



NEWS RELEASE
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Charges Filed in Homicide Involving Vehicle

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Elizabeth H. McKeown, 46, of Springfield, has been charged today in connection with the death of Barbara Foster, 57, also of Springfield.

On November 20, 2018, officers were dispatched to the intersection of Campbell and University in Springfield. Upon arrival at the scene, they located the victim, Barbara Foster, in the road with severe injuries. Foster was transported to a hospital and pronounced dead. Based upon the investigation conducted by police, McKeown has been charged with first degree murder and armed criminal action. She is being held in the Greene County Jail without 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. A copy of the felony complaint and probable cause 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 Emily Shook. It is being investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Matthew Farmer 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.)	Case No. 1831-CR06811
)	
ELIZABETH H MCKEOWN ,)	OCN#
)	
Defendant.)	PA File No. 077407525

FELONY COMPLAINT

COUNT I

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 November 20, 2018, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant after deliberation, knowingly caused the death of Barbara Foster by striking her with a motor vehicle.

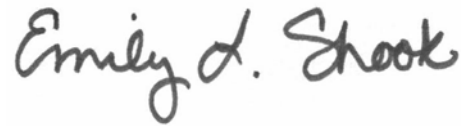
COUNT II

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 November 20, 2018, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of murder in the first degree 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 dangerous instrument, to wit: a motor vehicle.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emily L. Shook". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "E" and "S".

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SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



FELONY PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 11/21/2018 Case #: 18-46731

I, M. FARMER 1055, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law state as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that ELIZABETH H MCKEOWN, White/Female, DOB [REDACTED] 1972, committed one or more criminal offenses.

2. The following crime(s) happened on 2018/11/20 17:13 - 2018/11/20 17:13 at S CAMPBELL AVE and W SUNSHINE ST in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.

3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 11-20-18 at approximately 1720 hours, officers were dispatched to the intersection of Campbell and University in reference to a motor vehicle accident involving a pedestrian. When officers arrived on scene they located a female in the roadway, later identified as Barbara Foster. Foster was unresponsive, appeared to have a severe head wound and it appeared her legs were broken. A short time later, Foster was transported to a local hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

The suspect vehicle that had struck Foster had continued southbound on Campbell from University. The suspect vehicle struck another vehicle stopped at the intersection and tried to push that vehicle out of the way in an attempt to flee the scene. Several other vehicles blocked the suspect vehicle at the intersection from leaving. Officers contacted the driver of the suspect vehicle, identified as Elizabeth McKeown, and took her into custody.

Witness #1 was interviewed about what he/she observed. Witness #1 stated he/she was stopped in traffic in the outside southbound lane of Campbell just north of University. McKeown's vehicle (2007 black Ford Mustang) was stopped in the inside southbound lane of Campbell, approximately one (1) car link ahead of Witness #1's vehicle. Witness #1 observed Foster was standing in front of McKeown's vehicle. McKeown's vehicle backed up and then pulled forward striking the vehicle in front of hers (Foster's vehicle). McKeown also struck Foster, causing her to fall to the ground. McKeown then accelerated and drove over Foster, which caused Foster to be stuck under the vehicle and dragged several feet until she was dislodged from underneath. Witness #1 sounded his/her horn attempting to gain McKeown's attention, without avail. McKeown had to stop behind a vehicle at Campbell and Sunshine and Witness #1 pulled beside her. Witness #1 rolled down his/her window and yelled at McKeown that she had just run over Foster. Witness #1 stated McKeown still had her windows up on her vehicle but was mouthing the words, "I know". When Witness #1 yelled at McKeown that she had just killed someone, McKeown shrugged her shoulders and put her hands up as if to gesture, "I don't know". Witness #1 then observed McKeown strike the vehicle in front of her and try to push it through the intersection in an attempt to flee.

Post-Miranda, McKeown told me she was going to the bank to pay her car payment. McKeown said once she was on Campbell, there was a vehicle in front of her that "wouldn't go". McKeown stated, "so I nudged it a few times and then I just decided to hit it full out". McKeown said she "pushed on the gas as hard as hard as I could". McKeown stated, "the lady with the glasses" (Foster) was yelling at her. McKeown then said, "I tricked her, you know make her think I was going to be nice, be still and everything". McKeown stated Foster started looking at the damage to her vehicle and McKeown "backed it up and then I slammed into her and cut her in half". McKeown said she just wanted to pay her car payment.

I was able to obtain video surveillance of the incident from 1730 S. Campbell (Planet Fitness) and 1749 S. Campbell (Red Rack DAV Thrift Store). Witness #1 also had in-car video that captured the incident. The video surveillance from Planet Fitness, Red Rack DAV Thrift Store and Witness #1's vehicle coincided with the statement that Witness #1 gave about the incident.

The facts contained above are true.

<u>M. J. 1055</u>	<u>1055</u>	<u>Corporal</u>
Signature	DSN	Title

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PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S BAIL/BOND RECOMMENDATION

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

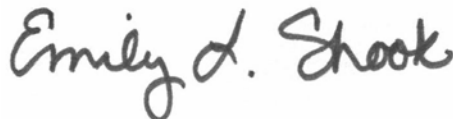
1. AMOUNT: \$500,000

- 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: The defendant intentionally used her vehicle to strike a vehicle operated by the victim while the two vehicles were in traffic together. When the victim stepped out of her vehicle to contact Defendant about the apparent fender-bender type collision, the defendant refused to speak with her or exit the car. Defendant later said that she "tricked" the victim to make her think that she would "be nice" and "still." Then when the victim stepped back in front of the defendant's car, Defendant struck her with the vehicle, then stopped, then accelerated to drive over the victim, dragging her more than 58 feet. Defendant stated that she struck the victim because she wanted her to be cut in half. Defendant then tried to flee the scene, striking other vehicles when citizens boxed her in with their vehicles at a stop light. This defendant is a potential danger to every single person in this community. She has demonstrated a disregard for human life and a willingness to murder an innocent person who was unknown to her with little or no provocation.

Respectfully submitted,



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EXHIBIT A
TO ARREST WARRANT

State of Missouri v. Elizabeth H Mckeown

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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 _____ 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 immediately call 911 to report device tampering violations for investigation under Section 575.205, RSMo.** Provider to report all violations to Court no later than within 24 hours)

GPS monitoring with 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 immediately call 911 to report device tampering violations for investigation under Section 575.205, RSMo.** 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 (***GPS provider to immediately call 911 to report exclusion zone violations and request victim wellbeing check***):

Other: Defendant is not to operate a motor vehicle.