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Man Charged in Republic Stabbing Death

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Christopher Brock Manuel, 35, of Republic, Missouri has been charged today with murder in the second degree and armed criminal action in the stabbing death of Bill A. Dauzat. Bond was set at \$500,000.00.

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.

The charges arise out of a stabbing incident that occurred at 302 S. Main Avenue in Republic on September 23, 2017 at about 1:30 pm.

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 Joseph Wright. It is being investigated by the Republic Police Department and Detective Angela Looney 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,

vs.

CHRISTOPHER BROCK MANUEL,

Defendant.

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Case No. 1731-CR06215

OCN# DS023802

PA File No. 077388654

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 September 23, 2017, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly or with the purpose of causing serious physical injury to Bill A. Dauzat caused the death of Bill A. Dauzat by stabbing him.

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 September 23, 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 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.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Dan Patterson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D".

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REPUBLIC POLICE DEPARTMENT

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT



Date: 09/25/2017

Case #: RPD17-2110

I, Detective Angela Looney, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law state as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that on September 23, 2017 1300 – September 23, 2017 1334, at 302 S. Main Avenue Republic, Missouri 65738, Christopher Brock Manuel; DOB: [REDACTED] 1982, committed one or more criminal offenses.

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On September 23, 2017 at 1334 hours, Republic Police officers were dispatched to a check well-being of a person and then they received a second 911 dispatch for a stabbing at 302 S. Main Street in Republic, Missouri, County of Greene. The 911 caller was a neighbor to 302 S. Main and was familiar with the owner of that rental property: Bill Dauzat. Officers were informed by the 911 caller that Dauzat was in an assault with another white male possibly wearing a green shirt. The unknown male suspect then ran from the scene on foot across S. Main in a westbound direction and was not located. 911 Operators while taking the 911 call heard Dauzat state the name of Chris. Republic Police Officers were informed by Dauzat's wife, Cathy Dauzat, that she received a text prior to the 911 call on her cell phone from a person named Chris attempting to confirm a meeting time at 302 S. Main with Dauzat. Cathy stated she replied to the text by telling "Chris" that he had the wrong number and needed to text Dauzat cell phone.

At the residence, officers located stabbing victim, Bill Dauzat, lying on the driveway. Dauzat was unconscious and bleeding from multiple stab wounds to his body. No weapons were found on Mr. Dauzat's person or in the area of the assault.

Dauzat was transported to Cox South Emergency Room to be treated. Dauzat was then taken to the Operating Room (OR) for surgery. Dauzat was pronounced dead in the OR due to his injuries. Dauzat sustained multiple (at least eleven) stab wounds to his left arm, left side, left side of his back, chest and left leg. The stab wounds ranged from approximately one to two inches in width. Dauzat suffered from a stab wound to his heart, left lung and liver. All the stab wounds were smooth which appeared it was a flat edged knife rather than a serrated knife that caused Dauzat's injuries.

Officers later spoke to Dauzat's estranged wife, Cathy, and she reported Dauzat was supposed to be meeting a "Chris" at 302 S. Main to show him the rental. Cathy then stated a mutual friend of Dauzat and her had dropped Dauzat's cell phone off to her because Dauzat had left his cell phone behind at his own residence prior to the assault. Cathy met with officers and released cell phone.

Officers were familiar with a Christopher Manuel that resided at 506 S. Main in Republic, Missouri. Manuel was known to law enforcement due to previous threats to harm and kill other uninvolved persons to this case. Manuel had previously been placed on a 96 hour hold due to his threats to others. Manuel was described by law enforcement resources as a 35 year old white male 5' 10", 135 lbs. and short brown hair. Manuel is known to officers to always openly carry a fixed blade knife in a sheath on his side.

On Dauzat's cell phone we located several text messages between a person who identified themselves as "Chris" to Dauzat which started on September 22, 2017 to September 23, 2017. The number associated to the text messages was [REDACTED]. The last text message from [REDACTED], at 1:11 pm, Chris told Dauzat, "I am at the house now. Ill wait buddy."

I spoke with the 911 caller who was a neighbor to the 302 S. Main and had seen the end of the altercation. She stated that she and her husband were on their way back home and when she turned right off of Main onto Brooks Street she saw Dauzat and a white male fighting in the backyard of 302 S. Main. She said she began to honk her horn and pulled into the driveway of 120 Brook. She looked at the suspect and Dauzat fighting and saw the suspect strike Bill in the chest and back repeatedly with what she believed were his fists. She stated when she honked her horn the suspect let Dauzat go, Dauzat fell to the ground and the suspect fled on foot. She described the suspect was a white male, between mid-20's to early 30's wearing dark in color tee-shirt and pants. She told me that she had asked Dauzat who had done that to him before we arrived. She told me she could not remember the name but she repeated whatever name "Chris" to the operator.

Officer who have been watching Manuel's house at 506 S. Main have observed an unidentified individual looking out the front window. I applied for and received a Search Warrant for the residence located at 506 S. Main A venue in efforts to locate evidence in relations to the stabbing. The Search Warrant was served at the residence with the assistance of Greene County Sheriff's Office. Manuel and Manuel's roommate, J. C., were located at the residence.

I asked J.C. if he knew why I would want to speak to him and he stated, "Well the only thing I can think of is my roommate, his name is Chris as far as I know. I have only known the guy for about three weeks. Yeah, he name is Chris Manuel um he says he's buying that place where he's staying at and after the other tenants lease is up."

J.C. then stated, "but yesterday the thing, the only thing that I can think of is yesterday Chris told me that he got stabbed yesterday. I told him, you need to call the police a man assaulted you. You have every right to the police it doesn't matter if you're a felon or not, you call the police. If a man assaulted you with a deadly weapon then there going to pick him up. Well he's (Chris) sitting there talking to me like he's going to be the one that gets picked up like no matter if her was in the right or wrong or justified or not that the police were going to be the ones to come pick him up. I told him five or six times last night, this was, I don't know eight or nine o'clock at night but the story that he told me was that he went to go to give a guy a quote for a HVAC something another down by the rec center, some apartment, I don't know. Um but so he told me he went to go give this guy a quote for it." J.C. could not remember what time that was that Chris told him that. Later in the interview, J.C. stated he thought it was odd that Chris would be giving a quote for HVAC because he did not do that kind of work and Chris did not have the tools to complete such work.

J.C. stated on September 23, 2017 he asked Chris if he wanted to walk with him to Walmart in Republic to cash their payroll checks and at first Chris told him no because he had to meet the guy about the HVAC quote. A short time later, Chris told J.C. that he had an hour and half before the guy he was meeting would be ready so now Chris would go with him to Walmart to cash their checks. J.C. told me that he and Chris left Walmart separately and Chris did not return home until between 1600- 1900 hours.

Review of Walmart security video showed Manuel to be carrying a sheath knife during his and J.C.'s trip to Walmart.

J.C. stated when Chris returned home, he (Chris) was on his phone shouting and arguing with someone about something. Chris did not come into J.C.'s bedroom until around 1930 to 2030 hours. J.C. stated he knew Chris took a shower on September 23, 2017 but he could not remember when he did.

From what J.C. could remember Chris was not wearing that same shirt later when he returned home from meeting "the guy". J.C. could not remember what shirt Chris was wearing when he returned home but he was wearing a short sleeve shirt because he remembered when he first saw the wound on Chris's left bicep, Chris only had to raise the sleeve slightly to see the entire wound.

J.C. then stated, "The story he told me was that he went to go bid this job for some guy down by the rec center or something and the guy thought he (Chris) was someone else, called him (Chris) by someone else's name and then the guy, he told me this is what he's telling me. He said the guy came at him with a knife. J.C. questioned Chris why he would not want to the police if a guy came at him with a knife and then J.C. felt like Chris was lying about something but did not know what. Chris told J.C. at that time, 'He's (Dauzat) in bad shape'. Upon questioning, J.C. stated Chris told him the guy came at him with a 'razor knife'. Chris did not tell J.C. how he "messed him (Dauzat) up."

I asked if Chris was acting any different when he returned home and J.C. stated Chris appeared to be "very excited" like he had an adrenaline rush. J.C. stated he could smell a strong odor of alcohol coming from Chris when he returned home.

3. Complete the following for the issuance of a warrant:

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- a. I believe the defendant will not appear in court in response to a criminal summons, because:
N/A
- b. I believe that the defendant poses a danger to a crime victim, because:
N/A
- c. I believe the defendant poses a danger to the community or to any other person, because:
N/A

The above facts and information are true to the best of my information and belief.

Name: Angela Looney

DSN: 108 Signature

Angela Looney 108

Position: Detective

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CHRISTOPHER BROCK MANUEL)
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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: \$500,000.00

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

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: Nature of offense -- facts alleged in probable cause statement incorporated herein by reference. Defendant known to Republic Police for past unrelated threats to harm and kill other persons. has a history of both carrying a knife on his person and threatening persons. In March 2017, defendant was the subject of a 96 hour mental health hold due to threats made to others. Defendant known to openly carry a fixed blade knife.

Respectfully submitted,



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EXHIBIT A
TO ARREST WARRANT

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF RELEASE ON BOND SET BY THE COURT:

- ☒ OPEN COURT ONLY BOND
- ☒ Obey all laws
- ☒ Not to possess any firearm or fixed blade knife. Not to carry any weapon upon his person
- ☒ No contact or communication with the victim's family in any manner or through any medium
- ☒ Not knowingly be on the premises of or within 1,000 feet of 302 S. Main Ave, Republic, Missouri.
- ☒ 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
- ☒ GPS monitoring with 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)