

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

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I, Sheriff Joe Colston, a law enforcement officer, upon my oath, under penalties of perjury, state as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that Lyle W. Miller

committed one or more criminal offenses.

1) MURDER 2ND DEGREE - RSMO - 565.021-001Y20200999.0

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows: On Friday, July 28, 2023, members of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and the Missouri State Highway Patrol were executing a search warrant at the L.M. residence located at 13363 Monroe Road 1114 Madison, Missouri based on information collected the previous day. While executing said search warrant myself and other investigators interviewed WITNESS at approximately 0945 hours in reference to a missing person case involving VICTIM

During the interview WITNESS stated that on the evening VICTIM went missing he observed L.M. in his 1992 Chevrolet Lumina driving eastbound from Madison, Missouri at a high rate of speed at a late hour. WITNESS stated the next morning, around daybreak, L.M. woke him up to assist with extinguishing a brush fire near a new pond located at 13626 Monroe Road 1114. WITNESS described other suspicious behavior exhibited by L.M., including probing a pond on a 40-acre plot owned by L.M.

WITNESS stated that around April of 2023 he was discussing a news release with L.M. about a mushroom hunter finding possible remains south of Paris, Missouri, possibly being those of VICTIM and L.M. stated that was not where VICTIM was. WITNESS stated a few days later L.M. stated that he had killed VICTIM by striking her in the head and had placed her body in the pond on his 40-acre plot. Based on this information we obtained a search warrant for the 40-acre plot confirmed to be owned by L.M. south of Route AA. The pond at the property was searched by the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Dive Team. During the search remains were located in the pond consistent with those of VICTIM WITNESS stated L.M. was upset with VICTIM because he stated VICTIM owed him money for wages for work he performed for her.

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

- a. There is an outstanding warrant for his arrest for other criminal charges
- b. He has previously failed to respond to criminal summons
- c. He is not a Missouri resident and has minimal Missouri contacts
- d. Other: Please explain:

I believe that defendant poses:

- a. A danger to the crime victim because
- b. A danger to the community or to any other person because *he is the suspect in a murder investigation, in which it is alleged he killed an elderly female.*
- c. A danger to the community or to any other person because the subject in question is a convicted felon and "it is well-established that felons are more likely to commit violent crimes than are other law abiding citizens." *United States v. Barton*, 633 F.3d 168. 175 (3d Cir. 2011)



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