

# PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 04-18-2014

CRN: 14-22600

I, Detective Dawn McCamish #5196 of the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department

(Name and identify law enforcement officer, or person having information as probable cause.)

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

I have probable cause to believe that on 03-18-2014-  
04-06-2014, at I-435/I-470/71 Hwy in  
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Whitaker, Mohammed P  
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

b/m 05-20-1986, SSN: [REDACTED] committed one or more criminal offense(s).  
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 03-21-2014, detectives started investigating a series of aggravated assaults in the area of the I-435/I-470/71 Hwy interchanges. As of 04-16-2014, 12 of the aggravated assaults have been linked together with ballistics of .380 caliber bullets that were recovered as evidence in each of the 11 cases that occurred between 03-18-2014 and 04-06-2014.

On 03-18-2014 at 2034 hours, Blue Springs Officers contacted victim 1 ( [REDACTED] ) in regards to a shooting. Victim 1 stated at 2025 hours he was driving westbound on I-70 from NW 7 Hwy at the exit ramp when he heard two loud pops. Victim 1 got out and realized he had been shot in his right lower leg and there were two bullet holes in his driver's side door of his 2000 Dodge Neon and one in the driver's side rear door.

On 03-18-2014 at 2040 hours, Lee's Summit Officers contact victim 2 in regards to a vehicle that had been struck with a bullet. Victim 2 stated he was traveling south on I-470/ M-291, nearing the split, when he heard and felt something strike his vehicle, a 2012 Ford Fusion. Victim 2 pulled over and found an apparent bullet hole in the rear passenger side door. One spent .380 bulled was recovered, processed and linked to 10 other cases through ballistics to the same .380 caliber firearm.

On 03-29-2014 at 1300 hours, Kansas City Missouri Police Officers contacted victim 3 and 4 in regards to an aggravated assault that occurred between Shawnee Mission Pkwy and State Line road. Victim 3 stated she was driving west, in her 1999 Pontiac Grand Am, on Ward Pkwy behind a dark turquoise 4-door sedan (suspect vehicle). This victim described the driver as a black male wearing a black hooded sweatshirt. The suspect vehicle then got on her left side and she heard a loud pop noise. The suspect vehicle veered off and continued south at State Line Rd, while this victim continued west. This victim observed a large bullet hole on the left passenger door where the victim's daughter was sitting. One spent .380 bullet was recovered, processed and linked to 10 other cases through ballistics to the same .380 caliber firearm.

On 03-29-2014 at 1400 hours, Leawood, Kansas Officers contacted a victim in regards to an aggravated assault that occurred eastbound I-435 at the State Line Rd exit ramp. Somewhere between the exits for Nall and Roe this victim observed a dark metallic green sedan driving in the lane to his left. This victim observed the driver to be an unknown male wearing a black hoodie, which was pulled over the top of the driver's head, a black ski mask and dark sunglasses. The front passenger window of the

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suspect vehicle was rolled down. This victim stated they were traveling east on I-435 in the far right lane, preparing to exit onto State Line Rd. The suspect vehicle continued to travel eastbound alongside the victim. The victim took the State Line Rd exit and heard a loud bang. The victim drove to a nearby location and discovered the bullet hole in the driver's side door. Inside the door the victim located a brass bullet lying on the door frame. One spent .380 bullet was recovered, processed and linked to the 11 other cases through ballistics to the same .380 caliber firearm.

On 03-31-2014 at 1935 hours, Kansas City Missouri Police Officers contacted victim 5 in regards to an aggravated assault. Victim 5 stated she was headed east on I-470 from 71 Hwy, in her 2013 Toyota Prius when she heard a very large sound and glass crinkling. The victim observed a bullet hole in her rear driver's side door and damage to her back driver's side window. One spent .380 bullet was recovered, processed and linked to 11 other cases through ballistics to the same .380 caliber firearm.

A TIP was received on 04-09-2014. The caller stated that on 03-29-2014 between the hours of 1300-1400, an early to mid-1990's green Dodge Neon with Illinois license plates was observed at a restaurant at Blue Ridge and Holmes in Martin City. The caller stated that the driver of the Neon wore a black hoodie with a ski mask and entered the restaurant. The driver left and backed the Neon into an area of a separate business in the same strip mall as the restaurant. The caller describes the driver of the Neon as a "Mixed Race" individual in his early 20's, clean cut.

