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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI

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STATE OF MISSOURI,

Plaintiff,

vs

TONIA L PETERSON

Defendant.

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GREENE COUNTY MO

Case No. 0931-CR00092

OCN# R2076505

PA File No. 077199138

State of Missouri

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) ss.

County of Greene

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FELONY COMPLAINT

COUNT I

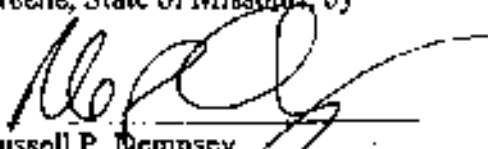
(Missouri Charge Code: 13020099.0)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.050, RSMo, committed the class B felony of assault in the first degree, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or between June 1, 2008 and January 8, 2009, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant researched ways to kill Cecil Peterson and placed Visine in Cecil Peterson's drink believing that it would kill him, and such conduct was a substantial step toward the commission of the crime of attempting to kill or cause serious physical injury to Cecil Peterson, and was done for the purpose of committing such assault.

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.

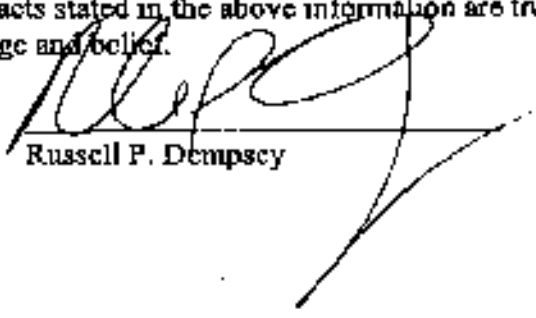
WHEREFORE, the Prosecuting Attorney prays that an arrest warrant be issued as provided by law.

DARRELL L. MOORE  
Prosecuting Attorney of the County of  
Greene, State of Missouri, by

  
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Russell P. Dempsey, 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 best information, knowledge and belief.

  
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Russell P. Dempsey

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**Greene County Sheriff's Department**1010 N. Boonville, Springfield, MO 65802  
417-868-4040 Fax: 417-868-4108**Probable Cause Statement**

Date: January 08, 2009

Case # 00438-09

I, Sgt. Kenny Weatherford, 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 in 2008 at 5183 East Farm Road 20, Greene County, MO, Tonia L. Peterson, DOB 06-30-1968, SSN [REDACTED], committed one or more criminal offenses.

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On January 7, 2009, I was contacted by Lt. Mark Smith and Captain Randy Gibson of the Criminal Investigation Division in reference to an attempted homicide. Based on information gathered I responded to Fair Grove, Missouri and made contact with the reporting party and possible witness.

On January 7, 2009, I made contact with the reporting party DB. DB stated that she works with Tonia Peterson. She stated that she had a conversation with Tonia Peterson about trying to kill her husband, Cecil Peterson. DB stated that Tonia Peterson told her that she put Visine in Cecil's drink in attempt to kill him. DB stated that Tonia Peterson made it clear that she wanted to kill her husband.

On January 7, 2009, I made contact with the victim Cecil Peterson. Cecil Peterson stated that he had been having stomach problems for the past two months. I made phone contact with Poison Control. Poison Control stated that taking too much could put a person in a coma with several other serious symptoms.

On January 7, 2009, at approximately 2105 hours I read Miranda to Tonia L. Peterson, DOB 06-30-68 at the Sheriff's Office. In the interview Tonia Peterson stated that about six months ago she put over half bottle of Visine in her husband's tea in attempt to kill him. She stated that she was told by a friend prior that Visine would kill him. She stated before she put the Visine in his drink she checked on the internet where she found information that supported her friend's statement.

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

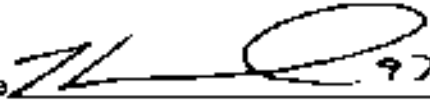
a. I believe the defendant will not appear in court in response to a criminal summons because:

b. I believe that the defendant poses a danger to a crime victim because: Tonia Peterson admitted to a friend and myself that she attempted and had intentions to kill her husband Cecil Peterson.

c. I believe the defendant poses a danger to the community or to any other person because:

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

Name: Kenny Weatherford

Signature 

Position: Sergeant

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COURT INFORMATION FOR WARRANT OR SUMMONS

From Prosecuting Attorney

DEFENDANT'S ADDRESS:

5185 E FR 20  
Fair Grove, MO 65648

CHARGE(S):

Count 1: ASSAULT IN THE FIRST DEGREE, Class B Felony

BOND RECOMMENDED: 100,000.00

REASONS: Defendant researched different ways to kill her husband. After a friend told her that Visine could kill someone, the defendant researched the topic and then, believing she was going to kill her husband, placed Visine in his drink. After that didn't work, she began talking about using other means to kill him.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS: OBEY ALL LAWS, no contact with the victim, not to possess any weapons, not to be within 1000 feet of the victim's residence

OFFICER & AGENCY: Greene County Sheriff's Office

DEFENDANT DESCRIPTION:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Issue Warrant <input type="checkbox"/> Issue Summons
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DOB: 06/30/1968

SEX: Female

RACE: White

SSN: [REDACTED]

DLN:

DLN STATE:

HEIGHT: 503

WEIGHT: 190

HAIR: RD

EYES: BL

Any pending cases? ___ Yes ___ No Case number of pending case in Division of Assignment per Administrative Order of 2/26/07: APA Name/Bar No. assigned:
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