



GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT 2015 MAY -5 P 3:18

Date: 04/22/2015 Case #: GCS150420002304

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

1. I have probable cause to believe that JACOB TRAMMELL, White/Male, DOB 09/26/1994, committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The following crime(s) happened on 2015/04/20 14:38 - 2015/04/20 14:38 at S CAMPBELL AVE and W FARM ROAD 157 RD , MIDDLE INTERSECTION in Greene County, Missouri.
3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On April 20th, 2015, at 1438 hours, Greene County Sheriff's Office Patrol Deputies were dispatched to the area of Campbell and James River Freeway in Springfield, Greene County Missouri, to attempt to locate a vehicle traveling in the area, displaying red and blue lights with no siren activated. Greene County Deputies were unsuccessful in locating the vehicle; however they did make contact with a witness who stated while traveling north on Campbell Avenue from Farm Road 157, he observed a dark colored Dodge Charger come up behind him with red and blue lights flashing. He said, thinking it was law enforcement; he pulled over to allow the vehicle to pass. The witness said when the vehicle passed him; he realized it was not an official police vehicle. The witness was able to catch up to the vehicle and realized not only did it have flashing red and blue lights in the front windshield, but also in the rear of the vehicle, above the trunk where a third brake light is generally displayed. The witness was able to obtain a Missouri License Plate of UH2T5H, which was displayed on the rear of the vehicle. The license plate checked to Debra Trammell in Willard, Missouri.

Using department resources, it was determined a white male subject named Jacob Trammell, DOB: 09-26-1994, had been in possession of a gray 2006 Dodge Charger on August 30th, 2013, March 9th, 2014, and October 6th, 2014. Using department resources it was determined Jacob was likely the son of the vehicle owner, Debra Trammell.

On April 20th, 2015, Greene County Sheriff's Office Patrol Deputies located the suspect vehicle at 101 Dorcas Dr. in Willard, Missouri. The vehicle clearly had lights displayed within the windshield and rear area above the trunk. The license plate, of UH2T5H, was displayed on the back of the vehicle.

On April 21st, 2015, Jacob Trammel was interviewed at the Greene County Sheriff's Office, Criminal Investigations Division interview room. Post Miranda, Jacob stated he has been a student in the Missouri Sheriff's Association, Law Enforcement Academy since January 2015. Jacob said he has had red and blue lights in his personal vehicle, a 2006 gray Dodge Charger, since November 2014. Jacob acknowledged he does not have and has never had a permit allowing him to have such equipment installed in his vehicle.

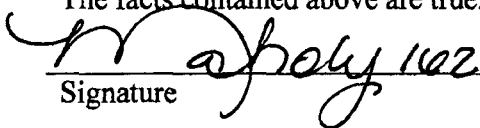
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Jacob said in reference to his lights being activated on April 20th, 2015, while traveling in his 2006 Dodge Charger on Campbell and Glenstone in Springfield, Missouri, he thought his knee might have hit the switch and caused the lights to come on without his knowledge. Jacob said it was only when he was on Glenstone at a stop light, behind a red truck that he was able to see his lights reflecting off the truck. Jacob explained he had activated his lights to correct traffic issues on so many occasions that he could not recall every incident.

During the interview, Jacob stated he had used his red and blue lights while driving his 2006 Dodge Charger to assist citizens with traffic accidents, to persuade people to follow the traffic laws, and in times when a citizen's driving "irritated" him. While Jacob admitted he has made approximately three traffic stops using his red and blue lights, he only discussed one during the interview. Jacob said it occurred in February 2015, in which a male driver of a truck was driving erratically in Springfield, Missouri, on US 65, during icy weather. Jacob said he activated his lights, conducted the stop, told the driver what he thought about his driving, and then he got back in his car and drove off. Jacob stated he may have stopped an African American female on US 65 in Springfield, Missouri. However, he then stated he may not have because, "I know all about racial profiling." Jacob acknowledged he does travel on US 65 often, due to the route he travels when attending the law enforcement academy in Reed Springs, Missouri.

Jacob was asked if he felt the people he contacted or flashed his red and blue lights at would have thought he was a law enforcement officer, he stated yes and "Having the car and the lights, helped." Jacob acknowledged numerous times that he knew it was against the law for him to be activating his lights, making stops and portraying himself as a law enforcement officer when he had no such certification.

The facts contained above are true.


Signature

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