

STATE OF MISSOURI

vs.

MADISON SHAYE STONECIPHER

DOB:

SSN:

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

I, TRAVIS L SPENCER

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 11/28/2024, at

MADISON SHAYE STONECIPHER

committed one or more criminal offense(s):

565.021-003Y20200999 MURDER 2ND DEGREE - FELONY MURDER - DURING
PERPETRATION/ATTE

F/M: F COUNTS: 1

CHARGE TYPE: S

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

Victim#1 was reported missing on 11/29/2024. Victim#1's body was located on 12/01/2024 near some railroad tracks in Neosho, MO. Victim#1 was found to be deceased with two syringes clinched in his hand. An autopsy was conducted on Victim#1 on 12/02/2024 and the medical examiner ruled the cause of death to be from a fentanyl and methamphetamine overdose. Victim#1's phone was recovered from his body and a cell phone data extraction was conducted. The extraction contained Facebook Messenger records that showed conversations between Victim#1's Facebook account [REDACTED] and Gatlin Pennington (Gatlin Mckell Facebook account [REDACTED]). The messages show Victim#1 attempting to trade a Cricut machine to Pennington for 0.3 grams of fentanyl. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) considers 0.002 grams of fentanyl to be a potential lethal dose. The messages were between the dates of 11/26/2024 13:46 and 11/28/2024 00:59. The messages between the two stop after that time. Between the dates of 11/14/2024 16:18 and 11/27/2024 22:04, Victim#1's Facebook messenger account is shown to be messaging with Madison Shaye Stonecipher Facebook account [REDACTED]. The messages show several times where Victim#1 agrees to meet and pay Stonecipher for fentanyl. On 11/24/2024 Victim#1 messages Stonecipher asking if she wishes to trade fentanyl for a Cricut machine. A recorded phone call made on 11/29/2024 was provided to this Detective by Victim#1's girlfriend, [REDACTED]. The phone call is between Victim#1's mother, [REDACTED], and Pennington's girlfriend Madison Stonecipher. In the phone call [REDACTED] confronts Stonecipher about trading heroin for a Cricut machine. Madison does not deny trading heroin to Victim#1 and stated that she and Pennington met Victim#1 near [REDACTED] to get a Cricut machine from him around 01:00 on 11/28/2024.

Pennington was taken into custody by Joplin Police Department on 12/02/2024 for possessing 13 grams of fentanyl. During a post Miranda interview, Pennington gave full consent to FBI Task Force Officer (TFO) D. Moyer to download the content of his cell phone. Text messages between Stonecipher and Pennington were as follows:

11/29/2024 Stonecipher sends- "You have to click unsend for everyone on every single message you sent him. Do each one separately. Don't just delete all of them."

12/01/2024 Stonecipher sends- "Jesse is dead. I deleted my Facebook. Like

permanently. You might wanna do the same. I need you to get a hold of those insurance people like quick. So we can go."

On 12/17/2024 FBI Task Force Officer (TFO) Moyer and I interviewed Pennington at the Jasper County Jail. After waiving his Miranda rights, Pennington stated that he believed that the fentanyl that he had been purchasing to sell was laced with Xylazine. Pennington stated that he was aware that Xylazine can kill you and that Narcan can not reverse the effects. Pennington stated that it's not his fault if people die on the stuff because they know what they are using and would just get it from someone else if he didn't sell it to them. Pennington stated that on the morning of 11/28/2024, he and Stonecipher met Victim#1 near [REDACTED] and traded 0.1 to 0.3 grams of fentanyl to him for a Cricut machine. Pennington stated that Stonecipher told him a couple days later that something had happened to Victim#1 after they had met with him, but Pennington and Stonecipher refused to talk to each other about what happened to Victim#1. Pennington stated that he believed that the fentnayl that he and Stonecipher traded to Victim#1 contained Xylazine. On 01/15/2025, this Detective contacted Stonecipher by phone and asked her to meet at the Sheriff Office to speak with me. Stonecipher agreed to do so, however never showed up.

This Detective was able to observe on Victim#1's cell phone extraction that Victim#1 was in contact with Pennington and Stonecipher about meeting up on morning of 11/28/2024 to receive fentanyl. Victim#1's cell phone had no other messegas about meeting anyone else to obtain drugs. After Pennington agreed to meet Victim#1 at Fullers Market, Victim#1 made one phone call to his girlfriend, and no other outgoing messegas or phone calls were made from Victim#1's cell phone. Victim#1 was reported missing the next day.

3. For the issuance of a warrant in a misdemeanor case, complete the following

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

n/a

(b) I believe that the defendant poses

(1) a danger to a crime victim because

[01/15/2025 17:31, TSPENCER, 16, NCSO]

(2) a danger to the community or to any other person because

I believe the defendant to be a danger to the public because he continued to sell fentanyl to the public even [01/15/2025 17:30, TSPENCER, 16, NCSO]

TRAVIS L SPENCER

Date: 03/04/2025



Signature

(re: NCSO Case # -)

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT CONTINUATION

NCSO CASE # -

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