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**COLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**Statement of Probable Cause - Rule 21.04 & 22.03**  
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COLE COUNTY  
CIRCUIT COURT

Defendant name: Niemet, William C

OCN:

Date of birth: 12/24/1976 Race: White Sex: Male SSN: [REDACTED]-6284

Agency case number: 20-1527 Arrest date and time:

Come now Complainant/Reporting Officer: Todd Marsey and

States the following under oath: I have probable cause to believe the defendant committed the crime of:

- 565.020-001Y198409 Murder 1st Degree (F): STAT

at or about: 6:00 PM on or about: the 24th day of April, 1991

at: 6262 Route D, Lohman, MO in Cole County, Missouri

The facts that support a finding of probable cause to believe that a crime or crimes were committed and that the above person committed that/those offense(s) are: On the evening of 04-24-1991, Greg Jones went missing from the area near his home located in Lohman Missouri, prompting his family to file a missing persons report with law enforcement. Jones's decomposed body was later discovered on 06-08-1991 with the cause of death being listed as homicide by gunfire, Jones had sustained two bullet wounds to his head.


- During the investigation it was found that at least two gun shots were heard in the area where Jones body was recovered on the night he went missing, the shots were heard at approximately 20:30 by Jones father and brother and neighbors who reported the gunfire to responding deputies.
- Chris Niemet, who was a classmate and known associate of Greg Jones resided approximately one mile from where Jones's body was recovered at 7315 Walnut Acres arrived home at approximately 21:00 on his four wheeler. Jones according to a witness had what appeared to be blood on his clothes and upon entering the residence he poured bleach on his pants and attempted to wash his clothes he had been wearing. Deputy Sheriff David Scheperle arrived at the Niemet residence looking for the then reported missing Greg Jones and reported Chris was wearing only his underwear when he spoke to him. According to the witness Deputy Scheperle knocked on the door shortly after Chris had arrived home and upon Deputy Scheperle's departure Chris reportedly called his father, William Niemet at work and took the phone outside of the residence to have the conversation which to the witness's recollection had not happened before and was unusual behavior as well as Chris washing his own clothes.
- During the search for Jones on 04-25-1991 Deputy Scheperle observed fresh tracks in the area where Jones body was later found, the tracks were distinct and were later found to have been made by a four wheeler with two front end car tires and two rear end knobby tires. The four wheeler Chris was operating the night of the murder had the exact unique tire configuration.
- Approximately two weeks prior to Greg Jones's disappearance, Chris Niemet told a witness that Greg Jones was going to come up missing because he was going to kill him.
- In February of 1991 a witness stated he observed Chris Niemet with a pistol on the school bus, the gun was described as having wooden handles and a metal strip.
- William Zink, who resided next door to Chris Niemet reported his Ruger Police Service Six .357 magnum revolver stolen on 06-17-1991. Zink, stated he checked for his pistol upon learning Chris Niemet had been developed as a suspect and reported that Chris had been in his residence in the months prior to the murder of Greg Jones and frequented his property. The pistol was stolen from a night stand and was kept in a black in color leather clarino holster. The pistol is also capable of firing .38 special ammunition which is the type of

round recovered in the skull of Greg Jones.. On 07-31-1988, Chris Niemet had stolen a pistol from the residence of Gary Connell, the investigation resulted in William Niemet returning the pistol to Connell on, 08-03-1988.

- On 08-12-1991 while conducting a search of the Niemet residence .38 special wadcutter ammunition was recovered, this is the same type of ammunition found in the skull of Greg Jones.
- During the search of the Niemet residence, William Niemet advised a witness to tell investigators that the four wheeler Chris rode home on 04-24-1991 did not run and was not in use.
- Over the course of the investigation multiple witnesses have come forward claiming Chris claimed responsibility for the murder of Greg Jones with three of the witnesses reporting Chris told them about the murder and reporting he had shot Greg Jones before the body of Greg Jones was recovered and subsequently ruled a homicide by gunfire.

The facts which support a finding that the defendant either will not appear on a summons or poses a danger to the victim of the offense, the community, or any other person are:

I swear, under penalty of perjury, that the facts stated above are true to the best of my knowledge.

  
Detective Sergeant Todd Marsey SO#10