

Prosecuting Attorney's Form Affidavit

Case Number: 2024-57002

Reviewed by: Kelly Ward, CDPA

Date: July 29, 2024

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, PULASKI COUNTY,
ARKANSAS

AFFIDAVIT FOR WARRANT OF ARREST FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSON:

Jesse Gossage
POTENTIAL DEFENDANT'S NAME

[REDACTED] W/M
DOB/RACE/SEX

Felony

NLR, AR
ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

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Misd.



Pursuant to Rule 7.1 of the Arkansas Rules of Criminal Procedure, the undersigned affiant being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has reason to believe that the above-named person has committed the offense of violating: **Ark. Code Ann. 5-13-205(a)1 Assault in the First Degree** on or about July 19, 2024

- (a) A person commits Assault in the First Degree if he/she:
 - (1) Recklessly engages in conduct that creates a substantial risk of death or serious physical injury to another person

In Pulaski County, Arkansas, against the peace and dignity of the State of Arkansas

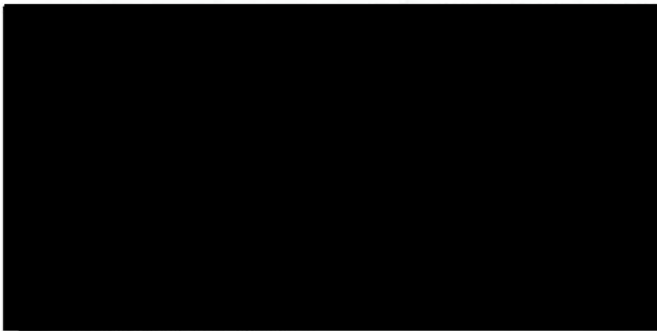
FACTS CONSTITUTING REASONABLE CAUSE

I, Detective Michael Gibbons, hereby swear and affirm submit the following as my affidavit; I submit this affidavit in support of an arrest warrant for Jesse Gossage. My belief that probable cause exists to arrest Jesse Gossage for the commission of one or more criminal offenses is based on the following facts that I have learned from my own personal investigation of this matter, including interviews of witnesses, as well as from information supplied by other law enforcement officials. Since this Affidavit is for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause to support the arrest warrant, it contains only a summary of relevant facts. I have not included each and every fact known to me concerning the entities, individuals, and events described in this Affidavit:

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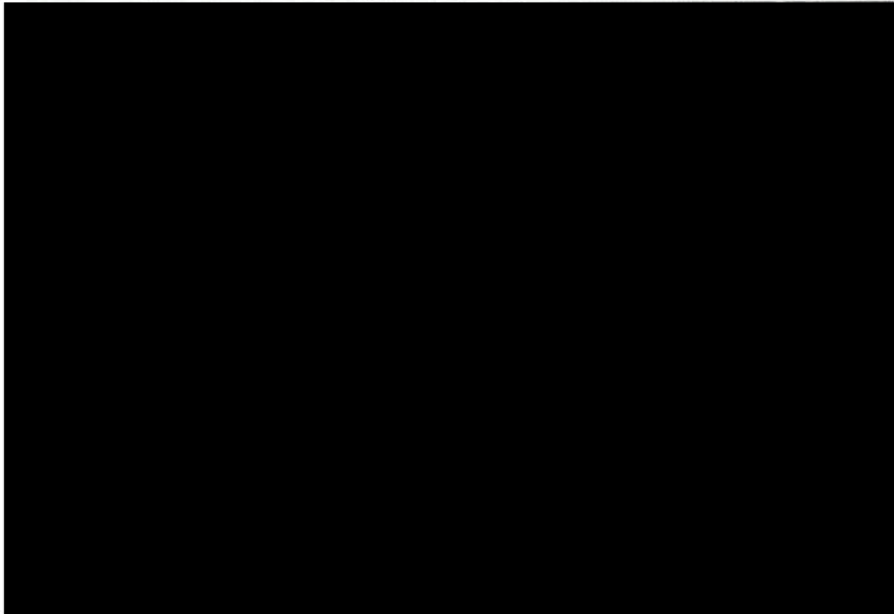
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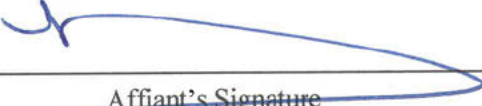
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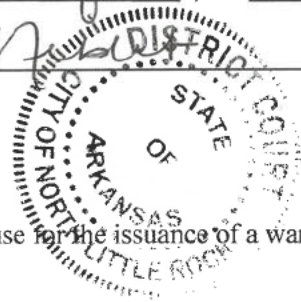
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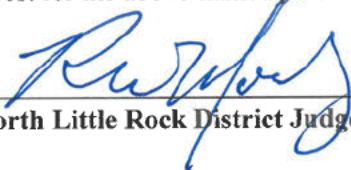
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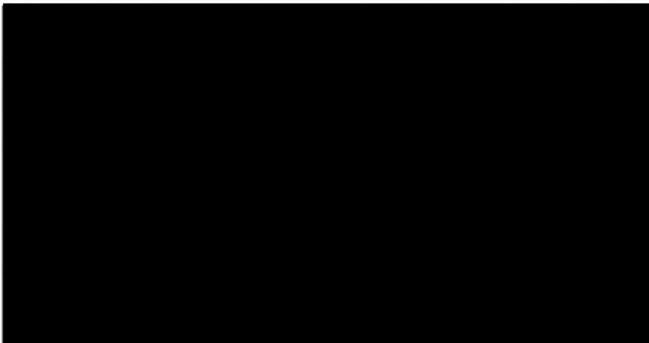


