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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MAN CHARGED WITH MARCH RAPE OF WOMAN IN TUNNEL

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Joshua L. Graham, 32, of Springfield, Missouri, has been charged with rape in the first degree, sodomy in the first degree, and sexual abuse in the first degree.

On March 29, 2018, a victim called 911 to report a rape that occurred in the pedestrian tunnel near Commercial and Washington. Since that day, Springfield Police have been actively investigating this crime. On July 11, 2018, Springfield Police Officers arrested Mr. Graham. Charges were filed late yesterday and he is currently being held at the Greene County Jail on \$500,000 bond.

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.

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 Nathan Chapman. It is being investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Ethan Ramsey 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, )  
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vs. ) Case No. 1831-CR03540  
)  
JOSHUA L GRAHAM, ) OCN#  
)  
Defendant. ) PA File No. 077401484

**FELONY COMPLAINT**

COUNT I

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 566.030, RSMo, committed the offense of rape in the first degree, punishable upon conviction under Section 566.030, RSMo, and subject to lifetime supervision under Section 217.735, RSMo, in that on or about March 29, 2018, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly had sexual intercourse with E.W. by the use of forcible compulsion.

Defendant is a persistent sexual offender and is punishable by sentence to an extended term of imprisonment for life without eligibility for probation or parole, under Sections 558.018 and 557.036, RSMo, in that: On or about January 20, 2004, defendant was found guilty of forcible rape and forcible sodomy in the Circuit Court of Greene County, State of Missouri, Case No. 31303CF6082.

COUNT II

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 566.060, RSMo, committed the felony of sodomy in the first degree, punishable upon conviction under Section 566.060, RSMo, and subject to lifetime supervision under Section 217.735, RSMo, in that on or about March 29, 2018, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant, for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of any person, knowingly had deviate sexual intercourse with E.W., by the use of forcible compulsion.

Defendant is a persistent sexual offender and is punishable by sentence to an extended term of imprisonment for life without eligibility for probation or parole, under Sections 558.018 and 557.036, RSMo, in that: On or about January 20, 2004, defendant was found guilty of forcible rape and forcible sodomy in the Circuit Court of Greene County, State of Missouri, Case No. 31303CF6082.

COUNT III

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 566.100, RSMo, committed the class C felony of sexual abuse in the first degree punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.002 and 558.011, RSMo, and subject to lifetime supervision under Section 217.735 and Section 559.106, RSMo, in that on or about March 29, 2018, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant, for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of any person, knowingly had sexual contact with E.W. by use of forcible compulsion.

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.

DAN PATTERSON  
Prosecuting Attorney of the County of  
Greene, State of Missouri, by



Electronically signed;  
7/11/2018

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# SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



## FELONY PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 07/11/2018 Case #: SPD180329012019

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

1. I have probable cause to believe that JOSHUA LEE GRAHAM, Black/Male, DOB [REDACTED] 1986, committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The following crime(s) happened on 2018/03/29 10:45 - 2018/03/29 11:52 at E COMMERCIAL ST and N WASHINGTON AVE in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.
3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

I, Detective Ethan Ramsey, learned the following from police reports as well as through my own investigation:

On 3/29/2018, an 18-year-old woman named E.W. reported to Springfield Police that she was just raped. E.W. stated she was walking through the secluded pedestrian tunnel that runs underneath the railroad tracks just north of Commercial and Washington in Springfield. This occurred during daylight hours at about 1130 hours in the morning. It was raining lightly at the time. Inside the tunnel, she encountered a man she did not know. He pushed E.W. up against the concrete wall of the tunnel and covered her mouth with his hand when she screamed. He forced E.W. to face the concrete wall and he stood behind her. The man reached his right hand up her shirt and touched and then kissed her right breast. He pulled E.W.'s pants and his own pants down, placed a finger into her vagina, and forced E.W. to bend over. The man inserted his penis into her vagina from behind and raped her. When E.W. begged for him to stop, he told her "if you be quiet and let it happen I will let you go."

After raping E.W., the male used his cell phone to take a picture of E.W.'s identification card. He then said that if she told anyone, he would find her and retaliate. E.W. then walked northbound and the suspect left southbound on foot.

E.W. called 911 quickly after the rape and gave police a description of her attacker. She described him as a black or mixed-race male, 6 feet tall, 30-40 years of age, with short hair that was shaved or buzzed. He was wearing black or gray jogging-style sweatpants, a navy or black colored sweatshirt with long sleeves, and dark tennis shoes that were a little worn out. He did not appear to be homeless because he smelled clean and his fingernails were clean and trimmed. He might have been wearing something on his face. He also had a soft voice.

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Patrol officers who immediately responded to the crime scene found and photographed wet shoe prints believed to be left by the suspect at the scene. The shoe prints had a distinct pattern made up of multiple small rectangles with circles inside them.

During the investigation, a male named Joshua Lee Graham was identified as a person of interest. Graham matched the description of the suspect in that he was a light-skinned black male, 6 feet tall, 32 years of age, with short buzzed hair, a thin beard, glasses, and a clean appearance. I learned that Graham generally wore clothing similar to what the victim described and lived only five blocks from the crime scene.

In my investigation, I learned that Graham was on parole for a forcible rape and forcible sodomy he committed in 2003 when he was 17. I learned that he was released from prison and placed on parole in July of 2017.

I researched Springfield Police reports involving Graham since he was placed on parole. I learned that less than one month after being paroled, Springfield Police received a report that a woman found Graham's wallet underneath a bedroom window outside her house. About 5 months after Graham's release, he was named in a Springfield Police report in which a woman reported seeing a man masturbating in his vehicle at a local Walmart. The man was trying to get the woman to watch him as he masturbated. The woman called police and gave a description of the suspect. The description matched Graham, the suspect was in a car that matched Graham's vehicle, and the license plate on the suspect's vehicle was registered to Graham.

On 4/3/2018, Graham met with his parole officer. The parole officer did not inform him of the ongoing investigation, but did put him back on a GPS ankle monitor. The parole officer later informed me that beginning around the date of 4/10/2018, Graham began making almost daily trips to the general area of Commercial/Washington, which was where the rape of E.W. occurred. The GPS data showed that sometimes Graham drove through that area, and sometimes he would park his car there and walk in the area. Some of his trips to the area were in the morning before he went to work, and some were after 2100 hours when it was dark outside.

On 4/27/2018, I obtained a search warrant for Graham's person, vehicle, and residence to search for evidence related to the investigation. On 4/30/2018, I prepared to serve the search warrant with the assistance of other detectives. Several other detectives did undercover surveillance on Graham while waiting for him to return to his residence. Graham drove to the general area of Commercial/Washington, hid his car, began walking and confronted a woman who was walking in the area. The woman continued walking away from Graham as he was trying to talk to her. After this, Graham then left the area in his vehicle and drove to his residence where other detectives and myself were waiting.

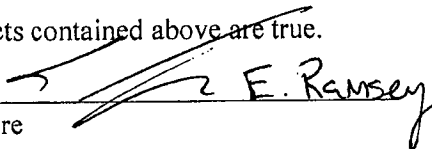
When Graham arrived at his residence, detectives detained him under the authority of the search warrant. I immediately seized the shoes he was wearing as evidence, examined them, and found that they were worn out tennis shoes, just as victim E.W. had described, and the soles of the shoes appeared to match the suspect's shoe prints from the crime scene. Other detectives who searched Graham's residence found and seized clothing that was similar to what victim E.W. had described her attacker to be wearing at the time of the rape. Additionally, officers seized a cell phone and a used condom from Graham's vehicle.

At the time of the search warrant, Graham agreed to voluntarily go to police headquarters for questioning. Detective Gower Anderson and I conducted a recorded interview with him there. During post-Miranda questioning, Graham spoke about how he would frequently give rides to men and women he saw walking along the street. Graham admitted he frequented the area of Commercial/Washington (where E.W.'s rape occurred) on an almost daily basis and he liked to walk in that area. I confronted him with the date of 3/29/2018 and told him I knew he had walked through the pedestrian tunnel at Commercial/Washington in the late morning on that date. I asked him to tell me about that. Graham admitted that he was frequently in the area of Commercial/Washington and may have been there on 3/29/2018. He talked about how he frequently parked his car a short distance from Commercial Street to avoid the traffic there and would walk on foot to Commercial Street. He said he remembered parking his car on the other side of the railroad tracks and then crossing the tracks to get to Commercial Street, although he said he did not remember the dates he did this. I told Graham there was an allegation that he had met a woman in the pedestrian tunnel at Commercial/Washington on 3/29/2018 and had sex with her. I asked him to tell me about that. Graham responded by laughing quietly and saying, "That's very weird." Graham then asked me if the allegation was that he had sex with the woman or that he raped her. I told Graham his shoeprints had linked him to the scene of the crime. Graham expressed how uncomfortable he was with further questioning and he then ended the interview.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Laboratory made a comparison of Graham's actual shoes that were seized from his person during the search warrant, and photographs of the suspect's shoe prints that were left at the crime scene. The criminalist noted that one of the shoe prints left by the suspect was good for comparison purposes. This print had several similarities to Graham's shoes. These similarities included the same pattern and size.

The facts contained above are true.

Signature

 E. Ramsey

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Detective

Title

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)PA File No. 077401484  
JOSHUA L GRAHAM )  
Defendant. )

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY’S BAIL/BOND RECOMMENDATION**

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

1. AMOUNT: \$500,000

- OPEN COURT ONLY BOND (by administrative order applies automatically to bonds \$25,000 and higher)
- State agrees to recognizance release by Court Order after the first court appearance upon the conditions of release in Exhibit A
- Hold without Bond

2. The State requests that the Court also 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. The State requests the Court set bond in the above amount and upon the conditions set out in Exhibit A to Arrest Warrant hereto for the following reasons: Defendant violently raped and sodomized E.W., a stranger, on the side of the street while on parole for forcible rape and forcible sodomy. When E.W. begged Defendant to stop he stated, "If you be quiet and let it happen I will let you go." Afterwards Defendant photographed E.W.'s ID and told her he would retaliate against her if she told police. In Defendant's prior offense in 2003, Defendant waited in the unlocked apartment of a neighbor he did not know. When the victim returned to her apartment the Defendant threw a blanket over her head and wrestled her to the ground. Defendant then pinned the victim down and forcibly raped and sodomized her. In Defendant's sentencing assessment report for the 2003 offense, Defendant stated that he committed the rape because he wanted to "try something new." Defendant also stated he raped the victim because it was something he had not done before and wanted to try. Defendant was sentenced to 15 years and paroled in July of 2017. Between that time and the current offense Defendant demonstrated increasingly predatory behavior. In August of 2017 a female resident who was unfamiliar with the Defendant found his wallet outside of her back bedroom window. In January of 2018, Defendant was in his vehicle when he masturbated in a Wal-Mart parking lot in front of an employee. After the Wal-Mart incident Defendant's parole officer placed him on GPS. Defendant made daily trips to the area of E.W.'s rape and would often park his vehicle and walk around the area. The GPS also showed that after Defendant's sex offender class on Monday's he would walk around a residential area near Sunshine and Freemont for an hour each time.

While under surveillance in this case a detective watched the Defendant sit back between two buildings off

Commercial street. As a female began walking down the road the Defendant walked past her, then turned around and attempted to talk to her before she walked away.

Defendant has proven to be an extreme dangerous and predatory, both in his past offense as well as his actions since being on parole. Defendant also has a strong incentive not to appear for court as he is charged as a persistent sex offender, which carries a mandatory sentence of life imprisonment without eligibility for parole.

Respectfully submitted,



Electronically signed;  
7/11/2018

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Assistant Prosecuting Attorney  
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**EXHIBIT A**  
**TO ARREST WARRANT**

*State of Missouri v. Joshua L Graham*

Case No:

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF RELEASE ON BOND SET BY THE COURT:**

OPEN COURT ONLY BOND

State agrees to recognizance release by Court Order after the first court appearance with the below conditions of release

Obey all laws

No contact or communication with victim(s) or the victim's family in any manner or through any medium

Not to possess any weapon, firearm or ammunition. Defendant to surrender to Sheriff any Concealed Carry (CCW) permit.

No contact or communication with E.W. in any manner or through any medium

Not knowingly be on the premises of or within 1,000 feet of the victim(s) residence, or place of employment/education.

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

No contact with children under seventeen (17) years of age

Not to be on premises of any park, school, daycare, playground, recreational facility, or other place where children congregate

Curfew from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Electronic monitoring/house arrest from choose start time to choose end time (if no times specified, 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 24 hours)

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 24 hours)

-Travel exceptions for house arrest which must be prescheduled with Electronic Monitor/GPS provider:

Defendant may travel directly to and from appointments with defense attorney

Defendant may travel directly to and from medical appointments

Defendant may travel directly to and from grocery store closest to residence

Defendant may travel directly to and from place of employment

The following locations where the victim may be found are already known to defendant and, pursuant to Section 566.226.2, RSMo., the Court FINDS that disclosure of such locations as ordered herein will not compromise but will instead facilitate the safety of the victim and, therefore, the Court ORDERS that prior to any release, the defendant shall be notified that he/she may not travel in or be in these exclusion zones and that said exclusion zones shall be made known to the Prosecutor's Office, Defendant's Attorney, Defendant's Pretrial Service Officer and/or Bondsman and the GPS provider:

Other: