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# PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Report # 2024-00001997

On Saturday 01/27/2024, at approximately 1959hrs, Officers were dispatched to [redacted] Rainbow Dr for the report of a burglary in progress. Homeowner [redacted] called to report that a white male in a dark body truck was actively breaking into her house through a back window and that there were children in the residence.

Upon arrival, I noted a dark colored pickup truck in the driveway of the residence. There was a bedroom window open on the side of the house right next to the truck. The temperature was about 32 degrees outside, so that was not normal. Looking through a window on the residence, I noted a white male in dark clothing appeared to be rummaging through items on the bed just inside the open window.

I called for a second unit but my radio was dead. I banged on the front door and noted that the man disappeared somewhere in the house. A second officer arrived, I instructed them to hold the front of the house and I went to the rear. About the time I got to the rear of the residence I noted that the male came out of what would be the garage area with [redacted] in tow. I instructed the male multiple times to open the back door and he argued through the window. I told him to open the door or I was going to kick it in and [redacted] opened the door. I went in and detained the male in handcuffs and handed him off to Officers outside of the residence.

I went back in to interview [redacted] to find out what happened. [redacted] was visible shaking, appeared very scared, and asked me if the male was out of the house and seemed scared to be around him. [redacted] related to me that she had known the male, Zachary Bullard, for some time. She had invited him over on Thursday 01/25/2024 and they had a sexual encounter. He left early morning on Friday and then she agreed to allow him to come back Friday night 01/26/2024 around 1900hrs. She did not agree to have a sexual encounter with him but she said he wouldn't leave the residence. He had stayed over the residence until this evening, Saturday evening when he'd left the residence to go to the store. She told me she'd indicated that she didn't want him to come back to the house anymore over text. She provided those texts to me showing that she had told him that she was in love with someone else, that what had happened between them was a mistake, and it wasn't a good idea for them to be together. She told him that she had her kids there and she didn't want any drama or arguing. She told him that she needed to be left alone. In between these texts Zachary acknowledged that he received them by arguing with her about it and persisting that he was going to come back over and asking her if she wanted anything from the store. [redacted] then told him again over text that he had to stop. Zachary responded to her that he "need to charge my leg" (he's wearing an ankle monitor), and that he "wanted to hear it from her" (presumably face to face instead of text) and then telling her to "let me in". He then said "wtf, I'm outside". Korey responded to him "Dude you gotta go." This last text was sent at 1956hrs. She called 911 at 1959hrs.

During those three minutes, she said that Zachary tried to get in the front door. The door had been locked so she believed that he used a card to get the door open. The door chain stopped him from getting all the way in and only allowing him to crack the door open. She said she told him verbally that he needed to leave and he walked away from the front door. She thought he was leaving. She closed the front door again and locked it. She said that she got her two children who were in the house, an 8 year old girl and a 5 year old boy, and hid them in a closet in the garage area. She said that she heard his voice calling into the house clearly and not like it was from the outside of her house through a window. She walked towards her bedroom and saw that Zachary was standing in her bedroom by her bed. She retreated back to the garage and called 911 at 1959hrs.

I arrived on scene at approximately 2002hrs, just three minutes later and, as I explained earlier in this narrative, while standing outside the residence, observed through a window Zachary inside the rummaging through things on the bed. After speaking with [redacted] to find out what happened tonight, we went into the bedroom to look at what Zachary had been doing in the bedroom.

The window that was open next to his truck (as observed from outside the residence) was located just a few feet away from where I'd seen [redacted] rummaging in the bedroom. The window was easily to open, had no lock, and just slid open. A muddy boot print was located on the floor beneath the window. Later I would

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look at his muddy boots in jail and find that the boot pattern was the same as the muddy foot prints under the window on the bedroom floor. On the bed where I'd seen Zachary rummaging, I located several items which [redacted] said were not hers. Among them was a hat and beanie, a mens jacket, a wallet which contained some type of credit/debit card to Zachary, and a blue container with a zip lock baggie and some tool bits. I immediately recognized the zip lock baggie in the container, through my training and experience, to be what you would find narcotics in. Being that [redacted] said it was not hers, I looked in the baggie and found that it contained a substance which appeared to be methamphetamine.

Zachary, being detained in handcuffs, was read Miranda. I spoke to him on scene, then again at the jail when I reminded him of his rights. He admitted to receiving the texts communicating that she didn't want him there at the house. He admitted to trying to get in the front door but not being able to with the chain. He admitted to climbing in her bedroom window. He admitted to going into the garage and finding her and her children in there. He admitted that those were his belongings on the bed, including some Bluetooth trackers he'd "bought for her", but denied that the container containing methamphetamine which was right next to his clothing was his. He admitted that, being on an ankle monitor, that if he were to perform a urine analysis he would test positive for methamphetamine. He admitted that he knew she didn't want him to be in the residence but he came in anyway just to find his charging cable for his ankle monitor because the battery was low.

It is of note that while looking in the room, [redacted] stated that her phone charger was missing and described it stating that she had an iPhone and that he had an android phone. I'd noted that it seemed odd that Zachary would have a purple iPhone charging cord stuffed in his front coat pocket hanging out of it at the time of his arrest. At the jail, looking in his jail property I again located this iPhone charging cord and took a picture of it. I called [redacted] and asked her to describe this cable to me and she did so. I then sent her a picture of the cord in his property and she identified it as hers and stated that it cost $20.

Zachary was arrested, transported to the Pettis County Jail, and placed on a 24 hour hold. I am requesting the following charges for Zachary;

1. 1st Degree Burglary RSMo 569.160 states that a person commits the offense of burglary in the first degree if they knowingly enter unlawfully or remain unlawfully in a building for the purpose of committing an offense therein and while in the building there is present in the structure another person who is not a participant in the crime.

Zachary had knowledge through text messages and verbal communication that he was not to come back to or into the residence. His attempted entry through the front door and then his entry through the bedroom window constitutes unlawful entry. While inside the residence, Zachary committed both the crimes of possession of methamphetamine and theft when he stole her phone cord. During the time he committed this burglary, [redacted] and her two small children were in the residence.

2. Stealing RSMo 570.030 states that a person commits the offense of stealing if he appropriates property of another without the purpose to deprive them without their consent.

Zachary entered in the building unlawfully through a side window and rummaged through the victims bedroom stealing her phone cord, valued at $20.

3. Possession or control of a controlled substance RSMo 579.015 states that a person commits this offense if he knowingly possesses a controlled substance.

A baggie of a white crystalized substance was located on the bed which later field tested positive for methamphetamine and weighed approximately 21 grams (meth+baggie). The baggie was located at the place on the bed I physically saw Zachary standing at. The baggie was located inches from Zachary's baseball cap, beanie, jacket, his cigarettes, and even his wallet which contained a card in it with his name on it. The baggie was located in a container along with tools – bits to drills and such. These would be used in the type of work Zachary does building docks and associated with the tools in Zachary's truck outside.

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The truck was searched incident to arrest for evidence of the crime of stalking. Officers located syringe caps for needles on his person. His vehicle was searched believing that it contained a receipt for Bluetooth trackers which, at the time, it was believed that he was attempting to install on her wallet without her knowledge as a way to track her as a way of stalking her. During that search, in his driver door, a bundle of unused needles was located. His criminal history reflects multiple felony criminal possession of narcotics convictions.

His criminal history also shows convictions for 1st Degree Trespassing (2011), two convictions for felony Possession of a Controlled Substance (2012), Failure to Appear (2012), and he received a parole violation in 2013. It is also of note that in 2014 he was convicted, during the same incident, for Tampering with a Motor Vehicle 1st Degree, Resisting Arrest (felony) resulting in death or injury, and DWI. In 2015 he was again convicted, during the same event, of Tampering with a Motor Vehicle 1st Degree, Felonious possession of a firearm, and felony resisting arrest resulting in death or injury, and DWI. In 2015 he was again convicted of misdemeanor resisting arrest. He is currently going through the trial court system for charges of Tampering with a Motor Vehicle 1st Degree, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Possessing Drug Paraphernalia, and Driving While intoxicated in Camdenton. He is also currently going through the trial court system for Receiving Stolen Property out of Versailles. He is currently on an ankle monitor for an unknown reason.

**To the best of my knowledge and belief, the facts stated above are true and occurred within the City of Sedalia, Pettis County, Missouri.**

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