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7 IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA  
8 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MISSOULA  
BEFORE, Marie A. Andersen, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

9 STATE OF MONTANA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 -VS-

13 ARTHUR KENNETH HALKS,

14 Defendant,

Department No. 1

Cause No. CR-2016-429

**COMPLAINT**

16 MAC BLOOM, Deputy County Attorney, deposes and says that on or about the 3rd  
17 day of May, 2016, in Missoula County, the Defendant committed the offense of COUNT I:  
18 ASSAULT WITH WEAPON—BODILY INJURY, a Felony, in violation of Montana law,  
19 namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-213(1)(a), punishable by 20 years MSP and/or \$50,000  
20 fine; OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE: COUNT I: ASSAULT WITH WEAPON—REASONABLE  
21 APPREHENSION, a Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-  
22 213(1)(b), punishable by 20 years MSP and/or \$50,000 fine.

25 The facts constituting the offense are:

26 COUNT I: On or about the 3rd day of May, 2016, the above-named Defendant  
27 purposely or knowingly caused bodily injury to C.P. with a weapon, to wit: a belt when  
28 he strangled her.

1 OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE:

2 COUNT I: On or about the 3rd day of May, 2016, the above-named Defendant  
3 purposely or knowingly caused reasonable apprehension of serious bodily injury in C.P.  
4 by use of a weapon or what reasonably appeared to be a weapon, to wit: a belt when he  
5 strangled her.  
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7 DATED this 3rd day of May, 2016.

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9 MAC BLOOM  
10 Deputy County Attorney

11 Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2016.

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13 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

14 COMPLAINT 16-1029

15 RANDY KRASTEL, Missoula City Police Dept  
16 SEAN MANRAKSA, Missoula City Police Dept  
17 ETHAN SMITH, Missoula City Police Dept  
18 BEN FREUDENBERG, Missoula City Police Dept  
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AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

18 STATE OF MONTANA )  
19 : ss  
20 County of Missoula )

21 MAC BLOOM, Deputy County Attorney, Montana, being first duly sworn upon oath,  
22 deposes and says:

23 I have read the official law enforcement reports regarding the investigation of  
24 ARTHUR KENNETH HALKS for allegedly committing the offense(s) set forth in the  
25 complaint and based upon the information contained in the reports, if true, believe  
26 probable cause exists to justify charging the above-named defendant as specified in the  
27 accompanying complaint.

28 On or about the 3rd day of May, 2016, at approximately 5:00 a.m., several  
Missoula City Police Department officers responded to the Oxford Bar based on a report

1 that a man had strangled a woman with a belt. Upon arrival, Officer Freudenberg made  
2 contact with the victim, C.P., who led him behind the Oxford and pointed out her  
3 assailant, later identified as Arthur Halks (Defendant). Officer Krastel then arrived on  
4 scene and observed Defendant gathering his belongings in an attempt to leave the  
5 area. There was also another male present, later identified as Dale Peterson. Officer  
6 Krastel detained Defendant.  
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8         Officer Smith arrived on scene and spoke with Peterson. Peterson stated that he  
9 was sitting next to Defendant while Defendant attempted to sleep in a flower bed. At  
10 some point, C.P. approached Peterson to apologize for a prior argument. While they  
11 were speaking, Defendant woke up and became enraged. He began yelling at C.P. and  
12 threatening to "cut her into little pieces." Defendant then told C.P. multiple times that he  
13 was going to strangle her with his belt. Eventually, Defendant got up, wrapped his belt  
14 around C.P.'s neck, and strangled her for several seconds.  
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16         Next, Officers Krastel and Berger spoke with C.P. who explained that when she  
17 was speaking with Peterson, Defendant approached her from behind and grabbed her  
18 around the neck with both hands. He eventually managed to wrap his belt around her  
19 neck and strangle her with that. C.P. believed that during the strangulation she stopped  
20 breathing but wasn't completely sure. C.P. believed that Defendant was going to kill  
21 her. She also reported remembering Defendant threatening to kill her.  
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23         Defendant was taken into custody and the belt was recovered from his waist.  
24 Approximately one hour after Defendant's arrest, C.P. re-contacted police and  
25 requested an ambulance. She complained that she was feeling tightness in her throat.  
26 Officer Smith responded to her location and noted raspiness in her voice. C.P. told  
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1 Officer Smith that when Defendant strangled her, she felt like she was going to lose  
2 consciousness, but didn't. She estimated the strangulation lasted for about two  
3 minutes.  
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6 MAC BLOOM  
7 Deputy County Attorney

8 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this \_\_\_\_ day of May, 2016.  
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ORDER

Upon reading the foregoing Affidavit, the Court finds that there is probable cause to believe the above-named Defendant committed the crimes charged.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016 at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

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