

MISDEMEANOR INFORMATION  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI  
Associate Division \_\_\_\_\_

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STATE OF MISSOURI,	Plaintiff,	}	}
vs.			
MORRIS DWAYNE TAYLOR,	Defendant.	}	Case No. _____
			1304099

State of Missouri            )  
  ) ss.  
County of Greene            )

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Greene, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 565.070, RSMo, committed the class A misdemeanor of assault in the third degree, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.011 and 560.016, RSMo, in that on or about the 29th day of May, 2008, in the County of Greene, State of Missouri, the defendant, MORRIS DWAYNE TAYLOR, recklessly caused physical injury to John D. Sedersten by striking John D. Sedersten in the head with his fist.

The facts that form the basis for this information and belief are contained in the attached probable cause statement, 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 a summons be issued as provided by law.

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SEE ATTACHED WITNESS LIST



# SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT



## PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Date: 6-24-2008 Case #: 08-26329

I, Sgt. Allen Neal, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law state as follows:

1. I have probable cause to believe that Taylor, Morris Dwayne, White/Male, DOB 06-07-1975, SSN [REDACTED], committed one or more criminal offenses.

2. The following crime(s) happened on 5-29-2008/14:30 hours at 1000 N. Boonville/Greene County Jail in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri.

3. The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

I was assigned the follow up investigation of an alleged assault that occurred at the Greene County Jail 1000 N. Boonville, Springfield, Greene County, Missouri at approximately 14:40 hours on 5-29-08. The victim, John D. Sedersten, was reportedly assaulted while he was incarcerated in the Greene County Jail. On 6-05-08, I interviewed John Sedersten at the Greene County Jail in reference to the aforementioned incident. Sedersten told me that he was struck in the head two times by a subject that was later identified as Morris Taylor. Sedersten reported that Morris Taylor hit him on the side of his head with his hand while they were both in the bondsman interview room at the Greene County Jail. Sedersten told me that Morris Taylor later struck him again on the head with his hand while they were in the hallway next to the bondsman room. Sedersten claimed that the force of the strike caused his head to make contact with the floor. Sedersten reported that he received injuries to his head as a result of the assault. Sedersten described having "a pretty good lump" and some sore spots on his head.

Greene County Booking Sgt. Joseph Fletcher reported that he was working in the jail on 5-29-08 when he observed Morris Taylor place Sedersten against a wall in the hallway near the bondsman room. Sgt. Fletcher said that Morris Taylor then struck Sedersten in the side with his knee. According to Sgt. Fletcher, he observed Taylor strike Sedersten in the head two times with a closed fist.

According to Greene County Booking Officer Jessie Homan, he was working in the jail on 5-29-08 when he observed Morris Taylor strike Sedersten in the face three or four times with his fist. Officer Homan explained that Taylor and Sedersten were on the floor near a hold over cell when the incident occurred. Officer Homan claimed that Taylor had his knee on the side of Sedersten's face/head and then struck him on the right side of his face/head after he (Sedorsten) responded to several questions.

Greene County Booking Officer Steven Hammer reported that he witnessed the aforementioned incident while working at the jail. Officer Hammer said that Morris Taylor was yelling and cursing while he was interacting with Sedersten. Officer Hammer

explained that he observed Taylor kneel down on Sedersten's head and then hit him a couple of times while they were on the floor in the booking area. Greene County Booking Officer Jonathon Gifford reported that he was working in the property area when he heard Morris Taylor yelling and screaming at Sedersten. According to Officer Gifford, he observed Taylor place his knee on Sedersten and then strike him three times on the right side of his face.

Greene County Jail Nurse Robin Tate LPN was asked to examine Sedersten for possible injuries as a result of the altercation. Tate reported that she observed a fresh scrape on his arm, scrapes across his left ear, and a "walnut size" bump on his head above his left ear.

Misdemeanor Warrant Information: (Complete at least one of the following)

1. I have reasonable grounds to believe the defendant will not appear based on the following information:

[Enter Supporting Facts]

Not Applicable

2. I have reasonable grounds to believe the defendant poses a danger to a crime victim, the community, or any other person based on the following information:

[Enter Supporting Facts]

Not Applicable

The facts contained above are true.

*Sgt. Adam Neal*  
Signature

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DSN

SECRETARY - Springfield Police Dept.  
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