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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

VEHICLE HIJACKING SENTENCED

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Rodney Baker, 29, of Springfield, Missouri was sentenced today for an attempted vehicle hijacking that took place on June 26, 2021. Baker was found guilty after trial in March 2022.

Baker was sentenced by The Honorable Becky Borthwick to 15 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for charges contained in the felony information.

**This case is being prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Darren Dodd and Kimberley Pulley. It was investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Anthony Davis was the lead investigator assigned to the case.**

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AMENDED FELONY INFORMATION  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI  
Circuit Division \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MISSOURI,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
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	)	
vs.	)	Case No. 2131-CR01998-01-01
	)	
RODNEY BAKER	)	OCN# NV010496
	)	
Defendant.	)	

COUNT I  
(Missouri Charge Code: 570.027-002Y20201212.)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 570.027, committed the class B felony of vehicle hijacking, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about June 26, 2021, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly used physical force upon Bradley Shelton to attempt to seize possession of a vehicle, a grey Jeep Patriot, from the immediate possession of Bradley Shelton.

The range of punishment for a class B felony is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than five (5) years and not to exceed fifteen (15) years.

Defendant is a prior offender under Section 558.016, RSMo. Defendant is also a persistent offender and, pursuant to Sections 558.016 and 557.036, RSMo., if found guilty of a class B, C, D, or E felony is punishable by sentence to the authorized term of imprisonment for the offense that is one class higher than the offense for which the defendant is found guilty in that the defendant has been found guilty of two or more felonies committed at different times. The felonies are as follows:

1. On or about December 16, 2011, defendant was found guilty of the felony of statutory rape in the first degree, person under the age of 14, in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, Missouri, and
2. On or about June 23, 2016, defendant was found guilty of the felony of prior offender residing within 1,000 feet of a school, first offense, in the Circuit Court of Phelps County, Missouri, and

3. On or about November 8, 2017, defendant was found guilty of the felony of violation of condition of lifetime supervision in the 22nd Judicial Circuit Court, Saint Louis, Missouri.

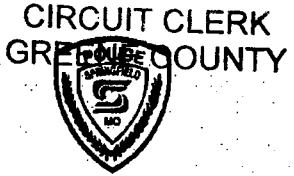
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Greene, State of Missouri, by

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**SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT****PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT**Date: 06/27/2021 Case #: SPD210626022121

I, ANTHONY DAVIS, 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 RODNEY BAKER, Black/Male, DOB [REDACTED] 1992, committed one or more criminal offenses.

2. The following crime(s) happened on 2021/06/26 16:33 - 2021/06/26 17:00 at 1235 E CHEROKEE ST Bld: MERCY HOSPITAL, in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.

3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

I, Detective Anthony Davis, have learned the following from police reports as well as my own investigation:

On 06/26/21, B.S (victim) was on the top floor of the parking garage on the north parking lot at Mercy Hospital (1235 E Cherokee) near his Gray 2013 Jeep Patriot when he was approached by a male, later identified as Rodney Baker. Baker came up to B.S. and asked him for a cigarette. As B.S. got Baker a cigarette, Baker grabbed B.S.'s vehicle keys from his hand. B.S. stated they struggled over the keys as Baker stated, "For my families lives". During the struggle for the keys, Baker struck B.S. in the face with a closed fist. Baker then got into B.S.'s Jeep Patriot and attempted to start it. At that point, B.S. started to strike Baker several times as he attempted to pull him out of the vehicle. Baker then got out of the vehicle and ran. B.S.'s keys were left on the ground.

S.B. (witness) stated she was pulling up to the hospital parking lot when Baker asked B.S. for a cigarette. B.S. walked to his vehicle, which was parked next to S.B.'s vehicle. As B.S. handed the cigarette to Baker, Baker grabbed B.S.'s keys. S.B. stated Baker punched B.S. and was able to get the keys from him. S.B. saw Baker enter B.S.'s vehicle. As Baker was in B.S.'s vehicle, B.S. started to strike Baker and attempted to pull him out. Once Baker was out of the vehicle, he took off running.

C.W. (witness) stated Baker asked B.S. for a cigarette. As B.S. started to give Baker a cigarette, Baker grabbed the keys and punched Shepard. C.W. stated that Baker got into B.S.'s vehicle. C.W. grabbed the door to the vehicle to keep Baker from closing the door.

B.S. did not have any visible injuries and stated his cheek where Baker punched him was sore. B.S. stated he did not know Baker and had never seen him prior to this incident. The incident was captured on video by Mercy Security. The video showed Baker walking towards B.S. The driver's side door was open and Baker walked between B.S. and the door. At that point, Baker was seen grabbing B.S.'s hand and they started to push and pull on each other's arms. Baker then stuck B.S. in the face with a closed fist followed by another strike with the other hand. Baker then quickly got into the driver's seat of the vehicle. B.S. went up to the vehicle and struck Baker several times. Baker got out of the vehicle as B.S. started to back up. Baker then got back into B.S.'s vehicle and

the windshield wipers started to move. B.S. went back up to Baker and struck him several more times. Baker then got out of the vehicle with his hands up in the air and left on foot.

I am requesting that an arrest warrant be issued because (complete at least one of the following):

1. I have reasonable grounds to believe the defendant will not appear upon a summons based on the facts stated above and the following information:

[Enter supporting facts here]

Not Applicable

2. I have reasonable grounds to believe the defendant poses a danger to a crime victim, the community, or any other person based on the facts stated above and the following information:

Baker when up to a person that he did not know and attempted to take their vehicle by force and assaulted the victim. Baker also was convicted of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Statutory Rape on 12/16/11.

Not Applicable

The facts contained above are true to the best of my information and belief.

/s/ Anthony Davis

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Officer

Signature

DSN

Title