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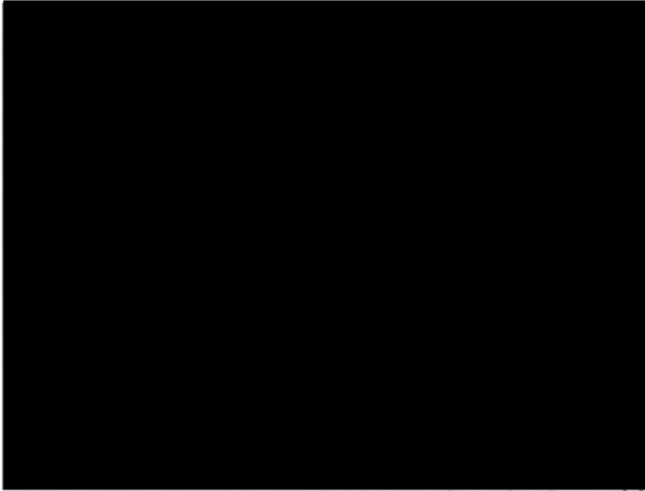
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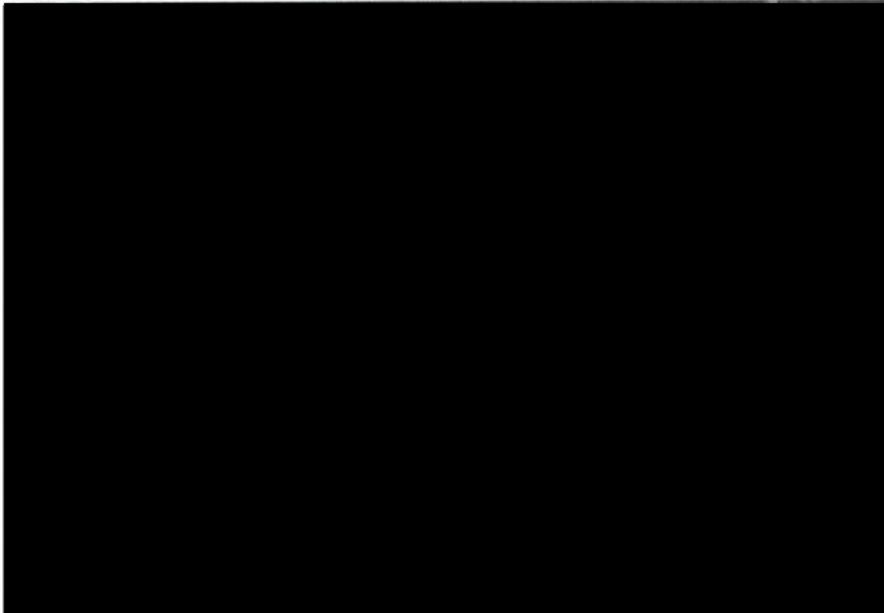


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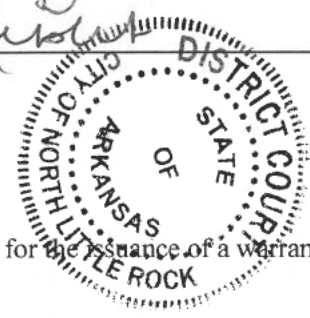
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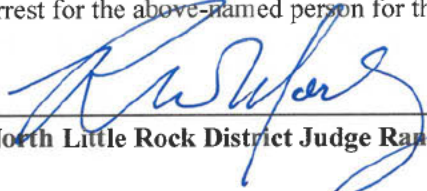
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