

Catholic Supply Store Charges, Pleading and Sentences 10/22/21

What seemed to be odd moves by the State Public Defender representing Thomas Bruce for the 17 felony charges, made motions to suppress evidence, witness statements and introduce reports showing Thomas Bruce was suffering mental issues when he murdered a woman who resisted being raped and sexually assaulted other women at the Catholic Supply Store at Manchester Road and Weidman Road on November 19, 2018. On October 22, 2021 Bruce pled guilty.

Judge Joseph Dueker was not buying any of it. County Prosecutor Wesley Bell dropped one of the eight Armed Criminal Action charges. On October 22, 2021 Bruce pled guilty to all 16 charges and was sentenced to Life in Prison on all sex assault charges and the murder charge with the seven 3-year maximum sentence Armed Criminal Action charges being rolled into the serious companion charge. The Kidnapping and Burglary charges resulted in maximum sentences of 15-years.

Bruce still has five felonies pending in Jefferson County involving the sexual assault of an elderly woman at her home. Charges include 1st Degree Burglary, Kidnapping, Sexual Abuse, Assault and Harassment.



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY STATE OF MISSOURI

-VS-

THOMAS BRUCE
3378 Geranium Dr
Imperial, MO 63052

Aliases:

Defendant

RACE: White
SEX: Male
DOB: 10/12/1965
HGT: 5'09"
WGT: 210lbs.
P.D.: St. Louis County
ORI Number: MO0950000

CHARGES

Count: 01 MURDER 1ST DEGREE - CLASS A FELONY
Count: 02 ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION - CLASS U FELONY
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Count: 13 KIDNAPPING - 1ST DEGREE – CLASS A FELONY
Count: 14 ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION - CLASS U FELONY
Count: 15 BURGLARY 1ST DEGREE- CLASS B FELONY
Count: 16 ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION - CLASS U FELONY
Count: 17 TAMPERING WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE IN FELONY PROSECUTION – CLASS E FELONY

State of Missouri)
County of St. Louis)^{SS}

(HOLD FOR GRAND JURY)

Comes now the complainant, who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and charges:

COUNT: 01 MURDER 1ST DEGREE - CLASS A FELONY

That Thomas Bruce , in violation of Section 565.020, RSMo, committed the class A felony of murder in the first degree punishable upon conviction under Section 565.020, RSMo, in that on or about on or about November 19, 2018, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant after deliberation, knowingly caused the death of J.S. by shooting her.

565.020-001Y19840999.

COUNT: 02 ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION - CLASS U FELONY

That Thomas Bruce , in violation of Section 571.015, RSMo, committed the felony of armed criminal action, punishable upon conviction under Section 571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about November 19, 2018, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of Murder First Degree charged in Count 1, all allegations of

which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of Murder First Degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a deadly weapon.

571.015-001Y19755299.

COUNT: 03 SODOMY OR ATTEMPTED SODOMY - 1ST DEGREE – CLASS U FELONY

That Thomas Bruce , in violation of Section 566.060, RSMo, committed the felony of sodomy in the first degree, punishable upon conviction under Section 566.060, RSMo, and subject to lifetime supervision under Section 217.735, RSMo, in that on or about November 19, 2018, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of the defendant knowingly had deviate sexual intercourse with CC, by the use of forcible compulsion.

An individual convicted and sentenced for this offense shall not be eligible for parole until eighty-five percent of the sentence is served.

COUNT: 04 ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION - CLASS U FELONY

That Thomas Bruce , in violation of Section 571.015, RSMo, committed the felony of armed criminal action, punishable upon conviction under Section 571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about November 19, 2018, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of Sodomy First Degree charged in Count 3, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of Sodomy First Degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a deadly weapon.

571.015-001Y19755299.

COUNT: 05 SODOMY OR ATTEMPTED SODOMY - 1ST DEGREE – CLASS U FELONY

That Thomas Bruce , in violation of Section 566.060, RSMo, committed the felony of sodomy in the first degree, punishable upon conviction under Section 566.060, RSMo, and subject to lifetime supervision under Section 217.735, RSMo, in that on or about November 19, 2018, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant for the purpose of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of the defendant knowingly had deviate sexual intercourse with JR, by the use of forcible compulsion.

An individual convicted and sentenced for this offense shall not be eligible for parole until eighty-five percent of the sentence is served.

566.060-001Y20131199.

COUNT: 06 ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION - CLASS U FELONY

That Thomas Bruce , in violation of Section 571.015, RSMo, committed the felony of armed criminal action, punishable upon conviction under Section 571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about November 19, 2018, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of Sodomy First Degree charged in Count 5, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of Sodomy First Degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a deadly weapon.

571.015-001Y19755299.

COUNT: 07 SODOMY OR ATTEMPTED SODOMY - 1ST DEGREE – CLASS U FELONY

That Thomas Bruce , in violation of Section 566.060, RSMo, committed the felony of sodomy in the first degree, punishable upon conviction under Section 566.060, RSMo, and subject to lifetime supervision under Section 217.735, RSMo, in that on or about November 19, 2018, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant exposed his penis and demanded deviant sexual intercourse and such conduct was a substantial step toward commission of the offense of sodomy in the first degree, and was done for the purpose of committing sodomy in the first degree, and in the course thereof inflicted physical injury on JS.

An individual convicted and sentenced for this offense shall not be eligible for parole until eighty-five percent of the sentence is served.)

566.060-001Y20131199.

COUNT: 08 ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION - CLASS U FELONY

That Thomas Bruce , in violation of Section 571.015, RSMo, committed the felony of armed criminal action, punishable upon conviction under Section 571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about November 19, 2018, in the County of St Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of Sodomy First Degree charged in Count 7, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of Sodomy First Degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a deadly weapon.

571.015-001Y19755299.

COUNT: 09 KIDNAPPING - 1ST DEGREE – CLASS A FELONY

That Thomas Bruce , in violation of Section 565.110, RSMo, committed the class A felony of kidnapping in the first degree, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about November 19, 2018, defendant unlawfully confined CC for a substantial period, without CC's consent and holding CC for the purpose of terrorizing her.

565.110-001Y19001099.

COUNT: 10 ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION - CLASS U FELONY

That Thomas Bruce , in violation of Section 571.015, RSMo, committed the felony of armed criminal action, punishable upon conviction under Section 571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about November 19, 2018, in the County of St Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of Kidnapping First Degree charged in Count 9, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of Kidnapping First Degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a deadly weapon.

571.015-001Y19755299.

COUNT: 11 KIDNAPPING - 1ST DEGREE – CLASS A FELONY

That Thomas Bruce , in violation of Section 565.110, RSMo, committed the class A felony of kidnapping in the first degree, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about November 19, 2018, defendant unlawfully confined JR for a substantial period, without JR's consent and holding JR for the purpose of terrorizing her.

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COUNT: 12 ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION - CLASS U FELONY

That Thomas Bruce , in violation of Section 571.015, RSMo, committed the felony of armed criminal action, punishable upon conviction under Section 571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about November 19, 2018, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of Kidnapping First Degree charged in Count 11, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of Kidnapping First Degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a deadly weapon.

COUNT: 13 KIDNAPPING - 1ST DEGREE – CLASS A FELONY

That Thomas Bruce , in violation of Section 565.110, RSMo, committed the class A felony of kidnapping in the first degree, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about November 19, 2018, defendant unlawfully confined JS for a substantial period, without JS's consent and holding JS for the purpose of terrorizing her.

565.110-001Y19001099.

COUNT: 14 ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION - CLASS U FELONY

That Thomas Bruce , in violation of Section 571.015, RSMo, committed the felony of armed criminal action, punishable upon conviction under Section 571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about November 19, 2018, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of Kidnapping First Degree charged in Count 13, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of Kidnapping First Degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a deadly weapon.

571.015-001Y19755299.

COUNT: 15 BURGLARY 1ST DEGREE- CLASS B FELONY

That Thomas Bruce , in violation of Section 569.160, RSMo, committed the class B felony of burglary in the first degree, punishable upon conviction under Section 558.011, RSMo, in that on or about November 19, 2018, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant knowingly remained unlawfully in a building, located at 14069 Manchester Rd. and possessed by Catholic Supply, for the purpose of committing Sodomy First Degree therein, and while in such a building the defendant was armed with a deadly weapon.

569.160-001Y20172299.

COUNT: 16 ARMED CRIMINAL ACTION - CLASS U FELONY

That Thomas Bruce , in violation of Section 571.015, RSMo, committed the felony of armed criminal action, punishable upon conviction under Section 571.015.1, RSMo, in that on or about November 19, 2018, in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant committed the felony of Burglary First Degree charged in Count 15, all allegations of which are incorporated herein by reference, and the defendant committed the foregoing felony of Burglary First Degree by, with and through, the knowing use, assistance and aid of a deadly weapon.

571.015-001Y19755299.

COUNT: 17 TAMPERING WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE IN FELONY PROSECUTION – CLASS E FELONY

That Thomas Bruce , in violation of Section 575.100, RSMo, committed the class E felony of tampering with physical evidence, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.002 and 558.011, RSMo, in that between November 19, 2018 and November 21, 2018 in the County of St. Louis, State of Missouri, the defendant concealed clothing worn during the commission of the crimes of murder first degree, with the purpose to impair its availability in a homicide investigation of JS, an official investigation, and thereby impaired and obstructed the prosecution of defendant for the crime of murder in the first degree.

575.100-001Y20175099.

Jennifer Coffin, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, says the facts stated in the above Complaint are true, according to the best information, knowledge and belief of the said Assistant Prosecuting Attorney.

Dated this 26th day of November, 2018

Jennifer Coffin
Jennifer Coffin MBE 61926
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

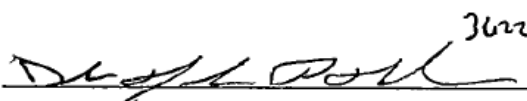
I, Justin Adams, DSN 3622, St. Louis County Police Department, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true. I have probable cause to believe that on November 19, 2018, at 14069 Manchester Rd, Thomas Bruce, White, Male, DOB 10/12/1965, 5'09", 210lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

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The facts supporting this belief are as follows: Defendant entered the Catholic Supply Store located at 14069 Manchester Road pretending to be a customer. Defendant exited then re-entered the store displaying a handgun, thus remaining unlawfully in the store. Defendant ordered the three victims to the back room where he forced them to disrobe at gunpoint. Defendant exposed his penis and demanded each of the victims perform deviant sexual acts on him. Victims CC and JR complied. When victim JS refused, Defendant shot JS in the head. Defendant then ordered victims CC and JR to continue performing deviant sexual acts on him. Defendant fled the scene. Police released images of clothing items similar to those worn by defendant during this crime. Defendant then discarded the clothing items he wore during the crime.

Justin Adams, DSN 3622, St. Louis County Police Department

[Signature]  ³⁶²² Date: 11 | 21 | 18

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Charge/Judgment	
Description: Murder 1st Degree { Felony A RSMo: 565.020 }	
Date: 11/19/2018	Code: 565.020-001
Sentence	
Sentence: Incarceration DOC	
Sentence Date: 10/22/2021	Start Date: 10/22/2021
Text: DOC; DEFENDANT TO THE CUSTODY OF DOC FOR A PERIOD OF LIFE	

Next Charge/Judgment

Description: Armed Criminal Action { *Felony Unclassified RSMo: 571.015* }

Date: 11/19/2018

Code: 571.015-001Y197552.0

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Sentence

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ntence Date: 10/22/2021

Start Date: 10/22/2021

Text: DOC; DEFENDANT TO THE CUSTODY OF DOC FOR A PERIOD OF LIFE; SENTENCE SHOULD BE SERVED CONCURRENT WITH COUNT I;

Description: Sodomy Or Attempted Sodomy - 1st Degree { *Felony Unclassified RSMo: 566.030* }

Date: 11/19/2018

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Sentence: Incarceration DOC

entence Date: 10/22/2021

Start Date

Text: DOC; DEFENDANT TO THE CUSTODY OF DOC FOR A PERIOD OF LIFE; ;

Description: Kidnapping - Facilitating A Felony - Inflicting Injury - Terrorizing - 1st Degree { *Felony Unclassified RSMo: 565.020* }

Date: 11/19/2018

Code: 565

Sentence

Sentence: Incarceration DOC

entence Date: 10/22/2021

Start Date: 10/22/2021

Text: DOC; DEFENDANT TO THE CUSTODY OF DOC FOR A PERIOD OF 15 YEARS; ;

Description: Burglary 1st Degree { *Felony B RSMo: 569.160* }

Date: 11/19/2018

Code: 569

Sentence

Sentence: Incarceration DOC

entence Date: 10/22/2021

Start Date: 10/22/2021

Text: DOC; DEFENDANT TO THE CUSTODY OF DOC FOR A PERIOD OF 15 YEARS; ;