

MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL
PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

STATE OF MISSOURI }

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COUNTY OF MONITEAU}

CASE # 200041548

DATE: 02/10/2020

OCN:

I, Sergeant Darrin R. Haslag, 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 Justin Lee Trimble d.o.b. [REDACTED] SSN [REDACTED], on August 7, 2019, August 16, 2019, November 17, 2019, and November 18, 2019, at MFA Oil, 1105 Buchanan Street, California, Missouri, committed the offense(s) listed below:

Fraudulent use of a credit device (Class A Misdemeanor) RSMo 570.130

Stealing (Class D Misdemeanor) RSMo 570.030

2. State the facts that support a finding of probable cause to believe crime(s) was/were committed and that the accused committed the crime(s): In January of 2020, Missouri State Highway Patrol Investigator's became involved in an investigation into the misuse of Moniteau County funds by the former Moniteau County Assessor, A.T. During the course of the investigation, investigators identified 123 suspicious fuel purchases were made using a MFA Petro 24 Fuel Card, which was issued to the Moniteau County Assessor's Office. Initially, these 123 fuel purchases were identified as not being documented in the fuel log for the vehicle it was intended to be used for. Furthermore, these fuel purchases were considered suspicious because they far exceeded previous years fuel purchases for the office, were fuel purchases made at times when the assessor's office was closed (nights, weekends, holidays), were sometimes for gallon quantities that exceeded those capable of being held in the county vehicle, and because on some dates, records indicated more than one fueling occurred in a day. Investigators learned that two fuel cards were issued to the assessor's office, with one being kept in the 2008 Ford Escape, exclusively used by a field reviewer in the office.

On February 6, 2019, investigators obtained point of sale information for the 123 suspicious fuel purchases, from MFA Oil Company. The point of sale information includes date, time, location, and total gallons purchased. In addition, photographs of the person swiping the MFA Petro 24 Fuel Card, at pump, were provided. While on some dates the camera was inoperative and unable to record a photograph, of the 123 fuel purchases, 99 showed the former Moniteau County Assessor, A.T., as the person making the fuel purchases.

While examining the photographs provided by MFA Oil Company, investigators identified four fuel purchases made by A.T.'s husband, Justin Trimble, at MFA Oil, in California, Missouri. Justin Trimble is seen on the photographs using the Moniteau County fuel card to procure fuel and was identified by comparing the images at the fuel pump to social media posts and Department of Revenue photographs of Trimble. The four fuel purchases made by Justin Trimble totalled 47.99 gallons, at a cost to the county of \$113.45.

It should be noted that when using the MFA Petro 24 Fuel card, a P.I.N. is required at the time of purchase. Justin Trimble would have had to enter the specific number assigned to the card issued to the Moniteau County Assessor's Office, in order to buy fuel at the time of the purchases, for which pictures of him are captured.

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Sgt. Darrin R. Haslag

Signature

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