



STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

STATE OF MISSOURI
COUNTY OF NEWTON

Date: 10/22/26

I, Detective Wes Massey, 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 10/22/26 at [REDACTED] Joplin, Newton County, Missouri, GRACE SAVANNAH WOLFHORNDL, a [REDACTED] committed one or more criminal offense(s) of:

571.03 - UNLAWFUL USE OF WEAPON - SUBSECTION 6 - DISCHARGE INTO SCHOOL, COUR...

578.012 - ANIMAL ABUSE

Name: GRACE SAVANNAH WOLFHORNDL

Arrested: 10/22/26 12:00 (_ NOT IN CUSTODY)

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 10-22-2026, Grace Wolfshorndl committed the offense of unlawful use of a weapon (571.030) and animal abuse (578.012) in the [REDACTED] Joplin, Newton County MO.

On the listed date, Joplin Police were dispatched to the [REDACTED] in reference to gun shots. Upon arrival it was found that Grace Wolfshorndl had been discharging a 12 gage shotgun and .22 rifle outside of her house. After further investigation, it was found that Grace had purchased the .22 rifle on this date and then responded to a local pet store where she purchased a guinea pig. Grace transported the guinea pig back to her house where she shot at it multiple times with the 12 gage, missing it. Grace placed the guinea pig into a box and provided it with blue berries as a means to keep it still so that she could hit the guinea pig/target. Grace ultimately shot and killed the guinea pig and attempted to hide it upon police arrival. During this incident, Grace was discharging a firearm within 100yds of a school. When interviewed as to why Grace purchased the animal for the purposes of killing it, she replied "targets don't bleed".

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

(X) I believe that the defendant will not appear in court in response to a criminal summons because:

☐ I believe that the defendant poses a danger to ☐ a crime victim / ☒ the community or to any other person because: Grace Wolfshorndl was unlawfully discharging a firearm within 100 yds of a school

Print Name: Detective Wes Massey Signature: 

Agency Name: JPD - Joplin Police Department

Agency Case Number: JPD-26-07403

OCN: VU008727