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IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MISSOULA
BEFORE, ______, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

STATE OF MONTANA,

Plaintiff.

Department No. 1 Cause No. (R-2016-680

-VS-

PATRICK PAUL POWELL,

Defendant,

COMPLAINT

BRIAN LOWNEY, Deputy County Attorney, deposes and says that on or about the 15th day of July, 2016, in Missoula County, the Defendant committed the offense of COUNT I: STALKING - VICTIM UNDER PROTECTION OF RESTRAINING ORDER, a Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-220(3)[2nd], punishable by 5 years MSP and/or \$10,000 fine.

The facts constituting the offense are:

COUNT I: On or between the 19th day of May, 2016, and the 22nd day of July, 2016, the above-named Defendant purposely or knowingly caused Jane Doe substantial emotional distress and/or reasonable apprehension of bodily injury or death by repeatedly harassing, threatening, or intimidating Jane Doe, in person, by phone, by mail, by electronic communication or by any other action, device, or method. At the

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 time of the above offense, Jane Doe was under the protection of a restraining order directed at the Defendant.

DATED this 22nd day of July, 2016.

BRIAN LOWNEY
Deputy County Attorney

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ZZ day of July, 2016.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

COMPLAINT 16-1760

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BEFORE, Marie A Andersen , JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

STATE OF MONTANA,

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Department No. 1 Cause No. (R-2014-680)

| -vs-

PATRICK PAUL POWELL,

Defendant,

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

STATE OF MONTANA) : ss County of Missoula)

BRIAN LOWNEY, 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 PATRICK PAUL POWELL 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 February 3, 2016, Jane Doe applied for and was granted an *Order of*Protection (hereinafter "OOP") against the Defendant in Missoula County District Court

Case DR-16-86. The *OOP* prohibits the Defendant from having any contact with Jane Doe, expect for during designated times to set up Skype contact between the Defendant and the parties' minor child. The *OOP* also prohibits in-person contact between the Defendant and the parties' minor child, except for supervised visitation at Planet Kids.

On May 19, 2016, Doe reported to police that the Defendant was continually communicating with her outside the bounds of the *OOP*, during times that were unauthorized by the *OOP*. Police responded and informed the Defendant of the strictures of the *OOP*, and that he was not to contact Doe outside of the designated times in the *OOP*.

On July 1, 2016, Doe reported to the police that, despite their warning, the Defendant continued to contact her in violation of the terms of the *OOP*. Police viewed text messages from the Defendant to Doe between June 27, 2016 and July 1, 2016, that occurred outside the bounds of the allowances made by the *OOP*, in a similar fashion to communications Doe reported in May 2016. Doe indicated her belief that the Defendant was harassing her, given the prior warning of the police.

On July 13, 2016, Doe called the police and reported that she had arrived home to discover a note tucked in between the boards of her gate, which had the word "DEAD" written on it. Additionally, carved into the wood of Doe's gate was the word "DEAD". On the same date, the Defendant posted a message to his Facebook page that read "Dead by the gate. I love that poem by the Bard of Thomond."

While interacting with Doe, police noted that her lower lip was quivering, that Doe's eyes were watering, her face and neck were red and that she appeared to be in disbelief. Doe stated that "this is serious, right? I'm right to be frightened?" Doe

indicated that she believed the Defendant's behavior was becoming increasingly out of touch with reality. Doe believed the Defendant's heavy alcohol consumption was playing a part in his harassment of her. Doe indicated that the Defendant has an "obsession" with firearms and war, and expressed that she was afraid of ending up like Charlie Wyrick, a woman who was murdered by her boyfriend in 2015. Doe indicated that the Defendant had continued to contact her outside the bounds of the OOP. subsequent to her last report on July 1, 2016.

On July 15, 2016, Doe again called the police again regarding the Defendant's harassment. Doe indicated that earlier that day, the Defendant had participated in his scheduled visitation with the parties' minor child at Planet Kids. At the end of the visit, the minor child presented two figurines to Doe that he had painted with the Defendant during the visit. On the bottom of one of the figurines was the word "DEAD". Doe expressed her fear of the Defendant was substantial enough for her to move out of her residence with their minor child at that point, and move to an undisclosed location.

Deputy County Attorney

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 22 day of July, 2016.

<u>ORDER</u>

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

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE