



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Man Charged for Events Which Caused Last Week's Amber Alert

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Waite A. Showalter, 37, of Springfield, Missouri, has been charged today with child kidnapping, stealing a motor vehicle, and child abuse, for events which occurred on January 3, 2018.

On January 3, 2018, Greene County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the Kum & Go located at 4996 S. State Highway 125, on Highway 60 in Greene County. The aunt of a five month old left her niece in the car for a quick stop at the convenience store. While she was inside, the car was stolen with the baby inside. The baby was found safe approximately two hours after being taken to Christian County.

Mr. Patterson wants to remind the public that car thefts are too common in Greene County and in many cases the stolen car was unlocked. Please remember to lock your car, take the keys with you, and do not leave valuables in the car. This case also emphasizes the dangers of leaving a child in a vehicle which is unattended and running.

Mr. Patterson wants to thank the Greene County Sheriff's Office, the Ozark Police Department, and all law enforcement agencies who assisted in searching for this child. Mr. Patterson also wants to thank the members of the public who responded to the Amber Alert.

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.

Subject: Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Press Release, State v. Showalter,

The defendant is currently being held in the Greene County Jail with a \$60,000.00 bond.

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 T. Myers. It is being investigated by the Greene County Sheriff's Office and Detective Andrew Webb is the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI

Associate Division 25

STATE OF MISSOURI,

Plaintiff,

vs.

WAITE A SHOWALTER,

Defendant.

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Case No. 1831-CR00009 WJ

OCN#

PA File No. 077393509

FELONY COMPLAINT

COUNT I

(Missouri Charge Code: 565.115-001Y200410005.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.115, RSMo, committed the class A felony of child kidnapping, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about January 3, 2018, in the State of Missouri, the defendant, who was not related within the third degree to C.D. victim, by blood or marriage, knowing the defendant had no right to do so, removed C.D., a child under the age of fourteen years, from 4996 S. State Highway 125 (Kum and Go) and/or the defendant confined C.D. for a substantial period of time without the consent of the child's parent or guardian.

An individual convicted and sentenced for this offense shall not be eligible for parole until eighty-five percent of the sentence is served.

COUNT II

(Missouri Charge Code: 570.030-038Y201724004.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 570.030, RSMo, committed the class D felony of stealing, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 558.002, RSMo, in that on or about January 3, 2018, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant appropriated a 2007 Chevrolet Impala, a motor vehicle, which property was in the possession of Jeanette Grubbs, and the defendant appropriated such property and with the purpose to deprive her thereof.

COUNT III

(Missouri Charge Code: 568.060-002Y201738002.0)

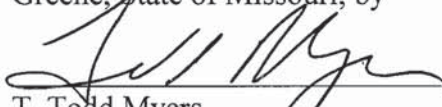
The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 568.060, RSMo, committed the class D felony of abuse or neglect of a child, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.002 and 558.011, and 568.060.5(1), RSMo, in that on or about January 3, 2018, in the State of Missouri, the defendant was eighteen years of age or older, and knowingly placed C.D., a child less than eighteen years of age, to be placed in a situation in which the child may suffer physical injury as

the result of abuse by leaving the child alone in a car in a parking lot with the window down when the temperature was below freezing.

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.

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GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 01/08/2018 Case #: GCS180103000061

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

1. I have probable cause to believe that WAITE AARON SHOWALTER, White/Male, DOB [REDACTED] 1980, committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The following crime(s) happened on 2018/01/03 18:40 - 2018/01/03 18:54 at 4996 S STATE HIGHWAY 125 HWY in Greene County, Missouri.
3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:
On January 3, 2018, at around 1854 hours, Greene County Patrol Deputies were dispatched to 4996 S. State Highway 125 (Kum and Go) Rogersville, Greene County, Missouri, reference to a vehicle that was stolen off the parking lot. Jeanette Grubbs reported, she had left her 2007 Chevrolet Impala vehicle running on the parking lot with 5-month-old C.D. inside.

On January 3, 2018, at around 2044, Christine Barton, called 911 advising she had located the vehicle with the infant inside at 5608 N. 13th St. Ozark, Christian County, Missouri. According to Barton, the vehicle was not running when she located it. Surveillance footage which was later located showed the vehicle was left in the parking lot at 1933 hours, on January 3. Deputies arrived at the scene to find the vehicle turned off, the drive side window down and the hood was cool to the touch. The temperature at the time was approximately 18 degrees.

On January 8, 2018, a post Miranda Interview was conducted with Kristi Crouch. Crouch stated, she arrived at 4996 S. State Highway 125, on January 3, 2018, in a blue Monte Carlo with Waite Showalter, and a male named James Brown. According to Kristi, James and Waite went inside the Kum and Go while she waited outside, James returned to the vehicle but Waite did not. According to Kristi, James stated "looks like Waite got a car". Kristi reported, she observed a female yelling that her child was missing. Kristi stated she and James went to Aimee Drake's residence, 1207 E. Lily Dr. in Ozark, Christian County, Missouri. While at the aforementioned address, she observed Waite arrive at the residence in the stolen vehicle.

On January 8, 2018, a post Miranda Interview was conducted with Aimee Drake. According to Aimee, she arrived at her aforementioned residence to find Waite, Kristi and James present. Aimee went on to state she was told by Waite that he had stolen a car in which a child was present. Aimee also stated, she has spoken with Waite about the theft of the vehicle since the incident where he has again stated he had stolen the vehicle.

The facts contained above are true.

AW #911
Signature

G911
DSN

Corporal
Title

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PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S BAIL/BOND RECOMMENDATION

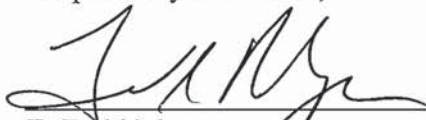
The bail/bond recommendation of the Greene County Prosecutor, in this case, is as follows:

1. AMOUNT: \$60,000.00

- ☒ 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 was on a recognizance release for burglary and tampering at the time of this offense. Defendant had a condition of that release that he obey all laws. Once the defendant became aware that the car he stole had a child, he did not turn the child over to authorities immediately. Instead, his actions caused law enforcement in multiple jurisdictions to search for the child. The defendant has prior convictions for driving while intoxicated, theft, and disorderly conduct

Respectfully submitted,



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EXHIBIT A
TO ARREST WARRANT

State of Missouri v. Waite A Showalter
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) or 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: