

**Statement of Probable Cause  
County of Vernon**

Date: September 22, 2021

I, Captain Joshua Westerhold, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law state that the facts contained herein are true.

I have probable cause to believe that on, September 22, 2021, the following criminal offense(s) were committed in Nevada, MO by the person(s) listed below:

Name: Steven Sam Vignolo  
Address: Homeless  
D.O.B: 01/29/1959

SID: MO90959006  
NCIC: 746583V11

<u>Charge</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Charge Code</u>
Murder 1 <sup>st</sup> Degree	F/A	565.020-001Y20200999.0
Armed Criminal Action	F/U	571.015-001Y20205299.0

**That the facts supporting this belief are as follows:**

1. On September 22, 2021 Nevada Police responded to 2424 E. Austin Blvd. (Pilot Travel Center) for a shooting. It was reported that a shooting had occurred in the parking lot, and someone had been shot.
2. Further information was advised the suspect was fleeing the scene on foot going westbound. Law enforcement encountered the suspect in Burger King located at 2200 E. Austin Blvd. and was taken into custody. Officer Dinnsen located a .45 caliber handgun that was placed in a bush between Pilot and Burger King. Three witnesses at Pilot identified the suspect as the same person law enforcement took into custody at Burger King. He was identified as Steven S. Vignolo.
3. The victim of the shooting identified as Justin Goolsby was transported to Nevada Regional Medical Center by Vernon County Ambulance District. I contacted NRMC a short time later and Emergency Room staff advised me that the victim was pronounced deceased at 1924 hours.
4. I, Captain Westerhold responded to 2040 E. Hunter (Vernon County Jail) and spoke to Vignolo. A Miranda form was completed and Vignolo was advised of his rights. During the interview with him, Vignolo reported he was angry at Goolsby for allegedly inappropriately touching his (Goolsby's) daughter, who is also Vignolo's grandchild. He knew that Goolsby was going to have a child custody exchange this evening and he knew it normally happens at Pilot Travel Center.
5. Vignolo reported he walked to Pilot from 71 Motel and seen Goolsby's truck in the parking lot. He walked up to the vehicle to confront Goolsby and shot inside the vehicle multiple times. He told me that he walked up and said the victim's name and starting shooting. He then walked back to the west until law enforcement contacted him at Burger King. Vignolo confirmed he had a .45 caliber handgun.
6. At the scene Goolsby black Chevrolet truck was parked on the north end of the parking lot backed into a parking space. I observed what appeared to be multiple bullet holes in the driver side window of the victim's vehicle.
7. Officer David Johnson spoke to a witness who observed the suspect flee the scene. A photo of the suspect was taken by the witness and was shown to me. I confirmed it was Vignolo and he was wearing the same clothing as he had on in the jail.

If appropriate, check the applicable box and complete the following for the issuance of a warrant.

- I believe that the defendant will not appear in court in response to a criminal summons because:
- I believe that the defendant poses a danger to: **The community and crime victims' family due to his unprovoked attack on the victim.**

Signature: 

Agency Name: Nevada Police Department      Agency Case Number: 21-1417