

NEWS RELEASE
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WOMAN CHARGED IN MURDER

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Marya Vonbrandt, 18, of Springfield, MO has been charged today with murder in the second degree and armed criminal action. These charges are from events which occurred yesterday, November 6, 2012, at 2009 East Grand in Springfield. The victim has been identified as Kevin Engh, a 42 year old Springfield resident.

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 Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney T. Myers. It is being investigated by the Springfield Police Dept. and Detective Christopher Barb is the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI
Associate Division 22

STATE OF MISSOURI,)
Plaintiff,)
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vs.) Case No. 1231-CR06879WJ
)
MARYA VONBRANDT,) OCN# 07029983
AKA: Marya Alexandra Von,)
Defendant.) PA File No. 077298955

State of Missouri)
) ss.
County of Greene)

FELONY COMPLAINT

COUNT I

(Missouri Charge Code: 10031003.0)

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 November 6, 2012, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly caused the death of Kevin Engh by shooting him.

COUNT II

(Missouri Charge Code: 31010013.0)

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 November 6, 2012, 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 deadly weapon.

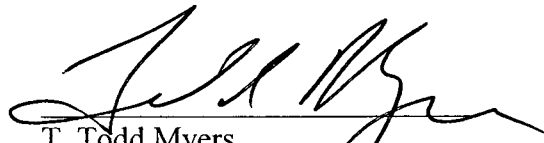
The facts that form the basis for this information and belief are contained in the attached probable cause statement concerning this matter, which statement is made a part hereof and is

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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.

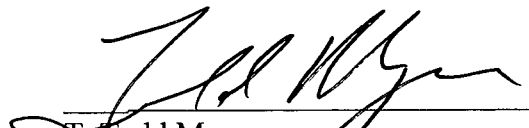
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T. Todd Myers, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, being duly sworn, upon oath says that the facts stated in the above information are true, according to his or her best information, knowledge and belief.



T. Todd Myers
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney



SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



FELONY PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 11/07/2012 Case #: 12-46966

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

18 yrs old

1. I have probable cause to believe that Marya A. Von Brandt, W/F, DOB ~~12/20/1993~~ 1993, SSN ~~123-456-789~~, committed one or more criminal offenses.

2. The following crime(s) happened on 11/06/2012 at 1243 hours at 2009 E. Grand St. in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.

3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 11/06/2012 at 1243 hours, officers were dispatched to 2009 E. Grand St. for a report of a female subject at the location saying she shot a male subject. 9-1-1 Dispatch received information from a reporting party that the female subject appeared to be bleeding and said the male subject was in a black car parked at the location.

Officers arrived and located the involved female who appeared to have blood on her person. Officers detained the female in handcuffs and escorted her to a patrol car. Officer Sean Kennedy patted the female down for weapons and none were located on her person. Officer Kennedy asked the female what happened. Officer Kennedy reported the female subject said she was on a date and the male subject pulled a gun on her. Officer Kennedy stated the female said she fought with the male over the gun and it "went off." Officer Kennedy reported the female told him, "I must have pulled the trigger." The female was placed inside a patrol car after being detained.

Officers checked on the occupant of a black, four-door Mitsubishi car that was parked on the south side of 2009 E. Grand. Officers observed a male subject in the driver's seat of the car. The male appeared to have an injury to his head. Officers also observed a handgun on the passenger seat of the car. Officers and EMS personnel checked the male subject for signs of life and discovered he was deceased. The male subject was later identified as Kevin Engh.

Officers contacted residents of apt. H at 2009 E. Grand St. The residents reported the female subject that police had taken into custody had come to their apartment. The residents advised the female asked to use the bathroom and attempted to clean blood from her person while present at the location. The female also asked to borrow a cellular telephone from one of the subjects inside apt. H.

I spoke with Mervin Martin who stated apt. H is his mother's apartment. Martin said he was present when the involved female arrived at apt. H. Martin said the female asked to use the bathroom and he allowed her to enter the apartment. Martin stated he did not initially notice the female was bleeding

or had blood on her person. Martin reported he noticed blood drops on the floor of the apartment after the female entered and went into the bathroom. Martin said when the female came out of the bathroom he noticed she had blood on her hands and person. Martin stated he gave the female a towel to prevent any additional blood from dropping in the apartment. Martin said he asked the female what happened. Martin told me the female stated she had been in a struggle with a male and "he's dead." Martin said the female asked him for a ride but he declined to provide her with transportation from the apartment. Martin said the female left the apartment and he did not know where she had gone until the police arrived and took her into custody.

Detective Neal McAmis spoke with Michele Young, the resident of 2009 E. Grand St. apt. H. Young stated she arrived home to her apartment when the involved female was leaving her apartment, apt. H. Young said she saw the female had blood on her person. Young reported the female said, "I think I just shot somebody, I think I did." She said the female told her she did not shoot the male on purpose. The female reportedly told Young a male subject had placed a gun to her head. Young reported the female said she wrestled with the male for the gun and it went off.

The involved female was transported to Police Headquarters and interviewed by Detective Kent Shipley. The involved female did not want to provide her name or any identifiers. Eventually she was identified as Marya Von Brandt. During the interview, Von Brandt provided several different versions of the events. When confronted with facts which appeared to contradict her stories, she would change her explanation of what happened. Von Brandt did admit to having her hand on the gun when it went off.

The facts contained above are true.

Signature Chris Bark DSN 1016 Title Corporal

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COURT INFORMATION FOR WARRANT OR SUMMONS

From Prosecuting Attorney

DEFENDANT'S ADDRESS: 530 E Grand St
Springfield, MO 65802

CHARGE(S): Count I: Murder 2nd degree, Class A Felony
CHARGE(S): Count II: Armed criminal action, Class U Felony

BOND RECOMMENDED: \$250,000.00

REASONS: Defendant shot victim in the head while he was seated in a vehicle. Defendant has prior arrests for domestic assault and possession of drug paraphernalia. Defendant advised law enforcement she had a warrant for prostitution out of the state of Kansas.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: Obey all laws, Not to possess any weapons, Electronic monitoring

OFFICER & AGENCY: Christopher Barb, Springfield Police Dept.

DEFENDANT DESCRIPTION:

DOB: ~~09/10/1993~~ 18 yrs old

SEX: Female

RACE: White

SSN: ~~000-00-0000~~

DLN:

DLN STATE:

HEIGHT: '

WEIGHT:

HAIR:

EYES:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Issue Warrant
<input type="checkbox"/> Issue Summons

Any pending cases? Yes No

Case number of pending case in Division of
Assignment per Administrative Order of 2/26/07:

1231-CR06572 (AC22)

APA Name/Bar No. assigned:

T. Myers 50252