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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SLAGLEY'S CHARGES UPGRADED TO MURDER  
FOR KILLING PREGNANT MOTHER AND UNBORN CHILD

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that the charges against Joseph Michael Slagley, 21, of Springfield, Missouri, have been upgraded today. The Defendant is now charged with two counts of murder in the second degree and two counts of armed criminal action.

The Defendant is alleged to have discharged a firearm at Mr. Jason Hansen during a dispute on July 1, 2017. The Defendant shot into Mr. Hansen's vehicle where the victim, Ms. Misty Hill, a pregnant, 36 year old mother, was in the passenger seat. Ms. Hill and her unborn child both died as a result of a gunshot wound to the head of Ms. Hill.

Under Missouri law, life begins at conception and the unlawful killing of an unborn child is a criminal offense. Additionally, Missouri follows the doctrine of transferred intent. Pursuant to Section 565.003, RSMo, the culpable mental state necessary for a homicide offense may be found to exist if the only difference between what actually occurred and what was the object of the offender's state of mind is that a different person or persons were killed.

The Defendant remains in the custody of the Greene County Jail on a \$250,000.00 bond.

Mr. Patterson cautions that the charges in the amended complaint are merely allegations and the Defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

Subject: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Press Release, State v. Slagley, 1731-CR04084

Copies of the amended felony complaint and amended 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 prosecuted by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney T. Myers. It is being investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Scott Hill is the lead investigator assigned to the case.**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI

Associate Division 24

STATE OF MISSOURI,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOSEPH MICHAEL SLAGLEY ,

Defendant.

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Case No. 1731-CR04084

OCN#

PA File No. 077383570

**AMENDED FELONY COMPLAINT**

COUNT I

(Missouri Charge Code: 565.021-001Y19840903.)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.021, RSMo, and Section 565.003, committed the class A felony of murder in the second degree, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about July 1, 2017, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant with the purpose of causing serious physical injury to Jason Hansen caused the death of Misty Hill by shooting her and the defendant is further given notice that should the State submit murder in the second degree - felony under Section 565.021.1(2), RSMo, it will be based on the death of Misty Hill. as a result of the perpetration of the class B felony of unlawful use of a weapon by discharging a firearm at a motor vehicle under Section 571.030.1(9).

COUNT II

(Missouri Charge Code: 571.015-001Y197552013.0)

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 1, 2017, 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 deadly weapon.

COUNT III

(Missouri Charge Code: 565.021-001Y19840903.)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.021, RSMo, and Section 565.003, committed the class A felony of murder in the second degree, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about July 1, 2017, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the

defendant with the purpose of causing serious physical injury to Jason Hansen caused the death of Misty Hill's unborn child by shooting Misty Hill and the defendant is further given notice that should the State submit murder in the second degree - felony under Section 565.021.1(2), RSMo, it will be based on the death of Misty Hill's unborn child as a result of the perpetration of the class B felony of unlawful use of a weapon by discharging a firearm at a motor vehicle under Section 571.030.1(9).

COUNT IV  
(Missouri Charge Code: 571.015-001Y197552013.0)

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 571.051.1, RSMo, in that on or about July 1, 2017, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of murder in the second degree as charged in Count III, 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.

The facts that form the basis for this information and belief are contained in the attached statement of facts concerning this matter, which statement is made part hereof and submitted herewith.

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



Electronically Signed;

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# SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

## FELONY PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT



Date: 07/14/2017 Case #: 17-28513

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 JOSEPH MICHAEL SLAGLEY, White/Male, DOB [REDACTED] 1995, committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The following crime(s) happened on 2017/07/01 00:27 - 2017/07/01 00:27 at 504 E CHERRY ST in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.
3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

I learned the following information from report 17-28513 and further follow-up investigation:

On 07/01/17 at approximately 0026 hours, Springfield Police Officers were dispatched to the area of 440 E. Cherry for reports of shots fired.

On 07/01/17 at approximately 0028 hours, a Greene County Sheriff Deputy was on a traffic stop near Grand and Robberson in Springfield, Missouri, whenever a male approached the deputy. The male, later identified as Jason Hansen, told the deputy that "they shot her". Hansen further explained that MH was shot and he believed she was dead inside his vehicle. The deputy located Hansen's vehicle approximately 100 feet north of his location and requested officers and medical to respond. Officers located MH inside the vehicle with an apparent gunshot wound to her head. MH was immediately transported to the hospital for life threatening injuries. Hansen was transported to headquarters after he provided a summary to officers about what occurred. Hansen provided information about the shooting, which confirmed it occurred near 504 E. Cherry, Springfield, Missouri. The front passenger side window on Hansen's vehicle had an apparent bullet hole in it. The front passenger side window was also rolled up and still intact.

During the investigation, Springfield officers contacted Chad Slagley and Teria Brashear from 508 E. Cherry #F, Springfield, Missouri. Chad informed officers that he was maced earlier by Jason Hansen. Both Chad and Teria agreed to go to the Springfield Police Department to be interviewed about the incident.

Hansen stated he went to 504 E. Cherry to visit his uncle. Hansen said MH was with him and remained in his vehicle. Whenever Hansen exited the apartment, he noticed MH standing near his vehicle. MH told Hansen that someone was asking if he was "Jason Hansen". Hansen then recognized Chad, who was on his bicycle, near the entrance of 504 E. Cherry. Hansen said Chad approached him and asked if he was Jason Hansen. Hansen informed me that he's known Chad for several years and they had a prior altercation about a month ago. Hansen told Chad to leave him alone. Hansen retrieved a canister of mace from his vehicle. Hansen said Chad kept approaching him and Hansen sprayed Chad in the face with the mace. Hansen and MH entered Hansen's vehicle

and are about to leave the parking lot. Hansen heard Teria and Chad say, "Get him!" Hansen noticed a male wearing a black hoodie, pointing towards the direction of his vehicle. Hansen heard a "pop" and noticed his front passenger window shattered. Hansen reversed his vehicle, but accidentally placed it into neutral, instead of reverse. Hansen eventually reverses and leaves the area. Hansen thought the suspect shot towards his vehicle as he was leaving and believed he heard at least 4 gunshots. Hansen realized MH was not responding to him so he pulled into a parking lot a few blocks away and opened the front passenger side door. Hansen believed MH was struck by a bullet and was lifeless. Hansen then drove and located a Greene County Deputy on Grand Street and told him what happened. The deputy observed what he believed to be a gunshot wound on MH's head.

Chad admitted to a prior altercation with Jason Hansen on 06/01/17. Chad stated he was on his bicycle earlier in the night whenever he noticed Hansen exiting an apartment from 504 E. Cherry. Chad confronted Hansen about the prior altercation. Chad stated Hansen sprayed him in the face with mace. Chad said he yelled for help and then heard a "bang". Chad said he did not know who fired the shot. I also confronted Chad with information Teria provided, identifying their son, Joseph, as the shooter. Chad stated he did not want to incriminate his son.

Teria stated she could hear yelling from 504 E. Cherry. Teria ran towards 504 E. Cherry and her son, Joseph Slagley, followed her. Teria stated Joseph was open carrying a handgun in a holster on his hip. Teria said she ran towards Hansen's car, asking him what he did. Teria went to give aid to Chad, who was who was nearby and bent over. Teria said Joseph then fired two rounds from his handgun into Hansen's car as it drove away. Teria stated that Joseph and his sister, identified as Jordan Slagley, left in Joseph's vehicle. Teria stated Joseph had a white Chevrolet Spark hatchback style vehicle. Teria provided an address for Joseph at Glenwood Manor Apartments, apartment #P4. The address for Glenwood Manor Apartments is 2540 N. Delaware, Springfield, Missouri.

Detectives located one spent 9mm shell casing and two rounds of 9mm in the parking lot area of 504 E. Cherry.

Detectives located Joseph's vehicle, parked near 2540 N. Delaware, by building "M". Officers conducted surveillance on Building "P". I wrote a search warrant for the apartment and Special Response Team responded to the location and surrounded the building. Joseph Slagley exited the apartment around 0806 hours and was taken into custody. A gun case for a Glock 9mm was located inside the apartment, along with an empty holster. The gun was not located inside.

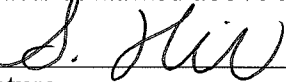
In a recorded post Miranda interview at headquarters, Joseph admitted to shooting his gun at Hansen's vehicle earlier in the night. Joseph originally stated the passenger window on Hansen's vehicle was rolled down and he could identify Hansen inside the car. Joseph stated he did not know there was a passenger in the vehicle. Joseph said he fired twice at Hansen's vehicle as it drove towards him in the parking lot. The front passenger window of Hansen's vehicle could not have been rolled down due to the bullet hole being in the middle of the window, approximately head high if someone was seated in the passenger seat. Joseph admitted firing approximately three additional rounds at the vehicle as it drove west on Cherry towards Jefferson, stating he was trying to shoot out the tires. It appears from the trajectory of the bullet in the front passenger window, it would place Joseph to the passenger side of the vehicle and not in front of the vehicle, positioning him out of the direction of the travel of the car and not in any immediate danger. Joseph admitted fleeing the area in his vehicle and later meeting up with a friend to stash the gun used in this incident so police could not take it.

On 07/01/17, MH was still being treated for life threatening injuries at a local hospital. Medical staff stated MH was also pregnant.

On 07/08/17, medical staff from a local hospital contacted me to advise me that MH was deceased.

On 07/11/17, an autopsy was performed on MH at the Greene County Medical Examiner's Office. According to Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Jeff Harkey, MH died from a gunshot wound to her head. A projectile was recovered from MH's brain during the autopsy. Dr. Harkey advised that MH's uterine cavity contained hemorrhagic tissue consistent with degenerated products of conception. Dr. Harkey advised no embryonic parts were identified.

The facts contained above are true.

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