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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Man Charged with Killing His Girlfriend

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Shawn Aaron Turner, 39, of Springfield, Missouri, has been charged today with murder in the second degree for the death of his girlfriend. These events occurred on January 11, 2017.

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 Dept. and Detective Matthew Farmer is the lead investigator assigned to the case.**

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# SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

## FELONY PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT



Date: 01/12/2017 Case #: SPD170111001514

I, M. FARMER 1055, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law state as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that SHAWN AARON TURNER, White/Male, DOB (REDACTED) 977, committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The following crime(s) happened on 2017/01/11 16:30 - 2017/01/11 18:40 at 1641 W WHITESIDE ST in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.
3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 1-11-2017 at approximately 1630 hours, SPD Officers were dispatched to 1641 W. Whiteside for a Domestic Disturbance. A female, later identified as Elizabeth K. Spurlock called 911 and said her daughter, K.S. had been shot by her boyfriend, Shawn Turner and that K.S. was dead. Spurlock said she had been trying to call K.S. all day and Turner finally answered the phone and said he was sorry, he killed K.S., she was dead and he disconnected the phone. Spurlock advised 911 she was en route to the residence.

Officers arrived and began setting up a perimeter around the residence and a male subject, later identified as Shawn A. Turner, exited the house and was taken into custody. Turner had what appeared to be a gunshot wound to the head and was transported to a local hospital by ambulance. SPD Officer Lilly (DSN 1511) and other officers entered the residence and located a deceased female, later identified as K.S., on the floor in the northwest bedroom and a handgun in the same room on the floor. Officer Lilly said the handgun appeared to be similar to a Glock 17, was covered in blood and the magazine had been removed and was next to the gun.

Officer Lilly said he observed a large pool of blood in the hallway outside the bedroom door as well as a blood soaked towel on the floor. Officer Lilly noticed bloody footprints in the hallway and what appeared to be drag marks in the blood leading to the female. The female was lying on her back with blood covering her head. Officer Lilly said the pool of blood had begun to dry around the edges approximately 2-3 inches from the outside edge.

SPD Officer J. Hower (DSN 1751) reported that Turner told paramedics he had shot himself with a "9 millimeter" and disassembled the gun and left it in the bedroom. Officer Hower said when Turner came out of the house he asked who else was in the house and Turner said his girlfriend. Officer Hower asked if she was okay and Turner said, "Oh no she is dead." Turner said he "kind of blanked out" and did not know how long she had been dead there.

On 01-12-17, I responded to the hospital Turner was located at and contacted him about the incident. Turner was coherent and able to speak with me during my contact with him. Turner was able to give me his pertinent information and tell me where he was at when asked.

Post-Miranda, Turner admitted to shooting K.S. "three (3) or four (4) times" with a 9mm handgun that belonged to K.S. Turner stated he and K.S. had been arguing over money when the shooting occurred. Turner said during the argument he "felt compelled" to go get the gun. Turner said after he shot K.S. and realized what he had done he turned the gun on himself.

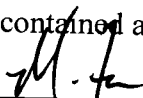
After shooting himself, Turner stated he woke up some time later. Once Turner woke up, he stated he "expelled the clip" from the handgun, cleared the chamber two (2) or three (3) times to make sure there were not anymore bullets. Turner said there were bullets that expelled and he put them back in "the clip" and left the handgun lying on the ground.

Turner stated he then went and got something to drink in the kitchen, walked back to the bedroom, laid down in bed and went to sleep. Turner said he later awoke to K.S.'s phone ringing. Turner answered the phone and it was K.S.'s mother (Spurlock). Turner stated he told Spurlock what he had happened and to call 911. When asked why he did not call 911, Turner stated, "Can't really see that well, can't find my glasses".

Turner stated he fell back asleep and later awoke to the phone ringing again. When Turner answered the phone, he found it was the police and he complied with the instructions to come out of the residence where he was taken into custody.

The facts contained above are true.

Signature



1055

DSN

Corporal

Title

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI

Associate Division \_\_\_\_

STATE OF MISSOURI,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
	)	
vs.	)	Case No. 1731-CR00015
	)	
SHAWN AARON TURNER,	)	OCN#
	)	
Defendant.	)	PA File No. 077374930

**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 about January 11, 2017, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly or with the purpose of causing serious physical injury to K.S. caused the death of K.S. by shooting her.

Defendant is a prior offender under Section 558.016, RSMo, in that he has been convicted of a felony as follows:

On or about March 9, 2001, the defendant was convicted of the felony of assault with a deadly weapon in Huntsville, Texas.

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 about on or about January 11, 2017, 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, in that he has been convicted of a felony as follows:

On or about March 9, 2001, the defendant was convicted of the felony of assault with a deadly weapon in Huntsville, Texas.

COUNT III  
(Missouri Charge Code: 571.070-001Y20175299.)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 571.070, RSMo, committed the class D felony of unlawful possession of a concealable firearm, punishable under Sections 558.011 and 558.002, RSMo, in that on or about January 11, 2017, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly possessed a 9 millimeter handgun, a firearm, and on March 9, 2001, the defendant was convicted of the felony of assault with a deadly weapon in Huntsville, Texas.

Defendant is a prior offender under Section 558.016, RSMo, in that he has been convicted of a felony as follows:

On or about March 9, 2001, the defendant was convicted of the felony of assault with a deadly weapon in Huntsville, Texas.

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  
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Greene, State of Missouri, by



Electronically signed;

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI

STATE OF MISSOURI, )  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. ) Case No. 1731-CR00015  
)  
)PA File No. 077374930  
SHAWN AARON TURNER )  
Defendant. )

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S BAIL/BOND RECOMMENDATION**

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

1. AMOUNT: \$750,000

☒ OPEN COURT ONLY BOND (by administrative order applies automatically to bonds \$25,000 and higher)

☐ State agrees to recognizance release by Court Order after the first court appearance upon the conditions of release in Exhibit A

☐ Hold without Bond

2. The State requests that the Court also 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. The State requests the Court set bond in the above amount and upon the conditions set out in Exhibit A to Arrest Warrant hereto for the following reasons: The defendant has felony convictions from Huntsville, Texas for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and assault of a public servant. In this case the defendant killed his girlfriend by shooting her multiple times. After he shot his girlfriend the defendant shot himself in the head.

Respectfully submitted,



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**EXHIBIT A**  
**TO ARREST WARRANT**

*State of Missouri v. Shawn Aaron Turner*  
Case No: 1731-CR00015

**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 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: