

STATE OF MISSOURI

vs.

JENNIFER A JOHNSON

DOB: [REDACTED]

SSN: [REDACTED]

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

I, ADAM M WARD

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 on 04/17/2021, at
1003 ELLETA BLVD, COLUMBIA 65202,

JENNIFER A JOHNSON B/F [REDACTED]
committed one or more criminal offense(s):
565.021-001Y202009 MURDER 2ND DEGREE

F/M: F COUNTS: 1 CHARGE TYPE: S

568.060-001Y202038 ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF A CHILD - RESULTING IN DEATH UNDER SEC.

F/M: F COUNTS: 1 CHARGE TYPE: S

568.045-017Y202038 ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD - 1ST DEGREE - DEATH OF C

F/M: F COUNTS: 1 CHARGE TYPE: S

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 4/18/2021, at about 1116 hours, Officers with the Columbia Police Department (CPD) were dispatched to Women's and Children's Hospital, located at 404 N. Keene St., Columbia, MO. Upon arrival, officers were notified that H.K. (approximately 8 months old) had died. The time of death noted at the hospital was 0845 hours on 4/18/2021.

I observed images of H.K. that were taken post mortem at the hospital. H.K. had what appeared to be multiple bruises on her head, face and abdomen. H.K. also had what looked like lacerations to her chin and nose area.

According to H.K.'s mother, L.H., H.K. was left in the care and custody of H.K.'s babysitter, Jennifer Johnson on the evening of 4/17/2021 at about 1700 hours at L.H.'s residence which is located in the 1000 blk of Elleta Blvd., Columbia, MO. H.K. was left with Johnson along with H.K.'s siblings, L.H. (age 3) and D.K. (age 2).

L.H. (mother) and R.K. (H.K.'s father) returned to the residence on Elleta at approximately 0800-0830 on 4/18/2021. L.H. advised the door was locked when she got there. CPD Ofc. Turner Schuster later stated there was no indication of forced entry on the exterior of the residence.

L.H. reported that H.K. was unresponsive and cool to the touch. R.K. told me he

immediately noticed bruising to H.K. L.H. and R.K. took H.K. to the Women's and Children's Hospital and arrived around 0830 hours in addition to L.H. and D.K., the younger siblings mentioned above.

Johnson was transported to CPD by Ofc. Schuster on 4/18/2021 after being located in the 1000 blk of Elleta Blvd. I advised Johnson of her Miranda warning and asked if she wished to speak to me. Johnson indicated she last observed H.K. alive at 0215 hours on 4/18/2021 when Johnson said she gave her a bottle before laying her in bed. Johnson said she was woken up by L.H. when she arrived on the morning of 4/18/2021.

In addition to herself, L.H. (age 3) and D.K. (age 2), Johnson advised J.H. (age 13) was present at the Elleta residence on the evening of 4/17/2021. Johnson said J.H. left at about 1900 hours and went to a friend's house after assisting with child care. J.H. is an older sibling to H.K., L.H. (age 3), and D.K. (age 2). J.H. later told officers that when she left the Elleta residence, H.K. was fine and uninjured. Johnson also told me that she did not notice any of the injuries to H.K. that were present in the photos I observed. Additionally, Johnson told me she was the only adult at the Elleta residence between about 1900 on 4/17/2021 and the morning of 4/18/2021 when L.H. arrived.

I talked with N.A., an associate of Johnson in person at CPD on 4/18/2021. N.A. was holding onto Johnson's phone while Johnson was transported to CPD. N.A. said she received a phone call from Johnson on 4/18/2021 at about 0911 hours. N.A. said Johnson told her that the baby died and that Johnson asked her to come over. N.A. said she met with Johnson at K.A.'s residence located in the 1100 blk of Elleta Blvd.

K.A. confirmed Johnson came over to her residence on the morning of 4/18/2021. K.A. said N.A. called her and talked with her about Johnson coming over. K.A. said Johnson showed up with a couple of plastic sacks which K.A. presumed were Johnson's belongings. K.A. came with N.A. to CPD. While both N.A. and K.A. were at CPD, N.A. advised she brought the items Johnson arrived with at K.A.'s.

Among the items brought by N.A. and K.A., was a dark blue shirt that had what was possibly baby formula on the right shoulder area. CPD CSI Danielle Clifton took a swab from that same area. The result was a presumptive positive for the presence of blood.

Officers also spoke with V.H. at the hospital. V.H. said they spoke with Johnson via phone at about 0853 hours on 4/18/2021. V.H. told officers that Johnson said something like "her head, her head" and "she's gone."

Johnson said she remained at the Elleta residence after H.K. was taken to the hospital. Johnson advised H.K.'s father, R.K., returned to the Elleta residence at about 1100 hours on 4/18/2021. Johnson said R.K. told her that H.K. "didn't

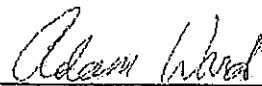
make it." Johnson indicated to me that she wasn't aware that H.K. died until being notified by R.K. around 1100 hours on 4/18/2021.

This was after the reported phone calls that took place between Johnson and N.A. as well as Johnson and V.H. in which Johnson seemed aware that H.K. had died and even made a reference to H.K.'s head injuries.

During the service of a search warrant at the Elleta residence on 4/18/2021, CPD Detectives located a pink and white onesie in a kitchen pantry on a shelf. The onesie was soaking wet. H.K. was reportedly wearing that same onesie when she was left at the residence on 4/17/2021. When H.K. was transported to the hospital on 4/18/2021, H.K. was wearing only a diaper.

3. For the issuance of a warrant in a misdemeanor case, complete the following
- (a) I believe that the defendant will not appear in court in response to a criminal summons because:
None.
 - (b) I believe that the defendant poses
 - (1) a danger to a crime victim because
Johnson is currently suspected of Murder 2nd Degree, Abuse or Neglect of a Child, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child.
 - (2) a danger to the community or to any other person because
Johnson is currently suspected of Murder 2nd Degree, Abuse or Neglect of a Child, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. Johnson has been arrested for assault and domestic assault.

ADAM M WARD
Date: 04/18/2021



Signature
(re: CPD Case #2021-003590)