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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

Plaintiff,

-VS-

JAMES JOSEPH PAXTON

Defendant.

Cause No. *CR-2014-11989-C2*

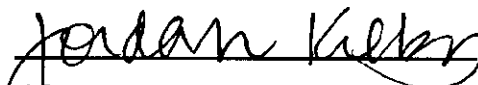
COMPLAINT

JORDAN KILBY, Deputy County Attorney, deposes and says that on or about the 2nd day of April, 2014, in Missoula County, the Defendant committed the offense of COUNT I: BURGLARY, a Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-6-204(1), punishable by 20 years MSP and/or \$50,000 fine.

The facts constituting the offense are:

COUNT I: On or about the 2nd day of April, 2014, the above-named Defendant knowingly entered or remained unlawfully in an occupied structure and knowingly or purposely committed any offense within that structure, to wit: theft and or/criminal mischief

DATED this 2nd day of April, 2014.


JORDAN KILBY
Deputy County Attorney

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of April, 2014.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE
CAUSE**

JAMES JOSEPH PAXTON,
Defendant.

STATE OF MONTANA)
 : ss
County of Missoula)

JORDAN KILBY, Deputy County Attorney, Montana, being first duly
sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

I have read the official law enforcement reports regarding the
investigation of JAMES JOSEPH PAXTON for allegedly committing the
offense(s) 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 April 2, 2014 at approximately 1:58, Missoula City Police Officers
responded to Larchmont Golf Court in Missoula County for the report of
multiple burglary alarms. Officer Slater arrived and observed a broken

1 east-facing window and a door open to the dining area. Officer Slater
2 entered the dining room and saw a cash register on the floor with
3 miscellaneous changed scattered about. There was what looked like a
4 closed circuit camera mount on the ground and wires were coming from the
5 ceiling. In the dining room area, at the broken window, Officer Slater
6 located a large rock on the floor. The responder from the golf course
7 stated there would not have been any cash in the register, however;
8 officers later discovered that \$250 was missing from the register.
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11 Other officers entered the maintenance shop of the Larchmont Golf
12 Course. They observed the garage door was open. The desk in the shop
13 had been opened and was rifled through. There were miscellaneous
14 papers thrown around within the drawer. There were also papers on the
15 floor below the drawer.
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18 Officers learned that Sgt. Odlin contacted two males in the area while
19 Sgt. Odlin was searching the perimeter. One male, Michael Skow, gave his
20 address of 1637 Montana Street. The other male was identified as James
21 Paxton. Sgt. Odlin released the males after confirming their identity. No
22 other suspects were found in or around the area at the time.
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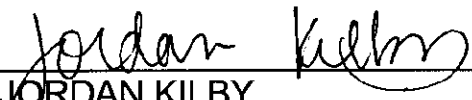
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25 Officer Martini reviewed surveillance video of the incident. The video
26 showed two males jump over the cashier's stand in the kitchen area. One
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1 male, later identified as James Paxton, was wearing camo pants and a jack
2 of an unkown color. He had a beard and a knit cap on. The other male,
3 later identified as Michael Skow, was wearing a jacket with a hooded
4 sweatshirt with the hoodup. The video showed Skow had glasses. The
5 video then showed Paxton reach up and grab the camera and pull it out of
6 the wall, ending the video. Both males in the video matched the
7 description of the males contacted by Sgt. Odlin.

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11 Officer Martini responded to 1637 Montana. Upon arrival they
12 spotted a male matching the description of one of the males on the
13 surveillance video. The male was wearing camo pants and a brown carhart
14 jacket. Both Officer Martini and Officer Harrington recognized the male as
15 one of the males on the surveillance video. The male was identified as
16 James Paxton. Paxton was arrested for the burglary. On his person,
17 officers found small bills consisting of \$10's, \$5's and \$1's. The amount
18 totaled \$125, half of the amount missing from the register.

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22 Officer Rose went to 1637 to try to locate Michael Skow. He knocked
23 on the door and Linda Skow came to answer. Officer Rose asked to speak
24 with Michael and was told by Linda that Michael was not home. Linda went
25 inside, but came back and told officers that Michael was in the bathroom.
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28 Officer Rose recognized Michael as one of the males in the surveillance

1 video. Michael was placed under arrest. He denied the burglary. When
2 asked where the coat he was wearing was, Michael stated he did not know
3 what Officer Rose was talking about. However, Linda heard the question
4 and brought out two camouflaged jackets.
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10 JORDAN KILBY
11 Deputy County Attorney

12 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this ____ day of April,
13 2014.
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17 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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19 ORDER

20 Upon reading the foregoing Affidavit, the Court finds that there is
21 probable cause to believe the above-named Defendant committed the crimes
22 charged.
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24 DATED this ____ day of _____, 2014 at ____ a.m./p.m.
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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE