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7 MONTANA FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, MISSOULA COUNTY

8 STATE OF MONTANA,
Plaintiff,

9 -vs-

10 JASON MICHAEL WRIGHT,
Defendant,

Dept. No. _____
Cause No. DC-24-

MOTION AND AFFIDAVIT FOR
LEAVE TO FILE INFORMATION

12 STATE OF MONTANA)
:ss
13 County of Missoula)

14 LAUREN SANDAU, Deputy County Attorney of Missoula County, Montana, being
15 first duly sworn, moves the Court for leave to file an Information charging the above-
16 named Defendant with allegedly committing the offense(s) in Missoula County of COUNT
17 I: CRIMINAL ENDANGERMENT, a Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont.
18 Code Ann. 45-5-207; COUNT II: CRIMINAL ENDANGERMENT, a Felony, in violation of
19 Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-207; COUNT II: ASSAULT WITH
20 WEAPON, a Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-213.

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

1 follows:

2 Deputy Sedgwick of Missoula Sherriff's Office was dispatched to a report of a
3 gunfight in Missoula County. Deputy Sedgwick arrived on scene and was directed to the
4 address of the gunfire by a neighbor. When Deputy Sedgwick arrived on scene, he
5 observed a white camper with an open door parked near the house on the property. Inside
6 the open door, Deputy Sedgwick observed a bald white male adult sitting on the floor. In his
7 right hand, Deputy Sedwick observed the man was holding a handgun. The man was
8 identified to me Jason Wright, the Defendant.

9 Deputy Koppes arrived on scene and the Missoula Sheriff's Office detained
10 Defendant. Then multiple calls came into dispatch regarding Defendant. First, Rourk and
11 Dianne Price reported to dispatch that a bullet had hit their home. Then, Gerald Johnson
12 called and reported that a man had come to his door and threatened him with a gun.

13 Mr. Johnson explained that a male driving a brown truck approached his house and
14 knocked on his door. When Mr. Johnson answered the door a male who he described as
15 stocky, white male wearing a vest was standing on his porch. The male then asked Mr.
16 Johnson if he had any ATV's and Mr. Johnson responded in the affirmative. The male then
17 partially pulled a black, semi-automatic pistol out of his vest pocket. As the male pulled the
18 gun out of his pocket, the male said that's my house and my wife and kid live there, don't
19 mess with us. The male then drove away from Mr. Johnson's door and drove down the long
20 curving driveway. Mr. Johnson's property is located directly across the highway from the
21 incident address. A dirty brown pickup truck was parked in front of the camper Defendant
22 was located in. Defendant was wearing a vest and the handgun Deputy Sedgwick observed
was also black.

1 Deputy Reed responded to the home of Rourk and Diane Price. The Price's home is
2 located approximately 150 yards from the camper Defendant was located in. Mr. and Mrs.
3 Price reported that they were sitting in their living room watching a tv show when they heard
4 a bullet strike their home. Mr. and Mrs. Price showed Deputy Reed where the bullet struck
5 their home. Deputy Reed noted that the bullet hole was on the wall of the living room and
6 based on the bullet's trajectory, had the bullet continued its path, it was likely it would have
7 struck Mr. or Mrs. Price inside their home, as they were seated directly in line with the hole.

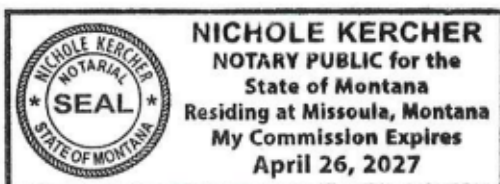
8 Defendant reported that his ex-wife had partners trying to kill him and made
9 statements that he was trying to defend himself. However, no other people were located at
10 the property when Deputies arrive. Another neighbor reported the Deputy Sedgwick that he
11 heard three gun shots in total over a few minutes and only 5-6 minutes elapsed between the
12 first shot and Deputy Sedgwick's arrival.

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14 **Bail was set in Justice Court at \$50,000 and has not been posted.**

15 DATED this 21st day of March, 2024.

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17 /s/ Lauren Sandau
18 LAUREN SANDAU
Deputy County Attorney

19 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 21st day of March, 2024.



Nichole Kercher
NOTARY PUBLIC FOR STATE OF MONTANA