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STATE OF MISSOURI)
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vs.)
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STEVEN STRUMPF)
DOB: REDACTED)
SSN: REDACTED)

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

I, SCOTT A DECKER
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 01/19/2024, at REDACTED REDACTED REDACTED
STEVEN STRUMPF W/M REDACTED
committed one or more criminal offense(s):
565.020-001Y202009 MURDER 1ST DEGREE
F/M: F COUNTS: 1 CHARGE TYPE: S

569.040-001Y202020 ARSON 1ST DEGREE
F/M: F COUNTS: 1 CHARGE TYPE: S

571.015-001Y202052 ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION
F/M: F COUNTS: 1 CHARGE TYPE: S

570.130-001Y202026 FRAUDULENT USE OF CREDIT/DEBIT DEVICE
F/M: F COUNTS: 1 CHARGE TYPE: S

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:
On 01/19/2024, at approximately 0001 hours, Columbia Fire Department (CFD) personnel responded to a residential structure fire at REDACTED Columbia, Boone County, Missouri. CFD personnel arrived on scene and observed the garage was "fully involved" or on fire, as well as other parts of the residence. Upon CFD arrival at the residence, the main overhead garage door was open, and the front door to the residence was open as well. CFD did not observe or locate any vehicle in the garage or driveway of the residence. Columbia Police Department (CPD) Officers also responded to the scene. After extinguishing the fire, CFD personnel located a deceased male in the garage of the residence. No other persons were located inside the residence. CFD Fire Marshal REDA determined the origin of the fire was inside of the garage. Fire Marshal REDA stated they brought a trained CFD canine to the residence, and the canine "alerted" to the presence of accelerants in the garage in the area the body was located.

CPD officers located both mail and medications inside of the residence with REDACTED name on them. DS is listed as the utility holder for the address (REDACTED REDACTED. I attempted to call REDACTED known telephone number, and it went straight to voicemail.

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REDACTED girlfriend, REDAC, informed CPD Detectives that REDA picked up REDACT REDACTED from Amtrak in Kansas City on 01/17/2024, and REDACT believed REDACTED was staying with REDA at the residence. I searched Steven Strumpf through the Missouri Department of Revenue (DOR), and it listed Steven`s most current address as REDACTED. A CPD Detective spoke with a neighbor in the REDACTED block of REDACTED who witnessed an individual moving items out of the garage into a dark colored four door passenger vehicle in the driveway of REDACTED on 01/18/2024, at approximately 1720 hours, or less than seven hours before the fire was reported. Detectives showed the neighbor a picture of Steven Strumpf, and the neighbor identified Steven as the individual moving the items out of the residence.

While speaking with REDACTED, REDAC, she informed CPD Detectives that there was a fraudulent charge on the Commerce Bank joint account REDACT shared. REDA advised there was a transaction on the account at a local hotel for $212.68 after the fire occurred. CPD Detectives obtained security video and documents and determined Steven used REDACTED credit card (Visa ending in REDACTED) to rent a room at the hotel in Columbia, Missouri. Steven rented the room on 01/19/2024, at approximately 0354 hours, or less than four hours after the fire was reported. REDA stated Steven Strumpf was not given permission to use REDACTED card or make transactions on REDACTED account.

CPD Detectives searched REDA through the Missouri DOR and determined REDA was the registered owner of several vehicles, none of which were located at REDACTED REDACTED One of the vehicles owned by REDA was a blue Toyota Corolla, with Missouri registration REDACTED On 01/20/2024, at about 0016 hours, CPD Detectives located REDACTED blue Toyota Corolla parked in the REDACTED REDACT Steven was the sole occupant of the vehicle. Steven was arrested for fraudulent use of a credit card. When asked if there were any weapons on him or in the vehicle, Steven responded there was a knife in the car. Steven was transported to CPD. While inventorying Steven`s property, CPD Detectives located REDACTED credit card and driver license inside of Steven`s wallet. While at CPD, Steven made a spontaneous utterance to the effect of, "I killed an ally instead of an enemy because I can`t see what I`m doing."

During the investigation detectives learned that Steven Strumpf had requested an Uber to pick him up in the area of REDACTED and REDACTED on 1/19/24 around 0247 hours and was picked up around 0323 hours. We learned the Uber took him to the local hotel, that the credit card was used for to pay for a room at. Detectives also learned that an Uber was requested around 1008 hours on 1/19/24 at the same hotel that Steven Strumpf was previously dropped off at and then took Steven Strumpf to the area of REDACTED and REDACTED which is directly across the street from the REDACTED address.

While attempting to locate Steven Strumpf and the missing blue Toyota that is

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registered to [redacted], Detectives made contact at a gas station on Route K. Detectives learned that Steven Strumpf had stopped there to get gas for the blue Toyota. It was also learned that Steven Strumpf used the same credit card that was used at the local hotel, to pay for the gas. This incident at the gas station happened on 1/19/24 around 2246 hours.

On 1/20/24 Steven Strumpf was advised of his Miranda rights and interviewed. Steven Strumpf indicated he understood his rights. During this interview, Steven Strumpf admitted to stabbing [redacted] several times in the neck area. Steven Strumpf also admitted to pouring gas on the body of [redacted] and setting [redacted] on fire in the garage. During this interview, Steven Strumpf told us the knife that he used was in a black bag in the Toyota he had been in.

A search warrant was obtained for the Toyota car that Steven Strumpf was in at the time of his arrest. During this search, a fixed bladed knife was found in a black bag that was in the Toyota. This knife has what appears to be blood on it.

3. For the issuance of a warrant in a misdemeanor case, complete the following

(a) I believe that the defendant will not appear in court in response to a criminal summons because:
Strumpf previously had a warrant for his arrest in Colorado.

(b) I believe that the defendant poses

(1) a danger to a crime victim because
Strumpf admitted to stabbing and killing [redacted]

(2) a danger to the community or to any other person because
unknown

SCOTT A DECKER
Date: 01/20/2024

Signature
(re: CPD Case #2024-000425)

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