

MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL **24CM-CR01094**
PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

STATE OF MISSOURI }

MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

COUNTY OF CAMDEN;

CFS # 240431519

DATE: August 31, 2024

OCN:

I, Cpl. N.J. Shinkle, 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 Christopher A. Wehmeyer, on August 31, 2024, at approximately 0130 hours, committed the offense(s) listed below:

575.151-001Y20244902 - FELONY A - Aggravated fleeing a stop or detention of a motor vehicle- results in death (Valentine's Law)

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):

On August 31, 2024, at approximately 0117 hours, an on-duty officer with the Osage Beach Police Department observed a passenger vehicle traveling westbound on US 54. The officer believed the vehicle to be traveling at an excessive speed and confirmed with [REDACTED] a radar unit that the vehicle was traveling 90 miles per hour. The officer activated the emergency lighting equipment and audible siren on the patrol vehicle [REDACTED] was driving and attempted to initiate a traffic stop of the vehicle, but the driver, later identified as Christopher A. Wehmeyer, date of birth [REDACTED] failed to stop. Wehmeyer continued to drive westbound on US 54 and reached speeds well in excess of 100 miles per hour. As Wehmeyer traveled past the intersection of US 54 and Case Road in Osage Beach, Osage Beach Police Department [REDACTED] who was also on-duty and in another patrol vehicle, activated the emergency lighting equipment in [REDACTED] patrol vehicle and became involved in the pursuit.

Wehmeyer exited US 54 at the Route Y exit and eventually traveled eastbound on Route A. Wehmeyer continued to refuse to stop to the emergency lighting equipment and audible siren of the patrol vehicle(s) and drove at excessive speeds, sometimes reaching speeds over 100 miles per hour. A review of dash camera footage showed several times where the officer's vehicle was directly behind Wehmeyer's vehicle, with emergency lighting equipment and siren activated.

As Wehmeyer failed to yield and [REDACTED] continued to attempt to assist in Wehmeyer's apprehension, [REDACTED] was involved in a single-vehicle crash on Route A in Camden County. [REDACTED] succumbed to the injuries [REDACTED] sustained in the crash and was pronounced dead at the scene.

At approximately 0138 hours, Wehmeyer was also involved in a single-vehicle crash in which the vehicle Wehmeyer was operating, [REDACTED] became disabled. Wehmeyer was taken into custody by the Osage Beach Police Department and subsequently transported to the Camden County Jail.

On August 31, 2024, at approximately 0455 hours, in a post-Miranda interview, Wehmeyer told me he was racing with a friend immediately prior to officers attempting to initiate a traffic stop on his vehicle. Wehmeyer said he saw the LED emergency lighting equipment and knew law enforcement officers were in pursuit of him but fled from officers in attempt to avoid being charged with traffic violations.

3. For the issuance of a warrant in a misdemeanor case, complete the following, if appropriate.

A. I believe the defendant will not appear in court to respond to a criminal summons because

Insert facts to show the defendant will not appear, e.g. there is an outstanding warrant for failure to appear

B. I believe the defendant poses: *Insert one or all of the following*
Insert facts showing defendant is a danger to victim, e.g. cursing victim, assaulted victim, threatened victim.

(1) a danger to a crime victim because

Insert facts showing defendant poses a danger, e.g. intoxicated to a level which is unsafe

(2) a danger to the community or to any other person because

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Cpl M J Shukla
Signature

August 31, 2024
Date

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