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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

KATHI JONES' MURDERER CHARGED

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Andrew M. Jensen, 39, of Springfield, Missouri, was charged Friday afternoon with murder in the second degree and armed criminal action. These charges are from events occurring around November 23, 2015, when Ms. Kathi Jones' body was discovered murdered in her home.

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 Christopher Barb 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. 1631-CR03218 WJ
)
ANDREW M JENSEN ,) OCN#
)
Defendant.) PA File No. 077359370

FELONY COMPLAINT

COUNT I

(Missouri Charge Code: 565.021-001Y19840999.)

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 between November 20, 2015 to November 23, 2015, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly caused the death of Kathi Jones by beating and/or stabbing her.

COUNT II

(Missouri Charge Code: 571.015-001Y19755299.)

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 between November 20, 2015 to November 23, 2015, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of murder in the second degree as 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 dangerous instrument.

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.

DAN PATTERSON
Prosecuting Attorney of the County of
Greene, State of Missouri, by



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SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



FELONY PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 05/06/2016 Case #: 15-47081

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

1. I have probable cause to believe that Andrew M. Jensen, W/M, DOB 06/13/1976, committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The following crime(s) happened on 11/20/2015 1800 hours - 11/23/2015 1225 hours at 342 E. Downing St. apt. B in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.
3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 11/23/2015 at 1225 hours, Springfield Police Officers were sent to 342 E. Downing St. apt. B to check the well-being of the female resident, Kathi Jones (Brown). Officers received information that Jones had not been seen or spoken to since the evening of Friday, 11/20/2015. Officers found the doors to the residence closed and locked. Officers were able to gain entry to the residence through an open window. Upon searching the house, officers located the body of a deceased subject inside a bedroom of the residence. The deceased subject was later positively identified as Kathi Jones.

Jones was fully clothed and her clothing was stained with blood. Jones appeared to have stab wounds or puncture wounds on her body. She also appeared to have injuries or trauma to her head and face. An autopsy was conducted by the Greene County Medical Examiner on 11/24/2015. The Medical Examiner determined Jones died of multiple blunt force injuries and multiple sharp force injuries due to being beaten, cut, and stabbed.

During the crime scene investigation, detectives collected numerous items of evidence from inside the residence. Detectives located a cigarette butt on a small table inside the living room. Members of Jones' family indicated she rarely smoked and did not allow anyone to smoke inside her residence. Detectives found what appeared to be a black club beneath a table in the living room. The club appeared to have dried blood on it. Detectives also located a pair of men's Athletic Works brand pants in a large black trash bag inside the residence. The pants appeared to be stained with blood in many areas. The pants were found with other blood stained items inside the trash bag. I sent the cigarette butt, the club, the bloodied pants from the trash bag, and the jeans worn by Jones along with other pieces of evidence to the Missouri State Highway Patrol Crime Laboratory for testing.

I spoke with the reporting party during the follow-up investigation and received information that Jones had been seen with a male subject identified as "Patch" as recently as Friday afternoon, 11/20/2015. The reporting party did not know the male subject's real name.

A cell phone belonging to Jones was located inside the residence during the follow-up investigation. I obtained the call history from Jones' telephone. I located information on the last telephone calls and text messages that Jones sent or received prior to her death. I spoke with a female whose

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telephone number was discovered on Jones' phone log. This female indicated she had been present at Jones' residence with a male subject identified as "Patch" on Friday, 11/20/15, during the late evening hours. The female identified "Patch" as Andrew Jensen. I also discovered a telephone number belonging to Andrew Jensen in the call history from Jones' phone. The female provided me with a telephone number for Jensen and it matched the number belonging to him in Jones' call log.

I attempted to locate Jensen during the follow-up investigation. On 01/19/2016, Jensen was arrested on a Greene County warrant for his arrest. Jensen was transported to Police Headquarters so I could attempt to speak with him about Jones and her death. I conducted an interview with Jensen after advising him of his Miranda Rights. Jensen stated he knew Jones and had been to her residence the Friday and Saturday before she was discovered deceased. He indicated he was last at her residence on Saturday, 11/21/15, around 1100 hours.

Jensen told me he did climb through Jones' kitchen window on Friday, 11/20/15, because she had broken a key off inside a lock. He stated he had gone through the kitchen window and unlocked the door to allow Jones and their female friend to enter Jones' residence. He said he thought he left Jones' residence around 0100 to 0130 hours on 11/21/15. He said he left the residence after he felt insulted and offended by comments Jones and the female friend made to him. He reported he walked to a friend's house across town and returned to Jones' residence around 0730 hours on 11/21/15. He said Jones allowed him inside and he stayed at Jones' residence until approximately 1100 hours on 11/21/15 and then left. Jensen advised that was the last time he had been at Jones' residence. Jensen denied he assaulted Jones or caused her death. Jensen provided me with a DNA sample at the conclusion of the interview.

DNA profiles were developed by the MSHP Crime Laboratory from the examinations of the cigarette butt, the bloodied pants from the trash, and the club submitted for testing. I forwarded the DNA sample collected from Jensen to the MSHP Crime Laboratory. I requested Jensen's DNA sample be examined and compared to the DNA profiles developed from the items submitted as evidence. The DNA profile developed from the cigarette butt found in Jones' living room was consistent with the DNA profile of Andrew Jensen. A DNA profile obtained from a blood stain on the pants located in the trash was a mixture of two individuals. The major component of the DNA profile from these pants was consistent with the DNA profile of Andrew Jensen. A DNA profile developed on the club was a mixture of two individuals. The major component of the DNA profile from the club was consistent with the DNA profile of Kathi Jones. I received certified lab reports documenting these results.

I also requested testing of the bloodied jeans Jones was wearing when she was discovered deceased. On 03/30/16, I received information from the MSHP Crime Laboratory that a DNA profile had been developed during an examination of a bloodstained area on Jones' pants. The profile was a mixture of two individuals. The major component of the DNA profile from Jones' pants was consistent with the DNA profile of Andrew Jensen. I received a certified lab report documenting this result.

The facts contained above are true.

Chris Bahr
Signature

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DSN

Corporal
Title

EXHIBIT A
TO ARREST WARRANT

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF RELEASE ON BOND SET BY THE COURT:

OPEN COURT ONLY BOND

State agrees to recognizance release by Court Order after the first court appearance with the below conditions of release

Obey all laws

No contact or communication with victim(s) or the victim's family in any manner or through any medium

Not to possess any weapon, firearm or ammunition. Defendant to surrender to Sheriff any Concealed Carry (CCW) permit.

No contact or communication with _____ in any manner or through any medium

Not knowingly be on the premises of or within 1,000 feet of the victim(s) residence, or place of employment/education.

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

No contact with children under seventeen (17) years of age

Not to be on premises of any park, school, daycare, playground, recreational facility, or other place where children congregate

Curfew from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Electronic monitoring/house arrest from choose start time to choose end time (if no times specified, 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 24 hours)

GPS monitoring with house arrest from choose start time to choose end time (if no times specified, 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 24 hours)

-Travel exceptions for house arrest which must be prescheduled with Electronic Monitor/GPS provider:

Defendant may travel directly to and from appointments with defense attorney

Defendant may travel directly to and from medical appointments

Defendant may travel directly to and from grocery store closest to residence

Defendant may travel directly to and from place of employment

The following locations where the victim may be found are already known to defendant and, pursuant to Section 566.226.2, RSMo., the Court FINDS that disclosure of such locations as ordered herein will not compromise but will instead facilitate the safety of the victim and, therefore, the Court ORDERS that prior to any release, the defendant shall be notified that he/she may not travel in or be in these exclusion zones and that said exclusion zones shall be made known to the Prosecutor's Office, Defendant's Attorney, Defendant's Pretrial Service Officer and/or Bondsman and the GPS provider:

Other: