

GREENE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Case# 07-12002 Reporting Officer: Det. Frank Duren

I, Frank Duren, a law enforcement officer, knowing that false statements made herein are punishable by law, state as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that, Forest, Karla, M 01-17-80 [REDACTED] committed one or more criminal offenses:

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

On 07-06-07, at approx. 11:30 hrs, Det. Walker responded to 1260 E. Farm Rd. 80 in Springfield Greene County Missouri for what was reported as Forcible Rape. The alleged victim, Karla Forest was found partially nude behind the barn of the residence.

During the course of the investigation, several inconsistencies were discovered in her story. Ms. Forest Claimed to have been shoved to the ground in the yard which was covered with rocks and sustained no injuries. She was then picked up and thrown onto a wooden plank floor and again sustained no injuries.

Ms. Forest was found to be bound in duct tape. The tape around her ankles was bound tightly and the tape around her wrists was loose, indicating that she had bound herself.

The floor in which she reported the rape to occur had a layer of dirt, which was noticeably undisturbed. Ms. Forest made the statement that during the assault, she was all over the floor.

Ms. Forest made claims that she could not see past three to four feet without her glasses however she observed what she believed to be her neighbor from inside the shed, without her glasses.

Ms. Forest claimed that she had turned during the assault, lying on her side as the suspect raped her in an attempt to get a look at him. She then claimed that the suspect made the change in the position.

The superficial wounds on Ms. Forest were consistent with self inflicted wounds created by finger nails. Upon the return of the lab analysis from the Missouri State Highway Patrol Lab, the finger nail scrapings from Ms. Forest showed the presence of blood, belonging to Ms. Forest.

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The results of the sexual assault kit revealed that no other DNA was recovered from Ms. Forest other than that belonging to Ms. Forest. Nor were any pubic hairs recovered from the sexual assault exam belonging to a perpetrator.

Name: Frank Duren

Signature: 

Title: Detective