



STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

STATE OF MISSOURI
 COUNTY OF Jasper

Date: 11/14/2021 (today's date)

I, Detective John Watkins, 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 11/06/2021(offense date) at 320 West 3rd Street Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri (offense location), Ronald J Deloney, (suspect name) a white male, (suspect description) committed one or more criminal offense(s) of : Arson 2nd Degree (RSMO 569.050). (State name of offense and statute number)

Name: Deloney, Ronald J

D.O.B. [REDACTED] 1994

Address: [REDACTED]
 Joplin, Missouri 64801

Arrested:11/14/2021; 10:01 A.M.(Arrest date and time or NOT IN CUSTODY)

- The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 11/06/2021 Ronald Deloney committed the crime of Arson in the 2nd Degree at 320 West 3rd Street Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri causing significant damage to the exterior portion of the structure. On 11/06/2021 at approximately 5:43 P.M. a white male wearing a dark green Under Armor tee shirt, blue jeans, light brown work boots, red bandanna around his neck with the bandanna covering the lower portion of his face, and a black ball cap backwards was walking north through the alley near the east portion of 320 West 3rd Street with a Styrofoam cup in his right hand and his left hand behind his back, appeared he was holding something. The fire started on the east side of 320 West 3rd Street. On 11/06/2021 at 5:34 P.M. this same male was observed on camera at Downtown Corner Mart, 419 West 4th Street Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri. On camera his bandanna was not covering his face and the male was identified as Ronald Deloney. On 11/06/2021 at approximately 5:52 P.M. I observed a Joplin Fire Fighter come into camera view, from the camera attached to the east side of 320 West 3rd Street.

On 11/14/2021 Ronald Deloney was arrested near 2nd and Byers Avenue Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri on a Carterville Warrant. I met Deloney at the Joplin City Jail and he agreed to speak with me. During the post Miranda interview with Deloney he admitted to have been at the Downtown Corner Mart when confronted with the fact he was on their cameras. Deloney admitted to walking down an alley, lighting a paper note on fire with a lighter, and throwing it near a house, which was 320 West 3rd Street. When asked if it would reasonable to believe the house would

catch on fire if he let a piece of paper on fire and threw it near a house Deloney stated that he was mad and wasn't thinking.

3. **MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES:** (If seeking a warrant) I am requesting issuance of an arrest warrant based on the following:

I believe that the defendant will not appear in court in response to a criminal summons because: Deloney has an extensive history of warrant arrests dating back to 2012. 1/17/12, 4/7/12, 2/4/15, 5/16/15, 1/6/16, 2/24/16, 3/4/16, 8/9/16, 12/8/16, 4/24/17, 12/14/17, 12/27/17, 3/14/19, 6/25/19, 8/18/20, 10/10/20, 12/13/20, 4/16/21, 8/23/21, 11/14/21 (State specific facts supporting your belief)

I believe that the defendant poses a danger to a crime victim / the community or to any other person because: Deloney admitted to have caused the fire that caused damage to 320 West 3rd Street. (State specific facts supporting your belief)

Print Name: John Watkins Signature:



Agency Name: Joplin Police Department
Agency Case Number: 21-010230
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