

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) SS.
 COUNTY OF LAWRENCE)

I, Officer Bodee Hern, a Patrol Officer with the Aurora-Marionville Police Department of Lawrence County, Missouri, being duly sworn and on my oath, do state, aver, and affirm as follows:

I believe there is probable cause **Nicholas McKeever** committed the following offenses

Charge 1: POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

579.015-001Y20223599

Charge 2: UNLAWFUL POSSESSION, TRANSPORT, MANUFACTURE, OR SALE OF
 ILLEGAL WEAPON 571-020-002Y20205299

Charge 3:

Charge 4:

Charge 5:

This law enforcement officer requests a warrant in pursuant of Missouri Supreme Court Rule 22.03.

It is upon belief that:

On 8-19-2025 at approximately 1929 hours, I observed a black and grey Dodge Ram pickup truck blocking the alley way south of Cofield near Elliott. I made contact with the driver later identified as Nicholas McKeever. I informed McKeever that he could not block the right of way in the alley. I asked McKeever for his driver's license. McKeever provided a valid Missouri driver's license. I requested dispatch to run McKeever though MULES/NCIC. Dispatch advised me McKeever had an active warrant from Aurora PD.

I had McKeever step out of the truck and I placed him under arrest. In a search of McKeever's person, I found a cut straw that had a white crystal substance in side of it. I field tested the substance on scene and it tested positive for methamphetamine.

I began a probable cause search of the truck. Under the radio in an open compartment, I located a steel pipe with crimped ends and a fuse coming out of the top. I called dispatch and requested the Springfield Bomb Squad to respond. Det. Stoneking from the Greene County Sheriff's Office responded with the bomb truck. The bomb squad techs determined the metal pipe was an improvised explosive device (IED). The bomb squad took possession of the IED and took it to the Aurora PD gun range where it was taken apart and then disposed of the IED via a controlled detonation. The bomb squad techs told me on scene the powder they were able to recover from inside of the IED was consistent with "flash powder." A common powder found in fireworks.

The cut straw and explosive material will be sent to the Missouri crime lab for further testing.

I believe a high bond or no bond should be issued due to McKeever possessing an IED and currently being out on bond from Stone County with felony charges.

Defendant will fail to appear

- ☐ Defendant fled from officer(s) during arrest.
- ☒ Defendant has failed to appear at previous court hearings.
- ☐ Defendant is not a resident of the State of Missouri.
- ☐ Defendant is not a resident of the United States of America.

Defendant poses a danger to the crime victim, the community, or any other person.

- ☐ Alleged offense is violent.
- ☐ Crime victim fears defendant.
- ☒ Considerations for danger of community due to **Suspect in possession an IED and dangerous drugs.**
- ☒ Alleged offense included a weapon.
- ☒ Pending charge(s) at time of this incident are **Possession of a controlled substance and Domestic assault 3rd degree. Both charges are from Stone County**
- ☐ Is currently on probation or parole.
- ☐ Defendant is currently under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Defendant exhibits signs of...

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, upon his/her oath, states the facts stated herein are true according to his best information, knowledge, and belief.

Signed and subscribed this 20th day August of , 2025.



Officer Bodee Hern #833