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1 IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA,
2 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MISSOULA
3 BEFORE Marie A Andersen, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

4 STATE OF MONTANA
5 Plaintiff,

6 -vs-

7 RALPH F. LOCKWOOD, JR.
8 Defendant.

Dept No. 1
Cause No. CR-2015-156

COMPLAINT

9 KIRSTEN H. PABST, Missoula County Attorney, deposes and says that on or
10 about February 15, 2015, in Missoula County, the Defendant committed the offense of
11 ARSON, a Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely Mont. Code Ann. 45-6-103,
12 punishable by 20 years in prison and/or a \$50,000 fine.

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14 The facts constituting the offense are on or about February 15, 2015, the above-
15 named Defendant committed the offense of arson when, by means of fire or explosives,
16 he knowingly or purposely damaged a structure, Motel 6, and/or personal property
17 exceeding \$1,500 in value, that was the property of Motel 6, without consent; and/or
18 placed others at the Motel 6, including law enforcement and fire fighters, in danger of
19 death or bodily injury.
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21 DATED this 17th day of February, 2015.

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23 KIRSTEN H. PABST
24 Missoula County Attorney

25 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of February, 2015

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28 COMPLAINT 15-361
J.C. DENTON, Missoula City Police Dept.

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AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

8 RALPH F. LOCKWOOD JR.,
9 Defendant.

10 STATE OF MONTANA)
11 County of Missoula)

: ss

12 KIRSTEN H. PABST, Missoula 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 RALPH F. LOCKWOOD JR. for allegedly committing the offense set forth in the complaint
16 and based upon the information contained in the reports, if true, believe probable cause
17 exists to justify charging the above-named defendant as specified in the accompanying
18 complaint. Specifically,
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20 On February 15, 2015, around 5:00 p.m., Missoula Police Officers responded to
21 the Motel 6 on East Broadway, Missoula, to the report of a structure fire with flames and
22 smoke coming out of a room. When Sgt. JC Denton arrived, firefighters from the
23 Missoula Fire Department were already in the room. Denton saw a spilled bottle of rum
24 on the floor and another bottle of rum on the night stand. Denton saw that the fire had
25 burned the left side and edge of the mattress. The area near the head of the bed was
26 burned with circular burn marks indicating an accelerant had been used. Several used
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1 matches were lying on the bed. The fire also singed the paint on the wall and the
2 nightstand.

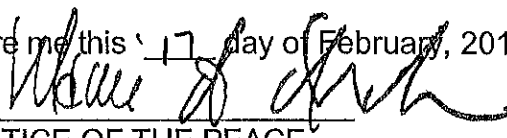
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4 Denton spoke to the defendant who initially said that something caught on fire
5 when he was lying down smoking cigarettes. He soon admitted to starting the fire on
6 purpose because he was angry at his girlfriend. He claimed to have put the fire out.
7 However, employees of Motel 6, who had come into the room to see the left side of the
8 bed in flames and the defendant standing naked at the foot of the bed staring into the
9 fire, actually extinguished the fire. They told the defendant to put on some clothes and
10 go outside.
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12 According to Denton, the fire was contained to one room but there were 18
13 people renting rooms in that section of the motel. Denton expressed concern that
14 starting a fire inside of a motel room, using accelerants, created a substantial risk of
15 bodily injury or death to others.
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18 KIRSTEN H. PABST
19 Missoula County Attorney

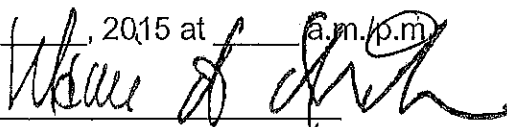
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23 ORDER

24 Upon reading the foregoing Affidavit, the Court finds that there is probable cause to
25 believe the above-named Defendant committed the crimes charged.
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27 DATED this 17 day of Feb, 2015 at _____ a.m./p.m.

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