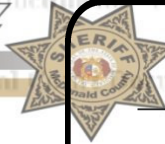


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PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: October 20, 2025

Case #:SO25-01094

I, Douglas Henry, Deputy Sheriff of McDonald County

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

1. I have probable cause to believe that on October 13, 2025, at [REDACTED] Goodman MO, 64843
SUSPECT NAME Townsend, Samuel Halstead
DOB [REDACTED]
DL# [REDACTED]
ADDRESS [REDACTED] 64843

Committed one or more criminal offenses: 1. 570.030-014Y20202399 – STEALING OF LIVESTOCK

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows: On October 15th, 2025, [REDACTED] filed a Stealing of Livestock report with the McDonald County Sheriff's Office. It was reported that two registered black angus bulls belonging to [REDACTED] were stolen from [REDACTED] in Goodman MO.

During the investigation it was determined that Samuel Townsend had taken the two bulls to the Joplin Stockyard and sold both bulls for \$5,588.20 on 10/13/2025. During the investigation I, Detective Doug Henry obtained surveillance video from the Joplin Stockyard, showing Samuel Townsend delivering the two bulls to the drive-in drop off. During the investigation I spoke with an office employee of the Joplin Stockyard that stated Samuel called their office on 10/16/2025 asking for the check to him be canceled and a new check made to [REDACTED] for the sale of the bulls. This would have been after Samuel found out that he was being investigated for the theft of the bulls. During the investigation I also learned that there was text communication between [REDACTED] and Samuel on 10/14/2025 about the bulls missing from [REDACTED]. The

text messages indicated that Samuel was communicating that his truck and trailer were both in the shop being worked on and Samuel also denies having any knowledge of the stolen bulls, when in fact his pickup and trailer were not in the shop for repairs during the theft.

3. There are reasonable grounds to believe Samuel H Townsend will not appear on a summons and poses a danger to [REDACTED] based on past threats to cause harm to his family and law enforcement listed in the ExParte/Order of Protection filed and granted by the McDonald County Court on 10/15/2025.

Printed: Detective Doug Henry [Signature]

