



NEWS RELEASE
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARGES FILED IN 2012 HOMICIDE

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Carlos L.L. Tureaud, 31, of Springfield, MO has been charged today in the 2012 shooting death of Marcus Wells.

As set out more fully in the probable cause statement filed today, this shooting occurred at the end of a private party being held at an apartment complex in Springfield at 1230 E. McDaniel Street. In the early morning hours of September 1st, an argument occurred between Tureaud and Wells inside the apartment during which Tureaud retrieved a .32 caliber handgun and fired it in the direction of Wells. That bullet missed. Tureaud followed Wells outside onto the apartment complex parking lot where Tureaud ultimately shot Wells several times causing his death.

Mr. Patterson expressed his thanks to the Springfield Police Department for continuing to pursue this case. The investigation of the case was hampered by the unwillingness of witnesses who were present at the party to come forward and tell the police what happened. The investigators were told that the witnesses were afraid of Tureaud and, therefore, were reluctant to come forward. The detective assigned the case, however, continued his investigation and he was able to obtain a witness' account of the shooting. Anyone else who was present at the party and has information about the shooting is encouraged to contact the Springfield Police Department.

The investigation was submitted to the Greene County Prosecuting Attorney's Office on Friday, December 5, 2014, and the filing of the case today was coordinated with the Springfield Police Department to ensure the defendant was safely taken into custody. The State has requested that bail be denied in this case.

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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 investigated by the Springfield Police Department 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 _____

STATE OF MISSOURI,)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
)	
vs.)	Case No.
)	
CARLOS L.L. TUREAUD,)	OCN# DS001407
)	
Defendant.)	PA File No. 077336169

FELONY COMPLAINT

COUNT I

(Missouri Charge Code: 10031003.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.021, RSMo, committed the class A felony of murder in the second degree, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about September 1, 2012, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly caused the death of Marcus Wells by shooting him and defendant is further given notice that should the state submit murder in the second degree - felony under Section 565.021.1(2), RSMo, it will be based upon the death of Marcus Wells as a result of the perpetration of the class C felony of unlawful possession of a firearm under Section 571.070, RSMo, committed by defendant.

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, under Sections 558.016 and 557.036, RSMo, in that he 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 February 14, 2003, defendant pleaded guilty in the Circuit Court of Greene County, Missouri, case number 31302CF6726, to two counts of the class B felony of unlawful use of a weapon for shooting or discharging a weapon at or from a motor vehicle for events that occurred on or about August 2, 2001.
2. On or about February 14, 2003, defendant pleaded guilty in the Circuit Court of Greene County, Missouri, case number 31302CF4691, to the class D felony of unlawful use of a weapon for events that occurred on February 16, 2001.
3. On or about February 14, 2003, defendant pleaded guilty in the Circuit Court of Greene County, Missouri, case number 31302CF8196, to the felony of possession of a controlled substance for events that occurred on or about July 31, 2001.
4. On or about February 14, 2003, defendant pleaded guilty in the Circuit Court of Greene County, Missouri, case number 31302CF1637, to the felony of receiving stolen property for events that occurred on or about July 3, 2001.

COUNT II
(Missouri Charge Code: 31010013.0)

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 September 1, 2012, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of murder in the second 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 second degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a deadly weapon.

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, under Sections 558.016 and 557.036, RSMo, in that he 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:

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COUNT III
(Missouri Charge Code: 31065012.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of 571.070, RSMo, committed the class C felony of unlawful possession of a firearm, punishable under Sections 558.011 and 560.011, RSMo, in that on or about September 1, 2012, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly possessed a .32 caliber firearm, and on or about February 14, 2003, defendant was convicted in the Circuit Court of Greene County, Missouri, case number 31302CF6726, of two counts of the class B felony of unlawful use of a weapon for shooting or discharging a weapon at or from a motor vehicle for events that occurred on or about August 2, 2001.

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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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SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



FELONY PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 06/17/14 Case #: 12-36938

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

1. I have probable cause to believe that Carlos Levron Lamar Tureaud, B/M, DOB 11/12/83, committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The following crime(s) happened on 09/01/12 0330 – 09/01/12 0339 at 1230 E. McDaniel in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.
3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 09/01/12, officers were sent to 1230 E. McDaniel about a shots fired call. While officers were en route to that location, they were notified that a subject, later identified as Marcus Wells, had been shot.

Officer Tauai arrived on scene and located Wells on the parking lot (south of the apartment complex). Officer Tauai noted that Wells was having trouble breathing. He said Wells informed him he (Wells) had been shot. Officer Tauai said he lifted Wells' shirt and could see apparent gunshot wounds. Medical personnel arrived on scene and transported Wells to Mercy Hospital, where Wells died of his injuries (he sustained several gunshot wounds).

Officer Fore arrived on scene and was contacted by a witness. The witness informed Officer Fore the incident started inside apartment #25 at the apartment complex. He was told the first shot was fired inside that apartment. The subject provided Officer Fore with the shell casing of the bullet that was fired inside the apartment. The subject informed Officer Fore he/she located the shell casing in the living room of apartment #25.

Officer Fore responded to apartment #25 and located a small hole in the door. He also found a small hole in the door of apartment #24 (the bullet lodged in the door of apartment #24). He noted that the path of the hole in apartment #24 was consistent with coming from the hole in the door of apartment #25. Officer Fore secured apartment #25 so we could obtain a search warrant for the property.

Officer Bruner contacted the owner of the apartment complex. That subject informed Officer Bruner that Ryan Roepke, a known police character, was the tenant of apartment #25.

Officers and detectives spoke with witnesses of the incident. It was relayed to me that Carlos "Boo" Tureaud, another known police character, was the apparent shooter.

I obtained a signed search warrant to search apartment #25 at 1230 E. McDaniel. I notified Detective Cantrell, the lead crime scene technician, that they could begin processing the apartment.

I later responded to the apartment and contacted Detective Cantrell. Detective Cantrell informed me that Roepke had a roommate. He said crime scene technicians located several items in the second bedroom that belonged to Carlos Tureaud. I notified Detective Cantrell that Tureaud had been mentioned as being the suspect in the incident.

Over the next several days, I, along with other detectives, interviewed several witnesses of the incident. Several witnesses inferred that Tureaud was the shooter, but they claimed not to have actually seen the incident take place. I was informed by subjects that many of the witnesses had seen the incident take place, but were too scared of Tureaud to testify against him. I also received several calls from people that refused to provide their names. They all told me Tureaud was the suspect.

Tureaud fled the area after the homicide occurred. Tureaud's probation and parole officer issued a warrant for his arrest after he fled. I received numerous tips about his location, but he could not be located.

On 01/18/13, I spoke with a subject that was friends with Tureaud. The subject told me he/she did not witness the homicide, but said Tureaud confessed to killing Wells. The subject said Tureaud told him/her that he (Tureaud) shot Wells in the back multiple times (Wells had been shot in the back multiple times, and that information had not been released).

On 06/13/13, I was notified Tureaud had finally been located and arrested (for the parole violation warrant). I contacted Tureaud at the jail and attempted to speak with him. Before I even told Tureaud what I wanted to talk to him about, he refused to speak with me.

On 04/01/14, I received a call from one of the witnesses that was at the party. The subject told me he/she wanted to speak with me about what happened. The subject agreed to respond to headquarters that afternoon.

The witness arrived on time, and I brought him/her to an interview room. The subject told me he/she wanted to tell what happened because he/she felt guilty about not being truthful after the incident happened. The subject told me he/she lied when he/she was first questioned because he/she was so scared of Tureaud.

The subject said there was a brief physical altercation between Tureaud and Wells at the party. The subject said the fight was immediately broken up by other party goers. The witness said Tureaud ran to a bedroom (the bedroom the subject described was the bedroom where Tureaud's belongings were located) and came out with a gun. The subject said Tureaud fired one shot at Wells inside the apartment. The subject told me Tureaud had to have missed Wells on purpose, because he/she said Tureaud was only a few feet away from Wells when Tureaud fired the shot. The subject described the incident happening directly inside the front door of the apartment (consistent with the evidence located at the scene).

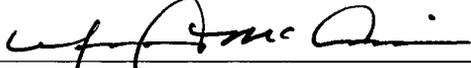
The witness then described that Wells told Tureaud, "Nigga, if you're going to shoot me, shoot me!" The subject said Wells made that statement after Tureaud fired the first shot inside the apartment. The subject said Wells took his shirt off and said the subjects went outside.

The subject said Wells and Tureaud went to the apartment complex's parking lot, which was located on the south side of the complex. The witness said Tureaud fired a total of four to five shots (also

consistent with evidence found at the scene) at Wells at that time. The subject said he/she did not know if the first shot struck Wells, but said Wells turned to run away after that shot was fired. The subject said Tureaud continued to shoot at Wells as Wells attempted to run away. The witness said Wells fell to the ground after being shot. The subject said Tureaud fled the location at that time.

The subject informed me there were numerous witnesses to the homicide. The witness said people would not come forward because they were either friends of Tureaud or they were too scared of Tureaud to talk about what happened.

The facts contained above are true.


Signature

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Detective

Title

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI

STATE OF MISSOURI,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) Case No.
)
)PA File No. 077336169
CARLOS L.L. TUREAUD)
Defendant.)

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY’S BAIL/BOND RECOMMENDATION

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

1. Hold without Bond.
2. Should a bond be set, the State requests that the Court 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. Pursuant to the Missouri Constitution, Article I, Section 32.2, the State requests the Court deny bail because the defendant poses a danger to the community and to the witnesses in this case. In support of the request, Plaintiff states:
 - a. The defendant is a violent and prior and persistent felon with prior weapons convictions including two counts of the class B felony of shooting from a motor vehicle (case number 31402CF6726).
 - b. The offenses in this case were committed at a party held in an apartment attended by multiple persons who witnessed the incident. Most witnesses to this homicide have refused to make statements because of their fear of the defendant and his associates.
 - c. The witnesses whom have come forward and identified the defendant as the shooter in this case have also expressed their fear of retribution by the defendant and/or his associates.
 - d. The defendant has a pending three count distribution of controlled substances case for offenses committed in October, 2010 (Case number 1131-CR05752-01). Offenses that occurred within one month of the defendant’s release from the Missouri Department of Corrections on parole (September 21, 2010).
 - e. The offenses charged herein were committed just three months after the defendant was released on

EXHIBIT A
TO ARREST WARRANT

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parole for a second time (April 30, 2012).

Respectfully submitted,

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HOLD WITHOUT BOND. Court finds, pursuant to the Missouri Constitution, Article I, Section 32.2, that based upon the showing in the State's bond recommendation that the Defendant poses a danger to the community and witnesses in this case and denies bail herein.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF RELEASE ON BOND IF A BOND IS SET BY THE COURT:

- OPEN COURT ONLY BOND
- Obey all laws
- No contact or communication with the victim's family or any witnesses to the alleged events in any manner or through any medium
- Not to possess any weapon, firearm or ammunition
- 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
- 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 12 hours)