



NEWS RELEASE
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Springfield Police Foil Murder for Hire Plot

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Diane Elaine Greer, 47, of Nixa, Missouri has been charged today with assault in the first degree for hiring a hit man in an attempt to kill her boyfriend's ex-wife. Fortunately, a citizen alerted the Springfield Police Department and officers were able to intervene and the hit man Ms. Greer ultimately hired turned out to be an undercover police officer. Under Missouri law, attempted homicides are charged as assault in the first degree. As charged, first degree assault is a class B felony carrying between five years and up to fifteen years in the Department of Corrections. Because Ms. Greer has two prior felony DWI convictions she is charged as a prior and persistent felon and faces an extended term of imprisonment of up to 30 years or life in prison.

On November 8, 2012, Ms. Greer met with the undercover officer and hired him to kill her boyfriend's ex-wife. The next day Ms. Greer gave the officer two hundred dollars, some musical equipment and the keys to a Jeep as a down payment and also provided him with a knife to use in the planned homicide.

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.

Subject: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Press Release, State v.
Greer,

This case is being prosecuted by Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson. It is being investigated by the Springfield Police Department. Detective Neal McAmis is the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI
Associate Division 22

STATE OF MISSOURI,)
Plaintiff,)
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vs.) Case No. 1231-CR07195
)
DIANE ELAINE GREER,) OCN# 07030352
)
Defendant.) PA File No. 077299307

State of Missouri)
) ss.
County of Greene)

FELONY COMPLAINT

COUNT I
(Missouri Charge Code: 13020005.0)

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 B felony of assault in the first degree, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about November 9, 2012, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant gave Officer Ben Miller \$200.00, a key to a Jeep and a knife, and such conduct was a substantial step toward the commission of the crime of attempting to kill C.T., and was done for the purpose of committing such assault.

Defendant is a prior offender under Section 558.016, RSMo. Defendant is also a persistent offender and is punishable by sentence to an extended term of imprisonment, specifically that of a class A felony, under Sections 558.016 and 557.036, RSMo, in that she has pleaded guilty to, been found guilty of, or been convicted of two or more felonies committed at different times. The felonies are as follows:

1. On or about July 19, 2004, defendant pleaded guilty to the felony of Driving While Intoxicated in the Circuit Court of Greene County, Missouri, case number 31104CF0060.
2. On or about January 29, 2008, defendant pleaded guilty to the felony of Driving While Intoxicated in the Circuit Court of Webster County, Missouri, case number 07WE-CR00459-01.

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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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Dan Patterson, 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.



Dan Patterson
Prosecuting Attorney



SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 11/20/12 Case #: 12-47362

I, Neal McAmis, a law enforcement officer, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law state as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that Diane E. Greer, W/F, DOB [REDACTED] 65, SSN [REDACTED], committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The following crime(s) happened on 11/09/12 at 1260 E. Walnut in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.
3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

Sgt. Neal received information from a concerned citizen (C1) that subjects were trying to hire someone to kill a person (CT). C1 agreed to cooperate with officers during the investigation.

On 11/08/12, Sgt. Neal, Detective Kevin Shipley and I responded to C1's residence. C1 told us a subject named David Thomas and Thomas' girlfriend, Diane Greer, wanted CT dead. C1 said Thomas believed CT tried to get him in trouble with his (Thomas') parole officer. C1 said Thomas also believed if CT was dead he (Thomas) could gain access to CT's financial assets. C1 said he/she informed CT of the situation and said CT was terrified of Thomas and Greer's plan.

C1 informed us Thomas started talking about the plan in middle to late September 2012. C1 said as time went on, Thomas got more serious about having CT killed. C1 said there was one occasion where Thomas discussed the situation with Greer present. C1 said he told Thomas he did not want to discuss the situation with anyone else present. C1 said there had not been any other conversation, about killing CT, with Greer until early November 2012.

