

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

STATE OF MONTANA,

Cause No. CR-2013- 11270-c2

Plaintiff,

-vs-

COMPLAINT

RACHEL BEATRICE THOMPSON,

Defendant.

Shawn Thomas, being duly sworn, deposes and says: that on or about September 14, 2013, at Missoula County, the above-named Defendant committed the offense(s) of:

COUNT I: ARSON, a Felony, in violation of Mont. Code Ann. § 45-6-103. The maximum penalty for this offense is not more than twenty (20) years in the Montana State Prison and/or a fine of \$50,000.00.

COUNT II: OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL AND/OR DRUGS, a first offense, a Misdemeanor, in violation of Mont. Code Ann. §§ 61-8-401 and 61-8-714. The penalty for this offense is not less than 24 hours or more than six (6) months in the Missoula County Detention Center and/or a fine of not less than \$300.00 or more than \$1,000.00.

COUNT III: CRIMINAL POSSESSION DRUG PARAPHERNALIA, a Misdemeanor, in violation of Mont. Code Ann. § 45-10-103. The penalty for this offense

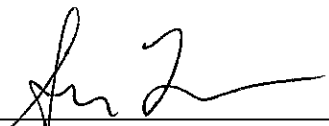
is not more than six (6) months in Missoula County Detention Center and/or a fine not to exceed \$500.00.

The facts constituting the offense are:

COUNT I: On or about September 14, 2013, the above-named defendant purposely or knowingly, by means of a fire, placed another person in danger of death or bodily injury, including a firefighter responding to or at the scene of a fire or explosion.

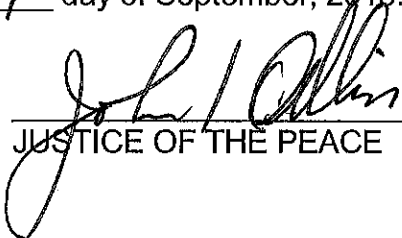
COUNT II: On or about September 14, 2013, the above named Defendant committed the offense of driving or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle, a Chevrolet Camaro, upon a way of this state open to the public, Interstate 90, in Missoula County, while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

COUNT III: On or about September 14, 2013, the above-named Defendant knowingly had in her possession with intent to use, drug paraphernalia to plant, propagate, cultivate, grow, harvest, manufacture, compound, convert, produce, process, prepare, test, analyze, pack, repack, store, contain, conceal, inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a dangerous drug as defined by Montana law, specifically a brass marijuana pipe and/or a pink metal box containing a mini mirror and cut off straw, in Missoula County.



Shawn Thomas
Deputy County Attorney

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of September, 2013.



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AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

STATE OF MONTANA)
 : ss
County of Missoula)

Shawn Thomas, Deputy County Attorney of Missoula County, Montana, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

I have read the official law enforcement reports regarding the investigation of RACHEL BEATRICE THOMPSON for allegedly committing the offenses set forth in the complaint and based upon the information contained in the reports, if true, believe probable cause exists to justify charging the above-named defendant as specified in the accompanying complaint.

On or about September 14, 2013, Missoula County Sheriff's Deputies were alerted to a disturbance between a male and female inside a white Chevrolet Camaro while traveling on Interstate 90 in Missoula County. Missoula County Sheriff's Deputy Ryan Dunster located the vehicle in motion and observed the vehicle swerve slightly from side to side. Dunster also observed the female and male inside the vehicle

moving their arms back and forth to each other. Dunster initiated a traffic stop. Dunster
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made contact with the female driver, identified as Rachel Thompson, who said that the male passenger, identified as Frederick Slack, had become crazy and hit her.

Thompson indicated that they were traveling from Washington State to Las Vegas for a wedding. At first, Slack had been driving and Thompson was sleeping. Slack woke her up when they were in Missoula and asked her to drive. Thompson was upset that they had only gotten as far as Missoula and the two started arguing, and eventually said that Slack punched her in the forehead twice and also punched her in the stomach.

Thompson was complaining of pain in her stomach and appeared to be wincing in pain.

Slack claimed that the car had mechanical problems and he had been helping her with the shifter and gas pedal, when Thompson had bitten him. Slack claimed he was defending himself after she bit him. Slack was arrested for Partner Family Member Assault.

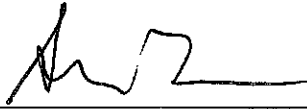
Dunster noted that Thompson appeared to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs but did not note any smell of alcohol. She seemed extremely confused and had marks on her face and body consistent with methamphetamine use. In particular, puncture marks were on the inside of her elbow consistent with being caused by a needle. Deputies noticed her speech was slow, and slightly slurred. When asked if she had been using methamphetamine, Thompson said that she suspected someone had been injecting her with drugs. Deputy Guy noted that Thompson's eyes looked fixed and dilated. Thompson stated she had driven approximately one mile since taking over as driver and at one point stated she believed she was in Alberta Canada. Guy noted that she had been driving since mile marker 101, to 108, and that Thompson had passed several signs telling her where she was at on Interstate 90. Thompson was

taken to the hospital via ambulance to have her injuries evaluated. During a search of the vehicle, devices appearing to be methamphetamine pipes and hypodermic needles were discovered.

At the hospital, Deputy Guy read her the implied consent and requested a blood draw. Thompson refused. Thompson was eventually medically cleared by the hospital. While lying in her hospital bed she indicated she needed to go to the bathroom. She was escorted to the Emergency Department restroom. After being in the restroom several minutes, deputies asked her if she was ok, and she kept saying she'd be out in a minute. Eventually deputies found a nurse to open the door. When the door was opened deputies observed smoke and flames coming from the bathroom. Thompson was removed from the bathroom and she blurted out that she was trying to kill herself with smoke inhalation. The entire Emergency Department filled with smoke. There were eight patients in the Emergency Department at the time, one of them being a respiratory patient. The fire department was called and doors were opened in an attempt to ventilate the area. A nurse put the fire out with a fire extinguisher. The ER was completely shut down for 30-35 minutes while the area was cleared of smoke. Deputy Burt inspected the bathroom and it appeared that Thompson had lit several cardboard boxes on fire. The toilet and wall had burn marks on it.

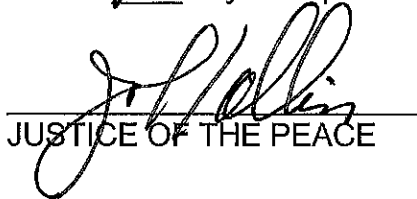
Thompson was placed under arrest for Arson and transported to the Detention Facility. During a search incident to arrest a Bic lighter was retrieved from Thompson that was attached to her shorts by a retractable cord. A brass pipe with burnt marijuana residue was found in her left front pocket, along with a small pink metal box that

contained a mini mirror and cut off straw. The box appeared to have contained a white powder at one point.



Shawn Thomas
Deputy County Attorney

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 15 day of September, 2013.

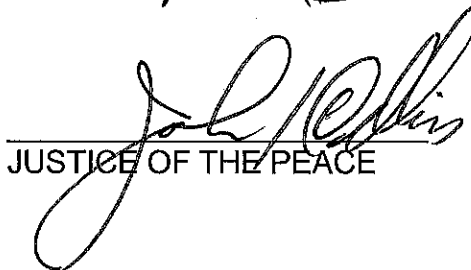


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ORDER

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 15 day of September, 2013 at 1145 a.m./p.m.



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