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PC Statement

MCDONALD COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 07/05/2023

Case #: SO23-00763

I, Blake Barrett, 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 (06/25/2023), at [REDACTED],
SUSPECT NAME: David Aaron Watkins

committed one or more criminal offenses:

571.015-001Y20205299 ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION :F [Weapon Offense (free text)]

565.050-002Y20201399 ASSAULT 1ST DEGREE OR ATTEMPT :F [Assault - (free text)]

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

[REDACTED] stated that on that day of the incident him and a female who was ID as [REDACTED] arrived at Mr. Batson's house to talk with him about a friend who [REDACTED] who had just died at the hospital. After arriving at the house he stated that Dennis Batson came down from the house and hit him through the driver side window that was down on his truck, once [REDACTED] and Mr. Batson had started fighting outside the truck at [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that he had started to "work over" Mr. Batson and that is when another male who he ID as (David Watkins) came down from the house with a 12 gauge shotgun and then went to raise it up to hit him. After seeing Mr. Watkins raise the gun he lifted his left arm up to take the brunt of the hit and that is when his arm was broke. After breaking his arm [REDACTED] stated he doesn't remember much after that but does remember Mr. Watkins hitting him at least one (1) time in the head with shotgun but doesn't remember anything after that. [REDACTED] did have injuries to the front, and back of his head, left broken arm, black eyes which he stated that his eye sockets were fractured, and bruising to his back. After [REDACTED] began telling us about the injuries MCSO #18 J. Leake then asked if he would be willing to sign a medical release form which he stated yes that fine and filled out the paper for that. I asked [REDACTED] how he knew it was David Watkins that had hit him. [REDACTED] stated that he knew it was Mr. Watkins because he saw him lift the shotgun up when the fight started.

3. There are reasonable grounds to believe (DEFENDANT will not appear on a summons) (and)
(DEFENDANT poses a
danger to (a crime victim), (the community), (or) (any other person)

David Watkins has been known to run from law enforcement with prior encounters. Watkins also poses a threat to the victim by possibly attacking the victim after getting out of the hospital. Watkins also poses a threat to any other person and law enforcement due to Mr. Watkins having a gun on or around his person.

Deputy Name
Blake Barrett

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