

## PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

I, Chris Jennings, upon my oath and under penalties of perjury, state as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that **David Wesley Spears**

**SSN:** 492-86-4688 **DOB:** 11-04-82 **HGT:** 5' 8" **WGT:** 370 lbs.  
**SEX:** Male **RACE:** White

**LKA:** 777 Grove St. Stella, MO, Newton County

**OCN:**

Committed the criminal offense(s) of;

**Offense(s):** (1) Murder, 1<sup>st</sup> (2) Statutory Rape, 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Statute Number(s):** (1) 565.020 (2) 566.032

2. The date of the criminal offense as definitely as I can state was on or about November 3, 2007.
3. The place of the criminal offense as definitely as I can state was at County Farm Rd. 1015, Barry County, Missouri.
4. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On November 9, 2007, at approximately 1730 hours, I, Chief Deputy Chris Jennings, conducted an interview of David Wesley Spears at the Newton County Sheriff's Department regarding the disappearance and murder of Rowan Ford. David Spears stated that on the night of November 2, 2007, into the morning of November 3, 2007, he participated in the sexual assault of his 9-year old stepdaughter, Rowan Ford, at the above-listed location. The above location is the home of Chris Collings, a friend of David Spears. David Spears provided that he arrived at the above-listed location and observed Collings sexually assaulting the child in the home. Spears described how he pulled his pants down, got on top of Rowan Ford, and sexually penetrated the child. David Spears continued to state that after he sexually assaulted Rowan Ford, he took a cord and wrapped it around the child's neck. David Spears provided that he stood directly over the child, facing her, and wrapped the curtain cord around her neck, choking her.