

1 IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA,
2 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MISSOULA
3 BEFORE Karen A. Orzech JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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5 STATE OF MONTANA
6 Plaintiff,
7 -vs-
8 BRIAN ASHLEY FLOWERS
Defendant.

Cause No. CR-2015-20

COMPLAINT

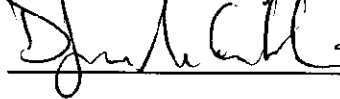
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10 D. JAMES MCCUBBIN, Deputy County Attorney, deposes and says that on or
11 about the 30th day of September, 2014, in Missoula County, the Defendant committed
12 the offense of COUNT I: CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT CRIMINAL
13 PRODUCTION/MANUFACTURE OF DANGEROUS DRUGS, a Felony, in violation of
14 Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-4-102 and 45-9-110, punishable by 10 years
15 MSP and/or \$50,000 fine.
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17 The facts constituting the offense are:

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20 COUNT I: On or about the 30th day of September, 2014, the above-named Defendant
21 committed the offense of conspiracy to commit the offense CRIMINAL
22 PRODUCTION/MANUFACTURE OF DANGEROUS DRUGS, when, with the purpose that
23 the offense of CRIMINAL PRODUCTION/MANUFACTURE OF DANGEROUS DRUGS be
24 committed, the Defendant agreed with Risa Hill to the commission of the offense of
25 CRIMINAL PRODUCTION/MANUFACTURE OF DANGEROUS DRUGS and in
26 furtherance of such conspiracy, Defendant accompanied Hill to Walmart to purchase drug
27 manufacturing precursors (pseudoephedrine), and drove with Hill to a storage unit at 4645
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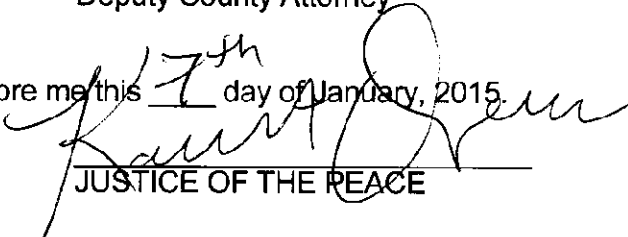
1 Harlequin Court #269 in Missoula Montana for the purpose of manufacturing
2 methamphetamine in the storage unit.
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4 DATED this 5th day of January, 2015.

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6 D. JAMES MCCUBBIN
7 Deputy County Attorney

8 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, 2015.

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10 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

11 COMPLAINT 14-2444
12 Missoula County Sheriff's Office STINEFORD
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AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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9 STATE OF MONTANA)

: ss

10 County of Missoula)

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12 D. JAMES MCCUBBIN, Deputy County Attorney, Montana, being first duly sworn
13 upon oath, deposes and says:

14 I have read the official law enforcement reports regarding the investigation of
15 BRIAN ASHLEY FLOWERS for allegedly committing the offense(s) set forth in the
16 complaint and based upon the information contained in the reports, if true, believe
17 probable cause exists to justify charging the above-named defendant as specified in the
18 accompanying complaint.
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20 On September 10, 2014, Risa Marie Hill rented storage unit #269 at the All
21 Star Self Storage located at 4645 Harlequin Ct. Missoula, MT, 59808. On September
22 30, 2014, All Star Self Storage manager Todd Poindexter noticed what he believed
23 was an "oil spill" on the asphalt in front of unit #269 that appeared to have been
24 sprinkled with white rice to soak up the spill.
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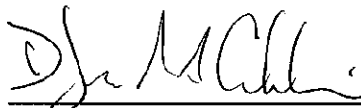
26 On October 2, 2014 Todd Poindexter and his father (owner of the facility) Tom
27 Poindexter noticed a clear fluid that appeared to be leaking out of unit #269 from
28 under the roll up door. Tom later explained to law enforcement that part of the

1 rental agreement prohibits hazardous materials and that given the unknown nature of
2 the spill and the possibility of the spill affecting other units, Tom opened unit #269 on
3 his own accord out of concern for his facility. Tom stated that when he opened the
4 roll up door that there was a strong chemical odor. He stated that he saw a gallon
5 sized bottle with orange colored residue inside. The cap to this bottle had tubing
6 coming out of it. Tom said that he also saw what he thought was a can of paint
7 thinner. Tom then called 911 and reported his findings.
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10 Law enforcement responded to the storage unit and subsequently applied for and
11 obtained a search warrant to search the unit on October 3, 2014. During the Search
12 Warrant service, several items consistent with the clandestine manufacture of
13 methamphetamine were observed, photographed and sampled. Detective Stineford
14 observed a probable HCL gas generator that had a white granular material in the
15 bottom and two tubes coming from the top. Stineford observed that one of the tubes
16 was more discolored and had a white residue towards the far end of the tube. Stineford
17 knew from his training that meth cooks "salt out" their liquid meth using HCL and insert
18 a tube producing HCL into the meth solution which often leaves methamphetamine on
19 the tube. Stineford cut several inches of the tubing that had the residue on it and
20 collected it for evidence. Stineford NIK tested the end of the seized tubing for
21 methamphetamine. The sample returned presumptively positive.
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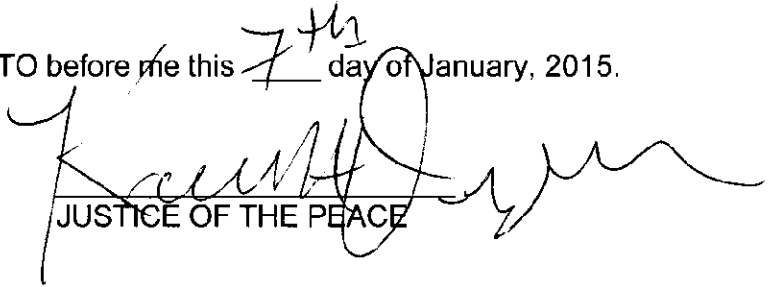
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24 In a subsequent interview after having been read and waiving her Miranda rights,
25 Risa Hill admitted to accompanying Defendant Brian Flowers to Walmart to purchase
26 pseudoephedrine on or about September 30, 2014. Walmart surveillance photograph
27 corroborates Hill's admission. Hill further admitted driving Defendant Brian Flowers to
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1 the All Star Self Storage located at 4645 Harlequin Ct. Missoula, MT for the purpose of
2 manufacturing methamphetamine. Surveillance photos from All Star Self Storage
3 confirm Defendant Brian Flowers entering the property with Hill. Hill further admitted
4 that methamphetamine was "cooked" while she was present at the storage unit with
5 Defendant Brian Flowers.
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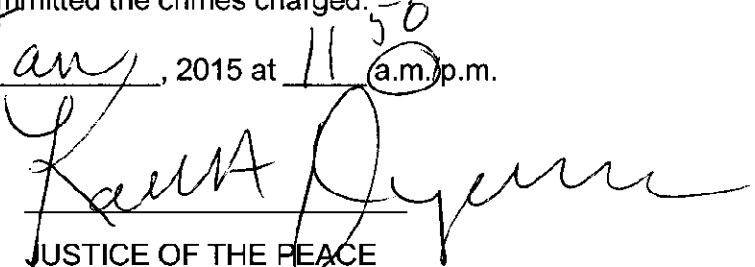
10 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 7th day of January, 2015.

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16 ORDER

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

20 DATED this 7th day of Jan, 2015 at 11⁵⁰ a.m./p.m.

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