R# R10865809

MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

STATE OF MISSOURI }

COUNTY OF PETTIS }

DATE: 01/24/2024

Missouri State Highway Patrol

CASE # 240037276

OCN: NN008398

I, TPR T . Jackson, 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 **MARTIN, DAVID ANTHONY** committed the offense(s) listed below **on 01/24/2024 at 1914 hours in Pettis** County Missouri.

TYPE	STATUTE	CHARGE CODE	DESCRIPTION
FEL B	579.065	579.065-002Y20203599.0	TRAFFICKING DRUGS OR ATTEMPT- 1ST DEGREE

2. State the facts that support a finding of probable cause to believe crime(s) was/were committed and that the accused committed the crime(s)

1. On Wednesday January 24, 2024, at approximately 1936 hours, I arrested Stuart R. Gossett and David Anthony Martin for trafficking a controlled substance. This arrest occurred at U.S. 65 at Rebar Road, in Pettis County, Missouri. Gossett and Martin were placed in handcuffs, read their rights per the Miranda Decision, and placed on 24 hour holds at the Pettis County Jail, where they were fingerprinted.

2. On Wednesday January 24, 2024, at approximately 1914 hours, I was sitting stationary in the median of U.S. 65 near Swope Road. My patrol vehicle was oriented facing north while I was watching southbound traffic. I observed a vehicle southbound, traveling over the posted speed limit. I utilized my forward-facing radar and measured its speed at 71 miles per hour when restricted to 65 miles per hour. I began overtaking the silver Chevrolet Cruze after passing me. As I caught up to the silver Chevrolet, I observed it to bear a Missouri registration of RB4SJ7. The Chevrolet also had a license plate bracket affixed to the rear of the vehicle, which covered the expiration month partially, as well as the color scheme of the Missouri issued registration. The silver Chevrolet began taking a left turn onto eastbound Rebar Road as I positioned my patrol vehicle behind it.

3. At approximately 1915 hours, I initiated a traffic stop on the silver Chevrolet Cruze, bearing Missouri registration RB4SJ7, for exceeding the posted speed limit, and failure to properly affix/maintain registration. This traffic stop occurred on eastbound Rebar Road, east of U.S. 65, in Pettis County, Missouri.

4. I approached the passenger side of the vehicle and contacted the driver and front seat passenger. The front seat passenger opened the door after I had knocked on the window, I then advised him to roll down the window and shut the door. I identified the driver with his Missouri issued driver's license as Stuart R. Gossett. The front seat passenger identified himself as David A. Martin. I observed Martin not wearing a properly adjusted seatbelt (Lap or shoulder strap). Martin's hands were trembling uncontrollably. I told him to roll down the window and shut the door, he seemed to have a hard time understanding my simple instructions. I requested to see Gossett's vehicle insurance, to which he replied, he would have to look on his app to find it. I asked Gossett if he would agree to sit with me in my patrol vehicle while he looked, which he agreed to.

5. While seated in my patrol vehicle, gathering the needed information to conduct my traffic stop, I spoke to Gossett about his travels. This included where he was coming from, where he was going, what the purpose of the trip was, and how long he had known Martin for. While having this conversation with Gossett, I observe his voice to be shaky and he seemed unsure of his own answers. I then gave him a couple minutes alone to find the insurance that he had yet to provide for the traffic stop. I stepped out of my patrol vehicle to speak with Martin about him not wearing his seatbelt. I asked him questions about his trip with Gossett. He provided substantially different answers in reply to the same questions that I asked Gossett moments before.

FILED

JAN 25 2024

SUSAN SADLER
CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

6. At approximately 1925 hours, due to the nervous behavior, and difference in answers between the two subjects regarding my simple questions about their travels, I concluded that I had enough reasonable articulable suspicion to believe that Gossett and Martin were involved in criminal activity of some nature. I asked Gossett for consent to search his vehicle, to which he advised I can search his vehicle, but only me.

7. Search of Gossett's vehicle revealed the following:

A. 5 blue round pills labeled, "M 30", inside a small blue plastic container.

B. Approximately 35 blue round pills labeled, "M 30", found inside a long black cylinder with a locking mechanism. The key to this container was found nearby within the same bag.

C. Several drug paraphernalia objects, including snoots, baggies with residue, and two small bulk rolled black plastic baggies commonly found in distribution incidents.

8. After the first amounts of "M 30" pills were located within the vehicle, I continued the search based off probable cause, and was assisted by Trooper Haines.

9. Gossett and Martin were placed under arrest for trafficking a controlled substance. At approximately 1931 hours, Gossett was read his Right per The Miranda Decision, to which he stated, "Yes.", when asked if he understood. Gossett revealed that he more of the substance that was located in the vehicle, hidden somewhere on his person. He was transported to the Pettis County Jail, where approximately 15 more round blue, "M 30" pills were located on his person. Martin was searched incident to arrest which yielded numerous forms of drug paraphernalia.

10. While at the Pettis County Sheriff's Office, Deputy J. Moore conducted a field test on the blue "M 30" pills, which had a positive result for the presence of fentanyl. Supplemental reports will be attached to this report, which contain the deputy's observations.

11. Gossett and Martin were placed on 24 hours holds at the Pettis County Sherriff's Office.

12. I am requesting Felony charges be filed on Martin for trafficking drugs - 1st degree.

13. This incident was captured on my in-vehicle recording system/body cam and copies will be forwarded to the Pettis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

14. This case is closed.

3. *For the issuance of a warrant in the misdemeanor case, **complete at least one of the following.***

A. I believe the defendant will not appear in court to respond to a criminal summons because
Insert facts to show the defendant will not appear, e.g. there is an outstanding warrant for failure to appear

B. I believe the defendant poses: *Insert one or all of the following*
Insert facts showing defendant is a danger to victim, e.g. cursing victim, assaulted victim, threatened victim.
(1) a danger to a crime victim because

Insert facts showing defendant poses a danger, e.g. intoxicated to a level which is unsafe
(2) a danger to the community or to any other person because

I, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true

/s/ TPR T . Jackson
Signature

01/24/2024
Date

Not an Official Court Document