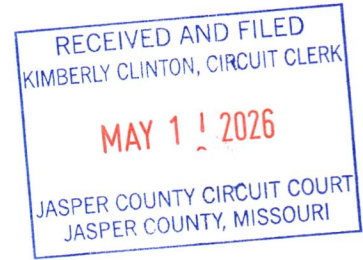




STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE



STATE OF MISSOURI
COUNTY OF Jasper

Date: 5/11/2026

I, Detective Trent McMain, 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 May 6, 2026, at the address of 2600 S River Street, in the City of Carthage, County of Jasper, State of Missouri, Ryan Keith Palmer committed one or more criminal offense(s) of: Sexual Contact with a Student (RSMo 566.086) and Sexual Abuse in the First Degree (RSMo 566.100)

Name: Ryan Keith Palmer
Address: 11738 County Road 160
Arrested: May 7, 2026, at 4:05 PM

- 2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On May 6, 2026, officers with the Carthage Police Department received a report of sexual assault.

During a forensic interview, the victim, a 17-year-old student at Carthage High School, disclosed that Ryan Palmer, who was acting in his capacity as a sports trainer providing services to Carthage High School students and affiliated athletic programs, engaged in sexual contact with her.

The victim reported that while alone with Palmer in the school training room, she was positioned on a treatment table when Palmer placed his hands beneath her clothing and undergarments and knowingly touched her breasts and genitals. The victim stated the contact was sexual in nature and was not consistent with any legitimate medical diagnosis or treatment.

The victim further reported that she did not consent to the contact. Further, she felt like she could not resist due to fear, citing Palmer's physical size, her vulnerable position on the treatment table, and her inability to call for help.

The victim also disclosed that Palmer provided her with a gift and engaged in grooming-type behavior both prior to and following the incident, further demonstrating his sexual intent and his position of authority and trust over her as a student.

Palmer's account closely corroborated the victim's description of the setting and sequence of events. While he denied the contact was sexual in nature and claimed it was consistent with standard treatment, Palmer admitted that his hand can slip during treatment and acknowledged circumstances consistent with the victim's account. Palmer further stated he did not believe the victim was lying about the incident and indicated he did not want her to suffer from this incident.


- 3. MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES: I am requesting the 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:

I believe that the defendant poses a danger to a crime victim / the community or to any other person based on the nature and circumstances of the offenses. The defendant, Ryan Palmer, poses an ongoing danger to the community, particularly to minor students. The defendant used his position of authority and trust as a sports trainer to gain access to and isolate a juvenile victim in a private school training room. Under the guise of legitimate medical treatment. The defendant's actions demonstrate predatory behavior, a clear willingness to exploit his professional role for personal sexual gratification, and the use of grooming tactics both before and after the

assault. Given the defendant's continued access to other student-athletes, the private nature of training sessions, and his established pattern of isolating minors in vulnerable positions, there is a substantial risk that the defendant could commit similar offenses against other victims if released.

Print Name: Trent McMain

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Name: Carthage Police Department

Agency Case Number: 26-1133

OCN: Pending