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MONTANA FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MISSOULA COUNTY

STATE OF MONTANA,
Plaintiff,

-VS-

Dept. No _____
Cause No. DC-25-

KATRENA LYNN REED,
Defendant.

MOTION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR
LEAVE TO FILE INFORMATION

STATE OF MONTANA)
)ss
County of Missoula)

BRITTANY L. WILLIAMS, Deputy County Attorney of Missoula County,
Montana, being first duly sworn, moves the Court for leave to file an Information
charging the above-named Defendant with allegedly committing the offense(s)
in Missoula County of

COUNT I: ASSAULT WITH WEAPON, a Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-213;

COUNT II: CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, a Felony, in violation of Montana law,
namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-6-101(1)[2].

1 The Motion is based upon the following facts which have been obtained
2 from reports of the law enforcement officers which, if true, I believe, constitute
3 sufficient probable cause to justify the filing of the charges. The facts from
4 those reports are as follows:

5 On or about the 26th day of July, 2025, Missoula County Sheriff Deputies
6 were dispatched to a report of a disturbance at Ropers Lounge and a report of
7 a red laser, believed to be attached to a gun, being pointed into the bar from
8 the outside. The 911 caller, Rose Burland reported that the suspect vehicle was
9 an older model white Jeep with license plate number 4-09702D. Deputy Kost
10 found the vehicle was registered to Katrena Reed, the above-named
11 Defendant.
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13 Upon arrival at Ropers Lounge, Deputy Kost spoke to Rose and her
14 boyfriend Zachariah Pijanowski, who had witnessed the incident. Rose reported
15 that she knows the Defendant and they do not get along. Rose stated that she
16 is a bartender at Roper's and has kicked the Defendant out of the bar in the
17 past. Rose explained that as she was closing up for the night, she observed the
18 Defendant's vehicle outside in the parking lot. Rose reported that the
19 Defendant was making a scene and being loud but did not come into the bar.
20 During this time Rose and Zachariah observed the Defendant shining a red
21 laser through the large glass windows and into the bar. Rose and Zachariah
22 believed the laser was a laser sight on a gun. Rose stated she knows the

1 Defendant often carries a gun. Rose reported that she only saw the laser but
2 did not observe a firearm and after observing the red laser, she and Zachariah
3 retreated to a backroom away from the windows.

4 Rose next reported that she texted the Defendant and told the Defendant
5 that she had called the cops.

6 Rose reported that the Defendant then took the Defendant's Jeep and
7 drove it into the side of Rose's car. Deputy Kost observed Rose's vehicle,
8 where he observed significant damage to the passenger side, where it had
9 been struck by the Defendant's vehicle. Deputy Kost noted that the impact was
10 hard enough that the vehicle was pushed sideways out of the parking spot it
11 was in.

12 Rose explained after she had called 911, the Defendant left but then
13 returned and circled the parking lots several times. Deputy Kost showed Rose
14 a picture of the Defendant from the Defendant's driver's license and Rose
15 confirmed the Defendant was who she had seen. Deputy Kost followed Rose
16 and Zachariah most of the way to their residence, at their request.

17 Deputy Kost then sat near the highway watching for the Defendant's
18 Jeep. While doing so, Deputy Kost researched the value of Rose's vehicle,
19 according to several online estimates, Deputy Kost found, the resale value for
20 the vehicle to be approximately \$3,000.00. Based on the damage to the
21 vehicle, Deputy Kost found the repairs would likely exceed the full resale value
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1 of the vehicle.

2 Approximately 20-30 minutes later, Deputy Kost left Lolo and headed
3 north on Highway 93. Approximately 2 minutes after leaving Lolo, Deputy Kost
4 heard Montana Highway Patrol Trooper Cope advise dispatch he was behind
5 the Defendant's Jeep in Lolo. Trooper Cope ran the plate through dispatch and
6 confirmed it was the Defendant's vehicle. Trooper Cope initiated a traffic stop at
7 approximately mile marker 85 on Highway 93, with Deputy Kost directly behind.
8 Officers utilized a high-risk stop, due to the possibility that the Defendant had a
9 firearm. While giving verbal commands to the Defendant, the Defendant stated
10 that she had a gun in her vehicle.
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12 The Defendant was detained and gave Cpl. Gagnon permission to
13 remove the gun from her vehicle. The Defendant was Mirandized by Deputy
14 Gagnon and she agreed to speak. The Defendant stated she and a friend went
15 to Roper's to get a drink. When they got to the parking lot, they looked inside
16 and saw someone "they really didn't want to associate with and we ended up
17 leaving." When asked if she had shined a laser into the bar or struck another
18 vehicle, the Defendant said no. When asked who she didn't want to associate
19 with the Defendant said "Rose."
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21 Cpl. Gagnon reported that the gun was a Springfield Hellcat with a red
22 laser sight on it. Deputy Kost then looked at the front of the Defendant's
vehicle, where he observed fresh damage to the front of the Jeep. Deputy Kost

1 again returned to speak to the Defendant and the Defendant stated she went to
2 Ropers and when she saw Rose, she left.

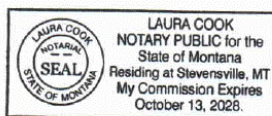
3 Det. Manraksa completed a follow-up interview with Rose. Rose stated
4 she did not see the firearm but knows the Defendant to open carry, as she has
5 open carried into the bar before. Rose described Zachariah seeing the red dot
6 site on the bottles of alcohol behind the bar, at which time he grabbed Rose
7 and the two retreated into the backroom. Rose described being in fear that she
8 would be shot based on the current situation and history with the Defendant.
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11 **Defendant was seen in Justice Court and released on their own**
12 **recognizance.**

13 DATED this 5th day of August, 2025.

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15 /s/ Brittany L. Williams
16 BRITTANY L. WILLIAMS
17 Deputy County Attorney
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20 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 5th day of August, 2025.



Laura Cook
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR STATE OF MONTANA