



NEWS RELEASE
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SPRINGFIELD MAN CHARGED IN MURDER OF ROOMMATE

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Jarrod Paul. Sirois, 39, of Springfield, Missouri, has been charged today with murder in the first degree and armed criminal action in case number 1231-CR04781. Mr. Patterson commends the Springfield Police Department Violent Crimes Unit and Detective Neal McAmis for their work in solving this case.

It is alleged that the Defendant murdered his roommate at 2824 Latoka in Springfield on July 6, 2012, by striking him in the head with a pipe. According to the probable cause statement the Defendant committed the crime so that he could take his roommate's heroin. The Defendant 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.

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 Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson. It is being investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and 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-CR04781
)
JARROD PAUL SIROIS,) OCN# 07026449
)
Defendant.) PA File No. 077245262

State of Missouri)
) ss.
County of Greene)

FELONY COMPLAINT

COUNT I
(Missouri Charge Code: 10021099.0)

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 565.020, RSMo, in that on or about July 6, 2012, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant after deliberation, knowingly caused the death of Robert W. Pugh by striking him with a pipe.

COUNT II
(Missouri Charge Code: 31010099.0)

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 July 6, 2012, 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.

State v. JARROD PAUL SIROIS

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, 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

State of Missouri vs. Jarrod Paul Sirois
PA File No. 077245262

COURT INFORMATION FOR WARRANT OR SUMMONS

From Prosecuting Attorney

DEFENDANT'S ADDRESS: GREENE COUNTY JAIL

CHARGE(S): Count I: Murder 1st degree, Class A Felony
CHARGE(S): Count II: Armed criminal action, Class U Felony

BOND RECOMMENDED: Hold without bond pursuant to Article I, Section 20 of the Missouri Constitution

REASONS: This is a capital offense where the proof is evident and presumptions great. Defendant confessed to committing offense to steal drugs from victim/roommate while in probation absconder status with an outstanding arrest warrant. Defendant is a prior and persistent felon and recently completed long term drug treatment in the Department of Corrections – December 2011. Defendant fled scene and attempted suicide.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: If court considers setting a bond, request an OPEN COURT BOND hearing to address conditions.

OFFICER & AGENCY: Neal McAmis, Springfield Police Dept.

DEFENDANT DESCRIPTION:

DOB: [REDACTED] 1973

SEX: Male

RACE: White

SSN: [REDACTED]

DLN:

DLN STATE:

HEIGHT: 5'11

WEIGHT: 170

HAIR:

EYES: BR

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

Any pending cases? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Case number of pending case in Division of Assignment per Administrative Order of 2/26/07: 1031-CR02052-01 0931-CR05824-01 1031-CR00607-01 1031-CR02411-01
APA Name/Bar No. assigned: Dan Patterson 41848



SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 07/12/12 Case #: 12-28255

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 Jarrod Paul Sirois, W/M, DOB [REDACTED] 73, SSN [REDACTED] committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The following crime(s) happened on 07/06/12 @ 0900 at 2824 W. Latoka in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.
3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

Officer Beasley was sent to 2824 W. Latoka on 07/08/12 for a report of a deceased person in the residence. The victim was identified as Robert W. Pugh DOB [REDACTED] 67. Pugh was located on the couch in the living room. Pugh was on his back with the lower half of his body covered by a blanket and a blue towel covered his face. Apparent blood spatter was throughout the living room area. Officer Beasley spoke to a neighbor of Pugh's, RR. RR informed Officer Beasley that Pugh had a roommate. RR said she last saw the roommate leaving Pugh's home on Friday (07/06/12). RR said the roommate left the area in a hurry and said the roommate carried a black duffle bag and white trash bag when he fled the area.

Officer Clemens responded to the area and conducted a neighborhood canvass. He spoke to another neighbor, DY, who said she saw Pugh's roommate running northbound on Scenic near Sunshine (away from the Latoka residence). DY, too, said she saw the roommate carrying a duffle bag and white trash bag.

On 7/8/12, a search warrant was obtained for Pugh's residence located at 2824 W. Latoka. During the execution of the warrant, mail addressed to Jarrod Sirois was located at the scene, along with numerous other items of physical evidence. The towel located on Pugh's face was removed and it was apparent he had severe head trauma.

Information about Sirois was researched. It was discovered that officers were sent to the Lamplighter Inn (1772 S. Glenstone) on 07/07/12 to investigate an apparent suicide attempt. The victim of the suicide attempt was Jarrod Paul Sirois DOB [REDACTED] 73. Officer Kennedy located an apparent suicide note in the hotel room. The note contained several names and numbers of various subjects. The note said those subjects could be contacted because they knew about a "situation" between Pugh and another subject, RL.

On 07/09/12, I contacted one of the subjects from the note, LG. LG told me he knew both Pugh and Sirois and confirmed Sirois was Pugh's roommate.

On 07/11/12, I contacted an employee of Lamplighter Inn, JV. JV told me she was the employee that rented the hotel room to Sirois. Sirois checked in on 07/06/12 at 1327. JV said Sirois had a black duffle bag when he checked in. She said she did not see him with a white trash bag.

On 7/11/12, I was notified Sirois was getting ready to be released from the hospital. Officer Kennedy was sent to the hospital to arrest Sirois for various warrants after Sirois was released from medical care. Officer Kennedy transported Sirois to north police headquarters.

I completed a videotaped post Miranda interview with Sirois concerning his involvement in Pugh's death. He initially denied involvement. He admitted he was Pugh's roommate, but said he had not been at Pugh's residence since Thursday night (07/05/12).

I continued to speak with Sirois about the case. Sirois eventually admitted he killed Pugh. He said he struck Pugh in the head with a pipe. Sirois said he thought he hit Pugh three or four times with the pipe. He claimed he only wanted to knock Pugh out and said he did not mean to kill him. He said Pugh was still breathing when he (Sirois) fled Pugh's residence.

I questioned Sirois about the murder weapon. He described the pipe as being similar to a small baseball bat. Sirois said he put the pipe in a white trash bag and carried it away from the residence. He said he disposed of the pipe in a dumpster near Scenic/Sunshine.

I asked Sirois why he killed Pugh. He told me he (Sirois) had a problem with heroin. He told me he wanted to kill himself and said he tried, on multiple occasions, to overdose on drugs. Sirois said he knew Pugh had heroin and he wanted Pugh's drugs. He said he knew Pugh would not voluntarily give him the drugs. Sirois said he stole Pugh's heroin after he assaulted Pugh. Sirois said he tried to overdose on the drugs at the Lamplighter Inn, but said it did not work. He said he then tried to cut his throat to kill himself and was later found by officers.

The facts contained above are true.


Signature

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DSN

DETECTIVE

Title