

STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF ATCHISON)

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

I, Chief of Police Tyson Gibbons of the Tarkio Police Department, having been duly sworn and under penalty of perjury, depose and state as follow:

I have probable cause to believe that:

Michael T. Knoth

DOB: 11/24/1996
SSN: -5967
407 Walnut Street
Tarkio, MO. 64491

committed the following criminal violation(s):

Unlawful Use of a Weapon – RsMo. 571.030 (10), CC: 571.030-017Y20145202.0
Making a Terrorist Threat – RsMo. 574.115 (1), CC: 574.115-001Y20031602.0

NARRATIVE:

1. On February 11, 2016, at approximately 0944 hours, Chief of Police Tyson Gibbons arrived at the Tarkio R-1 High School, 312 S. 11th Street, Tarkio, Atchison County, Missouri, reference a student in possession of ammunition in the school. Chief Gibbons entered the school, located Dr. Patrick Martin and Mr. Robbie Bates in the ISS room with Tarkio R-1 student Michael T. KNOTH. KNOTH was seated and was wearing military style clothing, boots, and in possession of and was reportedly wearing a tactical assault Level III AR 500 ballistic chest and back body armor plates in a military camouflage ballistic armor carrier. Dr. Martin advised KNOTH was reported to have displayed one of the fully loaded magazines to another student, by extracting the magazine from an area on the ballistic armor carrier. That student then notified a teacher of what was seen in KNOTH's possession. The teacher then reported the situation to Dr. Martin. According to Dr. Martin, he confronted KNOTH removed him from his current classroom and escorted KNOTH to the ISS room. As Chief Gibbons arrived at the ISS room, KNOTH stated he was going home, attempted to leave with the OD green back pack, and Dr. Martin physically grasped the back pack and took it away from KNOTH and told KNOTH to be seat as Chief Gibbons entered the ISS room. Dr. Martin presented Chief Gibbons with what had been discovered in KNOTH's possession. Dr. Martin laid out two black polymer 33 round 9mm pistol magazines that appeared to be fully loaded with a round tipped or ball like ammunition, two black polymer 15+2 (17 total per magazine) 9mm pistol magazines that appeared to be fully loaded with copper jacketed hollow

point ammunition, and three black in color metal .223 caliber or 556 assault rifle magazines that appeared to be fully loaded to approximately 28 to 30 rounds each. While Chief Gibbons addressed KNOTH, Dr. Martin located in KNOTH's tactical, OD green molle attachment, back pack, a Glock 19 semiauto 9mm pistol with black polymer 15+2 (17 round) magazine containing jacketed hollow point style ammunition, with one round chambered. At that point KNOTH was detained, handcuffed and removed from the high school and the school was subsequently placed on lockdown for approximately 2 hours. A search of the school premises was then conducted by law enforcement for any additional conspirators, weapons and/or ammunition, and any other evidence of criminal activity.

2. At approximately 1001 hours, Chief Gibbons advised KNOTH of his Miranda Warning and assured that KNOTH understood his right, which he stated he did. Chief Gibbons asked KNOTH for his cooperation in the investigation, which KNOTH stated he would. Chief Gibbons asked KNOTH if there were any firearms or ammunition in his vehicle, a black Toyota Tacoma, which was parked on the parking lot. KNOTH stated there was ammunition in the vehicle, but no other firearms. Chief Gibbons asked KNOTH permission to search his vehicle and KNOTH refused to cooperate with Chief Gibbons request at that time.
3. Following the execution of a search warrant issued by the Consolidated 4th Judicial Court of Atchison County, Missouri, for the black Toyota Tacoma bearing Missouri license plates 4YH358, operated by KNOTH and parked upon the school parking lot area, Chief Gibbons and assisting investigators located additional two 33 round 9mm pistol magazines that appeared to be fully loaded with a round tipped or ball like ammunition and twelve black in color metal .223 caliber or 556 assault rifle magazines that appeared to be fully loaded to approximately 28 to 30 rounds each. Following the execution of a search warrant issued by the Consolidated 4th Judicial Court of Atchison County, Missouri of KNOTH's home, 407 Walnut Street, Tarkio, Atchison County, Missouri, two 223 caliber or 556 assault rifles were located within the home.
4. During an interview with KNOTH, Sgt. Tyson Gardner with the Missouri State Highway Patrol Division of Drug and Crime Control KNOTH stated that KNOTH claimed to have conducted internet inquiries and research of mass shootings and the errors made by law enforcement officers who responded recently.
5. It is from the aforementioned information that I request a substantial bond amount, along with stringent bond conditions be issued, once bond has been posted by KNOTH in this matter, to protect the children, teachers, support staff, and community members of Tarkio and Atchison County from further violence as the investigation continues.


Tyson Gibbons