



SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 09/12/2009 Case #: 09-39962

I, Cpl. Brian L. Crum, a law enforcement officer, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law state as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that Charles R. Webb, W/M, DOB 01/20/1948, SSN [REDACTED], committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The following crime(s) happened on 09/11/2009 at approximately 2100 hours at 3034 S. Moulder and in the 2900 block of S. Moulder in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.
3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On the above date, times, and locations, Charles Webb exhibited a weapon readily capable of lethal use, namely a 9mm handgun in a threatening manner while in the presence of another person.

On 09/11/2009 at approximately 2100 hours, Charles Webb witnessed a purse snatching 3260 E. Battlefield. Webb observed the suspect in the purse snatching run to a waiting vehicle and then enter that vehicle. Webb then observed the vehicle begin to exit the parking lot.

Webb pursued the vehicle while in his vehicle onto the parking lot of 3034 S. Moulder. The purse snatcher's vehicle attempted to make u-turn in the parking lot and Webb attempted to box the purse snatcher's vehicle in with his own vehicle.

Stanley Moore who was a witness to this incident reported that the two vehicles (Webb's and the purse snatcher's) came to a stop on the parking lot of 3034 S. Moulder. Moore stated that Webb's vehicle was almost touching the front driver's side quarter panel of the purse snatcher's vehicle and the vehicles were configured in an L shape. Moore stated that the purse snatcher's vehicle then attempted to drive between the front of Webb's vehicle and the parking lot curb. Moore stated he then observed Webb extend his left hand out of the driver's side window and fire three (3) rounds in the direction of the purse snatcher's vehicle. Moore stated that the purse snatcher's vehicle then made its way around Webb's vehicle and drive out of the parking lot. Moore stated that Webb then followed the purse snatcher's vehicle out of the parking lot and on to Battlefield Road. Moore stated that the two vehicles then proceeded east on Battlefield towards Highway 65.

Moore was unable to determine if any of the rounds fired by Webb struck the purse snatcher's vehicle.

Statements made by Webb to investigating officers indicated that he followed the purse

snatcher's vehicle out of the city limits of Springfield into the county. Webb reported that eventually the purse snatcher's vehicle re-entered the city limits and proceeded back towards the intersection of Battlefield and Moulder. Webb reported that the purse snatcher's vehicle eventually stopped in the road on Moulder north of Battlefield (2900 block of S. Moulder). Webb reported that he then exited his vehicle with his handgun down at his side. Webb stated that he ordered the occupants of the other vehicle to turn their vehicle off and to throw out the keys. Webb stated that the driver of the other vehicle complied with this instructions. Webb stated that he then ordered the occupants of the other vehicle to throw out the purse they had taken. Webb reported that they also complied with this command. Webb stated that the driver of the other vehicle then started his vehicle and fled the scene.

Webb made several statements to Springfield Police Officer K. Tjelmeland (DSN 1138). Webb told Officer Tjelmeland that he had attempted to shoot out the tires of the purse snatcher's vehicle. Webb also told Officer Tjelmeland that "He shouldn't have done that". Webb also told Officer Tjelmeland, "I'm sorry, I just couldn't let this go".

The on scene investigation that took place in the 2900 block of S. Moulder resulted in the seizure of Kahr 9mm semi-automatic handgun. This handgun was seized from Webb's person by Officer Tjelmeland. The handgun was found to have one live round in the chamber and one live round in the inserted magazine. The on scene investigation also resulted in the discovery of two spent 9mm shell casings that were located on the street. No evidence was located in the 2900 block of S. Moulder which would indicate that the purse snatcher's vehicle was struck by rounds fired by Webb.

The on scene investigation that took place at 3034 S. Moulder resulted in the discovery of two spent 9mm shell casings on the parking lot pavement. The jacketing from a fired bullet was also located on the pavement of the parking lot. No evidence was located at 3034 S. Moulder which would indicate that the purse snatcher's vehicle was struck by rounds fired by Webb.

A post Miranda interview was conducted with Webb at the Springfield Police Department. Shawn Markin who was acting as Webb's attorney was also present during the interview. Webb stated that he had observed the purse snatching and had pursued the vehicle the purse snatcher had fled in. Webb stated that he followed the vehicle to the parking lot of 3034 S. Moulder and had ultimately fired two rounds at the other vehicle. Webb stated he fired at the other vehicle because he was in fear for his well being. Webb was unable to state what specific actions taken by the driver of the other vehicle had placed him in fear for his well being. Webb simply stated that he felt the driver of the other vehicle was attempting to hit his vehicle with the vehicle he was driving.

Webb stated that he followed the other vehicle out of the city limits, through the county and then back into the city limits. Webb stated that the other vehicle eventually stopped in the 2900 block of S. Moulder. Webb stated he got out of his vehicle and approached the other vehicle. Webb stated he had his Kahr handgun down at his side. Webb stated that he then ordered the driver of the other vehicle to turn his vehicle off and to throw out his keys. Webb stated that he then ordered the occupants of the other vehicle to thrown out the purse they had taken. Webb stated that after the occupants of the other vehicle had thrown out the purse, the other vehicle started again and fled the area. Webb made no mention of firing his handgun while in the 2900 block of S. Moulder.

I informed Webb that two spent 9mm shell casings had been located on the pavement of the street in the 2900 block of S. Moulder. I then asked Webb if he could explain. Markin at that point advised Webb not to answer that particular question.

During the interview, I also asked Webb if he had at any time during this incident observed the occupants of the other vehicle armed with any type of weapon(s). Webb stated that he had not seen the occupants of the other vehicle display any type of weapon(s).

I also asked Webb how many rounds had been in the inserted handgun magazine prior to this incident. Webb informed me that the magazine had been loaded with six rounds of mixed 9mm ammunition and that there had been a 9mm round in the chamber for a total of seven (7) rounds in the handgun.

It should be noted that the four spent shell casings recovered in this incident matched the live ammunition seized from Webb's person.

The facts contained above are true.



Signature

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DSN

Detective

Title