



STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

STATE OF MISSOURI
COUNTY OF JASPER

Date: 9/6/25

I, Officer Mariah Copeland, 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 9/6/25 at 3031 S Range Line Rd, Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri, ASHLEY JANICE MARIE DEGROAT, a white female, committed one or more criminal offense(s) of :

566.083 - SEXUAL MISCONDUCT INVOLVING A CHILD UNDER 15 - 1ST OFFENSE
566.093 - SEXUAL MISCONDUCT - 1ST DEGREE - 1ST OFFENSE
569.14 - TRESPASS - 1ST DEGREE

Name: ASHLEY JANICE MARIE DEGROAT
9379 COUNTY RD 90, CARTHAGE, MO 64834

Arrested: 09/06/25 10:34 (NOT IN CUSTODY)

2. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 09/06/2025, at approximately 10:28 hours, I, Officer Copeland, responded to 3031 S Rangeline Rd. regarding a report of a female subject running around the property nude and exposing her genitals. Upon arrival, I contacted the subject, identified as Ashley Degroat, who was clothed at that time. Representative of Victim 1 (Super 7 Hotel), identified to be Alisha Hicks the manager for the hotel, stated Ms. Degroat had been previously trespassed from the property, was on the property now, and refused to leave. Victim 2, identified to be Victoria Webb, reported that just prior to my arrival she and her four juvenile children--Victim 3 (age 10), Victim 4 (age 11), Victim 5 (age 13), and Victim 6 (age 13)--observed Ms. Degroat outside of room 131 completely nude from the waist down. Ms. Webb stated Ms. Degroat's breasts and genitals were clearly visible to her. Ms. Webb stated Ms. Degroat's genitals were clearly visible to Victim 3, Victim 4, Victim 5, and Victim 6 which caused extreme alarm and emotional distress to Ms. Webb and her children.

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: Ashley Degroat was arrested on 08/22/2025 for multiple Failure to Appear Bench Warrants.

(X) I believe that the defendant poses a danger to () a crime victim / (X) the community or to any other person because: Ashley Degroat is exposed her genitals to juveniles, who are complete strangers to her, at a location where she was and has been trespassed from multiple times.

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Print Name: Officer Mariah Copeland Signature: *Mariah Copeland*

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