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SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 05/08/2023 Case #: 23-02048

I, DARREL CONEY, a law enforcement officer, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that STEVEN ALAN JORDAN, White/Male committed one or more criminal offenses.

2. The following crime(s) happened on 2023/01/20 01:00 - 2023/01/20 01:06 at 4200 W JAMES RIVER FRWY in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.

3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 01/20/2023, a motor vehicle crash occurred in the 4200 block of west James River Freeway. That is a location inside the city limits of Springfield, Greene County, Missouri. James River Freeway is a limited-access, divided highway with an unprotected grass median in the area where the crash occurred. Greene County Emergency Communications began receiving calls just before 0100 hours about a white Dodge pickup that was travelling westbound in the eastbound lanes of James River Freeway. The first caller stated the wrong-way driver got onto James River Freeway at National. The second caller saw the vehicle in between Campbell and Kansas Expressway. The third caller stated the vehicle would have been near West Bypass.

Cpl. J. Miller observed the pickup travelling westbound in the eastbound lanes while he was on Republic Road, in between Campbell and Kansas Expressway. Cpl. Miller began searching for the vehicle in an attempt to stop it. He drove west on James River Freeway and observed the taillights just east of West Bypass/James River Freeway. Cpl. Miller then documented in his report that the taillights disappeared, and he saw a large cloud of smoke or dust. As Cpl. Miller got closer, he could see the pickup had collided with another vehicle.

The vehicle that was struck by the pickup was a Ford Expedition that was occupied by the driver and seven passengers (8 total occupants).

Three of the 8 occupants in the Ford Expedition were killed in the crash. The remaining 5 sustained varying levels of injuries.

Victim 1 was the passenger in the right front seat, and he was killed.
Victim 2 was the passenger in the second row, left seat, and she was killed.
Victim 3 was the passenger in the second row, right seat, and she was killed.

Driver 2 was the driver of the Ford Expedition and he complained of neck pain, right shoulder pain, and leg pain. He was transported by EMS to Mercy Hospital for treatment. He was not admitted, and all his tests were negative. He did not have any follow-up care instructions.

Victim 4 was the passenger in the second row, middle seat. Victim 4 sustained the most serious injuries of the survivors. She suffered a traumatic brain injury with bleeding in her brain. Both bones in her left arm (Radius and Ulna) were fractured and required surgery to repair. Her right femur was broken and required surgery to repair. During the repair of her right femur, a rod was inserted into the bone. She had a fractured left hand that was placed in a splint. Victim 4 was hospitalized until 02/01/2023 and then she was transferred to Meyer Orthopedic and Rehab Hospital (in Springfield). She remained at Meyer Rehab Hospital until 02/27/2023 when she was released from Meyer Rehab Hospital to return to Houston, Texas where she resides. However, she was not released to go home and had to continue her therapy and rehabilitation at a facility in Houston, Texas.

Passenger 1 was the passenger in the third row, left seat. She complained of chest pain and was transported from the scene by EMS. Passenger 1 did not have any significant injuries and her chest was bruised from her seatbelt.

Victim 5 was the passenger in the third row, middle seat. Victim 5 complained of head pain and was transported from the scene by EMS. She was not admitted and was released. Victim 5 returned to Mercy-Springfield on 01/22/2023 due to continuing headaches. She was diagnosed as likely having a concussion. She was not admitted.

Victim 6 was the passenger in the third row, right seat. Victim 6 had a laceration on her lower right leg that was closed with staples. She also had a dislocated left hip that required surgery to repair. Victim 6 was admitted to Mercy-Springfield and was discharged on 01/25/2023.

The driver that was travelling in the wrong direction, Driver 1, was identified as Steven Alan Jordan. Steven Jordan smelled strongly of intoxicants and an open, empty beer bottle was in the driver floorboard of the pickup he was operating. Steven admitted he had been drinking and was transported to Cox South by ambulance for the injuries he received in the crash. Deputy J. Grisham was requested to assist the Springfield Police Department officers who were investigating the crash. Deputy Grisham was assigned to the DWI unit of the Greene County Sheriff's Office and was requested to investigate Steven's level of impairment.

Deputy Grisham was not able to perform a typical DWI investigation with field sobriety tests because of Steven's injuries. Therefore, Deputy Grisham applied for a search warrant to obtain a sample of Steven's blood. The warrant was granted by Greene County Associate Circuit Judge T. Todd Myers. Deputy Grisham obtained a blood sample from Steven (at 0321 hours) and sent it to the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Lab for analysis. The results of the blood test confirmed the presence of alcohol and drugs in Steven's bloodstream. Steven's BAC (blood alcohol concentration) was .211% and the blood was drawn more than two hours after the crash occurred.

This crash occurred as a result of Steven Jordan travelling in the wrong direction on a divided highway with a blood alcohol level that was more than two and a half times the legal limit.

Steven Jordan has four prior convictions for driving while intoxicated (12/09/1976, 06/17/1977, 07/21/1978, and 12/22/1981).

I am requesting that an arrest warrant be issued because (complete at least one of the following):

1. I have reasonable grounds to believe the defendant will not appear upon a summons based on

the facts stated above and the following information:

☒ Not Applicable

2. I have reasonable grounds to believe the defendant poses a danger to a crime victim, the community, or any other person based on the facts stated above and the following information:

Steven Jordan has four prior convictions for driving while intoxicated. Steven drove his vehicle with a BAC that was more than two and a half times the legal limit of .08%. Steven was operating his vehicle in the wrong direction on a divided highway and struck another vehicle head-on. As a result of Steven's actions, three people were killed and three more suffered serious physical injuries.

☐ Not Applicable

The facts contained above are true to the best of my information and belief.

/s/ Darrel Coney

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Officer

Signature

DSN

Title