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PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

On 1/27/2024 at 1709 hours, Pettis County Deputy Gonzalez and I were dispatched to [redacted] Sedalia, Pettis County, MO for a burglary report. The Pettis County Joint Communications Center, JCOM, advised that the caller was reporting that a truck was at the residence and was loaded up with a bunch of stuff believed to have been stolen from the residence.

Deputy Gonzalez and I arrived on scene and located an open door on the rear of the residence, that couldn't be seen from the road. The door looked like it was forced open as it was hanging form the hinges in an odd way. There was also a board that was to the side of the door that was there to cover the door and had to be removed as well. At the door we announced Pettis County Sheriff's Office and heard some movement inside. The subject, later identified as ***Jonathan J Tessmer***, called out that he was in there. He was instructed to come to the back door, but instead of doing this he went to another room. Jonathan eventually came to the back door where I asked him who had given him permission to be here and he stated no one. Jonathan explained that he goes into abandoned properties and seemed surprised when I told him that people still own the properties that he thinks are abandoned. Jonathan was placed into handcuffs and placed in the back of Deputy Gonzalez's patrol vehicle.

During the initial search of Jonathan several small tools were located in his pocket that included two screwdrivers. These two screwdrivers ended up belonging to the homeowner which had a matching screwdriver with her in her vehicle.

Jonathan was transported to the Pettis County Jail by Deputy Gonzalez. Deputy Gonzalez at the jail located a controlled substance in the backseat of his patrol vehicle where Jonathan was at that field tested positive for methamphetamine. A glass smoking pipe was also located here. These items were not in the back seat prior Jonathan being put in there.

I'm requesting the charge of Burglary 2nd against Jonathan as he entered a home and took two screwdrivers from within the home. Further, Jonathan admitted that no one gave him permission to be there and he goes to abandoned properties often.

The charges of **Possession of a Controlled substance** (Methamphetamine), **Possession of a drug paraphernalia, and tampering with evidence** are also being sought on Jonathan as he attempted to secret the items in the back of Deputy Gonzalez's patrol vehicle by dumping the methamphetamine on the backseat from the container it was in and hiding the glass smoking pipe.

Jonathan has an extensive criminal history that includes prior conviction for Burglary 2nd on 9/12/2006, in which he was found guilty and confined for 5 years.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the facts stated above are true.

Deputy Preston Hesselbacher #616

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