



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FAIR GROVE MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Greene County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Patterson announces that Carlton Albert Wallace, 37, of Fair Grove, Missouri, has been charged today with one count of murder in the second degree and one count of armed criminal action. These charges are from events which occurred yesterday, February 8th, 2016, and resulted in the death of L.A.A. (26 years old, W/F).

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 Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Philip Fuhrman. It is being investigated by the Greene County Sheriff's Office and Detective Sgt. David Schroeder is the lead investigator assigned to the case.

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PA File No. 077357167

CIRCUIT CLERK
GREENE COUNTY

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 February 8, 2016, in the county of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of Murder in the 2nd degree charged in Count I, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of Murder in the 2nd degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a deadly weapon.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip M. Fuhrman", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Electronically signed;

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GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

CIRCUIT CLERK
GREENE COUNTY

Date: 02/09/2016 Case #: GCS160208000866

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

1. I have probable cause to believe that CARLTON ALBERT WALLACE, Black/Male, DOB 04/29/1978, committed one or more criminal offenses.
2. The following crime(s) happened on 2016/02/08 - at 4649 E FARM ROAD 48 RD in Greene County, Missouri.
3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On February 8th, 2016, at approximately 12:56 hours, Greene County Sheriff's Office Patrol Deputies were dispatched to 4649 E. Farm Road 48, Fair Grove, Greene County, Missouri. The complainant, identified as Esther Wallace, was contacted at her residence, which is located on the property. Esther stated her son, later identified as Carlton A. Wallace, left the scene in her black in color 2002 Hyundai Elantra, bearing Missouri license plate WK6 U9W, traveling eastbound on Farm Road 48. Esther also stated her son had hurt someone located in a shed to the northwest of the main residence. The shed had been converted into a residence where Carlton and his girlfriend, L.A.A., resided. Esther provided deputies with a key to gain entry into the residence.

Deputies entered the dwelling and observed a bed in the center of the room. They observed a large blood spot on a blue bed spread that partially covered the bed and a mass that was lying on the floor. After a safety sweep of the residence was completed, deputies checked under the bed spread and located a white female, lying on her back, with injuries to her head, who appeared to be deceased. The victim was fully clothed and had red foam around her mouth. Her face appeared to be bulged around the right side of her mouth. Her hair was in disarray and there was blood around her forehead and hairline.

Deputies re-contacted Esther who said she did not see or hear anything from the residence on the morning of February 8th, 2016. Esther stated she had been sitting in her enclosed porch for the majority of the morning and had not seen anyone come or go from the property. Esther advised Carlton contacted her at approximately 12:15 hours and told her he was ready to go to town. Esther stated she asked Carlton where L.A.A. was at and he replied "It's all over, she is with the angels now." Esther reported she observed what she believed to be blood drops on the outside of Carlton's pant leg and on his shoe. Esther said she became concerned, contacting 911 discreetly, so as not to alarm Carlton.

Esther stated she went to the converted shed and told Carlton she wanted to see L.A.A.. Esther reported Carlton stood in the doorway of the shed and would not allow her to go inside, so Esther called Lindsay's name and heard no answer. Esther advised both L.A.A. and Carlton have an extensive history of domestic violence situations, stating she has called the Police to the property numerous times. Esther stated she went back to her residence and waited for Deputies to arrive. Esther advised Carlton came to her residence, asked if he could get something out of her car, then took the keys to the Hyundai Elantra without her permission and left the property. Esther reported

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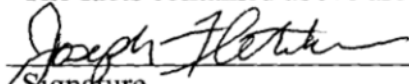
Carlton left with a red backpack and yelled "It's all in God's hands now," as he accelerated out of the driveway. Esther stated Carlton has talked about a "murder suicide" on several occasions prior to this incident occurring.

When the converted shed was searched, L.A.A. was located deceased, lying on the floor of the shed, next to a bed. Her body was covered with a blanket and some clothing and she had an apparent gunshot wound to the head. When the temperature of L.A.A.'s liver was checked by the Greene County Medical Examiner's Office, it was found to be 98.6 and rigormortis had not yet set in. This would indicate her time of death was a very close interval to the 911 call being made. There were .380 caliber bullets collected in the converted shed and Carlton Wallace is a convicted felon, prohibited from being in possession of a firearm or ammunition.

Carlton Wallace was contacted and detained by Springfield Police Officers and Missouri State Highway Patrolmen at the Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market, located at 1320 S. Glenstone Ave., Springfield, Missouri. At the time he was contacted, Carlton was in the driver's seat of a black in color Hyundai Elantra, bearing Missouri license plate WK6-U9W. During a later search of the vehicle, a red backpack was discovered, containing a BB gun. There was also a coat located in the front passenger seat of the vehicle, which matched the description given by Esther. Inside the front, left pocket of the coat, a towel with possible blood was located.

During the autopsy of L.A.A., the Greene County Medical Examiner discovered a bullet hole on the back of her head, approximately 5 inches from the top of her head. There was a projectile present, lodged behind her left eye and there was no exit wound. The Greene County Medical Examiner reported the gunshot wound did not appear to be a contact wound. The Greene County Medical Examiner ruled this death to be a homicide.

The facts contained above are true.


Signature

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Corporal
Title