On 04-02-2014 at 1730 hours, victim 6 stated to Kansas City Officers he was driving his work truck east on I-470 exiting onto 71 Hwy south, in his Ford F250 Supercab pickup truck. Victim 6 stated he was committed to take the exit when he heard a metallic bang. Victim 6 continued down the road and got flagged over by other drivers because he was leaking gasoline. Victim 6 noticed an apparent bullet hole in the fuel cell. One spent .380 bullet was recovered, processed and linked to 10 other cases through ballistics to the same .380 caliber firearm.

On 04-04-2014 at 1730 hours, victim 7 stated to Kansas City Officers she was going east on I-435/I-470, committed to stay with I-470 when she heard a loud pop. The victim found an apparent bullet hole in the passenger door on the driver's side of her Chrysler Town and Country van. One spent .380 bullet was recovered, processed and linked to 10 other cases through ballistics to the same .380 caliber firearm.

On 04-04-2014 at 1945 hours, victim 8 stated to Kansas City Officers she was traveling south on 71 Hwy around the 85<sup>th</sup> St. exit, when she heard something hit her vehicle. The victim found an apparent bullet hole in the back passenger side fender of her 2007 Hyundai Elantra vehicle. One spent .380 bullet was recovered, processed and linked to 10 other cases through ballistics to the same .380 caliber firearm.

On 04-04-2014 at 2146 hours, Kansas City Officers contacted victim 9 [REDACTED] in regards to a shooting. Victim 9 stated he was driving south on I-435 committed to taking the 71 Hwy south ramp at 2000 hours when his passenger side window busted, on his 2002 Buick Lesabre and something hit his arm. Victim 9 was treated for a gunshot wound to his lower right arm. One spent .380 bullet was recovered, processed and linked to 10 other cases through ballistics to the same .380 caliber firearm.

On 04-05-2014 at 1400 hours, victim 10 stated to Kansas City Officers that he was driving east on I-70 just west of I-35 exit when he heard an extremely loud sound of something hitting his vehicle. Victim 10 found an apparent bullet hole in the rear passenger door of his 2004 Ford Taurus vehicle. One spent .380 bullet was recovered, processed and linked to 10 other cases through ballistics to the same .380 caliber firearm.

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On 04-06-2014 at 1944 hours, Kansas City Missouri Officers contacted victim 11 ( ) in regards to an aggravated assault that occurred I-435 east at I-470 interchange. This victim stated he was driving east on I-435 in the third lane to take the I-470 exit to continue east. The victim stated he heard two loud bangs and then a cramp in his left leg. Victim 11 reached down to touch his leg and when he brought his hand back up he observed blood on his hand, realizing a bullet had gone through his left calf. Three bullet holes were located on the driver's side of the victim's vehicle, a 2011 Hyundai Sonata; one in the center of the rear driver's side door; one in the driver's door; and one above the driver's door on the support post. Two spent .380 bullets were recovered, processed and linked to 10 other cases through ballistics to the same .380 caliber firearm.

TIPS Hotline received information 04-08-2014. The caller advised on 04-06-2014 at approximately 1845 hours, they were in the Grandview Triangle when a dark green sedan, possibly a Dodge Neon with Illinois plates and a dent in the rear fender began to tailgate the caller's vehicle. The caller stated that the Neon continued to follow the caller, varying the speed, pulling up to the driver's side of the caller's vehicle and tailgating all the way to the area of Shawnee Mission Park.

On 04-09-2014 at approximately 1345 hours, a Kansas City Missouri Detective made contact with a witness that wished to provide information. The witness stated they believed the suspicious activity she had observed matched that of the suspect's activity involved with the aggravated assault shootings that were occurring on the highway interchanges. This witness stated that on 03-30-2014 at approximately 1900 hours, she stopped at the stop sign at Red Bridge and Orchard when she witnessed a light turquoise vehicle driving westbound on Red Bridge at an extremely slow speed. As she sat at the stop sign, the vehicle stopped right in front of her, and the black male driver stared at her. As they approached Hillcrest, the road went from two lanes to four, and she moved to the right lane. The suspicious vehicle stayed in the left lane. After driving through Hillcrest, the suspicious vehicle suddenly slammed on their brakes in an apparent attempt to force the witness to pass him. The witness slowed way down to stay behind him, and wrote down his license plate number of G86 5203, IL. She stayed driving to his rear as they approached the US-71 northbound on-ramp. The witness drove like she was going to continue westbound on Red Bridge, but suddenly turned on to the ramp in an attempt to evade the suspicious party. The witness stated the driver had all the windows down, wearing a gray hoodie, despite 70 degree temperatures, with a cloth mask over his face. The witness described the vehicle as a light green/turquoise, 4-door with possible damage to the right/rear area of the bumper/right fender.

Based on the TIPS Hotline from 04-08-2014, detectives checked the License Plate Reader database for Illinois license plates in the area. A record of license plate G86 5203, IL was found on a white Buick on 08-31-2013 at 1211 hours, parked in front of 9624 B . . . On 08-30-2013 at 1115 hours, that plate was also located on silver Monte Carlo in the drive way of 9622 B . . . On 08-22-2013 at 0828 hours, that plate was located on the same white vehicle in front of 9622 B . . . with a dark green vehicle parked behind it. The dark green vehicle had front driver's side damage. This plate matched the light turquoise suspect vehicle from 04-09-2014, including damage to the vehicle.

While detectives gathered intelligence on the 9622 B . . . address and its occupants, they learned from district officers of an aggravated assault that was taken on 10-11-2013 at 9621 Belmont (directly behind 9622 B . . . ). The victims of that aggravated assault stated they were inside, heard a loud noise, and found a hole in the east wall of the master bathroom and a spent .380 bullet on the bathroom floor. Officers responded and it appeared the angle of the bullet would have entered the victim's home from the general direction of 9622 B . . . One spent .380 bullet was recovered, processed and linked to the 11

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highway shooting cases through ballistics to the same .380 caliber firearm. **Whitaker, Mohammed b/m 05-20-1986**. **Whitaker** is a known associate of 9622 B-~~aton~~ through a police utilized database (Accurint).

On 04-09-2014, detectives responded to 104<sup>th</sup> St. and Grandview Rd. in regards to a witness that had located ammunition along the roadway. The witness stated he was in the area looking for a lost cellphone, observed a Walmart bag, kicked it and .380 spent shell casings spilled out onto the ground along with empty ammunition boxes. The Walmart bag got caught by the wind and blew westbound along the ditch. Officers responded, recovered an empty box of 50-count "Speer Lawman" .380 caliber ammunition, and empty box of 100-count "Remington" .380 caliber ammunition, .380 caliber casings, and completed an area canvass where they located a Walmart bag a short distance west of the shell casing's location. A Special Agent with the ATF ran his explosive trained dog by the Walmart bag which hit on the Walmart bag, showing a positive reaction to the presence of explosive residue. The Walmart bag also contained .380 caliber shell casings. The Walmart bag was processed for prints. A latent print was recovered and responded back to **Whitaker**. The "Remington" ammunition boxes were processed for prints and a latent print was recovered from the inside flap of the "Remington" box, which also responded back to **Whitaker**.

On 04-10-2014 at 1724 hours, the License Plate Reader picked up the license plate G86 5203, IL at Red Bridge and Holmes. The license plate was on a green 4-door compact car.

On 04-11-2014 at approximately 1730 hours, investigators observed a green Dodge Neon four door bearing the Illinois license plate G86 5203 heading east on Red Bridge Road at Spruce, Kansas City, Missouri. The vehicle was being driven by a black male. Surveillance officers observed the vehicle to have damage on the passenger side and plastic on the windows. Investigators initiated surveillance on the vehicle. During the surveillance investigators were able to positively identify **Whitaker** as the driver of the Neon.

On 04-11-2014, investigators from the KCMOPD, FBI and ATF surveilled the Neon to the parking lot of the Bass Pro Shop, located at 18001 Bass Pro Drive, Independence, Missouri. The driver, **Whitaker**, exited the Neon and walked over to a white male, who arrived at the scene occupying a red Toyota Prius. Investigators observed the white male showing and then handing **Whitaker** a handgun. Investigators believed **Whitaker** was inspecting the handgun, which appeared to have a laser component. As **Whitaker** handled the handgun, the white male produced paperwork. Investigators believed **Whitaker** and the white male were engaged in a discussion over the handgun. After a few minutes, **Whitaker** handed the handgun back to the white male and both subjects left the area.

