

Statement of Probable Cause County of Vernon

Date: February 19, 2025

I, **Detective Chase McClane**, 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, **January, 17, 2025**, the following criminal offense(s) were committed in Nevada, MO by the person(s) listed below:

Name: **Tripp Zakkary-Vaughn Varner**

<u>Charge</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Charge Code</u>
Robbery 1 st degree	F/A	570.023-001Y20201299.0
Armed Criminal action	F/UNC	571.015-001Y20205299.0
Stealing \$750 or more	F/D	570.030-035Y20202399.0

That the facts supporting this belief are as follows:

1. On January 17, 2025 around 2158 Officers with the Nevada Police Department responded to a local business in regards to an armed robbery.
2. Upon arrival officers made contact with the victim who was working in the business at the time of the robbery. The victim reported a suspect wearing all black walked into the business brandished a firearm, and pointed it at the clerk and demanded money, lottery tickets, and cigarettes.
3. Upon reviewing the footage, I observed the suspect approach the business on foot and wait for the victim to get behind the register. The subject then approached the counter displayed the firearm and pointed it at the clerk. The clerk then gives the suspect approximately three thousand dollars in cash, three hundred dollars in Missouri lottery tickets and approximately fifty five dollars in cigarettes.
4. In the surveillance video I observed the suspect had a tattoo and wrist band on his right wrist.
5. During the investigation officers received a phone call from an anonymous individual who reported Tripp Varner was the robbery suspect. Law enforcement was able to obtain a phone number for Varner, as well as his current social media profile. While reviewing Varner's profile I observed he has a tattoo on his right wrist that matches the tattoo on the suspect's right wrist during the robbery. Varner also has a wrist band on in another picture that matches the wrist band the suspect in the robbery was wearing.
6. While executing a search warrant for Varner's historical cell phone data for the day of January 17, 2025. Varner's data showed his location was at El Dorado Springs, MO from 08:42 AM CST until around 08:00 PM CST. At 08:00 PM CST Varner's cell phone data shows him traveling to Nevada, MO, until around 09:03 PM CST. At 09:03 PM CST Varner's cell phone data show's Varner's location in the area of the business where the robbery occurred. No data usage was recorded between 09:03 PM CST until 10:25 PM CST which is during the time of the robbery, giving the indication the phone had been turned off during that time frame.

If appropriate, check the applicable box and complete the following for the issuance of a warrant.

- ☐ 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: **The community due to the nature of the crime involving a handgun.**

Signature:  131

Agency Name: Nevada Police Department

Agency Case Number: 25-0076