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## Probable Cause Wynn

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MCDONALD COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 11/16/2021

Case #: 21-02166

I, Donavon Pierson, Deputy Sheriff of McDonald County

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 11/16/2021, at 1896 Pleasant Grove Road, Anderson MO 64831

SUSPECT NAME: Dawn Renee Wynn

DOB: 05/20/1974

HGT: 5'02", WGT: 170lbs

ADDRESS: 1896 Pleasant Grove Road, Anderson Missouri, 64831

OCN:

TIME OF ARREST: 12:30

committed one or more criminal offenses: Murder 2nd Degree 565.021-001Y20200999, Armed Criminal Action 571.015-001Y20205299

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 11/16/2021 I was requested to respond to 1896 Pleasant Grove Road, Anderson Missouri in reference to a Deceased male with a possible gunshot wound. Upon arrival I made contact with Corporal Rebecca Ernest and Lieutenant Michael Hall with the McDonald County Sheriff's Office. I was advised that a male subject, later identified as Harold Wynn was deceased in a 5th wheel camper. I was advised that his wife, Dawn Wynn had called the McDonald County 911 Dispatch Center and reported a possible gunshot wound. I then interviewed Wynn.

Wynn was sitting in Corporal Ernest's patrol vehicle unsecured when I approached. Wynn was advised of her Constitutional Rights both verbally and in writing to which she acknowledged her rights and agreed to speak. Wynn reported that she was awoken by something "brushing" her face and a gunshot. Dawn reported being next to Harold and facing him when the shot was fired. Wynn reported that when she awoke she saw her husband in blood and called 911. During the interview Wynn reported the weapon was possibly stored on the bottom most shelf of a book case, which is above the "head" of the bed. Wynn reported that her two minor children were present in the 5th wheel camper, but were asleep in the living room area. While speaking with Wynn I requested consent to search her residence for evidence on this case, of which she agreed and completed a "Consent to search" form. After I spoke with her Detective Jacob Leake arrived on scene. Corporal Ernest reported securing a .40 caliber Smith & Wesson semi automatic pistol, which she reported was located between Harold at his head, facing the outward most wall and the second pillow where Dawn reported being asleep at. Ernest reported the weapon had a live round chambered in the action of the pistol, of which she made safe.

While photographing the sleeping area where Harold Wynn's remains were located I observed Harold to be laying partially on his back, with his right arm under his body and laying primarily on the right side of his

back. I also noticed that Harold's left arm was underneath the blanket and sheet of the bed, which appeared it was undisturbed. Upon closer examination I observed what appeared to be a semi circular hole in the mid rear area of Harold's head, and what appeared to be blood and matter escaping from the hole. I also observed a hole in the pillow located underneath Harold's head, and 5" from where the pistol was located. Upon examining around Harold's remains and where the pistol was reportedly stored I was unable to locate anything that would cause the weapon's trigger system to be activated and causing the weapon to go off. I was also unable to locate any surface that would be capable of discharging a striker fired pistol with "drop safe" mechanisms in place.

Based on the observations and findings of the search of the 5th wheel camper including the location of the possible gunshot wound and the position of Harold Wynn, along with the statement provided by Dawn Wynn that she was next to Harold when he was shot, and the knowledge that a Smith & Wesson semi automatic pistol is built with safeguards to prevent the weapon from firing due to a strike or trauma it is my belief that Dawn Wynn Shot Harold Wynn.

3. There are reasonable grounds to believe Dawn Wynn has limited ties to the area in which she lives, and has recently moved from out of state.

Deputy Name

Printed:Donavon Pierson [Signature]

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donavon Pierson', written over a horizontal line.