On 04-11-2014, officers conducted a car check on the Prius. The driver was contacted and subsequently identified. The officers informed the driver he was observed in the Bass Pro Shop parking lot with a firearm. The driver stated he was contacted on his cell phone via text, by telephone number 816-~~██████████~~, about interest in purchasing his gun. The driver stated he listed his Smith & Wesson 'Body Guard', .380 caliber semi-automatic handgun with a built-in laser sight, on a website called 'Arms List'. The driver stated he listed the handgun for \$450. The driver and telephone number 816-~~██████████~~ exchanged text messages and agreed to meet at the Bass Pro Shop. Once the driver arrived at the Bass Pro Shop he met up with an unknown male, known by the investigators to be **Whitaker**. The driver stated he did not know the unknown male's name. The driver further stated he asked the unknown male for his identification so that he could document it on his paperwork for the sale of the firearm. The

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unknown male told the driver he lost his identification in a bar. The driver told the unknown male he could not sell the gun to him without identification. The driver and the unknown male left the area.

As of 03-14-2014, **Whitaker** showed an address of 11318 Indiana Ave, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri through a police utilized database (the National CLEAR report). On 04-11-2014 officers initiated an emergency request from Sprint on telephone number 816-~~234-5678~~ and were able to "ping" or locate phone number 816-~~234-5678~~ at or near the address of 11318 Indiana with an accuracy reading of 16 meters at approximately 1923 hours. Sprint also provided subscriber information for telephone number 816-~~234-5678~~ as being in the name of "Mo Mo" with a billing address of 9622 Beacon Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri (the address previously linked to Whitaker and through ballistic evidence to the other shootings). On 04-11-2014 officers obtained a GPS warrant from the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri for a Green Dodge Neon IL license G86 5203. Since the installation of the GPS on 04-11-2014 surveillance officers observed **Whitaker** occupying the Green Dodge Neon and driving the vehicle to 11318 Indiana and parking it on multiple occasions. On 04-12-2014 at 1255 hours, and 0321 hours, surveillance officers observed Whitaker pull up to 11318 Indiana and enter the front door of the residence for varied amounts of times. On 04-12-2014 surveillance officers observed **Whitaker** enter 11318 Indiana at 0546 and remain inside the residence until exiting and leaving the area with an unknown female at 0835 on 04-12-2014. Surveillance officers also observed **Whitaker** coming and going from 6001 E 136<sup>th</sup> St. in Grandview, Missouri on multiple occasions. **Whitaker** would carry boxes in and out of both the Indiana address and the 136<sup>th</sup> St. address.

On 04-11-2014, surveillance officers observed **Whitaker** go into Walmart. **Whitaker** was observed looking at ammunition then purchasing ear buds, lubricant and hangers.

On 04-11-2014, surveillance officers observed **Whitaker's** vehicle travelling eastbound on I-470 travelling at approximately 65-70mph until it approached the Raytown Road exit. There, he made a sudden drop in speed to approximately 55 mph, and match the speed of a white SUV that was preparing to exit onto Raytown Road.

On 04-12-2014 at 2058 hours, surveillance officers observed **Whitaker** arrive at 1717 Main St. and enter the business. At 2125 hours, from the exterior of the vehicle, surveillance officers were able to observe a black hoodie mask in Whitaker's vehicle in the back pocket of the passenger seat.

On 04-13-2014 at 1431 hours, **Whitaker** left 6001 E. 136<sup>th</sup> St. and pulled into a Burger King parking lot. **Whitaker** took the plastic off the back driver's side window then pulled through the drive thru. **Whitaker** was observed wearing a black hoody with the hood up and sunglasses. Surveillance officers noted that it was raining heavily and very cloudy. **Whitaker** left the drive thru and headed north on 71 Hwy, still driving with windows down, his hood up on black hoody, and sunglasses. **Whitaker** headed westbound on I-435 and rolled down his driver's side front window at 58-60 mph. **Whitaker** took the Wornall Rd. exit and headed south. **Whitaker** went east on Red Bridge, south on 71 Hwy and took the 140<sup>th</sup> St. exit. **Whitaker** continued and returned to 6001 E. 136<sup>th</sup> St where he replaced the black trash bag over the front passenger window.

On 04-13-2014 at 1453 hours, a surveillance officer with the primary eye was traveling approximately 50 yards directly behind **Whitaker**. **Whitaker** was in the number 1 lane at approximately 35 mph on Wornall just south of I-435. As **Whitaker** approached Country Lane, he began to slow down below the speed limit. As the surveillance officer caught up to **Whitaker**, the surveillance officer started to make a right hand turn onto Country Lane. **Whitaker** braked rapidly and the officer observed **Whitaker** turn his head and upper torso to the right directly facing the officer.

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On 04-14-2014, **Whitaker** went to work at 115<sup>th</sup> and Metcalf and parked his car on the top level of a parking garage. **Whitaker** later came out and moved his car to the second level and removed the plastic from his windows.

04-16-2014 at 0209 hours, surveillance officers observed **Whitaker** to be southbound on 71 Hwy in the number 1 lane. **Whitaker** made a sudden lane change across all lanes of traffic and exited at 140<sup>th</sup> St. **Whitaker** continued south on the frontage road, came upon a white Honda Accord, and followed it. **Whitaker** was in the far left lane and the Honda was in the far right lane. **Whitaker** quickly caught up to the Honda, but never passed it. **Whitaker** appeared to be matching the Honda's speed, staying behind and to the left of the Honda. As the Honda slowed to make a right hand turn on 140<sup>th</sup> St, **Whitaker** intentionally crossed all lanes of traffic and veered directly at the Honda. The Honda completed the turn and **Whitaker** narrowly missed it. Surveillance officers could see **Whitaker** looking directly at the Honda.

During surveillance, **Whitaker** was seen on numerous occasions reaching under his driver's seat in the car and into the trunk through the back seat. **Whitaker's** driving was erratic with inconsistent speeds, excess of speed limits, weaving in and out of traffic, driving on the shoulder, and has been seen pacing cars in their blind spots while on the highways.

On 04-14-2014 and 04-17-2014, warrants were obtained for 6001 E 136<sup>th</sup> St. apartment #3, Grandview, Jackson County, Missouri. Prior to searching, an ATF Special Agent and his explosive detecting K-9 were sent into the apartment. The K-9 immediately hit on the dresser in the northwest bedroom. Execution of the search warrant revealed the following; A black bandana in the top drawer of the dresser; A bag of green leafy substance; a conair box containing a black sock with 31 live rounds of Speer .380 caliber ammunition, empty .380 magazine; and a black soft gun case containing a black Taurus PT738 .380 caliber handgun serial # 13515D, a magazine loaded with 6 live rounds of Speer .380 caliber in the magazine well of the gun and one live round of Speer .380 caliber ammunition all in the second drawer; Black glove with the pointer finger cut out in the third drawer; A spent .380 caliber RP shell casing under the bed; Sunglasses on the top shelf of the closet; And three black hoodie sweat shirts.

On 04-17-2014, a warrant was obtained for 11318 Indiana. Execution of the search warrant revealed one live Speer .380 caliber round in the driveway, a clear bag containing a green leafy substance in the bedroom reported to be **Whitaker's** and glass in the street where **Whitaker** reportedly parked frequently.

On 04-17-2014, a warrant was obtained for the green Dodge Neon. Execution of the warrant revealed an apparent bullet hole in the front passenger door that had originated from the inside of the vehicle, and a "Bullet Hole" receipt from 04-02-2014 for .380 caliber ammunition with a total purchase price of \$27.13.

Financial records show **Whitaker** made a credit card purchase on 04-07-2014 at 1741 hours at the Bullet Hole in Overland Park, Kansas for \$27.13. Records also show **Whitaker** purchased Remington brand .380 100-count ammunition on 03-19-2014 at 1931 hours at Walmart at 40 Hwy and Sterling for a total of \$45.67. Another Walmart purchase on 02-17-2014 at 1815 hours for a glove (\$5.96) and bandana (\$1.00).

On 04-17-2014, **Whitaker** was arrested and transported to Police Headquarters for questioning. After waiving his Miranda rights, **Whitaker** first claimed to have limited knowledge of what the "Highway Shooter" case was, and interjected that he believed it was regarding the 3 people who were

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killed in Overland Park by a male was targeting Jewish people. He then changed his story by stating he was one of the "Highway Shooter's" victims. **Whitaker** claimed to not have a firearm, but gave no explanation for why one was located in his bedroom. He could also give no explanation for how bullet holes were located on the inside of his vehicle, but not the outside. He also said he did not know if bullets removed from his vehicle would match those that were removed from the victims' vehicles.

Printed Name Detective Dawn McCamish #5196 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

The Court finds probable cause and directs the issuance of a warrant this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judge

Circuit Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County, State of Missouri.