard what she first thought was fireworks, and when she looked at the intersection, she observed two vehicles facing southbound north of her at the intersection. W1 stated she saw a dark colored 4-door sedan with a male hanging out of the passenger side window pointing what she believed was a handgun at the passenger side of the other vehicle. W1 described the male as wearing a long dark shirt and full face mask. W1 stated she was unable to see the driver, and she said the dark colored sedan fled south on Grant past her while the other car turned east onto College.

Video surveillance from a City of Springfield owned Traffic Camera positioned facing north at the intersection of Grant and Walnut showed V2's vehicle stop at the intersection of Grant and College facing south in the southbound to eastbound turn lane at 20:17:05 hrs. At 20:17:07 hrs, the suspect sedan pulled up and stopped facing south next to the passenger side of V2's vehicle. At 20:17:12 hrs, the suspect vehicle accelerated south on Grant while V2's car slowly turned east onto College. The suspect car drove past the traffic camera continuing south on Grant, and due to video quality, the vehicle could only be described as a dark colored passenger car.

Video surveillance was also obtained from Heffington's House of Vision, located at 640 W. Chestnut St. As noted above, V2 reported seeing the dark gray sedan's passenger side turn signal activate after she turned onto Grant. This action would indicate the dark gray sedan planned to possible turn right onto Main Ave. The surveillance camera which captured the footage was positioned on the north side of the building facing northwest, and it showed a dark colored passenger car drive west on Chestnut St at 20:16:37 hrs and then turn south onto Grant at 20:16:42 hrs.

On 11/15/2023, information was received concerning a shooting which occurred on 11/13/2023 at 17:16 hrs in the 2400 block of west High. Upon police arrival for that incident, officers located a large amount of .40 caliber shell casings in the roadway. Witnesses reported the suspect vehicle was a small black sedan that fled westbound on High. A Flock camera located on Clifton at High captured the license plate (AZ PWA 20F) of a black sedan fleeing south on Clifton. The plate was registered to W2, who was the girlfriend of Suspect 1 (S1-Juvenile), and the vehicle was identified as a dark gray 2016 Chevrolet Malibu (VIN 1G1ZH5SX8GF245250). S1 was identified as being a person of interest in other recent crimes, including a shooting from a vehicle on 11/13/2023.

Det. D. Rankey began conducting research on the Chevrolet Malibu, and he learned and relayed the following information. Using the FLOCK system, Det. Rankey scanned license plate AZ PWA 20F, and he discovered it had been captured on a FLOCK camera at/near Park Central Square/South Ave. on 11/14/23 at 02:05:42 hrs., traveling southbound. Knowing that the vehicle would have encircled Park Central Square, Det. Rankey proceeded to review camera footage from the square, and he located various angles of the vehicle circling the square at 0205 hrs. on 11/14/23. Although he was unable to obtain an image of the occupant(s) of the vehicle, Det. Rankey was better able to observe specific characteristics of the car. Specifically, Det. Rankey noted that the vehicle had lower fogs lamps below the headlights, and he noticed that the fog lamp below the front passenger side headlight was illuminated, however, the fog lamp under the front driver's side headlight was either missing or burned out. Furthermore, Det. Rankey noted that the vehicle had silver trim around its side windows, and the distinct wind guard at the front of the sunroof protruded vertically from the roof of the car. Per prior FLOCK images examined, the vehicle was dark gray in color.

Det. Rankey then began comparing them to the image of the suspect vehicle as it fled the location of the shooting. Det. Rankey noted V2 described the suspect vehicle as being dark gray in color, matching that of the 2016 Chevrolet Malibu. V2 described the suspect vehicle as having chrome/silver colored trim, matching that of the 2016 Chevrolet Malibu. The FLOCK camera footage and Avigilon footage showed the 2016 Chevrolet Malibu as having a sunroof wind guard that extended vertically from the roof, appearing similar to what appeared to be a vertical wind guard on the suspect vehicle. The Park Central Square cameras showed that the front driver's side fog lamp was either missing or burned out. As the suspect vehicle fled the location of the shooting, it was clear that the same fog lamp was missing or burned out, however, the front passenger side fog lamp was illuminated. Park Central Square cameras showed the 2016 Chevrolet Malibu with a Chevrolet emblem on the front of it, and it appeared that the suspect vehicle had the same type of emblem, in the same area, as it fled the scene of the shooting. As well as both vehicles had tinted windows, and both vehicles appeared to be the same shape and size.

This information was relayed to Sgt. S. Hill and Cpl. T. Bolton, and they responded to the known address of W2, 633 E. Montclair #3B. Upon arrival, Sgt. Hill observed the dark gray Chevrolet Malibu parked in front of the apartment building, and he immediately observed the vehicle had an apparent bullet hole in the rear driver's side passenger window. Shortly after arriving, S1 exited the apartment and entered the driver seat of the Chevrolet Malibu. Special Investigation Unit detectives were arriving as S1 started to back out of the parking spot. Det. E. Pinegar and Det. E. Nicholson conducted a stop on the vehicle and ordered S1 to exit the car where he was detained. S1 was wearing a red and black colored glove on his right hand. Within the Chevrolet Malibu, Sgt. Hill could observe in plain view at least one .223 round in the back seat floorboard and boxes of ammunition in the back seat floorboard.

Sgt. Hill and Cpl. Bolton then attempted contact with the individuals inside of 633 E. Montclair #3B. After repeated knocks with no answer, Cpl. Bolton retrieved the keys that were laying next to the Chevrolet Malibu to see if they opened the apartment. Cpl. Bolton opened the door and continued to make announcements in order to secure the apartment for a search warrant. After opening the

door, W2 made herself known and exited the apartment. A short time later, Suspect 2 (Juvenile) and Elysha Bedell also exited the apartment.

Sgt. Hill spoke to W2 on scene about her knowledge of this incident. W2 reported S1 left 633 E. Montclair on 11/14/2023 at approximately 19:05 hours to take a dog to his brother's apartment, located near Carver Middle School. She later clarified the address of the apartment was 3710 W. Greenwood (it should be noted this address was in the same general area of the city that V1 and V2 were at on Brook Ct.). W2 was able to look at her phone because she messaged someone whenever he arrived around 19:45 hours. W2 stated S1 left her apartment driving her dark gray 2016 Chevrolet Malibu with S2, Bedell, and a third male (Suspect 4) as passengers. W2 had Onstar for the Chevrolet Malibu and was watching the live location to see where they were going. W2 saw they also went to the Rapid Roberts on west Battlefield Road after they dropped the dog off. W2 was unsure whenever they returned initially but advised they left in another vehicle once they returned. W2 clarified in a later interview the time they initially returned to her apartment was 5-10 minutes before 20:46 hrs. W2 provided written consent for her apartment and for detectives to search the Chevrolet Malibu.

While driving to the Montclair address, I asked Det. Rankey to review the surveillance footage from Acme Transportation and compare the images of the suspect vehicle as it drove south on Grant to the 2016 Chevrolet Malibu in an attempt to examine the light pattern cast from their headlights to determine similarities.

Upon viewing the Acme Transportation surveillance footage of the suspect vehicle, Park Central Square image of 2016 Chevrolet Malibu, and the Avigilon Traffic Camera footage as the suspect vehicle fled the scene of the shooting, Det. Rankey observed the single driver's side headlight cast a much more prominent beam of light forward in all three images, further leading him to believe the 2016 Chevrolet Malibu was the suspect vehicle. Det. Rankey noted that there may have been damage to the lower front driver's side bumper, where the fog light should have been illuminated, which may have resulted in the headlight being displaced upward, causing a more direct beam of light to cast forward, resulting in the effect. After I arrived at the Montclair address, Det. Rankey called me and he told me there was likely damage to the front driver's side bumper of the vehicle which caused its light to angle upward. I was standing in front of the car at that time, and noticed the driver's side front bumper and headlight were damaged.

The Chevrolet Malibu was towed to Police Headquarters and processed by Det. Rankey.

