

STATE OF MISSOURI      ss.  
COUNTY OF MILLER

## **PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT**

**Date:** September 5, 2020

I, **BURKHEAD, MATTHEW / 5303**, 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** September 5, 2020 **at approximately** 3:53 AM  
**at** 18 EMERY RD ROCKY MT MO 65072 **located in** Miller County, Missouri

**TERRY EWENS**      **Race / Sex:** W / M      **DOB:** 04/05/63  
**SSN:** 500-78-2408      **Height:**      **Weight:**

**Committed one or more criminal offenses:**

<b><u>CHARGE</u></b>	<b><u>CHARGE CODE</u></b>
MURDER 1ST DEGREE	565.020-001Y198409
KIDNAPPING - 1ST DEGREE	565.110-001Y190010
DOM ASSLT 1ST DEG SER INJ	565.072-001Y199913
BURGLARY 1ST DEGREE	569.160-001Y201722
ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION	571.015-001Y197552

**2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:**

On 09-05-2020 at 0353 hours, Miller County Deputies S. Patrick and W. Browner responded to 18 Emery Rd., in Rocky Mount, Missouri in Miller County for a Domestic in Progress. According to the 911 caller, who was later identified as ("K.F."), Defendant "was killing her mom" ("M.P.") and holding her stepfather ("A.P.") against his will. K.F. reported that Defendant also almost killed her and she was hiding in the house from Defendant.

Deputies arrived at 18 Emery Rd. and located an unconscious female victim who was identified as M.P. lying by the doorway of the residence. M.P. had numerous abrasions and lacerations. Deputy S. Patrick located Defendant at a doorway of the residence where Defendant pointed a rifle at Deputy S. Patrick. Deputies moved M.P. and K.F. to safety. Defendant subsequently barricaded himself in the residence with A.P. K.F. was transported to Lake Regional Hospital for emergency medical treatment. M.P. was pronounced deceased at the scene.

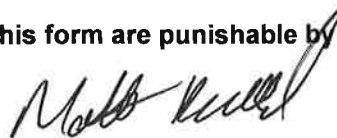
Defendant remained in the residence where was barricaded with A.P. The Missouri State Highway Patrol Special Weapons and Tactics ("SWAT") team responded to the residence to assist deputies. SWAT forced entry into the residence and took Defendant into custody. Deputies located A.P. who had apparent injuries to his head and face from Defendant striking him with a firearm. A.P. was transported to Lake Regional Hospital for treatment to his injuries. The residence was secured and searched when a .22 rifle with blood on its stock and a .38 revolver were collected by officers.

Miller County Detectives M. Burkhead and J. Conn interviewed K.F. at the hospital and the Miller County Sheriff's Office. According to her, K.F. and Defendant were previously in a romantic relationship. K.F. stated that on 09-04-2020, she discovered the Defendant at her residence in Camden County around 4:00 p.m. without her permission. Defendant physically and sexually assaulted K.F. at her residence. Defendant then forced K.F. into his vehicle and transported her against her will to an unknown residence before he drove them to M.P.'s and A.P.'s residence at 18 Emery Rd. Defendant assaulted K.F. with closed fists during the trip from her residence to her parents' home.

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K.F. stated that when they arrived at her parents' home, she observed M.P. standing at the front door. Defendant forced his way into the residence and M.P. confronted him. K.F. escaped away from Defendant and grabbed a landline telephone before hiding in a bathroom and calling 911. K.F. remained in the bathroom until she heard gunshots and sirens. K.F. indicated she did not attempt escape out of fear that Defendant would hurt her or her parents. K.F. exited the bathroom and contacted deputies when she heard police sirens.

On 09-08-2020, Detectives M. Burkhead and J. Conn interviewed Defendant after he waived his Miranda Rights. Defendant admitted that he was in a romantic relationship with K.F. He further admitted he had a physical altercation with K.F. at her residence. After the altercation, he stated they travelled to M.P. and A.P.'s residence for "money, guns, and bullets." Defendant admitted that M.P. was at the door and that he shoved his way into the residence. Defendant admitted to a physical altercation with A.P. over a gun. Defendant was informed that M.P. died from her injuries but claimed he did not know how she was injured. Defendant acknowledged using methamphetamine before the incident. He also confirmed that K.F., M.P. and A.P. were the only people in the residence.

An autopsy was performed on M.P.'s remains on 09-09-2020 by Boone County Medical Examiner Carl Stacy. Doctor Stacy determined the cause of M.P.'s death to be blunt force trauma to M.P.'s chest and heart. Doctor Stacy further noted that M.P. had several broken ribs inconsistent with efforts by medical personnel to save M.P.'s life and numerous contusions on her face, head, and body.

This crime occurred in the County of Miller and State of Missouri.

3. For the issuance of a warrant, complete the following, if appropriate.

A. I believe the defendant will not appear in court to respond to a criminal summons because:

B. I believe the defendant poses a danger to a crime victim, community or to any other person because: The defendant physically assaulted victim M.P. an elderly female to the point he caused her death.

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