

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI
AT KANSAS CITY**

Police# 17-070884/17-063457/ 16-061322
Prosecutor# 095440942
OCN# b2109678

AMENDED COMPLAINT

STATE OF MISSOURI

vs.

Fredrick D Scott

DOB: 11/18/1994; Race/Sex: B/M;

SS# [REDACTED]

Defendant.

Count I. Murder 1st Degree (565.020-001Y19840903.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.020, RSMo, committed the class A felony of murder in the first degree punishable upon conviction under Section 565.020, RSMo, in that on or about on or about August 19, 2016, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant after deliberation, knowingly caused the death of John Palmer by shooting him.

The range of punishment for this offense is life imprisonment without eligibility for probation or parole.

Count II. Armed Criminal Action (571.015-001Y19755213.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 571.015, RSMo, committed the felony of armed criminal action, punishable upon conviction under Section 571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about on or about August 13, 2017, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of Murder in the First Degree charged in Count 1, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference,

and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of Murder in the First Degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a Deadly Weapon.

The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015 RSMo. is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than three (3) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of three (3) calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015 RSMo. as a second offense is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than five (5) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of five (5) calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015 RSMo. as a third offense is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than ten (10) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of ten (10) calendar years. Any punishment imposed pursuant to section 571.015 RSMo. shall be in addition to any punishment provided by law for the crime committed by, with, or through the use, assistance, or aid of a dangerous instrument or deadly weapon.

Count III. Murder 1st Degree (565.020-001Y19840903.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.020, RSMo, committed the class A felony of murder in the first degree punishable upon conviction under Section 565.020, RSMo, in that on or about on or about August 13, 2017, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant after deliberation, knowingly caused the death of Steve Gibbons by shooting him.

The range of punishment for this offense is life imprisonment without eligibility for probation or parole.

Count IV. Armed Criminal Action (571.015-001Y19755213.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 571.015, RSMo, committed the felony of armed criminal action, punishable upon conviction under Section 571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about on or about August 13, 2017, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of Murder in the First Degree charged in Count 1, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of Murder in the First Degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a Deadly Weapon.

The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015 RSMo. is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than three (3) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of three (3) calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015 RSMo. as a second offense is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than five (5) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of five (5) calendar years. The range of punishment for the offense of Armed Criminal Action in violation of section 571.015 RSMo. as a third offense is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than ten (10) years without eligibility for parole, probation, conditional release or suspended imposition or execution of sentence for a period of ten (10) calendar years. Any punishment imposed pursuant to section 571.015 RSMo. shall be in addition to any punishment provided by law for the crime committed by, with, or through the use, assistance, or aid of a dangerous instrument or deadly weapon.

The facts that form the basis for this information and belief are contained in the attached statement(s) of facts, made a part hereof and submitted as a basis upon which this court may find the existence of probable cause.

Wherefore, the Prosecuting Attorney prays that an arrest warrant be issued as provided by law.

/s/Bryan O. Covinsky
Bryan O. Covinsky (#47132)
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
415 E. 12th Street, Fl 7M
Kansas City, Missouri 64106
(816) 881-3368
BCovinsky@jacksongov.org

WITNESSES:

DET Alane M. Booth, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
DET Chason C. Crowell, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
DET Daniel W. Frazier, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
PO Jason R. Grizzoffi, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106
DET Hobart D. Price, 1125 Locust, Kansas City, MO 64106

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

Date: 8/29/2017

CRN: 17-70884/ 16-61322

I, Det. Alane Booth #4105
(Name and identify law enforcement officer, or person having information as probable cause.)

knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true.

I have probable cause to believe that on 8/13/2017 and 8/19/2016, at 1146 E 67th St. and Bannister and Lydia Ave in
(Date) (Address)

Kansas City, Jackson Missouri Fredrick Demond Scott
(County) (Name of Offender(s))

b/m, 10/18/1994, 6'1", 150lbs, s.s.# xxx-xx committed one or more criminal offense(s).
(Description of Identity)

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

Victim Steven Gibbons (8/13/2017)

On 08/13/2017 at 1212 hours officers were dispatched to 1146 E. 67th St., Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri in regard to a medical nature unknown. Upon arrival officers located a white male deceased at the scene who was later identified as Steven Gibbons W/M 03/18/1960. The Jackson County Medical Examiner’s Office ruled the death a homicide and the cause of death was a single gunshot wound to the back of the head, with a trajectory back to front and slightly downward.

During the investigation surveillance video was obtained and Gibbons was observed getting onto a KCATA bus at 75th Street and Troost on 08/13/2017 at 1158 hours. A black male wearing a white t-shirt, drop crotch pants, red shoes, and carrying a Brisk Iced Tea bottle, boarded the bus directly behind Gibbons. The black male sat two rows behind Gibbons. Gibbons and the black had no obvious interaction while on the bus. The KCATA bus drove north on Troost to just north of 67th Street, where Gibbons exited the bus out the back side door at approximately 12:01 hours. Once Gibbons exited the bus, the black male stood up and exited the bus out the front door. Upon exiting the bus another camera recorded Gibbons walking southbound on Troost to 67th Street. Gibbons then turned eastbound onto 67th Street. On the same camera, the black male was recorded looking around when he exited the bus. He then followed Gibbons southbound on Troost, and then eastbound on 67th Street. The black male initially kept a large gap between Gibbons and himself. The black male continued to follow Gibbons as he appeared to be closing the gap and getting closer to Gibbons. While he was walking toward Gibbons, the black male was drinking a beverage with a screw top. The camera panned away from Gibbons and the black male just prior to when they would have gotten to the scene of the crime at 1146 E. 67th Street. Approximately 42 seconds later, the black male was recorded running westbound on 67th Street from where the homicide occurred. The black male ran south on Troost and then crossed Troost to the west side. He then walked north on Troost and boarded a KCATA bus southbound at 67th Street and Troost. The bus then travelled southbound on Troost.

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

CRN 17-70884/ 16-61322

Detectives conducted a search of the area where the homicide occurred and located a 32oz Brisk Iced Tea bottle with a blue screw top just to the west of the crime scene on 67th Street. The bottle was on the north side of a fence belonging to Duracomm, a company located at 6655 Troost Ave, which provided the surveillance video. During the area canvas, detectives searched for additional surveillance video and were able to track the black male to a Cenex gas station at 7501 Troost Ave on 8/13/2017 at approximately 11:54 hours. Inside the Cenex gas station, the black male was recorded purchasing a 32oz Brisk Iced Tea with a blue screw top.

On 8/16/2017, a still photo taken from the surveillance video was distributed to law enforcement officers who were tasked with attempting to locate and identify the person in the photograph. On 8/17/2017, an officer observed a black male who matched the photo sitting on a wall at 97th and Holmes, the male was approached and provided his name as Fredrick D. Scott, 11/18/1994. Officers watched Scott as he smoked a cigarette and then threw the cigarette butt onto the ground. The officers recovered the butt and transported it to the Regional Crime Lab for testing. Undercover officers continued to watch Scott after he tossed the cigarette butt and they followed him to the address of 3318 Bridge Manor Drive, where he entered the residence.

On 8/17/2017, at 2200 hours, the Regional Crime Lab advised that the DNA recovered from the cigarette butt matched the DNA on the Brisk Iced Tea bottle found at the scene at 1146 E. 67th Street.

Scott's Statements

On 8/17/2017, at 1836 hours, Scott was arrested and transported to 1125 Locust for questioning. Scott was advised of his Miranda Rights and agreed to talk with detectives. Scott stated that he was riding the bus to go meet a friend. He got off the bus at 67th and Troost. He denied seeing the victim on the same bus. Scott admitted to shooting the victim. He stated that he was removing the gun from his pocket when it accidentally went off.

On 8/17/2017, a search warrant was served at Scott's residence, 3318 Bridge Manor Drive. During the search a 9mm handgun was recovered. During the interrogation, Scott stated that the gun recovered from his residence was the gun he used to shoot the victim. Scott stated repeatedly that he was angry over the death of his brother which had occurred in 2015.

Images discovered on Scott's cell phone included Scott taking his own photo, aka "selfies." Two selfies capturing Scott's hairstyles were dated and time stamped. In one image, dated 8/8/2017 at 6:37 PM, his hair is down, similar to a "twisties" hairstyle. In the other image, dated 8/8/2017 at 6:45 PM, his hair is pulled back into thick braided "corn rows." Gibbons was killed on 8/13/2017, and surveillance video recorded that Scott's hair was in "corn rows" just prior to the homicide on that day. When Scott was arrested on 8/17/2017, his hairstyle was down again, similar to a "twisties" hairstyle, as reflected in his selfie photograph dated 8/8/2017 at 6:37 PM. Scott advised detectives he styles his own hair.

Victim John Palmer (8/19/2016)

On 8/19/16, another man, John Palmer, w/m 8/20/61 (CRN 16-61322), was found shot several times, including in the back, and killed on the Indian Creek Trail near Bannister Road and Lydia in Kansas City, Jackson County,

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

CRN 17-70884/ 16-61322

Missouri. Palmer's body was found just off the trail in the nearby woods. His body appeared to have been dragged off the trail to its location. While searching the scene, officers found a red shirt, size medium. Officers believed the shirt was too small to belong to Palmer. After sending the shirt to the Regional Crime Lab, the shirt was determined to contain the apparent blood of Palmer and another source of unknown DNA.

Two shell casings, headstamped "RP 9mm Luger," were located near Palmer's body in the grass along the walking trail. Scott reported stolen a 9mm handgun on 8/17/17, two days before the homicide.

On 8/17/2017, the DNA recovered from the Brisk Ice tea bottle in CRN 17-70884 was submitted to the Regional Crime Lab for comparison to the DNA recovered from a red shirt found on 8/19/16 (CRN 16-61322). The Lab advised the DNA recovered from the Brisk Iced Tea bottle matched the DNA found at the scene of the previous homicide.

Scott's Statements

On 08/17/2017, Fredrick D. Scott, B/M, 10-18-1994, was identified as a suspect in a homicide investigation that occurred on 8/19/16 CRN 16-61322. Scott waived his Miranda Rights and admitted to having shot the victim John Palmer, w/m, 8/20/61 CRN 16-61322 (multiple gunshots and 9 MM shell casings at the scene). Scott admitted to dragging the body away from the trail into the overgrowth and tree line.

Victim David Lenox (02/27/2017)

On 02/27/2017, at 2251 hours, KCPD officers were dispatched to 9939 Walnut, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, the Willow Creek Apartment Complex, on a reported shooting. Upon arrival officers discovered a deceased W/M with an apparent gunshot wound to the back of the head. The victim was later identified as David Lenox W/M 03/23/1950, a resident within the Willow Creek Complex. Officers also noted a small brown dog on a leash standing next to the victim, which was later confirmed to belong to the victim. The victim was pronounced deceased at the scene. A single Blazer .380 caliber spent shell casing was discovered lying on the ground almost under the victim. The victim's cause of death was ruled by the Jackson County Medical Examiner's Office as a gunshot wound to the head, and the manner of death as a homicide.

The spent shell casing that was recovered at the scene was forwarded to the lab for analysis. During lab analysis of the shell casing, firearm experts noted that the casing could have been fired from a 9mm gun based on their observations. Further analysis indicated a search of firearm databases based on the casing characteristics revealed the casing could had been fired from a SCCY XP-1 or XP-2 9mm handgun.

Scott's Statements

Scott denied involvement in the Lenox homicide in the Willow Creek Apartments. But Scott admitted he had a friend who resided at the Willow Creek Apartments in a ground floor apartment. Scott also admitted that he reported a 9 MM stolen on 2/22/2017, which was five days prior to the Lenox homicide. Scott also admitted he reported handguns stolen in connection with the previous two homicides he had confessed to committing

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

CRN 17-70884/ 16-61322

(victims Gibbons (SCCY (9mm) and Palmer (SCCY CPX-2 (9mm)). Scott admitted that the reason he reported the handguns stolen was to disassociate himself from the handguns he used in the shootings.

Officers spoke with a former tenant of Willow Creek Apartments who stated that Scott had randomly befriended him a few years ago when the tenant was outdoors, near his apartment. The former tenant stated he and Scott would walk the complex sometimes and talk. Officers noted that the former tenant’s apartment was a short distance from the Lenox homicide. Scott would regularly stop by, sometimes daily, prior to the tenant moving out shortly after the Lenox homicide. The former tenant said he would usually see Scott exit the Willow Creek Complex on foot at the 99th St. side driveway (Willow Creek access drive) east of Wornall Rd.

