

LACLEDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT OF FACTS

CASE NUMBER- 2024-00630
REPORT DATE- 06-24-2024

INCIDENT DATE-May through June 2024

I, Detective Landon Sweno, 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, or about May and June 2024, at
Michelle Yevonne Peters, W/F, DOB: _____, SSN: _____
, who lives at _____

Committed one or more criminal offense(s).

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 6-24-2024, I met with _____ at the Laclede County Sheriff's Office. _____ explained that _____ notified him that he believed he was being poisoned by _____, Michelle Peters. _____ said that _____ and Michelle _____

_____ has a refrigerator in the garage where he stores his two liters of Mountain Dew. Around the first of May, _____ noticed that his Mountain Dew had an odd taste and got sick shortly after. _____ reviewed video footage, which showed Michelle taking the two liters of Mountain Dew out of the garage refrigerator and grabbing Roundup weed killer. Shortly after grabbing the Roundup and Mountain Dew, Michelle placed the Mountain Dew back in the refrigerator.

_____ added that _____ is the only one in the household who drinks Mountain Dew. _____ showed Sheriff Millsap and me several videos on his tablet, which showed the interior of _____ and Michelle's garage. In the video, I observed Michelle multiple times taking the Mountain Dew in and out of the refrigerator and handling the Roundup. In the videos, Michelle would conceal herself out of camera view before placing the Mountain Dew bottle back in the refrigerator. _____ said that _____ brought multiple two-liters of Mountain Dew to his house that he believed were tainted with Roundup. _____ and _____ packaged the bottles into evidence bags with the date he received the bottles from _____ I collected the bags from _____

I called _____ and he came to the sheriff's office. _____ explained that around May 1st 2024, he noticed that his two liters of Diet Mountain Dew tasted weird. _____ said he ignored the taste and continued to drink it. _____ said after a couple of weeks, he started having symptoms of a sore throat, coughing up brown/yellow thick mucus, diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting. _____ said around June 11, 2024, or June 12, 2024, he drank a smaller bottle of Mountain Dew and it tasted normal but when he drank from the two liters at home, they tasted

LACLEDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT OF FACTS

different. became suspicious of someone putting something in the two-liter bottles, so he reviewed the video footage from the interior of his garage on June 12, 2024. said the video showed Michelle taking a two-liter of Diet Mountain Dew out of the garage refrigerator and a bottle of Roundup weed killer into the house. said that Michelle returned the soda to the refrigerator and put the Roundup back on the shelf in the garage.

said he had become afraid for his life so he went to and gave him a copy of the recording. gave the bottle and video, in case he died from being poisoned. said he changed his routine and would put new and untampered Mountain Dew bottles in the refrigerator. said that every time he put a new bottle in the refrigerator, Michelle would put Roundup in it. said each time Michelle put Roundup in the bottle, he would take the bottle to said the original bottle of Roundup was now nearly empty and he noticed that there was a new, unopened bottle of Roundup that recently showed up on the garage shelf.

said he mentioned to Michelle that he was sick, and she told him that he probably had Covid and to stay away from the grandkids. said he is not sure if Michelle is having an affair or is trying to collect his \$500,000 life insurance policy. said he does not suspect infidelity but has noticed that Michelle has drastically reduced the amount of money she has been placing in their joint account from their business account.

said he added a camera downstairs to an area where some other chemicals are stored. said the camera did not pick up the movement, but he watched it live when he heard movement in the area during the evening hours of 6-23-24. said he saw Michelle with a Mountain Dew bottle near a bottle of insecticide on the shelf. said he believed that the bottle was inside the garage refrigerator currently.

said he was scared for his life and unsure what the long-term effects of the poison would do to his body. said his throat is still raw but most of the other effects have subsided. I asked if he had visited the doctor and he said he had not. I asked how long it had been since he consumed any of the tainted drink and he said he had not since he found the video footage, approximately two weeks ago.

signed a consent to search form for his residence and I met him there. I collected the two bottles of Roundup in the garage, the two-liter bottle that was currently in the garage refrigerator, and the bottle of insecticide from the basement.

On 6-24-24, at 1332 hours, I went to in Lebanon to contact Michelle at . When I arrived, Michelle was standing at the door of her SUV. I began talking with Michelle and asked her if she would be willing to ride to the Sheriff's Office to speak with me. Michelle voluntarily agreed to ride with me and did not ask any questions about why she would need to be interviewed. Michelle was never told she was under arrest, she was not handcuffed, nor was she given any directive or command to come with me.

LACLEDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT OF FACTS

Upon arrival at the Sheriff's Office, I brought Michelle into the recorded interview room. I informed Michelle that she was not under arrest, and she was free to leave at any time. I explained to Michelle that [redacted] had been sick and he located video footage of her placing Roundup in his Mountain Dew bottle. Michelle said that she was not putting the Roundup in the bottle, but was mixing Mountain Dew and Roundup to use as a weed killer that she saw on Pinterest. Michelle said that she mixed the two liquids in a cup. I informed Michelle that I had watched several of the videos and there was no cup. I explained to Michelle that we had multiple bottles of Mountain Dew that were believed to have Roundup inside of them. The bottles of Mountain Dew were originally removed from the refrigerator by [redacted] and given to [redacted].

Michelle said that she should have just divorced [redacted] and I asked her to explain. Michelle said that [redacted] is selfish and they have relationship issues. I explained to Michelle that [redacted] saw her on camera place insecticide inside of a Mountain Dew bottle in the basement and she admitted that she did, thinking that it was Roundup, and placed it back in the garage refrigerator. Michelle continued to deny that she had previously put Roundup in [redacted] drink. I informed Michelle that she was under arrest and was no longer free to leave.

Sheriff Millsap entered the interview room and read Michelle her rights per Miranda, and she signed the Miranda form. Michelle again admitted to putting the insecticide from the basement in the two-liter Mountain Dew bottle and placing it into the garage refrigerator during the evening of 6-23-2024. Michelle said she was mad at [redacted] because she had thrown him a 50th birthday party and he was not appreciative. Michelle said she believed the chemical in the basement was Roundup when she put it in the Mountain Dew bottle and did so to be "mean" to [redacted].

According to WebMD, Glyphosate, which is an ingredient in Roundup weed killer, if consumed, can cause increased saliva, burns, and pain in the mouth and throat, along with nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. WebMD also reports in some cases, the consumption of Glyphosate has caused death.

3a. I believe that the defendant will not appear in court in response to a criminal summons because [redacted]

3b. I believe that the defendant poses [redacted]

(1) A danger to a crime victim because the defendant knowingly placed chemicals that could cause death or serious physical injury in a drink that would only be consumed by the victim on multiple occasions [redacted]

(2) A danger to the community or any other person because [redacted]

LACLEDE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT OF FACTS

Print Name: Detective Landon Sweno	Signature: /s/ Det. L Sweno	Date 06-24-2024
Print Name of Witness of Oath:	Signature of Witness of Oath:	