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PC Statement- H Ames

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

RANDOLPH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

I the undersigned, Lt. Nathan West 568 am a Law Enforcement Officer employed by the Randolph County Sheriff's Office. I have probable cause to believe that **Hunter Tyne Ames** Committed one or more criminal offense(s).

Age: 19

Sex: Male

Race: White

Height: 5-11

Weight: 150

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

Suspect Address: [REDACTED]

Employer: [REDACTED]

OCN: NA

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The facts supporting this belief occurred on or about May 6, 2026, in Randolph County Missouri, as follows:

On May 6, 2026 the parents of [REDACTED] reported her as a missing person to the Randolph County Sheriff's Office (RCSO). Through the course of the investigation, investigators determined [REDACTED] was kidnapped by [REDACTED] and his [REDACTED]. Investigators learned that [REDACTED] told multiple individuals, to include Hunter Ames, that she and [REDACTED] had taken [REDACTED] in the trunk of [REDACTED] vehicle to Rudolf Bennett Conservation area and assaulted her with a blunt object, and shot her. Investigators had received information that **Ames had provided [REDACTED] with the firearm she used to shoot [REDACTED]**

[REDACTED] vehicle was located inoperable on Rt. EE near the West Outer Rd. [REDACTED] advised Investigators he and [REDACTED] did ride in [REDACTED] vehicle, and it did break down on Rt. EE near the West Outer Rd. Video surveillance captures [REDACTED] walking together on May 6, 2026, which is the last time [REDACTED] can be accounted for.

Lt. N West 568 has conducted **several noncustodial interviews with Ames** in reference to this investigation. Through these interviews **Ames advised he participated in aiding in [REDACTED] actions to kidnap [REDACTED] or assisted in discarding evidence or detouring law enforcement.** It should be noted, each time Ames was interviewed, was after I would receive a tip of his involvement, and when confronted would provide further information that he had lied or omitted in prior interviews.

Ames advised on May 5, 2026 he, [REDACTED] and others drove to where [REDACTED]. Ames stated prior to this, [REDACTED] got motor oil out of the bed of an acquaintance's truck. Ames stated when they arrived at the residence, [REDACTED] put motor oil in the fuel tank of [REDACTED] red vehicle. A search warrant was executed on [REDACTED] known phone number, to Verizon Wireless. Verizon Wireless confirmed [REDACTED] was the account holder.

On May 5, 2026, at approximately 0300 hours, I observed [REDACTED] phone was near [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] also corroborated this occurred.

Ames stated in the late morning hours of May 6, 2026, [REDACTED] woke him up asking for his pistol. Ames stated [REDACTED] was at the residence as well, and [REDACTED] told Ames that they had someone in the trunk of [REDACTED] White Chevrolet Impala. Ames stated [REDACTED] told him she needed his pistol to "take care" of it. Ames stated he allowed [REDACTED] to take his pistol, and she and [REDACTED] left in his Chevrolet Impala. Ames stated in the afternoon time, [REDACTED] returned. Ames stated [REDACTED] told him that they took the individual to Rudolf Bennett, drug her from the trunk of the vehicle, assaulted them and then shot and killed them. Ames stated he confirmed [REDACTED] was talking about shooting [REDACTED] Video surveillance that captures the east side of [REDACTED] and Ames's residence corroborates the statements provided by Ames.

Ames further advised on May 8, 2026 he, [REDACTED] and others discarded an expandable baton, which he knew was used to assault [REDACTED] with. Ames stated after law enforcement executed a search warrant at his residence, he located the expandable baton still there. At this time, no one had advised law enforcement a weapon like this was used in the commission of the crime. Ames stated he wanted to discard the baton, so he had [REDACTED] drive him to a rural area to do so. [REDACTED] and Ames showed Law Enforcement where the baton was left. [REDACTED] corroborated Ames's admission.

Probable Cause Statement as if herein stated verbatim. This statement sets forth only a minimum amount of facts necessary to establish probable cause that the defendant committed one or more criminal offense(s). Additional facts regarding those criminal offenses may not have been included in this statement. The facts contained in this Probable Cause Statement are true to the best of my knowledge.

NOTICE

Any false statements herein that are made with the purpose to deceive and knowingly made as to a material fact, with the purpose to mislead and sworn to for the purpose of establishing probable cause, or with the purpose to mislead and submitted in writing for the purpose of establishing probable cause are punishable by law.

Dated: 05-12-2026

Print: Lieutenant Nathan West 568

Signature: /s/ Lt. N West 568

RANDOLPH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE