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AFFIDAVIT FOR APPLICATION FOR ARREST WARRANT

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF WYANDOTTE

Date: Sunday, February 1, 2015

Complaint # 2015 01 3112

Affiant, being first duly sworn on oath, says that he as reason to believe as follows:

1. The following crime or crimes are being or have been committed:

KSA 21-5413 (b)(2)(B)

Aggravated Battery (4 counts)

2. The person or persons alleged to have committed said crime:

Tamika Pledger /BF/ (- 1976/ 5'04" - 130lbs.



3. This affidavit and application is based on the following facts:

On Friday, January 30, 2015 at approximately 1431 hours, Kansas City, KS Police and Fire personnel are dispatched to 13th and Troup Avenue Kansas City-Wyandotte County, KS on what appeared to be an accident involving a silver Mercedes-Benz that struck at least four teenagers. Upon arrival, Police and fire personnel observed multiple young people hurt, crying, screaming, and attempting to flee the scene.

Officer T. Simmons #1875 is the reporting officer and established a working knowledge of what was occurring prior to the teenagers getting struck by the motor vehicle and provided this information to detectives so that it could be used in the interviews with the witnesses.

After interviewing seven witnesses, mostly juveniles:

, the following information is consistent with their accounts of the incident.

We have not been able to identify one of the girls involved in the alleged fighting incident that took place just prior to the teenagers getting struck by the silver Mercedes-Benz. We know that this individual was in a black 2008 Chevrolet Impala four door with in which the girls and car had been at Wyandotte High School between noon and one-thirty looking for and or Security had told the girls to get off the property. The girls in the black Impala went to the known bus stop where both and or get off at and waited for them. Approximately 1420 hours, the bus let the following individuals off at or near 13th and Troup Avenue: -as well as others.

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The girls in the black Impala approached [redacted] and or [redacted] and the unknown black female confronted [redacted] and or [redacted] indicating that it was time to fight. [redacted] had told to call Tamika Pledger [redacted] to come here now. [redacted] called Tamika Pledger and handed the phone to [redacted]. While [redacted] was on the phone, the unknown black female approached her advising "It's time to fight." At the end of the conversation, [redacted] told [redacted] that Pledger was mad, annoyed, and advised that she was coming. A one on one fight occurred between [redacted] and the unknown black female while others watched as the fight took place in the middle of the street (1300 block of Troup) approximately 150' east of 14th Street.

While the fight was occurring in the middle of the street, a silver Mercedes-Benz was observed at a very high rate of speed (almost all witnesses interviewed indicated that the vehicle was traveling at highway speeds 50 to 70 mph) eastbound on Troup Avenue. Everyone scattered and as they did most of teenagers fled to the north side of Troup Avenue. It appeared that the driver swerved towards the pedestrians. Most heard a "Boom" and saw bodies flying.

As the vehicle came to rest in a yard against a fence, the operator of the vehicle (later identified as Tamika Pledger/BF/ [redacted] b-1976) got out of the vehicle saying, "I am sorry...I am so sorry everyone, but I'm just protecting my family too." She yelled for some to use their phone to call for help and told her daughter [redacted] to call [redacted], which is allegedly her boyfriend/firefighter. Other remarks heard made by the suspect were: "My car wouldn't stop." "I couldn't stop." "There must have been something wrong with my brakes."

Detective Bye went with Tamika Pledger to KU Medical Center where she signed consent to search her person for a blood sample of her blood for the purpose of determining her blood alcohol content and presence of drugs. She was then brought to police headquarters to be interviewed about what had occurred at the scene. Advice of Rights was read to her and she invoked.

Investigators were able to conclude based on witness accounts of the incident the following synopsis. Tamika Pledger was at her home when she was called by her daughter [redacted] who handed the phone to [redacted], who advised that she needed help as she was about to become involved in a fight with another girl near the boys and girls club on 13th Street. Pledger got into her silver 2001 Mercedes-Benz four door bearing KS tag "003 EKZ" 2015 issue with vin #: WDBNG70J81A215512 and proceeded to the location that she know is near 13th and Troup Avenue. She came over the crest of the hill at highway (50-70 mph) hits the pedestrians and or heard a "boom" causing the attention to be drawn to the direction of the vehicle and seeing people going airborne.

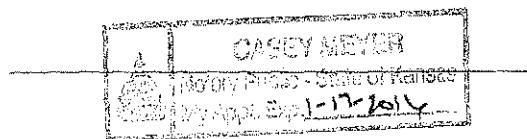
Based on accident reconstruction, investigators were able to determine Pledger was travelling a minimum speed of 54 mph prior to applying brakes. The speed limit at the site of the offense is 20 mph. There were at least 4 juveniles struck by Pledger's vehicle. [redacted] b/m, who suffered a broken leg and is still receiving treatment at St. Luke's Medical Center. [redacted] b/f, who suffered a broken leg and is still receiving at St. Luke's Medical Center. [redacted] b/f, who is still in critical condition at Kansas University Medical Center and has severe brain injuries including swelling to her brain. [redacted] b/f, who suffered a broken arm and is still receiving treatment at Kansas University Medical Center.



Wherefore, the undersigned requests that a warrant be issued for the arrest of said **Tamika Pledger /BF/** - -1976, as provided by law.

Affiant (signature) *[Signature]* #550
Detective (printed name) _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me on the above date.



[Signature]
Judge of Wyandotte County Notary
District Court#: _____

