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Man Receives Treatment Program for Driveby Shooting

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Richard A. Peck, 36, was sentenced today on three separate felony cases.

On August 17, 2012 the defendant entered a guilty plea for discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle, in case number 1131-CR00290. In this case, the defendant went to a residence at 2526 W. State where he believed his estranged wife to be located. He initially fired two rounds into the house from his vehicle and then drove away. Three hours later he returned and fired six more rounds into the house.

On March 1, 2013, the defendant entered a guilty plea to assault in the second degree in case number 1131-CR01326. In this case, the defendant's mother and sister pulled him away from the victim as he sprayed lighter fluid on the victim and attempted to light the victim and her belongings on fire.

On March 1, 2013, the defendant entered a guilty plea to domestic assault in the second degree in case number 1131-CR05000. In this case, the defendant pushed his ex-girlfriend to the ground and punched her at least twice.

Today, Peck was sentenced by the Honorable Calvin Holden to 6 years in the Missouri Department of Corrections for the assaults. Probation was denied on these sentences. Under Missouri law a defendant must receive a sentence of 15 years for discharging a firearm from a vehicle. The state argued that Peck should serve the entire 15 year sentence in prison, the defense requested probation or long term treatment. Judge Holden imposed the mandatory 15 year sentence, but did not execute that sentence in its entirety. Instead, Peck was sentenced to long term treatment in the Department of Corrections. This is a one year drug treatment program and the defendant will be released on probation if he successfully completes this program.

(See the attached probable cause statements for additional case facts.)

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# SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



## PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 12/22/2010 Case #: 10-48213

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 Richard A. Peck, W/M, DOB \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_, committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The following crime(s) happened on 10/30/2010 between 0014 hours and 0323 hours at 2526 W. State in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.
3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On the above date and between the above times, Richard A. Peck fired into the residence of Gary J. Reben with a Lorcin, .380 caliber semi-automatic handgun.

On 10/30/2010 at approximately 0014 hours, 0153 hours, and again at approximately 0324 hours, Officers of the Springfield Police Department were sent to 2526 W. State to investigate a shots fired call.

When officers arrived on scene after the first call for service, they made contact with Ryen Somirs and Lorie Gordon. Somirs and Gordon reported that they had observed an unknown make and model pick-up with an attached trailer containing lawn equipment pull up in front of 2526 W. State and fire two shots. Somirs and Gordon stated that the vehicle then left west bound on State. Somirs and Gordon stated that after the shooting, they made contact with the male resident of 2526 W. State and his female companion. Somirs and Gordon stated that they inquired about the incident and were advised that it only a cap gun that had been fired and that everything was ok.

Officers were again sent to the location at approximately 0153 hours after a call had been received from Breanna Ellingsworth. Breanna advised that she had received a call from Richard Peck who is her father and he had told her that he was on his way to 2526 W. State to kill Niki Peck who is her mother. Upon the investigating officer's arrival at the location, they attempted to make contact with the residents of 2526 W. State without success. The investigating officers then called and spoke with Breanna.

Breanna advised the investigating officers that she had received calls from Richard Peck. Breanna stated that Richard was very angry because he could not locate his wife Niki (Breanna's mother). Breanna stated that Richard told her the he was on his way to 2526 W. State to kill a man named Gary whom he believed that Niki was with. Breanna also stated that Richard was known to carry a gun.

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While the investigating officers were investigating this incident, they were notified by the 911 communications center that a call had been received from Richard Peck and that Peck had advised that he was on his way over to 2526 W. State to assault a subject by the name of Gary Rueben.

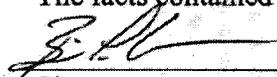
When officers responded again at approximately 0324 hours, they again made contact with Somirs and Gordon. Somirs stated that he and Gordon were sitting on the front porch of their residence located at 2516 W. State and observed the same pick-up again pull up in front of 2526 W. State. Somirs described the pick-up as a newer model Ford F250 that was white in color and no longer had a trailer attached. Gordon stated that after the pick-up stopped, she observed a subject who was possibly a white male, extend his hand out the driver's side window and fire approximately six (6) shots at 2526 W. State. Somirs and Gordon stated that the suspect vehicle then left the area.

After speaking with Somirs and Gordon, the investigating officers attempted to make contact with the residents of 2526 W. State. The investigating officers observed a male and a female subject inside the residence and actually spoke with the female subject and asked her to come to the door. The investigating officers reported and no one from inside the residence would come to the door and speak with them. While at the scene, the investigating officers processed the scene for evidence. The processing included photographing bullet holes located on the exterior of the residence and collection of two (2) spent .380 shell casings located on the street in front of 2526 W. State.

On 10/30/2010 at approximately 1702 hours, Greene County Deputy Sgt. Marc Staeger conducted a traffic stop on Richard Peck. During the course of that stop, Sgt. Staeger conducted a search of the vehicle Peck was operating. As a result of that search, a Lorcin model L380, .380 caliber semi-automatic handgun with a serial number of 176083 was located and seized as evidence in this case. A spent .380 caliber shell casing was also located in the passenger compartment of the vehicle Peck was operating. The spent shell casing was also collected as evidence. A gunshot residue (GSR) test was also administered on Peck's hands. All evidence seized by Sgt. Staeger was retained by the Greene County Sheriff's Office and logged into their property unit. For more details relating to Sgt. Staeger's involvement in this investigation, please refer to his report, which is included in the case file.

