



STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

STATE OF MISSOURI
COUNTY OF Jasper

Date: 05-18-2020 (today's date)

I, Wesley Massey, 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 04-20-2020(offense date) at 2322 S Annie Baxter Ave, Joplin, Jasper County MO (offense location), Ernest I Wright, (suspect name) a white male, (suspect description) committed one or more criminal offense(s) of: Statutory Sodomy in the First Degree (566.062). (State name of offense and statute number)

Name: Wright, Ernest I
 D.O.B. 02-19-1945
 S.S.N. [REDACTED]
 Address: 2322 S Annie Baxter Ave
 Joplin MO 64804
 Arrested:05-18,2020; 1:45 P.M.(Arrest date and time or NOT IN CUSTODY)

- 2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On or about, 04-20-2020, Ernest I Wright committed the offense of Statutory Sodomy in the First Degree at 2322 S Annie Baxter Ave, Joplin, Jasper County MO.

On 05-10-2020, Ernest Wright was at [REDACTED] house for a Mother's Day gathering. At the event, the [REDACTED] year old [REDACTED] was asked if she wanted to stay the night with Ernest, her grandfather and grandmother. [REDACTED] refused and disclosed to her mother that Ernest had been touching her inappropriately for approximately 2 to 2.5 years.

A Children's Center Interview was arranged for 05-13-2020. During the interview, [REDACTED] explained that Ernest had been touching her inappropriately almost every time she goes to his house at 2322 S Annie Baxter Ave, and explained it had been happening for approximately 2 years. [REDACTED] said the first time it was Ernest massaging her breast and she said since he has been sticking his finger inside her "private place" which on an anatomically correct drawing she identified as the vagina. [REDACTED] explained that she did not like it because Ernest had sharp fingernails.

During this interview [REDACTED] would motion with her finger, up and down, when she described how Ernest manipulated it when touching her vagina. [REDACTED] stated that Ernest always used his index finger.

- 3. MISDEMEANORS AND FELONIES: (If seeking a warrant) I am requesting issuance of an arrest warrant based on the following:

I believe that the defendant will not appear in court in response to a criminal summons because:
(State specific facts supporting your belief)

I believe that the defendant poses a danger to a crime victim / the community or to any other person because: The victim provided several sensory details about the incident and explained multiple times of being victimized. Additionally, it was learned that there had been previous complaints of molestation occurring with other grandchildren of Ernest's where the victims refused to divulge who it was or as adults refused to testify after specifically identifying Ernest as the offender. (State specific facts supporting your belief)

Print Name: Wesley Massey Signature: Wesley Massey

Agency Name: Joplin Police Department
Agency Case Number: 20-004407
OCN: FR021637