

OCN #

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 03/05/2024

I, K. Van Meter, a Police Officer for the St. Joseph, Missouri Police Department, 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 02/26/2024, at 3401 Renick St, Whitney R. Lanning committed one or more criminal offense(s): Harassment

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

I, Detective Kylee Van Meter with the Saint Joseph, MO Police Department have probable cause to believe Whitney R. Lanning, committed the crime of harassment on February 26th, 2024 in Buchanan County, MO.

The relevant facts supporting a probable cause determination are as follows: According to police reports, witnesses, and audio/video evidence the victim and Whitney R. Lanning were at 3401 Renick St. for a school board meeting. After the executive session concluded, Whitney R. Lanning approached the victim in the doorway as she was leaving and began screaming profanities in her face. Whitney R. Lanning then followed the victim through multiple rooms of the building while screaming that she was going to assault her. Witness 1 had to intervene between Whitney R. Lanning and the victim due to his belief that Whitney R. Lanning was going to physically assault the victim. Whitney R. Lanning threw her property against a wall while screaming threats and profanities at the victim. Whitney R. Lanning told the victim multiple times that she was going to assault her, as well as Witness 2. This put the victim in fear and has caused and continues to cause emotional distress from this incident and several priors the victim reported.

Based on the facts described and the inferences drawn from them, Whitney R. Lanning committed the crime of harassment by causing emotional distress without good cause on February 26th, 2024, in Buchanan County, MO.

For issuance of a warrant in a misdemeanor case, also complete the following, if appropriate.

3. I believe that the defendant will not appear in court in response to a criminal summons because:

(a)

(b) I believe that the defendant poses:

(1) a danger to the crime victim because:

The victim and defendant currently serve on the same local school board and are often required to be around each other and communicate.

(2) a danger to the community or other person because:

K. Van Meter
Printed Name

[Handwritten Signature]
Signature