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# PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 2/9/2024

I, Lieutenant Phillip Salmon #503, upon my oath, and under penalties of perjury, state as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that, Christopher Ballowe, committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 2/9/2024 at approximately 1223 hours, I (Lieutenant P. Salmon #503) was on duty in the City of Odessa, Missouri, when Higginsville Central Dispatch advised of a reporting party stating that they were in the 500 block of North First Street, helping a female that was trying to leave an abusive relationship change her tire and that the ex-boyfriend kept coming by in a black Dodge Durango.

It should be noted that on 2/8/2024 at approximately 1229 hours, we received a call at the Odessa Police Department from a subject who had just witnessed a male and female arguing and a male getting physical with the female at the same location. The witness stated that the male was throwing items and that a juvenile was present. That witness advised that the male was in a black Dodge Durango and that the female was in a cream-colored Avenger. The witness provided the license plate for that vehicle. Officers attempted to locate the vehicles but were unable to at that time.

Upon arriving at the residence, I observed that the black Durango was parked at the next residence and that a cream-colored Avenger with the same license plate as the Avenger from 2/8/2024 was parked in front of the residence. I then spoke with the victim, who advised that she had been in a romantic relationship with Christopher Ballowe and that they had been staying at the residence in Odessa. This location is inside the city limits of Odessa, Missouri, Lafayette County.

During my conversations with the victim, I observed that her left eye had a large bruise on it that is consistent with being struck in the face. The victim admitted that Christopher had struck her in the face during an argument at the residence in Odessa. The victim believed the bruise was caused by an incident from 2/7/2024 and advised that she did not recall Christopher being physical with her on 2/8/2024 but advised that they had been arguing and he had thrown items outside of the trailer. The victim also advised that they (herself and Christopher) had been in another verbal altercation on 2/9/2024 at the residence.

The reporting party for the incident on 2/9/2024 advised me that Christopher had come out and told the victim that he would slash the other tires on her vehicle if someone helped change the flat tire. When I asked the victim about the statement, she confirmed that Christopher had stated that to her and that it was a form of control that Christopher was trying to have over her.

While on scene, Christopher exited the residence and was contacted by law enforcement. While speaking with law enforcement, Christopher stated that the black eye on the victim was from her falling, but later, on the way to the Lafayette County Jail, he advised that he may have accidentally hit her in his sleep. When I asked Christopher about what they were fighting about on 2/8/2024, he stated that they were arguing about the victim's drinking. When I asked Christopher about the threat of slashing the tires of the victim's car, he admitted that he had made the threat. Christopher admitted that they had been in numerous verbal altercations over the last few days at the residence.

After clearing from the residence, I contacted the reporting party from the incident on 2/8/2024. While speaking with that subject, she described both the victim and Christopher in her statement of the incident from 2/8/2024. The witness also advised that she observed Christopher shove the victim out the door of the trailer, causing her to fall. The witness went on to state that she observed Christopher in the victim's face yelling at her and that she was

in fear that Christopher was going to possibly "kill" the victim if she did not report the incident when the subjects both left.

I believe the defendant will not appear in court in response to a criminal summons because:

I believe the defendant is a risk to himself or the community because: he has been in numerous disturbances with the victim and has threatened to vandalize the victim's vehicle.

**Lieutenant Phillip Salmon #503**
Printed Name

Signature

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