

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

RECEIVED

JUL 14 2014

Justice Court

4 STATE OF MONTANA
5 Plaintiff,
6 -vs-
7 CHARLES DAVID AMENT
8 Defendant.

Cause No. CR 2014-12324-02

COMPLAINT

9 M. SHAUN DONOVAN, Deputy County Attorney, deposes and says that on or
10 about the 12 day of July, 2014, in Missoula County, the Defendant committed the offense
11 of NEGLIGENT ENDANGERMENT, a Misdemeanor, in violation of Montana law, namely:
12 Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-208, punishable by 1 year MCDF and/or \$1,000 fine.

13 The facts constituting the offense are:

14 On or about July 12, 2014, the above-named Defendant negligently engaged in
15 conduct that created a substantial risk of death or serious bodily injury to Jarrett Gann
16 when he jumped from the Bandmann Bridge on Deer Creed Road in East Missoula, into
17 the Clark Fork River, without taking steps to avoid landing on others in the water, after
18 consuming substantial amounts of alcohol and ignoring posted signs that jumping from
19 the bridge was illegal.

20 DATED this 14th day of July, 2014.

21 

22
23 M. SHAUN DONOVAN
24 Deputy County Attorney

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

26
27 _____
28 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

COMPLAINT 14-1523
Missoula County Sheriff's Office Deputies: WAFSTET, COCHRAN and SCHMILL

RECEIVED

JUL 14 2014

Justice Court

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

4
5 STATE OF MONTANA,
6 Plaintiff,

Cause No. *CR-2014-12324-C2*

7 -vs-

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

8 CHARLES DAVID AMENT,
9 Defendant.

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

13 M. SHAUN DONOVAN, Deputy County Attorney, Montana, being first duly sworn
14 upon oath, deposes and says:

15 I have read the official law enforcement reports regarding the investigation of
16 CHARLES DAVID AMENT for allegedly committing the offense set forth in the complaint
17 and based upon the information contained in the reports, if true, believe probable cause
18 exists to justify charging the above-named defendant as specified in the accompanying
19 complaint.

20 On the evening of July 12, 2014, Officers of the Missoula County Sheriff's
21 Department were called to the Bandmann Bridge on Deer Creek Road in East Missoula
22 for a report of an injured person struck by a bridge jumper. At the scene, they identified
23 Jarrett Gann who witness stated had jumped from the bridge himself and moments later
24 been struck by a second man who vaulted from the bridge after doing a hand stand on
25 the bridge railing. Gann was rendered unconscious and had to be rescued from the
26 river. He was taken by EMT's to St. Patrick Hospital for treatment of a concussion and a
27 serious head laceration.
28

1 Charles Ament admitted being the person who landed on Gann in the water. He
2 told deputies he saw and ignored signs that jumping from the bridge was illegal and
3 admitted he did not look below before doing a handstand of the bridge railing and
4 dropping into the water, despite having seen Gann jump into the river moments before.
5 Ament emitted a strong alcoholic beverage odor and showed other signs of intoxication.
6 He admitted drinking one beer and his towel was wrapped around empty beer cans.
7 Ament refused alcohol breath testing.
8

9
10 

11 M. SHAUN DONOVAN
12 Deputy County Attorney

13 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this ____ day of July, 2014.

14
15 _____
16 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

17
18 ORDER

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

22 DATED this ____ day of _____, 2014 at ____ a.m./p.m.

23
24
25 _____
26 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
27
28