

I, Det Brian Wastella, a Law Enforcement officer for the Augusta Police Department, being first duly sworn, do hereby depose and swear that I have Probable Cause to believe, and do believe that:

DEFENDANT'S NAME- Kweasia McBride  
DEFENDANT'S ADDRESS- [REDACTED] Harlem , NY  
DEFENDANT'S DOB- [REDACTED]

has committed the following offense(s)-

- 1) 17A-1105-A.1.C-1- Aggravated Trafficking Scheduled Drugs
- 2) 17A-211.1- Reckless Conduct w/Firearm

ATN/CTN : 181548B001/002

The basis for my Probable Cause is as follows:

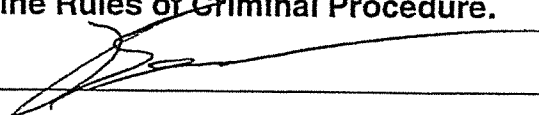
1. On June 26, 2016 at approximately 1725hrs, officers from the Augusta Police Department responded to Wal-Mart, located at 201 Civic Center Drive in Augusta for the report of gunshots. Prior to the officers arrival a reporting party advised dispatch one of the vehicles involved was a white Ford Taurus bearing Maine license plate [REDACTED].
2. Dispatch was advised the vehicle was said to have a white female driver and an African American male passenger. Dispatch was advised the Taurus has left the area. In running a DMV query dispatch verified that license plate comes back to a white 1996 Ford Taurus registered to [REDACTED]. Through past investigations I am familiar with this vehicle and know it to be often operated by Samantha Tupper.
3. A short time later this vehicle was located by patrol units at [REDACTED] Mayflower Rd, in Augusta and was occupied by Tupper and an African American male identified verbally as Kweasia McBride. Through past investigations I know Tupper and McBride to sell narcotics in the central Maine area. McBride was search and found to be in possession of 42.0 grams of what appeared to be heroin. This item was field tested and tested positive for the presence of heroin.
4. Officers observed several small roundish holes on the passenger side door area that appeared to be bullet holes. Officers also advised McBride had several lacerations to the area of his head and was bleeding.
5. Officers arriving on scene at Wal-Mart made contact with an African American male identified as Frankie Dejesus and an African American female identified as Diana Davis in a silver Volkswagon [REDACTED]. Officers on scene observed a small round hole, consistent with a bullet hole near the driver's side door of the Volkswagon.
6. Officers on scene at Wal-Mart recovered a firearm from the Volkswagon and another on the ground in the parking lot near the incident. Officers also observed several bullet casings on the ground in the area of the Volkswagon.
7. In speaking with Tupper, she advised me while driving to Wal Mart she made contact with McBride on Mt Vernon Ave. Tupper stated she offered McBride a ride who got in the passenger seat of her vehicle. At the same time they were approached by a silver Volkswagon later confirmed to be bearing Maine license plate [REDACTED]. Tupper stated the Volkswagon was driven by an African American male who was later identified as Frankie Dejesus. Tupper stated there were three female passengers in the vehicle at that time. Tupper stated she only knows these females as HARLEY, BLUE and C. C is an African American female who was later identified as Diana Davis. Through past investigations I

am familiar with BLUE and Davis and know them to be involved in the illegal drug trade in the central Maine area.

- 8. After speaking with McBride, Tupper, Dejesus and Davis they all agreed the dispute at hand was in regards to money being owed between parties. All parties involved agreed that BLUE and Davis got into the rear seat of Tupper's vehicle and they drove to Wal-Mart. Once at Wal-Mart the silver Volkswagon parked next to Tupper's vehicle and all the occupants got out of both vehicles. A verbal argument ensued between McBride, Tupper, Dejesus and Davis. McBride, Tupper and Dejesus all stated that Davis was instigating this argument and was being told by the others to stop arguing.
- 9. Detectives spoke with McBride who claims Tupper got back in the driver's seat of her vehicle and he got into the passenger seat. McBride stated that after sitting in Tupper's vehicle he observed Dejesus point a handgun out the driver's side of his vehicle at him. McBride stated in fear of being shot, McBride drew his handgun and began firing at Dejesus. McBride did not want to speak about any of his injuries or how he got them. Tupper stated after both parties stopped firing their handguns, McBride exits the vehicle and begins fighting with Dejesus and Davis. Tupper stated Dejesus and Davis began beating McBride observing Dejesus hitting McBride in the head with the butt of his gun while Davis restrained McBride. In speaking with Dejesus he admitted to he and Davis fighting with McBride stating they did it in self defense.
- 10. In speaking with Dejesus, he claims after McBride got into Tupper's vehicle, McBride pointed a firearm at him and began shooting. Dejesus stated in fear of being shot, Dejesus drew his handgun and began firing at McBride. Dejesus denied shooting at McBride first.
- 11. Augusta Police Dispatch could not get McBride to come back on file and was unable to locate any criminal history on him. At this time it is unknown if McBride is providing him with his correct name.
- 12. On 06-26-15 McBride was placed under arrest for Aggravated Trafficking of Scheduled Drugs and Reckless Conduct with a Firearm. I contacted Bail Commissioner Wayne Michaud who advised McBride be held on \$50,000.00 cash bail. McBride was transported to the Kennebec County Jail without incident.

Based upon the above facts, your affiant requests that the Complaint Justice and/or District Court Judge find that there is probable cause to believe that the above-referenced offense(s) has/have been committed, and that the above-named defendant has committed that/those offenses pursuant to Rule 4(A) of the Maine Rules of Criminal Procedure.

SIGNATURE OF AFFIANT-

  
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DATED: 6-27-16

STATE OF MAINE

KENNEBEC, SS

Personally appeared before me the above-named, Det Brian Wastella, a duly sworn Law Enforcement Officer, and made oath as to the truth of the foregoing affidavit signed by him/her in my presence.