C1 said Thomas was arrested in early November (11/02/12) and was later transferred to the Missouri Department of Corrections (11/07/12). C1 said Greer contacted him shortly after Thomas was taken to jail. C1 said Greer advised him that Thomas instructed her to carry out the plan of killing CT. C1 said Greer said CT had to be killed soon. C1 said Greer thought it would be a good alibi for Thomas if CT was killed while Thomas was in prison.

C1 said Thomas offered "anything" to have CT killed. C1 said he/she declined to kill CT, but said he/she knew people that could do the job for them (Greer and Thomas). C1 said Greer told him/her that if he/she did not get the job done soon she (Greer) was going to find someone else to do it.

On 11/08/12, Officer S. Miller with the Springfield Police Department Narcotics Enforcement Team was contacted about the situation. He met with C1 and arranged to meet Greer to discuss the situation. Greer told Officer Miller that Thomas wanted CT dead and said she was assisting in carrying out the plan while Thomas was in prison.

Officer Miller and Greer discussed payment for carrying out the "hit." Greer agreed to give Officer Miller a \$200 cash deposit, along with some musical equipment. She also said she would get Officer Miller a butcher knife so he could use it to kill CT. Greer said Officer Miller could have Thomas' Jeep after he (Officer Miller) killed CT.

On 11/09/12, Officer Miller responded to Greer's residence. Greer gave Officer Miller the down payment items that had been discussed the previous day. She also gave him the key to the Jeep at that time. She said he could take the Jeep after CT was killed.

Officer Miller agreed to kill CT while Greer was at work to give Greer an alibi. Initially, Greer said she did not want proof that CT was dead. She later contacted Officer Miller and told him she wanted proof CT had been killed.

On 11/13/12, arrangements were made with CT to have him/her staged with make-up to appear his/her throat had been cut. CT was photographed with the apparent injury and was staged to appear as if he/she was dead.

On 11/14/12, Officer Miller met Greer at her (Greer's) residence. Officer Miller showed Greer photos that depicted CT dead. Officer Miller said Greer thanked him for killing CT.

Officer Miller tried to obtain the Jeep after the hit was supposedly carried out; however, the Jeep was not where Greer described it would be. Officer Miller contacted Greer and told her he still needed the Jeep as payment. She agreed to try and locate the Jeep for him.

In the following days, Greer made several phone calls to C1. Greer told C1 she needed to get the final payment for Officer Miller. She also confirmed she saw the pictures and that CT was dead. As the days went on, Greer expressed concern to C1 that she had not seen CT's obituary anywhere. C1 told Greer it was possible CT's body had not been located, which Greer agreed.

On 11/20/12, I contacted Greer at her place of employment. She agreed to respond to police headquarters to discuss the disappearance of CT.

I spoke with Greer, post Miranda, at headquarters. Greer initially told me she did not know anyone that would want to harm CT and said CT did not have any enemies. I showed Greer the pictures that portrayed CT as deceased. Greer attempted to act surprised, but showed no emotion. She said it was terrible that someone would do that to CT.

I questioned Greer about her involvement in the situation. Greer denied she had anything to do with it and that she had any knowledge of the incident. I signaled for Officer Miller to come into the interview room. When he walked into the room, Greer stared at him and was silent. I asked Greer if she knew Officer Miller. Greer put her head down and admitted she knew who he was.

Greer told me she was involved in the situation, but said Thomas was the one that wanted CT dead. Greer said the main reason Thomas wanted CT dead was because she said Thomas thought CT would never leave him alone. Greer said CT would show up at Thomas' house unexpectedly and Greer said Thomas thought CT would not stop doing that. Greer told me there was also possibly some financial motive behind Thomas wanting CT dead, but again said it was mainly to get CT away from Thomas.

I asked Greer why she participated in the incident. Greer told me she loved Thomas and said she wanted him to be happy. Greer admitted she gave Officer Miller \$200 cash, the musical equipment, and the Jeep key as payment for Officer Miller to kill CT. Greer also admitted she provided Officer Miller a butcher knife to use to kill CT.

The facts contained above are true.

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