Cpl. R. McPhail (DSN 847) was made aware of this incident while working weekend duty and made contact with Richard Peck while he was incarcerated in the Greene County Jail. Cpl. McPhail conducted a post Miranda interview with Peck and spoke with him about this incident. During that interview, Peck admitted that he had gone to 2526 W. State early in the morning on the 30<sup>th</sup> and had shot at the residence.

The facts contained above are true.



Signature

907

DSN

Detective

Title



# SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



## PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: September 16, 2010 Case #: 10-26863

I, Cpl. Curt Ringgold/955, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law state as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that RICHARD A PECK, WHITE / MALE, DOB \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_ committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The following crime(s) happened on 6/23/2010, 2307: at 208 N FOREST AV in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.
3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

Officer Michael Karnes was dispatched to an assault and determined that the suspect, Richard Peck attempted to light clothes on fire that were previously doused with light fluid by Peck. The clothes were in the victim's vehicle and the victim was in the car as well.

The victim, Cynthia Lewis reported that she came to Peck's house to give him a dog she was watching for him. Peck was angry at the Lewis, because the Lewis is Peck's ex-girlfriend's aunt. Lewis advised that Peck went into the residence and came back outside with lighter fluid. Peck began to spray his ex-girlfriend's clothes with lighter fluid. The clothes were on the sidewalk in front of the residence when the Lewis arrived. Lewis said she grabbed a hold of Peck's arm, trying to get the lighter fluid away from him. When doing so, Peck pushed Lewis in the chest with his hand, and he sprayed Lewis with lighter fluid causing it to gather on her clothes, and was sprayed inside her mouth.

According to Officer Karnes' report, Peck's mother and sister then gathered the clothes and put them in Lewis' vehicle and Peck's mother's car. Lewis said she got back into the driver's seat of her vehicle. She watched Peck walk up to his mother's vehicle, light a lighter, and start Martin's clothes on fire, while they were inside his mom's vehicle. Lewis said Peck walked over to her vehicle. The front passenger window was rolled down, and Martin's clothes were sitting on the front passenger seat of Lewis's vehicle. Peck lit the lighter, put his hand inside the passenger window, and was ready to light the clothes, while Lewis was inside her vehicle. Lewis said Peak's mother and sister were able to pull Peck away from Lewis's vehicle, preventing him from lighting the clothes on fire. Lewis said she was extremely scared and felt Peck would have lit her vehicle on fire, if his mother and sister would not have intervened.

During a post-Miranda interview with Peck denied the allegations of attempting to light the clothing while it was in the vehicle. During further questioning, Peck declined to answer further questions.

The facts contained above are true.

M. A. Ringgold  
Signature

955  
DSN

CORPORAL  
Title



# SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



## PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 07/22/2011 Case #: LSP110504018251

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

1. I have probable cause to believe that RICHARD A PECK, Male/White, DOB: \_\_\_\_\_ SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
committed one or more criminal offenses.

2. The following crime(s) happened on 2011/05/04 - 2011/05/04 at 206 N. Forest Ave in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.

3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

Officer D. Coney responded to 206 N. Forest in reference to an assault. Officer Coney spoke with a witness who identified herself as Donetta Whitlock. According to Whitlock, she heard a loud commotion coming from the area in front of her home. She saw a male, who she identified as Richard, yelling and beating on the front door of the residence. Donetta told me the male is the boyfriend of the female who lived at 208 N. Forest. She also told me the victim was the resident at 208 N. Forest, G.M. Donetta stated Richard walked around the north side of the house and G.M. ran out the front door. G.M. screamed for help as she ran south toward 206 N. Forest. Richard caught her and pushed her to the ground. After Richard pushed G.M. down, he leaned over her and punched her at least twice. Donetta told me she could not see exactly where Richard punched her but stated he did punch her.

Officer Coney contacted G.M. at the hospital. G.M. complained of pain in her left shoulder and left hip. She had three scrapes where the skin had been removed, but they were not bleeding. The first was on the outside of her left elbow, the second was on the middle of her back near the left side, and the third was on the back side of her left hip. According to G.M., Richard Peck is her boyfriend. She told me Richard took her cell phone earlier in the day and then left. She stated they were not arguing, he just took her phone and left. When he returned, she began asking him about the phone and he began getting angry. She shut the door and locked him outside. He began beating on the door. He walked away from the door so she tried running from the house. Richard caught her in front of 206 N. Forest and he pushed her to the ground. G.M. told me she felt like she hit her head and may have passed out because she then could not remember anything else that happened.

On 6/7/11 G.M. arrived at North Police Headquarters to sign an Authorization For Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information. According to G.M., on 5/11/11 she had to return to the hospital due to the injury on her left, which resulted from the assault on 5/4/11. G.M. said the blood continued to collect in the area of the injury and a medical procedure was required to alleviate the pain. I later reviewed the medical records from 5/11/11 at Cox North Hospital. G.M. was treated for a hematoma abscess on her left hip area. An incision and drainage procedure was performed to treat the hematoma abscess. On 5/5/11 G.M. was treated at Cox South Hospital and was diagnosed with Thoracic Myofascial Strain, Contusion Flank, and Head Contusion.

The facts contained above are true.

Heather Anderson  
Signature

1053  
DSN

Police Corporal  
Title

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