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PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

DATE: 05-05-2023

Report # 2023-00195

I, Aaron Waibel, a law enforcement officer, upon my oath, and under penalties of perjury, state as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that James Adam Wyatt committed one or more criminal offenses.

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

   On Friday, 02-17-2023 at approximately 1028 hours, I was conducting patrol in the area of W. Morgan and S. Lafayette. I observed a red in color Chevrolet Blazer traveling eastbound on W. Morgan. I was located behind the vehicle and observed a Missouri license plate of LF6Y7M.

   I requested Marshall Police Department Dispatcher to conduct a MULES/NCIC inquiry of the Missouri license plate, which revealed a 2003 Nissan.

   I observed the vehicle make a right hand turn (south) into a parking lot across the street from the Marshall Municipal Utilities (75 E. Morgan). I observed the vehicle to come to a complete stop in a parking space.

   I made contact with a white male driver who was the sole occupant of the vehicle. The subject identified himself as James Wyatt.

   It should be known, prior to Mr. Wyatt coming to a complete stop, I observed him to what appeared to me to be manipulating items within the vehicle in the passenger seat, center console area.

   I requested the Marshall Police Department, Dispatcher S. Hardwick, via radio, to conduct a MULES/NCIC inquiry of the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) which I retrieved from the front driver's portion of the dashboard located under the windshield. The inquiry revealed a 2002 Chevrolet, registered to [redacted], not having a license plate associated to the vehicle.

   I asked Mr. Wyatt if he would consent to a search of the vehicle, which he granted.

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While conducting a search of the vehicle, I observed there to be an open space where there is commonly a radio located. i observed there to be a small stack of paper cups in that open space. I moved the cups and observed there to be an eyeglass case, which by prior law enforcement experience I know to be a common carrying case for illegal drugs.

I opened the case, and observed approximately five syringes, two small in size zip top baggies that contained residue of what appeared to be a crystal like substance, a small glass zip top container which contained a crystal like substance, which by prior law enforcement experience and training appeared to be methamphetamine.

I re-approached Mr. Wyatt and advised him he was under arrest. I placed Mr. Wyatt in properly placed, double locked hand restraints behind his person. I escorted Mr. Wyatt to the front passenger seat of MPDK9.

I continued my search of the vehicle. I further examined the empty compartment where a radio is commonly located. I observed what appeared to be a small zip top baggie pushed approximately 8 inches down into the compartment. I was unable to reach the item.

I proceeded to take a multi-tool I keep on my person out of my pocket and unscrewed 2 bolts located under the radio compartment near the bottom passenger seat floor board in an attempt to retrieve the item. I was able to retrieve the item by pulling open plastic housing.

I observed the zip top baggie that was retrieved to contain a fine crystal like substance that appeared to be cocaine of finely crushed methamphetamine.

Officer Quick advised me, while I was searching the vehicle prior to placing Mr. Wyatt under arrest, Mr. Wyatt stated "I'm Fucked".

Officer Quick read Mr. Wyatt the Miranda Warning at approximately 1053 hours, which Mr. Wyatt advised he understood and still wished to speak to him. My. Wyatt advised the substance located in the vehicle would most likely be methamphetamine.

I later weighed the zip top baggie that was located in the radio compartment of the vehicle, which revealed a weight of 0.42 grams. I transferred the substance from the glass container and place it into a zip top baggie that was provided by the Marshall Police Department. I weighed the substance, which revealed a weight of 0.40 grams.

I tested the crystal like substance that was located in the zip top baggie using a Nartec methamphetamine crush ampule, which when tested turned bright blue in color indicating a positive result for the presence of methamphetamine.

Cpl. Detective Vance later conducted a Trunarc test of the substance, which revealed a positive result for methamphetamine.

(a) I believe the defendant will not appear in court in reference to a criminal summons because N/A

(b) I believe that the defendant poses a danger to a crime victim because N/A

(c) I believe that the defendant poses a danger to the community or to any other person(s) because N/A Mr. Wyatt has a history of abusing controlled substances.

Aaron Waibel

Name

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Signature

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