



NEWS RELEASE
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Police Looking for Assault Suspect

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that William Lee Smith, 22, of Ash Grove, Missouri, was charged yesterday with assault in the first degree. The allegation is from an event in which Jeremy Strahle was struck by a vehicle driven by Mr. Smith at 2100 N. Kansas Ave. in Springfield. Mr. Smith fled from the area and police are looking for him and his vehicle. His vehicle is a 1994 silver and black Honda Prelude with a black hood and black aftermarket front end ground effects. If you have information regarding the whereabouts of Mr. Smith or his vehicle, please call the Springfield Police at 864-1810 or Crime Stoppers at 869-TIPS.

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 T. Myers. It is being investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Detective Kent Shipley 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. 1231-CR04809
)
WILLIAM LEE SMITH,) OCN#
)
Defendant.) PA File No. 077245337

State of Missouri)
) ss.
County of Greene)

FELONY COMPLAINT

COUNT I
(Missouri Charge Code: 13011002.0)

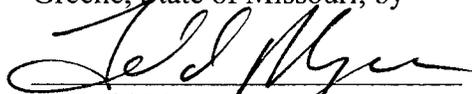
The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.050, RSMo, committed the class A felony of assault in the first degree, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about July 14, 2012, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant drove his vehicle at a high rate of speed into Jeremy Strahle and such conduct was a substantial step toward the commission of the crime of attempting to kill or cause serious physical injury to Jeremy Strahle, and was done for the purpose of committing such assault, and in the course thereof inflicted serious physical injury on Jeremy Strahle.

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.

State v. WILLIAM LEE SMITH

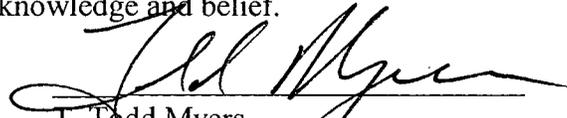
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T. Todd Myers, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, being duly sworn, upon oath says that the facts stated in the above information are true, according to his or her best information, knowledge and belief.



T. Todd Myers
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

State of Missouri vs. William Lee Smith
PA File No. 077245337

COURT INFORMATION FOR WARRANT OR SUMMONS

From Prosecuting Attorney

DEFENDANT'S ADDRESS: 113 Moonlight Valley Drive
Ash Grove, MO 65604

CHARGE(S): Count I: Assault 1st degree - serious physical injury, Class A Felony

BOND RECOMMENDED: \$200,000.00

REASONS: Defendant's current location unknown, defendant chased down his wife who he was just involved in a domestic disturbance which lead to these events, defendant has prior conviction for assault 3rd degree

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Obey all laws, no driving, not to contact any witness, no alcohol, electronic/GPS device to be affixed before being released from custody, additional conditions to be set in open court before bond is posted

OFFICER & AGENCY: Kent Shipley, Springfield Police Dept.

DEFENDANT DESCRIPTION:

DOB: [REDACTED] 990 22 yrs old

SEX: Male

RACE: White

SSN: [REDACTED]

DLN: P205138025

DLN STATE: MO

HEIGHT: 5'08

WEIGHT: 175

HAIR:

EYES:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Issue Warrant
<input type="checkbox"/> Issue Summons

Any pending cases? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Case number of pending case in Division of Assignment per Administrative Order of 2/26/07:
APA Name/Bar No. assigned: Myerst, 50252



SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 07/15/2012 Case #: LSP120714029195

I, KENT L. SHIPLEY/ 814, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law state as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that WILLIAM LEE SMITH, white / Male, DOB: [REDACTED] 1990, SSN: [REDACTED] committed one or more criminal offenses.

2. The following crime(s) happened on 07/14/2012- 1412 hours at 2100 N KANSAS AVE, SPRINGFIELD, GREENE COUNTY MO USA .

3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

I, Detective Kent Shipley, was assigned this case for follow up investigation and learned the following information from existing police reports and my own investigation into the incident.

On 7-14-2012, Cheyenne D. Smith was involved a Domestic Disturbance with her husband, William L. Smith, at 113 Moonlight Valley Drive in Ash Grove, Missouri. Cheyenne contacted her mother, Vicki Stevens, and asked her to provide transportation to Springfield for her and her son. William Smith was being detained by the Ash Grove Police Department when Vicki arrived, and she collected Cheyenne and her son and transported them to Springfield. As they were traveling southbound on West Bypass at Kearney, they noticed William approaching them at a high rate of speed in a silver and black 1994 Honda Prelude. William began to chase them, and he made several attempts to stop Vicki's vehicle by swerving toward them and quickly stopping in front of them.

At approximately 1400 hours, Vicki contacted 911 Communication via telephone to report that they were being chased by William Smith. Vicki also contacted her husband, Randy Stevens via telephone and advised him of the on-going incident. Vicki and Cheyenne drove to the area of Kansas Avenue and Atlantic where they contacted Randy and Jeremy G. Strahle in the area of 2100 N. Kansas Avenue, Springfield, Greene County, Missouri. Randy and Strahle were outside their vehicle when they noticed William in his vehicle in the northbound, left turn lane of Kansas Expressway and Atlantic. William turned west on Atlantic then north on Kansas Avenue and drove past them at a high rate of speed. William then quickly turned his vehicle around and traveled southbound while rapidly accelerating back toward their location.

As William Smith was rapidly accelerating the vehicle, he struck Jeremy Strahle with the front bumper of the vehicle, throwing him into the air and landing partially on the roadway and partially in the grass area on the west side of Kansas Avenue. There was no indication that

William Smith attempted to stop the vehicle or attempted to avoid contact with Strahle. After striking Strahle, William Smith continued south on Kansas Avenue toward Atlantic and fled the area and was not located.

I conducted interviews with eye witnesses Vicki Stevens, Randy Stevens, and Cheyenne Smith. These witnesses positively identified William Smith as the driver of the Honda Prelude. Jeremy Strahle was transported to Cox South Hospital where he is being treated for life threatening injuries caused by the impact.

The facts contained above are true.

	814	Detective
Signature	DSN	Title