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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHASE ADAMS CHARGED WITH MURDER

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Chase Dylan Adams, 19, of Springfield, Missouri, was charged yesterday with second degree murder and armed criminal action for causing the death of Zechariah Miles on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Philip Fuhrman. It is being investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Detective Scott Hill is the lead investigator assigned to the case.**

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## Associate Division

Plaintiff,

vs.

Defendant.

Case No. 1731-CH00599

OCN#

PA File No. 077375939

**FELONY COMPLAINT**

(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 on or about February 1, 2017, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly or with the purpose of causing serious physical injury to Zechariah Miles caused the death of Zechariah Miles by shooting him.

(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 February 1, 2017, in the Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of murder in the 2nd 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 2nd degree, by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a deadly weapon.

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*State v. CHASE DYLAN ADAMS*

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip M. Fuhrman", written in a cursive style.

Electronically signed;

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# SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

## FELONY PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT



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Date: 02/02/2017 Case #: 17-4625

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

1. I have probable cause to believe that CHASE DYLAN ADAMS, White/Male, DOB [REDACTED] 1997, committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The following crime(s) happened on 2017/02/01 02:05 - 2017/02/01 02:05 at 1500 W HAMILTON ST in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.
3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 02/01/17 at 2:05 AM, officers were dispatched to 1500 W. Hamilton St. in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri, for a report of a male who had possibly been shot. Officer Layton arrived at approximately 2:06 AM. Officer Layton contacted a male resident in the doorway who stated a male was inside and he's been shot. Officer Layton noticed a bullet hole on the exterior of the residence as he entered. Officer Layton observed a male lying in the residence and had a large pool of blood underneath him. Other officers arrived and were unable to locate a pulse on the male. The deceased male was later identified as Zechariah S. Miles (DOB [REDACTED] 1997).

Officers contacted a total of three other individuals who were inside the residence when the shooting took place. As officers were inside the residence, they noticed what appeared to be bullet holes located on the interior walls and shell casings on the floor. Officer Gonzales also noticed the living room had items which appeared to have been knocked over and the couches appeared out of place, indicating a possible struggle occurred.

During the course of the investigation, two separate witnesses contacted the police department regarding contact with a suspect. Both witnesses had contact with a male, identified as Chase D. Adams (DOB [REDACTED] 1997), on social media. On 02/01/17 at 10:06 AM, Adams messaged witness #1, "I'm the one that been shootn over there". Adams also told witness #1 at 10:18 AM, "Whatever ill be back thorough after the police gone". During the morning hours on 02/01/17, Adams messaged witness #2 and talked about the shooting. Witness #2 asked Adams who did it and Adams replied, "Me and my buddy". Witness #2 asked Adams who actually shot him (Miles)? Adams replied, "Me". On 02/01/17, Adams called witness #2 at 2:03 PM. During the phone call, Adams provided additional information about the shooting which was consistent with the evidence located at 1500 W. Hamilton. I was able to view witness #2 call log to confirm a call took place.

Further investigation revealed a past disturbance in December of 2016, between Miles and a friend of Adams, over a purchase of a handgun. There was a disagreement with the amount of money Miles paid Adams friend. Adams made threats to do a "drive by" at Miles residence. On 01/07/17, Adams sent witness #1 a picture of a handgun on social media.

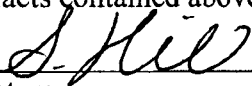
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On 02/01/17, a search warrant was served at Adams residence, located at 755 N. Fulbright Avenue. Adams was present during the search warrant and was taken to police headquarters for questioning. During a recorded post Miranda interview with Adams, he acknowledged he knew Miles. Adams admitted there was a handgun transaction involving Miles and a friend of Adams. Adams was upset because Miles over the handgun transaction. During the interview, Adams denied involvement in the murder of Miles. I confronted Adams with messages from social media where he admitted to doing the shooting and Adams stated he sent some of the messages but denied sending the guilt admission messages during the same conversation where he had replied to other questions.

During the search warrant at 755 N. Fulbright Avenue, officers seized a cell phone at the residence which belonged to Adams. A search of Adams internet history on his cell phone showed on 02/01/17 at 0921 hours, a website of "apartmentscanada.com" and looking at apartments on "renthello.com" for Ottawa Ontario at 0926 hours. Facebook application and Facebook messenger had also been deleted from the phone. Content on the phone showed Facebook messenger was installed up until 02/01/17 at 1207 hours. During the search of Adam's cell phone, content was recovered showing the social media account the two witnesses communicated with was logged into on Adam's cell phone.

The facts contained above are true.

Signature



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Officer

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI

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

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

1. AMOUNT: \$500,000

☒ 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: Defendant shot and killed the victim, Zechariah Miles. After the shooting at least two online websites were located on the defendant's search history for apartments in Canada.

Respectfully submitted,



Electronically signed;

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