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1 IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA,  
2 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MISSOULA  
3 BEFORE John E. Odlin JUSTICE OF THE PEACE  
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5 STATE OF MONTANA  
6 Plaintiff,  
7 -vs-  
8 TIFFANY AILEEN JOHNSON  
9 Defendant.

Cause No. CR-2013-10720-C1

COMPLAINT

10 ANDREW W. PAUL, Deputy Missoula County Attorney, deposes and  
11 says that on or about the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2013, in Missoula County, the  
12 Defendant committed the offenses of:  
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14 **COUNT I: CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF IMITATION DANGEROUS DRUG**  
15 **WITH THE PURPOSE TO DISTRIBUTE**, a Felony, in violation of Montana  
16 law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-9-113(2), punishable by 5 years MSP and  
17 a \$50,000 fine; and  
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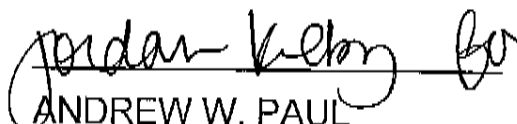
19 **COUNT II: CRIMINAL MANUFACTURE OF IMITATION DANGEROUS**  
20 **DRUG**, a Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-9-  
21 115(2), punishable by 10 years MSP and a \$100,000 fine.  
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23 The facts constituting the offense are:  
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25 **COUNT I:** On or about the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2013, the above-named  
26 Defendant knowingly possessed an imitation dangerous drug with intent to  
27 distribute.  
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1 **COUNT II:** On or about the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2013, the above-named  
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3 Defendant knowingly or purposely manufactured, prepared or cultivated an  
4 imitation dangerous drug.

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7 DATED this 1st day of April, 2013.

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9 ANDREW W. PAUL  
10 Deputy Missoula County Attorney

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12 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of April, 2013.

13 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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15 COMPLAINT 13-777  
16 Missoula County Sheriff's Office COCHRAN  
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7 -vs-

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE  
CAUSE

9 TIFFANY AILEEN JOHNSON,  
10 Defendant.

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

14 ANDREW W. PAUL, Deputy County Attorney of Missoula County,  
15 Montana, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

17 I have read the official law enforcement reports regarding the  
18 investigation of TIFFANY AILEEN JOHNSON for allegedly committing the  
19 offense(s) set forth in the complaint in and based upon the information  
20 contained in the reports, if true, believe probable cause exists to justify  
21 charging the above-named defendant as specified in the accompanying  
22 complaint.  
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25 On or about the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2013, at about 1:40 a.m., Deputy  
26 Jared Cochran was on patrol near Super Wal-Mart, on Clark Fork Lane  
27 when he noticed a male and a female in a small, blue car, parked behind  
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1 the store. Deputy Cochran could see some trash that appeared to have  
2 been discarded from the driver's side door. As Cochran approached, he  
3 noted that the female appeared to be doing something n her lap. As soon  
4 as they noticed Cochran, they immediately began to move as if trying to  
5 conceal something in the vehicle, under the seats.  
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8 Cochran stopped and approached the driver's side window. The  
9 driver, later identified as Joseph Nelson, would only roll down the window a  
10 little way. The female, later identified as Tiffany Johnson, averted her eyes  
11 and would not make eye contact with Deputy Cochran. Nelson's eyes were  
12 red and watery – it appeared that he had a red ring around his eyes. When  
13 Nelson reached for his wallet, Cochran noticed that Nelson was seated on  
14 a small plastic bottle. Cochran noticed that Nelson had a crystalline  
15 substance down the front of his sweatshirt, in the creases. Cochran  
16 suspected that Nelson was using methamphetamine and some of the  
17 remnants of the drug had fallen on him while he was seated.  
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22 Cochran asked Nelson to exit the vehicle. As Nelson was doing so,  
23 Cochran saw that the bottle Nelson was sitting on was Super Glue.  
24 Cochran also noticed two small baggies with a white residue on the floor  
25 board. Cochran asked Nelson about the residue on his sweatshirt. Nelson  
26 immediately began to brush himself off and said that it was salt. When  
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1 asked, Nelson denied sniffing the glue. When further questioned about  
2 Nelson's salt claim, Johnson opened the glove compartment and removed  
3 a food grade container of what appeared to be sea salt.  
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5 Nelson was detained in hand cuffs and advised of his *Miranda* rights.  
6 Nelson said that they packaged the sea salt to appear as if it was a drug.  
7 Nelson said that they prepared it to sell to people who approached them,  
8 looking for something (drugs). Nelson was detained in Deputy Sargent's  
9 patrol car.  
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12 Cochran then asked Johnson to step out of the vehicle. When she  
13 did so, he observed a white crystalline substance in a pile on the  
14 passenger floor. Also on the floor was a backpack and vehicle visor mirror.  
15 On the dash was a pocket knife with blade open and the end of the blade  
16 was covered with a white substance. Next to the knife was a lighter.  
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19 Johnson said that they were homeless and that they were mixing the  
20 sea salt with Super Glue to form a substance that looked like  
21 methamphetamine. Johnson said that the glue gave it a flavor more  
22 consistent with methamphetamine. Johnson admitted that they had been  
23 selling the imitation methamphetamine in any quantity that they could for  
24 whatever price they could obtain.  
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1 During a weapons check of Johnson, Cochran felt a plastic wrapper  
2 in her right front pocket. Johnson said it was marijuana and gave Cochran  
3 permission to remove it. There were two small buds wrapped in an old  
4 cigarette wrapper.  
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7 Nelson would not give Cochran consent to search the vehicle. It was  
8 sealed and towed to a secure location. The investigation is ongoing.  
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12 ANDREW W. PAUL  
13 Deputy Missoula County Attorney

14 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2013.  
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17 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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19 ORDER

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21 Upon reading the foregoing Affidavit, the Court finds that there is  
22 probable cause to believe the above-named Defendant committed the crimes  
23 charged.  
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25 DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013 at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.  
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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE