

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Dated: 9/22/2023

Report Number: KC23065011

I, DETECTIVE [REDACTED] a sworn Law Enforcement Officer for the State of Missouri, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, and that the facts contained herein are true, states as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that on 9/22/2023, at [REDACTED] NORTH FOREST AVENUE in KANSAS CITY, Clay County, Missouri, John R. Wonder, White (race), Male, [REDACTED] 1992 (DOB), committed one or more criminal offense(s).

MURDER

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 09/22/2023 at 1036 hours, Patrol Officers with the Kansas City Missouri Police Department responded to [REDACTED] North Forest Avenue, Kansas City, Clay County, Missouri, in regard to a "check the welfare call" for a married couple and their two children that live at the residence. The calling party was the employer for both adult parties and was aware that the couple was going through a divorce.

Officers contacted family members of both adult parties at the front of the residence. Witness#1 and Witness#2 were identified as the parents of the female party later identified, as the victim, and Witness#3 as the mother of the male party later, identified as John Wonder. Witness#1 and Witness#2 entered the residence through the rear of the residence. Officers heard some commotion coming from the down stairs of the residence. Officers heard Witness#2 tell Witness#1 to "go upstairs". Witness#1 was heard asking if it was her (victim)? Witness#2 said "I don't know, but go upstairs the cops need to know." Witness#2 then told officers he believed there to be a dead female in the downstairs laundry room.

Officers then entered the residence and walked down a set of stairs. They located the laundry room with the door partially opened, but secured with a bungee cord. The officers observed the Victim a white female laying on the floor. She appeared to be deceased. The Victim had what appeared to be a belt wrapped around her neck. Her face was dark blue and there were no signs of life. She had on a dark colored shirt that had been pulled up. She was nude from the waist down. "Wonder" was written in blood on her leg. There was what appeared to be several puncture wounds to her left side with blood coming from the wounds. There was a large butcher knife and meat cleaver located just to the northwest of her body.

No other parties were located in the residence.

On 09/22/2023, a detective contacted the Calling Party who confirmed that she was John Wonder's supervisor and that the Victim also worked for the company at a different location. The Calling Party was aware that the couple was married and that they were going through a divorce,

but still lived together. When John Wonder did not come to work and did not call in sick the Calling Party inquired if the Victim was at work. When she confirmed that the Victim was not at work she called 911 and requested that a "check the welfare" be conducted at the residence.

On 09/22/2023, a detective conducted an interview with Witness#1 at the scene. Witness#1 provided information that John Wonder dropped the two children off at her residence at approximately 0820 hours. He usually brings the children inside due to them being two and four years old, but he instead left them on the front porch and left in his red sedan. She was then contacted by the Calling party at approximately 1000 hours about the "check the welfare call". She and Witness#2 then went to [REDACTED] Forest Avenue to contact the Victim or John Wonder. Witness#1 added that once she and Witness#2 had contacted the responding officers she went to the rear of the residence. She was able to gain entrance to the attached two car garage and observed the red sedan John Wonder had been driving, but not the rental white Toyota Rav 4 the Victim had been driving. She tried to enter the main residence through an interior door, but the door appeared to be chained shut from the inside. She then went to the top of the deck at the rear of the residence and was able to open the sliding glass door. At that time Witness#1 and Witness #2 made entrance to the residence. Witness#1 did not locate John Wonder or the Victim even though she kept calling out to them. During that time Witness#2 went down stairs and discovered the Victim in the laundry room. She left with Witness#2 and contacted the officers.

On 09/22/2023, a detective conducted an interview with Witness#3 at the scene. Witness#3 informed the detective that she had been contacted by the Calling Party in regard to the "check the welfare" call. She then drove to the residence and met with the officer's, Witness#1 and Witness#2. She went with Witness#1 and Witness#2 to the rear of the residence. When Witness#1 was able to open the sliding glass door she entered the residence with Witness#1 and Witness#2. She did not locate the Victim or John Wonder and left when Witness#2 told them to leave. She explained that the Victim and John Wonder had started dating sometime in 2016 or early 2017. They had their first child in 2018 and were married on October 16, 2019. They had a second child two years later. Approximately a year ago the couple began seeing a marriage consoler but had determined that they were going to get a divorce. The Victim was moving out on October 1st and she had assisted the Victim and John Wonder with paying for lawyers for the divorce. She had tried to contact John Wonder while she was at the residence, but he did not respond.

On 09/22/2023, a detective conducted an interview with Witness#5 at the scene. Witness#5 informed the detective that she was John Wonder's sister. She was aware that the Victim and John Wonder was in the process of getting divorced. She provided a screen shot of a text conversation that she had with John Wonder on 09/22/2023 starting at 1042 hours. Other#3 "Where the hell are you", "Hey, hi John???", John Wonder "Hey kiddo. Sorry about the mess. For the record: it's way

easier and much more satisfying than you can imagine. See you around."
She was not able to contact him again. She provided a name and phone
number for one friend of John Wonder, Witness#4.

On 09/22/2023, a detective contacted Witness#4 by telephone and he
agreed to provide a statement. Witness#4 informed the detective that he
had been at work and had the ringer turned off on his cellphone, but
when he left work he noticed that he had Facebook messages from John
Wonder, Witness#4 emailed a copy of the messages to the detective.
Several of the messages were as follows: "Hey bud. Sorry to make you the
receiver of this, but I have to share with someone. I'm about to throw
my phone out the windows and will continue North to Fargo. I'm not
trying to get away. Just feel like driving, far, far away.

9-22 7:39am - still haven't cried. Still feel nothing. No more anxiety,
though. That's a plus.

8:31am - Now depleted, in anger I placed her gemstones set next to her
body. Her third-eye shakra, her moonstone, blah blah blah - a lot of
good they did you, hun.

8:43am - Part of me wants to get drunk and watch Shawshank Redemption
one last time; however, I think it is time for me to go. Goodbye house.

8:50am - I'm in the car. I have no doubt I will be caught today.
I keep thinking about how she never screamed. Just took it like a champ.
What a gal. To honor her. I will not go out by a gunshot (suicide by
cop) but by, hopefully a similar fate as [REDACTED].

10:33 - some small town in Northern Mo - I'm guessing they will be
finding her body right about now. I started getting calls at 9:30am. I'm
sure [REDACTED] phone received the same.

The underlying offense is related to a serious felony currently being
investigated by Kansas City Missouri Police Department which is
punishable by significant penalties that incentivize the defendant to
fail to appear.

I believe John R. Wonder poses a danger to a crime victim, the community, or another person.

DETECTIVE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Officer's Name and Serial Number

[Handwritten Signature]

[REDACTED]

Officer's Signature