

**MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL
PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT**

STATE OF MISSOURI }
COUNTY OF VERNON }
DATE:3/19/24

MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL
CASE#:240015972
OCN#:n/a

I, J.L. Mason, 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, the below listed offender has committed the offense(s) of:

- 1) Murder-2nd Degree-565.021-003Y20200999.0 (1-Count)
- 2) Delivery of a Controlled Substance-579.020-004Y20203520.0 (5-Counts)
- 3) Assault-4th Degree-565.076-003Y20201399.0 (2-Counts)

Name: Abdel-Ghani, Samer Majdi

D.O.B.:

Address: (Street)
(City), (State), (Zip Code)

S.S.N.:

2. The facts that support a finding of probable cause to believe crime(s) was/were committed and that the accused committed the crime(s) are as follows:

On January 10, 2024, I responded to the Vernon County Jail in reference to multiple inmates who allegedly overdosed, after ingesting what was believed to be fentanyl. Three inmates were transported to a local hospital, where one of them died. The deceased was identified as GRV, a 45-year old Hispanic male. I arrived at the Vernon County Jail and met with Chief Deputy Travis Cole. Chief Deputy Cole indicated the jail recently received an inmate from another facility, who they believed introduced drugs into the jail. Multiple inmates then used the drugs and overdosed.

Highway Patrol Investigators conducted a large number of interviews with jail inmates and learned inmate Samer Abdel-Ghani arrived at the Vernon County Jail on January 10, 2024. On the evening of January 9, or morning of January 10, Mr. Abdel-Ghani was arrested by the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department. Mr. Abdel-Ghani was then transported to the Vernon County Jail, where he was held on Kansas City charges.

After arriving at the Vernon County Jail, Mr. Abdel-Ghani befriended inmate CN. Mr. Abdel-Ghani gave CN fentanyl (identified by Abdel as fentanyl). CN then contacted other inmates in an area of the jail known as the trailer park. Abdel-Ghani was then summoned into the trailer park, where he negotiated selling the fentanyl to other inmates for jail commissary.

On January 10, Mr. Abdel-Ghani supplied fentanyl to inmates KS, GRV, SL, CN, and RL. Later in the evening, correctional officers discovered inmates KS, GRV, and SL unconscious in their jail cell. The inmates showed obvious signs of distress. Emergency medical services responded to the jail and transported the three inmates to the hospital, where inmate GRV was pronounced deceased at 1950 hours.

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During the investigation, Highway Patrol Investigators obtained video recordings of the interactions between Mr. Abdel-Ghani and the other inmates involved in the incident.

Mr. Abdel-Ghani was observed providing an unknown substance is CN. After being summoned into the trailer park, Mr. Abdel-Ghani stood in a circle with the other inmates.

During the conversation, Abdel-Ghani reached down towards his left lower leg and appeared to retrieve an item with his right hand. The inmates took turns, one by one, sitting in an area of the jail cell out of camera view. The inmates are seen passing items back and forth, including a snorting straw. Multiple inmates wipe/manipulate their nose after returning into camera view. After consuming the substance, inmate GRV lost consciousness, followed by inmates SL and KS.

An autopsy was performed on GRV and determined his death was a result of acute fentanyl intoxication.

☒ I believe the defendant will not appear in court to respond to a criminal summons or poses a danger to the community because: Mr. Abdel-Ghani has a history of failing to appear for court appearances. In addition, he was identified as a known drug dealer, who smuggled illegal drugs into the Vernon County Jail, which caused the death of another.



Signature

03-19-2024

Date