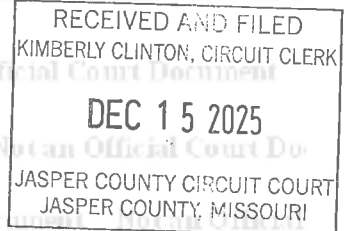




STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE



STATE OF MISSOURI
COUNTY OF Jasper

Date: 12/15/2025

I, Detective Trent McMain, 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 December 12, 2025, at the address of 410 W Fir Road in the City of Carthage, County of Jasper, State of Missouri, Candida Hudson committed one or more criminal offense(s) of: Voluntary Manslaughter (RSMo 565.023), Possession of a Firearm Unlawful For Certain Persons (RSMo 571.070), Armed Criminal Action (RSMo 571.015), and Unlawful Use of a Weapon (RSMo 571.030)

Name: Candida Rena Hudson

Address: 410 W Fir Road, Carthage, Mo. 64836

Arrested: December 13, at 1:15 AM

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On December 12, 2025, Carthage Police Officers responded to a reported homicide at 410 West Fir Road, Apartment C-211, in Carthage, Missouri. The decedent, Donald Webb, was found deceased on the living room couch with a gunshot wound to the head. The sole witness and resident of the apartment, the suspect identified as Hudson, was transported to the Carthage Police Department for questioning.

Prior to the formal interview, Hudson consented to gunshot residue (GSR) testing on both hands. Rapid GSR testing revealed the presence of residue on her left hand, with trace to none on her right hand. A secondary GSR sample was collected with her consent for submission to the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Lab. Photographs were taken of her hands, documenting visible blood on her left hand.

Prior to the interview, Hudson was advised of her rights per Miranda, to which she advised she understood and agreed to speak with investigators. During the interview, Hudson provided the following account: She arrived home from work at 1745 hours and encountered Webb, her boyfriend of approximately one year, who appeared intoxicated. Webb had recently lost his job and had been storing belongings in her apartment. Hudson described ongoing conflicts related to Webb's alcohol use. She stated that an argument ensued, during which Webb threatened suicide. She locked the balcony door while he smoked outside, then allowed him back inside.

Hudson further stated that Webb retrieved a firearm from the coffee table, removed it from its holster, and pressed it to his head. She attempted to intervene by grabbing the firearm with both hands, but Webb allegedly pulled it away with one hand and moved to the opposite end of the couch. Hudson claimed Webb then pulled the trigger, resulting in a self-inflicted gunshot wound. She denied owning or possessing any firearms and stated this was the only firearm in the residence, though she admitted knowing Webb had brought multiple firearms into the home on prior occasions. Hudson reported calling 911 immediately, checking for vital signs as instructed, and attempting to move Webb to the floor for CPR, but she claimed she was unable to do so due to his size.

Several inconsistencies and evidentiary contradictions were noted during the interview and subsequent scene analysis, establishing probable cause that Hudson's account was fabricated and that she intentionally discharged the firearm, resulting in Webb's death:

GSR Evidence: GSR was present on Hudson's left hand, consistent with her being left-hand dominant, while no GSR was detected on either of Webb's hands. This contradicts her claim of Webb firing the weapon himself.

Firearm Blood Spatter: Blood was observed on the right side of the firearm's frame, aligning with the finger gaps of a left-handed shooter. The left side of the frame was devoid of blood, suggesting it was covered by a left-handed grip. This evidence refutes Hudson's initial statement that Webb shot himself in the right side/back of the head with his right (dominant) hand, as well as her alternate claim of a left-side wound.

Physical Capabilities: Hudson is physically larger than Webb. It is improbable that Webb could have overpowered her grip on the firearm using only one hand, or that she could not move his body from the couch to the floor as claimed.

Scene Inconsistencies: A face-down mark with brain matter and blood was observed on the far-left couch cushion (rightmost from the facing perspective), consistent with Webb's head position at the time of the shot. Additionally, Webb's leather cowboy-style hat bore a muzzle imprint, indicating the firearm was pressed against it. Given the entrance wound behind the right ear and Webb's right-handedness, self-infliction would require an awkward, inverted firearm position, which is inconsistent with the shell casing's location (ejected more than halfway across the room, not toward the wall behind the couch).

Behavioral Observations: Hudson displayed minimal remorse, referred to Webb in the past tense shortly after the incident, and became defensive when confronted with discrepancies. She repeatedly denied shooting Webb, despite evidence suggesting an escalation from ongoing relationship conflicts, including Webb's drinking and suicide threats, potentially leading to a sudden confrontation where she discharged the firearm.


Relationship History: Hudson described building frustrations in the relationship, including prior arguments over alcohol, which may have culminated in a heat-of-passion incident on the night in question.

3. **MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES:** I am requesting the 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 due to the serious nature of the crime. And Hudson's criminal history indicate the following convictions: Assault on Law Enforcement (January 2013), Domestic Assault (September 2019), Domestic Assault (October 2019), Resisting Arrest (November 2019), Simple Assault (July 2020), Assault (September 2020) Felony Assault on Law Enforcement (May 2021, with probation revoked in April 2022), Assault (September 2021). Tampering with a Motor Vehicle (August 2022), and she has pending charges in Jasper County, Missouri, for Felony Assault and Abuse or Neglect of a Child. These prior felony convictions render Hudson a prohibited person under Missouri law for possessing firearms.

☒ I believe that the defendant poses a danger to ☐ a crime victim / ☒ the community or to any other person because the defendant has a proven criminal history of assault.

Print Name: Trent McMain

Signature: 

Agency Name: Carthage Police Department

Agency Case Number: 25-3319

OCN: Pending