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PRESS RELEASE

January 26, 2022

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RE: STATE OF ARKANSAS VS. JARED LEE BALL
CR-2022-92-V, CR-2022-93-V, CR-2022-94-I

Jared Lee Ball, 32, has been charged in Sebastian County Circuit Court with Murder in the First Degree, Class "Y" Felony; Domestic Battering in the Third Degree—2nd Offense, Class "D" Felony; Aggravated Assault on a Family or Household Member, Class "D" Felony, Possession of Mitragynine 28-200g, Class "B" Felony, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Class "A" Misdemeanor, and with being a Habitual Offender. The Probable Cause Affidavit for the Domestic Battering in the Third Degree and Aggravated Assault on a Family or Household Member charges was presented to the Honorable R. Gunner DeLay who found that probable cause existed for the arrest. Affidavits for Warrant of Arrest were presented to the Honorable Stephen Tabor on the other charges, who set a total bond of \$500,000 cash. A redacted copy of the Probable Cause Affidavit and the two Affidavits for Warrant of Arrest are attached hereto and incorporated by reference. Mr. Ball will be arraigned on these charges on February 2, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. In addition, the investigation by the Fort Smith Police Department, the Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, and other law enforcement agencies is ongoing with regard to these criminal offenses. Lastly, pursuant to the Arkansas Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 3.6, the charges filed against Jared Lee Ball are merely accusations, and Jared Lee Ball is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'D' followed by a series of loops and a final flourish.

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State

Affidavit for Probable Cause Determination
(2018 Revision)

I, the undersigned, certify and swear that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, Jared Ball
_____ violated the law based on the following facts:

_____ Reports are attached and incorporated by reference, and/or

_____ SUMMARY OF FACTS:

On 1-20-22 I (Det. Lee) was working on an infant death investigation [REDACTED]
During this investigation I conducted an interview with Erin Coliron [REDACTED] During her
interview she said that her boyfriend (Jared Ball [REDACTED]) is abusive with her. She said that
Jared has physically abused her three times in the past few months. She said the most recent time
was about 7 weeks ago. She said that incidents took place at her apartment [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] She said in the most recent incident he punched her in the rib cage causing her to have pain
that lasted in excess of a month. She in the incident prior to that one he grabbed her by the hair
and drug her into the bedroom. She said that he grabbed her by the neck. She said when he
grabbed her by the neck, she was choking. She said "my neck sounded like a harmonica
because I could not breathe". Erin also said that he sometimes threatens to kill her. She said that
each physical altercation occurred because she was telling him to leave. She said that she is
afraid of what he would do if she tried to make him leave for good. I ran a criminal history on
Mr. Ball and found that he was previously arrested for Domestic Battery 3rd in Sebastian County.
Phone calls were made to the Sebastian County Prosecutors office. They advised to charge Mr.
Ball with one count of Domestic Battery 3rd Degree (2nd offense -felony) with no bond per Dan
Shue. [REDACTED]

Sworn and subscribed before me this 21 day of January, 2018. 22

[Signature]
Prosecuting Attorney

DETERMINATION

I have reviewed these facts and the Court hereby determines:

_____ that probable cause does not exist for the arrest, or

_____ that more operative facts must be presented to me for a fair and reliable
determination within forty-eight (48) hours of the arrest, or

✓ _____ that probable cause exists for the arrest.

11/21/22

Date

9:02 am

Time

[Signature]
Judge

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By [Signature] CLERK SEB. CO.

AFFIDAVIT FOR WARRANT OF ARREST

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF SEBASTIAN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
FORT SMITH DISTRICT
CRIMINAL DIVISION**

STATE OF ARKANSAS
Upper Township
Sebastian County

I, TYLER LEE
FORT SMITH POLICE DEPARTMENT
100 SOUTH 10TH STREET
FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS
(479) 709-5000

do solemnly swear that **JARED LEE BALL** (D.O.B.: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED] White/Male, Height: 6'2", Weight: 200 lbs.), did, in said County of Sebastian, on or about January 20, 2022, commit the offenses of **COUNT I: Possession of Mitragynine 28-200g**, a Class B Felony, in violation of §5-64-419(b)(2)(C) in that he unlawfully and feloniously possessed Mitragynine (a/k/a "Kratom"), a Schedule I Controlled Substance, with an aggregate weight, including an adulterant or diluent, of twenty-eight grams (28g) or more but less than two hundred grams (200g); **COUNT II: Possession of Drug Paraphernalia - First Offense - Ingest/Store/Conceal/Weigh**, a Class A Misdemeanor, in violation of §5-64-443(a)(1) in that he unlawfully possessed drug paraphernalia with the purpose to use the drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled substance or to store, contain, conceal, or weigh a controlled substance; and **COUNT III: Habitual Offender**, in violation of §5-4-501(b)(1) in that he unlawfully having previously been convicted of four (4) or more felonies or who has been found guilty of four (4) or more felonies, is subject to an extended term of imprisonment, committed as follows:

Additional Facts on Case:

During the course of a death investigation, officers located a bag containing 39.7g of suspected Kratom in the kitchen cabinet of the apartment occupied by Defendant and his girlfriend. The Kratom had a spoon sticking out of the package (which was labeled as KRATOM from an Oklahoma dispensary). Officers also found two glass pipes with residue. Defendant's girlfriend said it was Defendant's Kratom and that he is addicted to it. Defendant has in excess of four prior felonies, and has a search waiver on file (he is still on parole). The spoon was not weighed when determining the weight of the Kratom.

Affiant prays for a warrant from a Judge of the Circuit Court of said County to apprehend and bring the said person before the said Court to be dealt with according to law.

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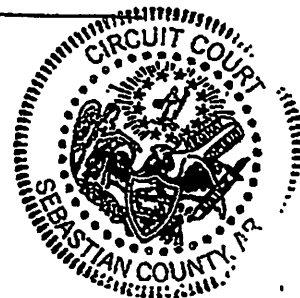
Sworn and subscribed before me this 26th day of January, 2022.

Linda C. Ward
Linda C. Ward, Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

I have reviewed these facts and find that probable cause exists for the issuance of an arrest warrant.

[Signature]
Judge

Bond Recommendation: \$500,000 CASH TOTAL BOND



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Additional Facts on case:

On January 20, 2022 at 8:18 a.m., officers were called out to [REDACTED] North 50th Street, [REDACTED] Fort Smith, Arkansas, regarding a child not breathing. The first officer on the scene found Jared Ball in the apartment along with three minor children. The one-year-old victim, M.C., was in extreme distress. [REDACTED] In addition to the one-year-old, a three-year-old and a five-year-old child were in the residence. The child was taken to Mercy Hospital, and pronounced dead at 9:09 a.m. that morning.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

the investigation revealed that the 911 call happened at 8:18 a.m.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Rather, there was only one bottle of Propel on the bedside table that was there at the time the mother left for work early that morning, and in the same location. In addition, the investigation revealed [REDACTED]

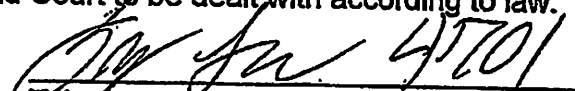
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The police have recovered these text messages. The mother believed these explanations, and had arranged for the landlord to replace the carpet.

At the hospital, there were blue bruises on M.C.'s ribcage that were consistent with the violent shaking [REDACTED] that occurred January 19, 2022. The Medical Examiner Case Feedback has been received which shows the Cause of Death as Multiple Injuries and the Manner of Death as Homicide. The Feedback states "there was at least one forceful blow to the front of the chest which caused a laceration of the heart and hemorrhage into the pericardial sac. This was the injury primarily responsible for death." Investigators spoke to the Medical Examiner, and he advised that the injury to the heart could not have been caused by a fall, or by the child rolling off of the bed and striking a bedside table. Further, he stated that the injury to the heart could not have been caused by a five-year-old child. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

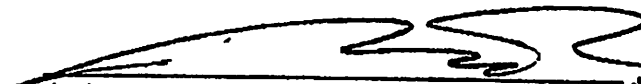
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