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Subject's Name: Steven Kent Sprague Race: W Sex: M

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE FOR DETENTION OF PERSON ARRESTED WITHOUT WARRANT AND REQUEST FOR WARRANT

Felony __x__ Misdemeanor____

I, Aaron Johnson, a law enforcement officer with LaGrange Police Department,
Print Arresting Officers Name — Print Name of Law Enforcement Agency

knowing that false statements are punishable by law, state that the statements and information set forth in this instrument are true and correct, as to those matters said to be within my personal knowledge. Other matters contained therein, on information and belief, are believed by me to be true. I therefore have probable cause to believe that committed one or more criminal offense(s) to be charged by the prosecuting attorney which may include the following:

Financial Exploitation of the Elderly, RSMo. 570.145

Print Offense. Chapter and Section Number

I further certify that I took Steven Kent Sprague into custody on the 7th day of November, 2026 at 0723 o'clock A.m and
Print Name of person arrested (first, middle, last)
Date — Month — Time

he/she is now in custody of the Lewis County Sheriff, OCN: _____.

A Warrant is sought.

Dated this 7th day of November, 2026.
Date — Month

Probable Cause Narrative: See attached.

Arresting Officer Signature — Lagrange PD — 11-06-2026 Date

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Narrative in Support of Probable Cause Statement and Request for Warrant.

David Parrish, Sheriff Parrish

On July 23, 2026, I met with [redacted] Branch Manager of Town and Country Bank Midwest, 110 Main Street, LaGrange, Lewis County, Missouri. She was concerned an elderly customer, [redacted] age 92, was being financially exploited by his son, Steven Sprague. She reported he moved from Arkansas and opened an account in 2022. She said there had been no issues until the past few months. She reported on Tuesday, July 21, 2026, Steve came into the bank seeking a loan, in [redacted] name. She informed him she would have to speak with [redacted], but Steve reported [redacted] was resting at the Holiday Inn, in Hannibal, Missouri. She reported Steven had power of attorney on [redacted] behalf. She noticed account issues that included [redacted] account had been overdrawn six times in the past month. She also noticed Steve was receiving loans from [redacted] that were strange because [redacted] only receives approximately $988.00 in Social Security every month. She also reported [redacted] had an account with his daughter [redacted] of [redacted]

She reported [redacted] had a listed address of [redacted] but wasn't sure if it had been sold. She said [redacted] was living with Steven at [redacted] She also provided Steven's phone number as [redacted] reported Steven and [redacted] came back to LaGrange to conduct business and also reported Steven had a race car on a trailer. She wasn't sure why he had the race car and felt he was going to area businesses asking for sponsorships.

On July 23, 2026, I made a written request for an investigative subpoena through the office of Lewis County Prosecutor Chelsea Fellinger. She granted my request and sought a subpoena for [redacted] bank records. See attached letter.

I then received [redacted] bank statements from June 2025 through July 2026. The July 2026 bank statement shows 9 checks were written that included Steven's signature as POA. During this time four checks were returned due to lack of funds and there were $80.00 in overdraft fees. Three of the check were written to Steven and included a $1,000.00 check, a $350.00 check and a $230.00 check.

The June 2026 statement showed a deposit was made on June 4, 2026 in the amount of $11,666.67, and $3,500.00 was received. Several suspicious checks were written to Steve by Steve Sprague. This included $1,000.00 for charity car, $500.00 for a loan, $500.00 for an unknown reason, $1500.00 for meds, $1,000.00 to move money to 4U Credit Union and another $1,000.00 for medical.

On October 5th, 2026, LaGrange Police Chief Aaron Johnson, was called to Town and Country Bank Midwest to assist the branch manager [redacted] She had requested his presence while she met with [redacted] She was concerned Steven Sprague would not allow [redacted] to speak with her alone and he could become aggressive. [redacted] reported to Chief Johnson he was missing a large sum of money.

[redacted] reported it was approximately $100,000.00. [redacted] then left the bank with Steven.

On November 4th, 2026, LaGrange Police Captain Jason Powell and I met with Steven Sprague at [redacted] Steven allowed us into the home.

[redacted]

He advised he had power of attorney but could not provide us with the documentation. We discussed the financial concerns involving his father. Steven advised he was only spending the money for his father's needs. When asked about a race car that had been purchased, he reported his father wanted to buy the car because he was a racing fan. He admitted he had spent $40,000.00 for the car. He reported the money came from an account his father had with his daughter [redacted] He said he believed there was $80,000.00 in the account in the beginning and it was down to $3,000.00.

On November 4th, 2026, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services worker Kris Chamley and I traveled to the Hannibal Regional Hospital to speak with [redacted]. We met with a risk management officer who provided us with Power of Attorney legal documentation for [redacted] Upon review, the documentation provides that Steven Sprague has power of attorney, however, before this authority exist, [redacted] treating physician must certify in writing that [redacted] is physically or mentally incapable managing my financial affairs and/or providing for his personal care. See attached. Hospital staff advised [redacted] was considered his own person and they advised there was no medical doctor who had deemed [redacted] unable to care for himself.

We spoke with [redacted] in his hospital room. He advised his son Steven had been writing bad checks on his accounts. He was aware he had two different bank account and four credit cards. He reported he had asked Steven for the bank statements two or three times and Steven would not provide them. He also reported he had asked Steven for the credit cards and Steven would not give them to him. He said Steven was purchasing items at Home Depot for Steven's home against [redacted] wishes.

I also asked him about the race car that had been purchased by Steven. [redacted] reported he did not give Steven permission to buy the race car. He said, "What am I going to do with a race car at my age."

On November 5th, 2026, Chief Johnson determined the race car purchased by Steven was manufactured by Shaw racing.

On November 6, 2026, Chief Johnson received an email from Shaw Race Cars, Inc., reporting Steven Sprague purchased the Shaw race car on June 6th, 2026 for $16,672.84.

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Based on the above purchases, I believe there is probable cause to believe Steven Sprague used [redacted] funds to purchase unauthorized items.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF LEWIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
ASSOCIATE DIVISION

STATE OF MISSOURI,

Plaintiff,

v.

STEVEN KENT SPRAGUE,

Defendant.

Case No. 26LE-CR00[redacted]

[redacted]

FELONY COMPLAINT AND REQUEST FOR WARRANT

CHARGE CODE: 570.145-003Y20202699.0

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Lewis, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 570.145, RSMo, committed the **class C felony of financial exploitation of an elderly person,** punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.002 and 558.011, RSMO, in that on or between June 2025 and July 2026, in the County of Lewis, State of Missouri, [redacted] was a person sixty years of age or older and the defendant knowingly obtained control over his bank account, property of [redacted] which property had a value of at least five thousand dollars, and the defendant obtained control over such property by undue influence by improperly using a power of attorney to obtain monies for himself from [redacted] bank account, and was done with the intent to permanently deprive [redacted] of the use and benefit of the property; and thereby benefited defendant and detrimentally affected [redacted]

The range punishment for a class C felony is imprisonment in the custody of the Missouri Department of Corrections for a term of years not less than three (3) years and not to exceed ten (10) years; or by a fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars ($10,000); or by both imprisonment and a fine. If money or property has been gained through the commission of the crime, any fine

imposed may be not more than double the amount of the offender's gain from the commission of the crime.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Chelsea L. Fellinger

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IN THE 2nd JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, LEWIS COUNTY, MISSOURI

Judge or Division: Corey R. Moon	Case Number: 26LE-CR00250
	Offense Cycle No. (OCN):
State of Missouri VS.	
Defendant's Name: STEVEN K. SPRAGUE	

FILED
NOV 10 2026
Julie George
Circuit Clerk
Lewis Co. Monticello, MO
(Date File Stamp)

Initial Appearance / Arraignment

This matter comes before the court on 11/10/2026 (date) for initial appearance after defendant was jailed on a warrant.

- [x] Defendant appeared within 48 hours of his/~~her~~ arrest [x] via video.
- [ ] Defendant did not appear within 48 hours of his/her arrest because [ ] arrested out of jurisdiction and/or [ ] _____
- [x] Defendant is read the Complaint/~~Information/Indictment~~ and advised pursuant the right to retain counsel, right to remain silent, that any statement made may be used against him/her and the right to apply for Public Defender.
- [NP] Defendant enters plea of not guilty.
- [x] Defendant referred to Public Defender for representation.
- [x] Defendant was advised of bond rights under Supreme Court Rule 33.06 and allowed to address the court. Defendant stated: State: cash posting should be granted over the State's objection; No Contact with victim; 5[redacted]

After consideration of the arguments made at ~~initial~~ appearance, the court:

- [x] Amends the bond as follows: OR bond: no Contact with alleged victim, turn over checks/cards of alleged victim to Sheriff's office, not leave State of ~~Missouri except~~ Quincy, IL
- [x] Reminds defendant that violation of any of the conditions will result in rearrest and sets the matter for Counsel status on 11/16/2026 (date) at 1:00 PM (time).
- [ ] Denies the request for bond change and sets the matter for BOND HEARING within seven working days of the initial appearance and directs the prosecuting attorney to notify any victims if victim notification is required.

BOND HEARING is set for _____ (date) at _____ (time).

Corey R. Moon
Judge

THIS DOCUMENT MUST BE SERVED WITH THE WARRANT.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF LEWIS COUNTY, MISSOURI – ASSOCIATE DIVISION

Judge or Division: COREY R. MOON	Case Number: 26LE-CR00250	FILED
	Offense Cycle Number:	NOV 10 2026
State of Missouri VS. Defendant: STEVEN K. SPRAGUE	Next Court Hearing (Date, Time) 11/16/2026 at 1:00PM	Julie George Circuit Clerk Lewis Co. Monticello, MO
	Bond Amount OR / Bond Received	(Date File Stamp)

BOND CONDITIONS

1. The Defendant will appear in the Court in which the case is prosecuted or appealed, from time to time, as required to answer the criminal charge;
2. The Defendant will submit to the Orders, Judgment and Sentence, and process of the Court having jurisdiction over the Defendant;
3. The Defendant shall not commit any new offenses and shall not tamper with any victim or witness in the case, nor have any person do so on the Defendant's behalf; and
4. The Defendant will comply fully with any and all conditions imposed by the Court in granting release.

☑ Pursuant to Rule 33.01(c), the Court finds additional conditions of release are required in order to secure:

☐ appearance of Defendant, or ☑ safety of the community, crime victims, witnesses or other persons.

Additional bond conditions are as follows:

☐ Shall be placed in the custody of and to be supervised by _____

☐ Shall report to the _____ Office/Department _____

☐ Shall be placed on house arrest at _____

☐ Without electronic monitoring device. ☐ With electronic monitoring device paid for by Defendant, to be installed _____

☐ Shall not consume intoxicants or illegal drugs nor enter any establishment where intoxicants are the major item for sale, and shall not possess or use alcohol or any controlled substance including marijuana/THC without a physician's prescription.

☐ Shall consent to blood, breath, urine or hair follicle tests as requested by any law enforcement officer and pay for the same.

☐ Shall consent to a search of Defendant's dwelling, motor vehicle or person upon the request of any law enforcement officer.

☑ Shall have no contact with the victim(s) through any medium ~~and shall not associate with any known felons.~~

☐ Drug testing _____ times a week with results submitted to the Court within 24 hours by the Defendant.

☐ Wear a SCRAM alcohol monitoring device within 48 hours of release, at Defendant's cost.

☐ Install and use an ignition interlock device on any vehicle operated at Defendant's cost.

☐ Obtain a substance abuse/mental health evaluation within _____, submit the results of the evaluation to the Court within 48 hours of receiving such results and follow all recommendations including attendance of any in-patient or out-patient program.

☐ Curfew of _____

☐ Shall not have possession of a firearm or other deadly weapon.

☐ Travel is restricted to work, court, health care appointments and attorney appointments.

☐ Seek employment, maintain employment, or maintain or commence an educational program and provide proof to the Court.

☐ Return to custody after being released from work, school, treatment, or _____

☐ Defendant shall execute a monetary/property bond in the amount of $_____ cash/surety/with 10% posting being allowed.

☑ Other: Shall not leave Missouri except to go to Quincy, IL; shall give any debit/credit cards + checks of victim's to Sheriff's office. Shall not access any of alleged victim's bank accounts.

THE DEFENDANT UNDERSTANDS that the consequences for failure to follow any of the above conditions are: Any cash or securities deposited with the court may be forfeited; Defendant's property may be sold to collect the full amount of the bond; Defendant's bond may be revoked; an arrest warrant may be issued; additional charges may be filed.

Defendant's signature _____

(Seal of Court)

11/10/2026
Date

Corey R. Moon
Judge