



STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

STATE OF MISSOURI
COUNTY OF NEWTON

Date: March 5, 2025 (today's date)

I, Detective D. Moyer, knowing that **false statements on this form are punishable by law**, state that the facts contained herein are true.

- I have probable cause to believe that on March 5, 2025(offense date) at a location Within Newton County (offense location), John Joseph., (suspect name) a [REDACTED] (suspect description) committed one or more criminal offense(s) of : Trafficking Drugs in the First Degree, RSMO 579.065, Unlawful Use of Weapons, RSMO 571.030 and Stealing, RSMO 570.010. (State name of offense and statute number)

Name: John Joseph

Arrested: March 5, 2025 , 6:00 ; P.M.(Arrest date and time or NOT IN CUSTODY)

- The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On March 5, 2025, John Joseph committed the offenses of Trafficking Drugs in the First Degree and Unlawful use of Weapon at a location in Newton County, Missouri. During this incident Joplin Flex Platoon Detectives observed Joseph engage in a "hand to hand" narcotic transaction after getting out of a pick up truck. Joseph was detained after getting back into his truck and searched. During the search a large package of a substance, believed to be fentanyl was located in his pocket. This package was later found to weigh 11 grams. A search was then conducted of Joseph's 2022 Ram pick up truck where I located approximately one gram of fentanyl, multiple items of drug paraphernalia consistent with the ingestion of fentanyl and an H&K 9mm pistol (SN: [REDACTED] . Joseph stated under Miranda that he provided \$600 for package located in his pocket. The H&K pistol was later found to have been reported as stolen from a residence in Joplin in 2016. NIC: G843835284

- MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES:** (If seeking a warrant) I am requesting issuance of an arrest warrant based on the following:

☐ I believe that the defendant will not appear in court in response to a criminal summons because: (State specific facts supporting your belief)

Justin Mayer