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Justice Court

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-

CEYLON JOHNSON ELGIN-TAYLOR
Defendant,

Dept No. 2
Cause No. CR-2015-877

COMPLAINT

JASON MARKS, Chief Deputy County Attorney, deposes and says that on or about the 16th day of September, 2015, in Missoula County, the Defendant committed the offenses of COUNT I: AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - BODILY INJURY, a Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-202, punishable by 20 years MSP and \$50,000 fine; COUNT II: PARTNER OR FAMILY MEMBER ASSAULT - 3RD OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, a Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-206[3rd+], punishable by not less than 30 days or more than 5 years MSP and/or a fine not less than \$500 or more than \$50,000; COUNT III: CRIMINAL ENDANGERMENT, a Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-207, punishable by 10 years MSP and/or \$50,000 fine; COUNT IV: OBSTRUCTING PEACE OFFICER OR OTHER PUBLIC SERVANT, a Misdemeanor, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-7-302(1), punishable by 6 months MCDF and/or \$500 fine; COUNT V: RESISTING ARREST, a Misdemeanor, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-7-301, punishable by 6 months MCDF and/or \$500 fine.

The facts constituting the offense are:

1 COUNT I: On or about the 16th day of September, 2015, the above-named
2 Defendant purposely or knowingly caused serious bodily injury to A.D. by strangling her,
3 and/or shoving her down stairs, and/or striking her repeatedly in the face.
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5 COUNT II: On or about the 16th day of September, 2015, the above-named
6 Defendant purposely or knowingly caused bodily injury to A.D., a partner, by strangling
7 her, and/or shoving her down stairs, and/or striking her repeatedly in the face.
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9 COUNT III: On or about the 16th day of September, 2015, the above-named
10 Defendant knowingly engaged in conduct that created a substantial risk of death or
11 serious bodily injury to T.E., to wit: pushing A.D. down stairs while she was holding T.E.
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13 COUNT IV: On or about the 16th day of September, 2015, the above-named
14 Defendant knowingly obstructed, impaired, or hindered the enforcement of the criminal
15 law, the preservation of the peace, or the performance of a governmental function,
16 including service of process by hiding from officers after they announced their presence
17 and repeatedly demanded that he reveal himself.

18 COUNT V: On or about the 16th day of September, 2015, the above-named
19 Defendant knowingly prevented or attempted to prevent a peace officer from effecting
20 an arrest by: using or threatening to use physical force or violence against the peace
21 officer or another; or using any other means which created a risk of causing physical
22 injury to the peace officer or another, to wit: lunging toward the ground, struggling
23 against officers, and attempting to kick Corporal Campbell.
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25 DATED this 18th day of September, 2015.

26 by: 

27 JASON MARKS
28 Chief Deputy County Attorney

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ____ day of September, 2015.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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COLIN ROSE, Missoula City Police Dept

BOB CAMPBELL, Missoula City Police Dept

BRIAN VREELAND, Missoula City Police Dept

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Justice Court

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,

Cause No. CR-2015-754

-vs-

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

CEYLON JOHNSON ELGIN-TAYLOR,
Defendant.

STATE OF MONTANA)
 : ss
County of Missoula)

JASON MARKS, Chief 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
CEYLON JOHNSON ELGIN-TAYLOR 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 or about the 16th day of September, 2015, at approximately 11:15 p.m., law
enforcement officers responded to a residence regarding a reported disturbance. Upon
arrival, Corporal Campbell and Officer Vreeland, Missoula City Police Department,
made contact with A.D. who was crying. She immediately stated, "It's between me and
my ex-boyfriend Ceylon." The officers did not presently observe Ceylon, but A.D.
allowed them to enter the residence to look for him. Inside, Corporal Campbell saw two
young boys. One of them appeared to have been crying as well.

1 A.D. informed the officers that the man they were trying to find was Ceylon
2 Elgintaylor (Defendant) and that he was hiding inside the residence. The officers
3 announced themselves and began to search for Defendant, calling his name multiple
4 times and demanding that he show himself. They were unable to locate him. After a
5 time, A.D. mentioned that Defendant might be hiding in the laundry room storage area.
6 At this point, Corporal Campbell heard a "thud" from inside the storage area. The
7 officers yelled for Defendant to come out, and he finally did. They then placed him
8 under arrest and handcuffed him.
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11 As the officers walked Defendant toward the door, he pulled away from them
12 stating that he wanted to say goodbye to his children. The officers regained control of
13 Defendant and guided him out the door. Once outside, Defendant lunged forward and
14 fell to the ground. The officers fell with him and tried to roll him onto his back.
15 Defendant struggled and attempted to kick Corporal Campbell. After a few minutes, he
16 calmed down and was placed in the back of the patrol car. The officers later learned
17 that Defendant had two outstanding warrants out of Missoula Municipal Court.
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19 Officer Vreeland located and spoke with the initial complainant, A.D.'s neighbor,
20 who informed him that she called 911 because she could hear A.D. crying and the
21 sound of thumping. She stated that it sounded as though someone was being thrown
22 against the wall.
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24 Corporal Campbell then spoke with A.D. She explained that Defendant was her
25 ex-boyfriend of six years and that they shared two children, T.E. (three) and J.E. (five).
26 She explained that the altercation began when she confronted Defendant about his
27 decision to "skip[] bail." Defendant became agitated and accused her of having a new
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1 boyfriend. At some point, Defendant walked out of the kitchen, where he was preparing
2 food, with a knife in his hand and threatened to kill A.D. if she turned him over to law
3 enforcement. Defendant did not raise the knife against A.D. or threaten to use it against
4 her. He did, however, throw an egg at A.D., which Corporal Campbell observed
5 smashed against the wall. At this time, A.D. yelled for Defendant to leave. Defendant
6 did not do so, but instead grabbed A.D. by the throat, threatened to kill her, and forced
7 her back against a wall. He lifted her off the ground during the process. A.D. explained
8 that while Defendant was choking her, she could not speak and became short of breath
9 and dizzy. Defendant then slapped her in the face with an open hand several times.
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12 Eventually, A.D. managed to yell for Defendant to stop and escaped into another
13 room. She told J.E. to go to his room and attempted to carry T.E. to his room to escape
14 the situation. While she was holding T.E., Defendant shoved her down the stairs,
15 causing her to drop T.E. Defendant then continued to yell at A.D. and slap her until
16 officers arrived.
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18 Corporal Cambell observed redness on A.D.'s neck and a cut on her lip. A.D.
19 complained of dizziness and a headache. She was transported by ambulance to St.
20 Patrick Hospital for treatment. Defendant has two prior convictions for partner/family
21 member assault.
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24 by: 
JASON MARKS
25 Chief Deputy County Attorney

26 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this ____ day of September, 2015.
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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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 _____ day of _____, 2015 at _____ a.m./p.m.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE