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8 MONTANA, TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, FERGUS COUNTY

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10 STATE OF MONTANA,
11 Plaintiff,
12 -v-
13 WILLIAM THOMAS PAGE,
14 Defendant.

CAUSE NO. DC-2017-
INFORMATION

15 IN THE DISTRICT COURT of the Tenth Judicial District of the
16 State of Montana, in and for the County of Fergus, on the ____ day of
17 August, 2017, in the name of and on behalf of the State of Montana, the
18 Defendant, WILLIAM THOMAS PAGE is accused by the undersigned, of the
19 following crime(s).

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21 **COUNT I: PURCHASE OF RESIDENT HUNTING LICENSE**
22 **BY NONRESIDENT**, a misdemeanor, in violation of Montana
23 Code Annotated § 87-6-303(1)(a), in that the defendant, who
24 is not a resident of Montana, purchased a resident hunting
license.

25 Specifically, in 2014, in Fergus County, the defendant
26 purchased a resident hunting license when he was not a
resident of Montana.

27 **PENALTY:** A person convicted of Purchase of Resident Hunting
28 License by Nonresident shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a term of not

1 more than six (6) months or be fined an amount of not less than the greater
2 of \$100 or twice the cost of the nonresident license that authorized the
3 sought after privilege, or more than \$1,000, or both. In addition, the person
4 shall forfeit any current hunting, fishing or trapping license issued by this
5 state and the privilege to hunt, fish, or trap in this state for not less than
6 eighteen (18) months.
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8 **COUNT II: PURCHASE OF RESIDENT HUNTING LICENSE**
9 **BY NONRESIDENT**, a misdemeanor, in violation of Montana
10 Code Annotated § 87-6-303(1)(a), in that the defendant, who
11 is not a resident of Montana, purchased a resident hunting
12 license.

13 Specifically, in 2015, in Fergus County, the defendant
14 purchased a resident hunting license when he was not a
15 resident of Montana.

16 **PENALTY:** A person convicted of Purchase of Resident Hunting
17 License by Nonresident shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a term of not
18 more than six (6) months or be fined an amount of not less than the greater
19 of \$100 or twice the cost of the nonresident license that authorized the
20 sought after privilege, or more than \$1,000, or both. In addition, the person
21 shall forfeit any current hunting, fishing or trapping license issued by this
22 state and the privilege to hunt, fish, or trap in this state for not less than
23 eighteen (18) months.

24 **COUNT III: PURCHASE OF RESIDENT HUNTING LICENSE**
25 **BY NONRESIDENT**, a misdemeanor, in violation of Montana
26 Code Annotated § 87-6-303(1)(a), in that the defendant, who
27 is not a resident of Montana, purchased a resident hunting
28 license.

29 Specifically, in 2016, in Fergus County, the defendant
30 purchased a resident hunting license when he was not a
31 resident of Montana.

PENALTY: A person convicted of Purchase of Resident Hunting License by Nonresident shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a term of not more than six (6) months or be fined an amount of not less than the greater of \$100 or twice the cost of the nonresident license that authorized the sought after privilege, or more than \$1,000, or both. In addition, the person shall forfeit any current hunting, fishing or trapping license issued by this state and the privilege to hunt, fish, or trap in this state for not less than eighteen (18) months.

COUNT IV: UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF GAME ANIMAL (TROPHY BULL ELK), a felony, in violation of Montana Code Annotated § 87-6-202(1), in that the defendant possessed a game animal that was unlawfully killed in Montana and the value of the game animal exceeds \$1,000.

Specifically, in January 2017, the defendant possessed a trophy bull elk that was illegally killed in 2011 (Bull No. 5).

PENALTY: A person convicted of Unlawful Possession of Game Animal (Trophy Bull Elk) shall be imprisoned in the state prison for a term of not more than five (5) years or be fined an amount of not more than \$50,000, or both. In addition, the person shall pay \$8,000 in restitution to the State of Montana and forfeit any current hunting, fishing, or trapping license or permit issued by this State and the privilege to hunt, fish, or trap in this State for not less than three (3) years, and up to revocation for life, from the date of conviction.

COUNT V: UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF GAME ANIMAL, a misdemeanor, in violation of Montana Code Annotated § 87-6-202(1), in that the defendant possessed a game animal that was unlawfully killed in Montana and the value of the game animal does not exceed \$1,000.

1 Specifically, in January 2017, the defendant possessed
2 a bull elk that was illegally killed in 2006 (Bull No. 7).

3 **PENALTY:** A person convicted of Unlawful Possession of Game
4 Animal shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a term of not more than six
5 (6) months or be fined an amount of not less than \$300 or more than \$1,000,
6 or both. In addition, the person shall forfeit any current hunting, fishing, or
7 trapping license or permit issued by this State and the privilege to hunt, fish,
8 or trap in this State for twenty-four (24) months from the date of conviction
9 unless the Court imposes a longer period.

10 The witnesses for the State of Montana, as is best known at this
11 time, are:

12 Kyle Andersen, Lewistown, MT;
13 Shawn Briggs, Lewistown, MT;
14 Robert Trey Gacke III, Lewistown, MT;
15 Bryan Golie, Great Falls, MT;
16 Bret Logan, Helena, MT;
17 James Page, Garneill, MT;
18 Sarah Page, Garneill, MT;
19 William Birch, Buffalo, MT;
20 William Jorgensen, Buffalo, MT;
21 Any individual identified in the discovery produced in this case;
22 Any witness identified in any ongoing investigation related to this
23 matter.

24 DATED this _____ day of August, 2017.

25 /s/ Kent Sipe

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27 KENT SIPE
28 Fergus County Attorney