Timothy Rice (4/4/2017)

On 4/4/2017, Timothy Rice, a homeless W/M, was shot multiple times, including the head, and killed near the Indian Creek Trail under a shelter house, 1601 E Red Bridge Rd., in Kansas City, Jackson County. On 4/4/2017, the same day of the homicide, two hours after the victim was found deceased under the shelter house, Scott reported a Taurus M709 (9mm) stolen. Several spent Winn Luger 9 MM shell casings were discovered near the scene.

Michael Darby (5/18/2017)

On 5/18/2017, Michael Darby (CRN 17-45767), W/M, 9/30/55, was found with a single gunshot to the back of the head, on the Indian Creek Trail near 373 W 101 Terr. Officers found a .22 caliber shell casing near where Darby’s body was found. During Scott’s interview on 8/17/2017, he was shown a video clip of an “unknown male” walking in the area of 99th and Holmes Rd and accessing the Indian Creek Trail on the same day and prior to the murder of Darby. Scott confirmed he was the person in the video clip.

Scott’s Statements

On 8/17/2017, during his interview with detectives, Scott said under his breath, “they didn’t see it coming.”

Scott’s documented residential addresses during the time of the five homicides were located within or around the geographic area of 89th St. to Red Bridge Rd and from Troost Ave to Wayne Ave.

At the time of the Timothy Rice homicide (17-23766) and the Michael Darby homicide (17-45767), Scott resided at 3318 E. Bridge Manor Dr., Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, the same address where a search warrant was served on 8/18/17 where a 9 MM handgun was discovered which Scott had also previously reported stolen, and which he confirmed he used to shoot the w/m victim (Gibbons) on 8/13/17. Finally, during the execution of the search warrant on 3318 E. Bridge Manor Dr., numerous shell casings were located in and around Scott’s residence to include 9 MM and .380 caliber spent shell casings. The homicide investigations revealed Scott purchased four guns between 8/15/2016-6/20/2017; three SCCY 9 MM handguns and a Taurus 9 MM. The 9 MM recovered from Scott’s residence on 8/18/17 was discovered to have (4) live 9 MM luger rounds within the magazine. Recovered next to the same gun, detectives observed a magazine which contained (1) 9 MM Luger live round and (1) .380 Blazer live round. The spent shell casing at the Lenox scene was a .380 Blazer. Of the

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT FORM

CRN 17-70884/ 16-61322

four handguns purchased by Scott, all were reported stolen by Scott. Only one handgun has been recovered. It should be noted that Scott initially claimed to detectives that he threw the 9 MM handgun he used to shoot Gibbons on 8/13/17 (17-70884) off of the Troost Av bridge at 85th St after leaving the scene by KCATA bus. But later Scott conceded that the 9 MM handgun recovered from his residence on 8/18/17 was in fact the handgun he had used to shoot Gibbons.

Scott mowed lawns to make money and from 7/21/16 to 8/15/16, he worked at Burger King, located at Red Bridge Road and Holmes, in Kansas City, Jackson County.

During the investigation, it was determined that Scott does not have a car. His two primary modes of transportation were walking and the KCATA bus lines. But he had been known to ask for rides from neighbors or associates.

Scott's Statements

Scott admitted and described his usage and familiarity with the Indian Creek Walking Trail and surrounding roadways via the KCATA bus lines to include Holmes Rd, Troost Av, and Wornall Rd, from 75th St. to Red Bridge Rd, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri. Scott stated he routinely used the Indian Creek Trail for shortcuts to his destinations. It should be noted the south side of the Willow Creek Apartment Complex can be accessed on foot from the Indian Creek Trail as well as from the Wornall Rd entrance and from the 99th St. access drive as the "gated" community is not secured from pedestrian traffic.

Fredrick D. Scott was charged with Murder I on 8/18/2017 for the Gibbons homicide (17-70884).

Printed Name Det. Alane Booth #4105 Signature /s/ Det. Alane Booth

The Court finds probable cause and directs the issuance of a warrant this _____ day of _____.

Judge

Circuit Court of _____ County, State of Missouri.