

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI
AT INDEPENDENCE**

Police# 12-07443
Prosecutor# 095365509
1216-CR
OCN#

COMPLAINT

STATE OF MISSOURI

vs.

Micah Moore

[REDACTED]

Kansas City, MO

DOB: [REDACTED]; Race/Sex: W/M;

SS#

Defendant.

Count I. Murder 1st Degree (10021990)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.020, RSMo, committed the class A felony of murder in the first degree punishable upon conviction under Section 565.020, RSMo, in that on or about October 30, 2012, in the County of Jackson, State of Missouri, the defendant after deliberation, knowingly caused the death of Bethany Deaton by suffocating her.

The facts that form the basis for this information and belief are contained in the attached statement(s) of facts, made a part hereof and submitted as a basis upon which this court may find the existence of probable cause.

Wherefore, the Prosecuting Attorney prays that an arrest warrant be issued as provided by law.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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- DEP Russell Beach , 3310 NE Rennau Drive, Lees Summit, MO 64064
- DET Penny Cole , 3310 NE Rennau Drive, Lees Summit, MO 64064
- Bethany Deaton , , ,
- [REDACTED] Grandview, MO 64030
- Park Ranger Grisby , 22807 Southwest Woods Chapel Road, Blue Springs, MO 64015
- Shelly Hundley , 12109 Granada Street, #1116, Shawnee Mission, KS 66209
- [REDACTED], Kansas City, MO 64137
- DEP Brodie Orth , 3310 NE Rennau, Lees Summit, MO 64064
- [REDACTED] Grandview, MO 64030
- [REDACTED] Grandview, MO 64030
- DEP Gabe Woods , 3310 NE Rennau, Lees Summit, MO 64064

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I, Detective Penny Cole 91/0323, of the Jackson County, Missouri Sheriff's Office, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true:

1. I have probable cause to believe that on 10/30/2012, at Longview Lake Shelterhouse #12, Kansas City, Missouri, which is inside the boundaries of Jackson County, Missouri, Micah Wayne Moore, W/M, ██████████, SSN:unknown, last known address: 11131 College Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri, committed one or more criminal offense(s).
2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On Tuesday, 10/30/12, at approximately 2140 hours, Jackson County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to Longview Lake Shelter House #12, located in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri on a reported dead body. Deputies observed a tan in color Ford Windstar van, license plate ██████████ parked in the far northwest space of the parking lot with a body slumped over in the rear seat. The body appeared to be a white female and there was a white trash bag over the head. The body was cold and ridged to the touch, lividity was apparent in the hands, and the trash bag covering the head appeared to be sucked into the mouth of the body.

There was a small notepad on the center console with "My name is Bethany Deaton. I chose this evil thing. I did it because I wouldn't be a real person and what is the point of living if it is too late for that? I wish I had chosen differently a long time ago. I knew it all and refused to listen. Maybe Jesus will still save me" written on one page.

There was a package, two one hundred count bottles, of Equate brand Acetaminophen PM on the console. There was one un-opened bottle in the box and a second bottle was in the cup holder and was found to be empty. A receipt from Wal-Mart (1701 E. 133rd Street, Kansas City MO) was found in the front of the vehicle. The receipt was dated 10/30/2012 at 0854 hours for the purchase of "EQ APAP" for a total cost of \$6.73. Photo identification for a Bethany (RN, Menorah hospital) was found on the floor board. Several CD's from IHOP (the International House of Prayer) were in the front seat.

There were two pillows, a roll of duct tape, a white plastic trash bag with red ties, and keys to the vehicle on the center rear seat of the vehicle. There was a section of clear plastic tarp under the seat. There was a purple pillow on the driver's side of the rear seat and a pair of eye glasses in the cup holder on the passenger side.

The decedent, later identified as Bethany Deaton, was seated on the passenger's side of the rear seat. The decedent's left leg was curled up under her right leg which was in front of her body. Her right arm was bent toward her head and her left arm was across her torso. Lividity was seen in the hands and the body was in rigor. The deceased was clothed in black jogging style pants, blue and black tennis shoes, a light blue fleece jacket and black t-shirt with white writing. A silver ring with a large clear stone was on the victim's left ring finger. A white trash bag was

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covering the decedent's head and was tied below the chin with the attached pull straps. The tie was not tight and the medical examiner was able to place fingers between the tie and the neck of the victim. It appeared as if the bag had been inhaled into the mouth of the deceased and condensation could be seen on the inside of the bag from the exterior. The body was removed from the van and transported to the Jackson County Medical Examiner's Office for further processing.

The van was transported to the Jackson County Sheriff's Office where it was placed in the secured storage lot to be held for further processing.

On 11/09/12 Micah Moore responded to the Grandview Police Department and made statements about being involved with the death of Bethany Deaton. Jackson County Sheriff's Detective Cole interviewed Moore who stated "I killed her". Moore stated he killed Bethany Deaton because while she and her husband, Tyler Deaton, had shared a residence with Moore and several other males and they had sexually assaulted Deaton over the last few months. Bethany Deaton was seeing a therapist and they were afraid she was going to tell her therapist of the assaults. Moore admitted to being at Longview Lake with Bethany Deaton and said he placed a bag over her head and held it there until her body shook.

Moore also told Detective Cole that Bethany had been given Seroquel, a prescription anti-psychotic, and mentioned it being given to her during the sexual assaults and in a water bottle the day of her murder.

Moore also stated [REDACTED] told him to kill Bethany Deaton, saying he knew Micah had it in him to do it. Moore said he told [REDACTED] he had killed Bethany after it was done.

Detective Cole interviewed International House of Prayer Pastor Shelly Hundley and she stated she had talked with Moore at the Grandview Police Department and he admitted to the sexual assaults, saying they were video recorded on Moore's Apple I-Pad. Moore told Pastor Hundley that his I-Pad was located at 11131 College Avenue Unit #1, Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri in a blue backpack. Moore also stated there were poems, which the assailants wrote about the assaults, on his I-Pad.

On 11/09/2012 Detectives Cole and Orth interviewed several roommates of Bethany and Tyler Deaton: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED]. All of the subjects were advised of their Constitutional Rights from a prepared Miranda Warning which they signed agreeing to speak with the Detectives.

[REDACTED] stated that he was a roommate of [REDACTED], a member of his church, and religious community. [REDACTED] said that he had been in a secret ongoing sexual relationship with [REDACTED] which Deaton had claimed was to "discover his masculinity." [REDACTED] told me that he knew of several other male roommates who had an ongoing sexual relationship with [REDACTED] that was kept secret from his now deceased wife. [REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as frustrated after his recent marriage and confided in the group that about his sexual relationship with his wife and that he couldn't get an erection. [REDACTED] revealed comments made by Micah Moore the previous night that he witnessed [REDACTED] and the decedent having sex and treating her like a child. [REDACTED] also said he

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was proscribed Seroquel and he last saw it at his residence, 7310 East 122nd Street, Grandview, Jackson County, Missouri.

stated that he had not been in the "community" as long as everyone else. He advised that he had been at college at Southwestern when he came into contact with Tyler. Upon his graduation he moved to Kansas City to be part of the community. He advised that Tyler was the leader of the "community". He stated that he felt he was "groomed" to fit into the group of men. He recalled one time that he was lying in bed and Tyler had laid next to him and held him. He stated that he realized now that Tyler was attempting to make him a member of their sexual group. He advised that he did not have much contact with members of the "community" in regards to Bethany Deaton and did not know anything about her death other than he had been told that she committed suicide.

stated that he was a roommate of Tyler Deaton, a member of his church and member of his religious community. said that he recently moved away from the residence but stated that he was involved in an ongoing sexual relationship with Deaton. told me that Deaton was controlling and manipulative and said that the sexual activity was apart of a "religious experience."

stated he was a roommate of Tyler Deaton and involved in a long term sexual relationship with Deaton. said that he and Deaton's sexual relationship had been in secret, but he knew of other male roommates that were sexually involved with Deaton. explained that Deaton was viewed as a "spiritual leader" that had control over the members of the household. said that he believes that members of the household would lie for Deaton so he could remain the leader of the group. described Deaton's behavior the weeks prior to her death as "angry" "frustrated." said that three days after the decedent was discovered, Deaton stated to him that he had a dream that he had killed his wife by suffocating her.

Detective Penny Cole 91/0323
Jackson County, MO Sheriff's Office.

THE COURT FINDS PROBABLE CAUSE

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JUDGE