



NEWS RELEASE  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MAN CHARGED FOR KILLING JESSICA CONNER

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Lorenzo D. Roy, 50, of Springfield, Missouri, has been charged today with murder in the first degree and armed criminal action. These charges are from events which occurred on April 11, 2014, in which Jessica Conner was killed. The Springfield Police Department has been actively working this investigation since April 11, 2014. Yesterday evening, detectives arrested Roy on probable cause. This morning the Greene County Prosecutor filed formal charges.

Murder in the first degree is punishable upon conviction by death or life imprisonment without the possibility of probation or parole. Armed criminal action is punishable upon conviction with a minimum of three years imprisonment. The maximum sentence is a term of years to be set by the court.

Mr. Patterson cautions that the charges contained in the felony complaint are merely allegations and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in court.

Copies of the felony complaint and probable statement filed in this case are attached to this release. The Missouri Supreme Court ethics rules prohibit comments on the facts or investigation of this case beyond those contained in the felony complaint and probable cause statement that are part of the public record.

**This case is being prosecuted by Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney T. Myers. It is being investigated by the Springfield Police Department and Detective Kent Shipley is the lead investigator assigned to the case.**

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI

Associate Division \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MISSOURI,

Plaintiff,

vs.

LORENZO D ROY ,

Defendant.

State of Missouri

County of Greene

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Case No. 1431-CR03763WJ

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PA File No. 077329405

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**FELONY COMPLAINT**

COUNT I

(Missouri Charge Code: 1002112.)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.020, RSMo, committed the class A felony of murder in the first degree punishable upon conviction under Section 565.020, RSMo, in that on or about April 11, 2014, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant after deliberation, knowingly caused the death of Jessica N. Conner by stabbing her.

COUNT II

(Missouri Charge Code: 3101099.)

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 571.015, RSMo, committed the felony of armed criminal action, punishable upon conviction under Section 571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about April 11, 2014, in the county of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of murder in the first degree as charged in Count I, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of murder in the first degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a dangerous instrument.

The facts that form the basis for this information and belief are contained in the attached probable cause statement concerning this matter, which statement is made a part hereof and is submitted herewith as a basis upon which this court may find the existence of probable cause for the issuance of the warrant.

WHEREFORE, the Prosecuting Attorney prays that an arrest warrant be issued as provided by law.

DAN PATTERSON  
Prosecuting Attorney of the County of  
Greene, State of Missouri, by



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T. Todd Myers, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, being duly sworn, upon oath says that the facts stated in the above information are true, according to his or her best information, knowledge and belief.



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T. Todd Myers  
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney



# SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



## FELONY PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 07/15/2014 Case #: SPD140411013402

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

1. I have probable cause to believe that LORENZO D ROY, Black/Male, DOB 03/09/1964, committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The following crime(s) happened on 2014/04/11 18:50 - 2014/04/11 18:50 at 1121 N SHERMAN AVE in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.
3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

I, Detective Kent Shipley, was assigned this case for follow up investigation and learned the following information from existing police reports and my own investigation into the incident.

On 4-11-2014 at approximately 1850 hours, SPD Officer Taylor Bolton and Officer Brandon Bowling were dispatched to 1121 N. Sherman, Springfield, Greene County, Missouri for a report of a female with possible stab wounds. They arrived and discovered a deceased female, identified as Jessica N. Conner, lying on the kitchen floor with what appeared to be multiple stab wounds to her torso and arm. The callers; Identified as Kimberly Candie and Travis Bryant, were on-scene and had discovered Conner's body and called 911. Candie and Bryant stated that they believed Conner was killed by her boyfriend, Lorenzo D. Roy.

I conducted an interview Candie who said she had received a call from Roy earlier that day asking if she had spoken with Conner. A short time later, Candie and Bryant drove to Conner's residence to check on her and discovered her body. Candie said Conner had been at her residence the previous afternoon (4-10-2014) and Conner had informed her that she and Roy had been fighting and she left. Candie informed me that she believed Conner had been with a subject identified as Richard Snodgrass the previous night based on a missed telephone call from Snodgrass' home number.

On 4-11-2014, I conducted an interview with Snodgrass, who informed me that he had been with Conner on 4-10-2014 and took her home shortly after 0100 hours on 4-11-2014. When he was parked outside 1121 N. Sherman, a male subject came outside to the front porch from inside the residence. Snodgrass said he thought the subject was a black male, assumed it was Roy; however due to the distance and poor lighting, he could not positively identify the subject.

On 4-12-2014 at 0020 hours, a search warrant was obtained for 1121 N. Sherman and processed by SPD Detectives Kevin Cantrell and Scott Hill. While processing the crime scene, Detectives Cantrell and Hill also searched an alley that ran behind 1121 N. Sherman. Several pieces of evidence were located near the alley, several houses away from the residence. The items included a kitchen style butcher's knife, a Missouri Driver's license which belonged to the victim, a broken plastic handle, a trash bag with unknown contents, and a purse. There was an exterior storage area belonging to Drury University on the eastside of the alley. The area was enclosed with a wood privacy fence. Inside the fenced area, Detective Hill located a frying pan/skillet, a small saucepan, a green mop, and a black leather hat with circular "Old No 7 Brand" emblem on the front of it. Some of the items were stained with a red substance which was believed to be blood, including the black hat.

During a post-Miranda interview with Roy on 4-12-2014, he said he and Conner had been in an argument on 4-10-2014 and he had not been with her since then. Roy said he left the residence at approximately 1700 hours and took city busses to his sister's residence where he stayed for the remainder of the night. Roy denied returning to the residence after leaving on the bus. Roy said he did not hear from Conner the following day, and contacted Candie to see if she had heard from her.

While reviewing the surveillance video from the city busses from 4-10-2014, I was able to see Roy get on a bus at Central and Clay at 1653 hours. This bus stop is located in a close proximity to 1121 N. Sherman. He then is seen getting off a bus at State and Fort at 1716 hours near his sister's house. These times coincided with what Roy previous had stated. Roy stated that he did not return to 1121 N. Sherman the remainder of the night; however I noted when Roy was on the city busses, he was wearing what appeared to be the same hat that was discovered by Det. Hill.

A DNA analysis was conducted on the hat by MSHP Criminalist Jason Wyckoff. The human blood on the front surface of the hat was consistent with the profile of Jessica Conner' DNA profile. The swabbing taken from inside the forehead surface of the hat was characteristic of a mixture of two individuals. When the mixture was considered in its entirety, the mixture of DNA was believed to be that of Jessica Conner and Lorenzo Roy. A male profile was deduced from the mixture and was consistent with the profile from Lorenzo Roy. During an additional interview with Candie, she had stated that Conner was pregnant at the time of her death.

An autopsy was conducted by Dr Carl Stacy, which indicated that Conner had in excess of 20 sharp force injuries to her torso, head, neck and wrist as well as blunt force trauma to her face, arms, legs and hands. Conner's cause of death was due to sharp force injuries and was ruled a homicide. The autopsy results revealed that Conner was not pregnant at the time of her death.

The facts contained above are true.

	814	Detective
Signature	DSN	Title

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STATE OF MISSOURI, )  
Plaintiff, )  
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)  
)PA File No. 077329405  
LORENZO D ROY )  
Defendant. )

**PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S BAIL/BOND RECOMMENDATION**

The bail/bond recommendation of the Greene County Prosecutor, in this case, is as follows:

1. AMOUNT: \$500,000.00

OPEN COURT ONLY BOND (by administrative order applies automatically to bonds \$25,000 and higher)

State agrees to recognizance release by Court Order after the first court appearance upon the conditions of release in Exhibit A

Hold without Bond

2. The State requests that the Court also impose the conditions of bond set out on the proposed Exhibit A to Arrest Warrant attached hereto and that such conditions be incorporated by reference upon the Warrant.

3. The State requests the Court set bond in the above amount and upon the conditions set out in Exhibit A to Arrest Warrant hereto for the following reasons: Defendant has a history of abusing the victim, Jessica Conner, his girlfriend. There are prior arrests and a prior charged case. These cases did not result in convictions due to Jessica Conner's refusal to cooperate. The Defendant has a criminal history from California which includes arrests for assault/rape and a conviction for burglary first degree. The Defendant has Missouri convictions for felony possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor tampering.

Respectfully submitted,



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**EXHIBIT A**  
**TO ARREST WARRANT**

*State of Missouri v. Lorenzo D Roy*  
Case No:

SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF RELEASE ON BOND SET BY THE COURT:

- OPEN COURT ONLY BOND
- State agrees to recognizance release by Court Order after the first court appearance with the below conditions of release
- Obey all laws
- No contact or communication with victim(s) or the victim's family in any manner or through any medium
- Not to possess any weapon, firearm or ammunition
- No contact or communication with \_\_\_\_\_ in any manner or through any medium
- Not knowingly be on the premises of or within 1,000 feet of the victim(s) residence, or place of employment/education.
- Not to possess or consume alcohol or be on premises of establishment where the primary item for sale is alcoholic beverages
- Not to possess any drug/controlled substance unless prescribed for defendant by a physician
- No contact with children under seventeen (17) years of age
- Not to be on premises of any park, school, daycare, playground, recreational facility, or other place where children congregate
- Curfew from 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- Electronic monitoring/house arrest from choose start time to choose end time (if no times specified, house arrest inside defendant's residence is 24 hours and 7 days a week) (Provider to report all violations to Court no later than within 24 hours)
- GPS monitoring with house arrest from choose start time to choose end time (if no times specified, house arrest inside defendant's residence is 24 hours and 7 days a week) (Provider to report all violations to Court no later than within 24 hours)
- Travel exceptions for house arrest which must be prescheduled with Electronic Monitor/GPS provider:
- Defendant may travel directly to and from appointments with defense attorney
  - Defendant may travel directly to and from medical appointments
  - Defendant may travel directly to and from grocery store closest to residence
  - Defendant may travel directly to and from place of employment
- The following locations where the victim may be found are already known to defendant and, pursuant to Section 566.226.2, RSMo., the Court FINDS that disclosure of such locations as ordered herein will not compromise but will instead facilitate the safety of the victim and, therefore, the Court ORDERS that prior to any release, the defendant shall be notified that he/she may not travel in or be in these exclusion zones and that said exclusion zones shall be made known to the Prosecutor's Office, Defendant's Attorney, Defendant's Pretrial Service Officer and/or Bondsman and the GPS provider:
- Other: A home plan must be presented for any pretrial release. Additional conditions including house arrest or GPS monitoring may be imposed once the home plan is proposed.