Sgt. Hill and Cpl. Bolton searched 633 E. Montclair #3B and located an Assault Rifle Pistol (.223 caliber) hidden inside a cut out hole inside the closet (drywall). A .38 Special Revolver was located underneath the couch in the living room. Additional ammunition was located inside the apartment to include .45 and .223. Six .223 rounds were also located inside the toilet. A black mask was located in the bedroom under the TV stand. All the items were seized as evidence.

W2 agreed to go to headquarters to be interviewed further by myself. During this interview, W2 told me it was known to her there was an ongoing disturbance between Bedell and a friend of V1's related to a past homicide, and she believed this was the cause of this homicide. W2 also told me she knew her vehicle did not have a bullet hole in the driver's side rear passenger window when it

left her apartment prior to the shooting and it did when it was returned. W2 stated that when Sgt. Hill and Cpl. Bolton were knocking on the door of her apartment, S2 was actively hiding the above mentioned AR Pistol inside the closet. W2 told me she asked S1 and S4 the day after the shooting what had happened, and S4 told her a vehicle had pulled up along side them and fired a gun at them. This claim did not match the evidence located within the 2016 Chevrolet Malibu, and no guns or shell casings were located inside of V2's vehicle. The processing of V2's vehicle also showed all of the bullet impacts were incoming rounds and not outgoing.

Sgt. Keene and Det. Rankey processed the 2016 Chevrolet Malibu at headquarters. A .45 caliber Springfield Armory XD pistol was located under the driver's seat. Three spent .45 caliber shell casings were located in the vehicle and two were located in the windshield wiper compartment area underneath the hood. A live .223 round was located in the backseat. There were empty boxes of ammunition for .223 and .40 and a single live .40 bullet. The rear driver side door had a bullet hole above the interior door handle which traveled from the passenger compartment to the exterior. Two .40 caliber shell casings were located in the storage area of the sunroof. This would suggest that the sunroof was open whenever the shots were fired.

Sgt. Hill contacted Rapid Roberts to request video footage from their location at 3106 W Battlefield. Video surveillance was sent by a Rapid Roberts employee which showed the Chevrolet Malibu arriving on 11/14/23 at 1957 hours. The driver who entered the store paid for gas and was also wearing a red glove on his right hand. A photograph of the driver was shown to W2 who identified him as S1. The vehicle leaves at 2005 hours, which is approximately 12 minutes prior to the shots fired at Grand and College. S1 was also wearing what appeared to be the same right red colored glove whenever he was taken into custody.

A Google Map search from Rapid Roberts (3106 W. Battlefield) to the area of Grant and College (route taken on Google is east on Battlefield, north on Kansas, east on Chestnut and south on Grant) is 6.5 miles and shows a 12 minute travel time. The suspect vehicle leaves Rapid Roberts at 2005 hours and the shooting takes place at 2017 hours at Grant and College which is 12 minutes.

W3 reported around 2030 hours on November 14, 2023, he received a phone call from Bedell who requested a ride for himself and friends from Old Monterey Apartments. W3 picked up Bedell and four other males, who were outside near a vehicle in the parking lot. W3 stated he only knew one of the other males, only knowing him by a nickname "Peso." Peso is a known nickname for S2 (Juvenile). W3 described the other three males as two having light skin and one darker skinned black male. While driving the males, one of the males received a Facetime call from a girlfriend who asked where he had been. The male told her they had gotten into an altercation downtown.

Another male in the vehicle told the male to stop talking about it. W3 reported he dropped one of the males off at an address on Sunset and when the male got out of his vehicle he dropped a gun, appearing to be an "AR handgun." Once all the males were out of the vehicle, except Bedell, Bedell told W3 they had been involved in a shooting downtown just prior to W3 picking them up.

All of the suspects involved in this incident declined to provide a statement about what occurred.

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:

The suspects in this case appeared to come across the victims while driving, followed them through town, eventually pulled alongside them, and 3-4 individuals from the suspect car opened fire on the unsuspecting victims as they waited to make a right turn. These actions resulted in the death of V1 and the serious injuries inflicted on V2.

Not Applicable

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

/s/ James Sweet

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Detective

Signature

DSN

Title