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SEP 24 2024

Accused: MITCHELL, TERRY DON		Probable Cause Statement	
Address:		Height:	
City:		Weight:	
State:	Zip Code:	Eye:	
Date Of Birth:		Hair:	
Social Security No:		Sex:	
Operator License No:		Race:	
License State:		Age:	
Date and location of offense(s):			
9/24/2024 2:08:00 PM			

I, the undersigned, upon my oath, and penalties of perjury, state that I have probable cause to believe that the accused, above-named, committed one or more criminal offense(s). The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 09/24/2024 at approximately 1408 hours, I, Deputy Zentner observed a white Jeep with black doors, traveling southbound on Mill Street in Golden City, in Barton County.

While on routine patrol with Deputy Cope, I observed a white Jeep with black door traveling southbound on Mill Street and approaching Main Street in Golden City. I had prior knowledge of the vehicle and was aware it had been traveling on the roadways with no or improper state plates. Deputy Cope accelerated toward the vehicle and at the intersection of Mill Street and Main Street, Deputy Cope was able to notice the plates on the vehicle had an expire tag from 2022. It was later discovered the plates were not on file.

Deputy Cope engaged his emergency lights and siren, and the vehicle pulled over on Hicks Street facing southbound, just south of Main Street. I observed Terry Mitchell Sr. driving the vehicle. I explained to Mitchell the process of towing his vehicle and how he would be able to retrieve it back later. Mitchell understood the vehicle would be towed due to not being registered with the State of Missouri, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and the fact that Mitchell was revoked and had not had a valid driver's license since 2010.

While explaining to Mitchell about him being detained and asking if there was anything in the vehicle I should know about, Mitchell stated he had an item that was wrapped up in tape, sitting in the middle console, next to him. I walked to the driver's door and observed the item sitting in the middle console, wrapped up in black electrical tape. Mitchell was asked about the item, and he stated it was a bomb.

XXXXXX arrived and I briefed them on the situation. After the bomb was x-rayed, I was invited to their mobile unit where I was shown the bomb on a tv screen of the X-rayed image. XXXXX explained to me the components of the bomb and explained to me their intent to proceed. XXXXX explained to me the bomb was indeed an actual explosive device and the decision to contact them was correct.

If the cited offense is a misdemeanor and an arrest warrant is requested, please complete the following-

I believe that the accused:

☐ will not appear in court in response to a summons because:

☐ poses a danger to the crimes victim, the community or another person because:

☐ check if PC is for a felony

☐ **summons issued**

Officer Name: DEREK ZENTNER	Date of PC: 09/25/2024 1121
Title: Deputy Sheriff	
Department: Barton County Sheriff's Office	Signature: Deputy D. Zentner 256