



NEWS RELEASE
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MAN CHARGED FOR MURDER OF HIS GIRLFRIEND

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Ellman S. Long, 70, of Springfield, MO has been charged today with murder in the second degree and armed criminal action. Bond has been set at \$150,000.

On July 19, 2017, Ellman Long entered the lobby of the Springfield Police Department located on Battlefield Road. Long told staff he had shot his girlfriend around midnight the previous night. Greene County Deputies responded to the residence in Fair Grove and located the victim inside the residence with one gunshot wound to her head.

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 cause 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 Greene County Sheriff's Office and Detective Jennifer Flood 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,)	
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)	
vs.)	Case No. 1731-CR04733
)	
ELLMAN S LONG ,)	OCN#
)	
Defendant.)	PA File No. 077384505

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 on or about July 18, 2017, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly or with the purpose of causing serious physical injury to J.M. caused the death of J.M. by shooting J.M.

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 July 18, 2017, in the county of 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.

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 over a horizontal line.

Electronically signed;

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GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 07/19/2017 Case #: GCS170719004514

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

1. I have probable cause to believe that ELLMAN S LONG, White/Male, DOB [REDACTED] 1947, committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The following crime(s) happened on 2017/07/18 21:00 - 2017/07/19 03:00 at 5225 E CALBERTS LN in Greene County, Missouri.
3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On July 19, 2017, at about 13: 56 hours, Ellman Spencer Long, DOB: [REDACTED] 1947, entered the lobby of the Springfield Police Department's South District Station, located at 2620 W. Battlefield, Springfield, Missouri. Long told staff he shot his girlfriend around midnight the previous night inside their home located at 5225 E. Calberts Lane, Fair Grove, Missouri, a location in Greene County. Greene County Sheriff Deputies responded to the residence in Fair Grove and located a deceased female inside the home. She was later identified as J.M. Long was transported to the Greene County Sheriff's Office for questioning. His vehicle, a white 2003 Dodge Ram truck, was secured as evidence at the police station. A handgun was visible inside the truck between the driver's seat and the center console. The truck was towed by Premier Towing for processing.

Post Miranda, Long stated he and his girlfriend, J.M., had been romantically involved since April 1, 2017, and he was currently living with her at the Fair Grove address. He said the previous night, July 18, 2017, he and J.M. went to bed around 21:00 hours. Long said J.M. ingested methamphetamine that evening, but he did not know when. Long said, at approximately midnight, she began yelling and "berating" him. Long stated J.M. was accusing him of lying and cheating on her. He said they have had arguments like this in the past, but not "this bad." Long stated their previous altercations were never physical, but occasionally J.M. would "push" or "shove" him. He said he never struck or hit J.M. during their relationship.

Long stated he was trying to sleep and J.M. was standing next to the bed where he was lying. J.M. continued to yell at him and Long said at one point, he pushed her away, causing her to stumble backward. Long said J.M. started coming toward him again, and he said he reached for his gun located on the nightstand next to the bed, pointed the gun at her, and fired one shot hitting her in the head.

Long stated he felt threatened by J.M. and "didn't know what she would do." He also stated she had not physically assaulted him, only a verbal altercation took place. When asked why he reached for the gun instead of getting away from her, he stated "it was instinct" and he knew he made a bad choice. I asked Long if he was able to remove himself from similar situations in previous arguments

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and he stated he had, but this time he grabbed the gun instead. After the shooting, Long said he got on the floor with J.M., held her in his arms for a time and told her he loved her. Long stated he then wandered through the home contemplating suicide. He said he left the home around 03:00 hours, took the gun with him, and drove around, talked with various friends before going to the police station to turn himself in.

Long said the gun he used to shoot J.M. was a Sig .380 and he left it inside his truck. The truck was later processed by Greene County Sheriff Detectives, and a Sig Sauer .380 caliber handgun was located in the truck. The handgun was loaded with two different brands of .380 ammunition: Winchester .380 caliber rounds and Federal .380 rounds. A spent Winchester .380 shell casing was located on the floor near J.M.'s body at the crime scene.

The facts contained above are true.

Sept. Flood
Signature

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DSN

Deputy
Title

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Plaintiff,)
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ELLMAN S LONG)
Defendant.)

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S BAIL/BOND RECOMMENDATION

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

1. AMOUNT: \$300,000

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 his girlfriend.

Respectfully submitted,



Electronically signed;

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EXHIBIT A
TO ARREST WARRANT

State of Missouri v. Ellman S Long
Case No:

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 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: