



NEWS RELEASE
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Son Charged in Mother's Murder

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Connor J. Cox, 21, of Springfield, Missouri, has been charged today with murder in the first degree and armed criminal action for causing the death of his mother, Mrs. Angela Cox. Mrs. Cox's body was found in her home yesterday evening, the 27th, by her husband, who notified law enforcement. The Defendant was identified as a suspect and detectives worked throughout the night of the 27th and into today, the 28th, to locate and apprehend Connor Cox. Mr. Patterson would like to publicly thank the Sheriff's detectives for their quick response and work in this case. Mr. Patterson also wants to publicly thank The Honorable David Jones, the on-call judge, who reviewed search warrants during the night.

Mr. Patterson cautions that the charges contained in the felony complaint are merely allegations and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court. The Defendant is currently in the Greene County Jail and being held without bond.

Copies of the felony complaint and probable statement filed in this case are attached to this release. The Missouri Supreme Court ethics rules prohibit comments on the facts or investigation of this case beyond those contained in the felony complaint and probable cause statement that are part of the public record.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney T. Myers. It is being investigated by the Greene County Sheriff's Office and Detective David Jolliff is the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI

Associate Division _____

STATE OF MISSOURI,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CONNOR J COX ,

Defendant.

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Case No. 1831-CR00760

OCN#

PA File No. 077395682

FELONY COMPLAINT

COUNT I

(Missouri Charge Code: 565.020-001Y19840999.)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.020, RSMo, committed the class A felony of murder in the first degree punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about February 27, 2018, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant after deliberation, knowingly caused the death of Angela Cox by shooting her.

COUNT II

(Missouri Charge Code: 571.015-001Y19755299.)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 571.015, RSMo, committed the felony of armed criminal action, punishable upon conviction under Section 571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about February 27, 2018, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of murder in the first degree as charged in Count I, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of murder in the first degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a deadly weapon.

The facts that form the basis for this information and belief are contained in the attached probable cause statement concerning this matter, which statement is made a part hereof and is submitted herewith as a basis upon which this court may find the existence of probable cause for the issuance of the warrant.

WHEREFORE, the Prosecuting Attorney prays that an arrest warrant be issued as provided by law.

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Greene, State of Missouri, by

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GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 02/28/2018 Case #: GCS180227001273

I, DAVID JOLLIFF, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law state as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that CONNOR J COX, White/Male, DOB [REDACTED]/1997, committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The following crime(s) happened on 2018/02/27 08:00 – 2018/02/27 11:00 at 4026 E WHITEHALL DR in Greene County, Missouri.
3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On February 27th, 2018, at approximately 17:50 hours, Greene County Patrol Deputies were dispatched to 4026 E. Whitehall Drive, Springfield, Greene County, Missouri, in reference to check the well being of Angela Cox (DOB: [REDACTED] 64). The 911 call was made by Angela's husband, Terry Cox (DOB [REDACTED] 58). Terry stated in the 911 call that Angela was possibly deceased and it appeared she had been shot, but said he didn't see any weapons around her.

Greene County Patrol Deputy Winston arrived at the residence at approximately 18:03 hours and made contact with Terry. Deputy Winston observed the body of Angela in the office of the residence, seated in a chair. Deputy Winston observed a possible bullet hole on Angela's neck and on her cheek and confirmed she was deceased. Deputy Winston observed a possible bullet hole in the window of the office and saw no weapons around Angela's body.

Deputy Winston spoke briefly with Terry regarding the incident. Terry stated he last saw Angela alive at approximately 06:15 hours on February 27th, 2018, when he left for work. Terry said he exchanged text messages with Angela at approximately 09:00, but was unable to reach her by phone after that. Terry said he thought their son, Connor J. Cox, (DOB [REDACTED] /97) was involved in Angela's death. Terry said he had hidden a firearm from Connor approximately one year ago, placing the firearm in the attic of the residence due to them not wanting Connor to have a gun. Terry said Connor retrieved the firearm from the attic on the evening of February 26th, 2018, and said he had an argument with Connor regarding the firearm on the morning of February 27th, 2018.

During a protective sweep of the residence, Greene County Deputies and Detectives observed possible bloody footprints in the office of the residence, where Angela's body was located. The access to the attic of the residence was located in the closet of the master bedroom. It was

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discovered that Angela's vehicle, described as a red 2014 Toyota Rav 4, was missing from the garage of the residence. Connor was not located at the residence and his current whereabouts are unknown.

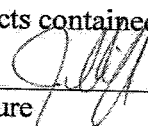
Connor Cox was located driving the 2014 Toyota Rav 4 near the intersection of State Highway 176 and Spruce, Merriam Woods, Taney County, Mo by Taney County Deputies.

I, responded to the location of the arrest to conduct an interview with Connor.

I read Connor his Miranda rights, to which he said he understood. I informed Connor the reason I was there to speak with him was due to us finding his mother, Angela deceased at their residence earlier in the day. Connor said after his father left for work, he shot Angela with the weapon that was inside of the vehicle. Connor motioned to the Toyota Rav 4. Connor stated prior to his dad leaving for work, he had been saying "don't hurt her" and it "didn't resonate well with me." Connor said that put the thought in his mind. Connor said he could not gauge the time exactly but it was hours after his father left for work that he shot Angela. Connor said the gun came out of their attic but he originally came into possession of the gun a few years ago from a friend. Connor said Angela was just working and it was just a "matter of me walking into the office." Connor described her as sitting in the chair when he shot her "somewhere around the neck." Connor said he shot Angela due to her "always being down" and being in pain so he thought he would "end that." Connor stated most of the reason for Angela's pain was due to his actions. Connor said she "didn't even see it coming". After shooting Angela, he left the residence in her vehicle.

The facts contained above are true.

Signature

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Deputy

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI

STATE OF MISSOURI,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) Case No. 1831-CR00760
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)PA File No. 077395682
CONNOR J COX)
Defendant.)

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S BAIL/BOND RECOMMENDATION

The bail/bond recommendation of the Greene County Prosecutor, in this case, is as follows:

1. Hold without Bond.
2. Should a bond be set, the State requests that the Court impose the conditions of bond set out on the proposed Exhibit A to Arrest Warrant attached hereto and that such conditions be incorporated by reference upon the Warrant.
3. Pursuant to the Missouri Constitution, Article I, Section 32.2, and Section 544.457, RSMo, the State requests the Court deny bail because the defendant poses a danger to the witnesses and community. In support of the request, Plaintiff, incorporates by reference herein, the allegations set out in the probable cause statement filed herein and further states: the defendant shot and killed his mother without provocation or justification. He is charged with murder in the first degree which is punishable by either death or life imprisonment without the possibility of probation or parole.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ T. Todd Myers

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EXHIBIT A
TO ARREST WARRANT

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF RELEASE ON BOND SET BY THE COURT:

HOLD WITHOUT BOND. The Court finds, pursuant to the Missouri Constitution, Article I, Section 32.2, and Section 544.457, RSMo, that, based upon the showing in the State's bond recommendation and the probable cause statement filed herein, the Defendant poses a danger to the witnesses and community and the Court, therefore, denies bail herein.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF RELEASE ON BOND IF A BOND IS SET BY THE COURT:

- OPEN COURT ONLY BOND
- Obey all laws
- No contact or communication with any victims or their family or any witnesses to the alleged events in any manner or through any medium
- Not to possess any weapon, firearm or ammunition
- Not to possess or consume alcohol or be on premises of establishment where the primary item for sale is alcoholic beverages
- Not to possess any drug/controlled substance unless prescribed for defendant by a physician
- GPS monitoring with house arrest inside defendant's residence is 24 hours and 7 days a week) (Provider to report all violations to Court no later than within 12 hours)