Justice Court

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MAC BLOOM
Deputy County Attorney
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ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF

IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MISSOULA
BEFORE, Landee N. Holloway, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

STATE OF MONTANA,

Plaintiff.

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HOWARD WILLIE HINER, JR,

Defendant,

Department No. 2

Cause No. CR-2017- 413

COMPLAINT

MAC BLOOM, Deputy County Attorney, deposes and says that on or about the 16th day of April, 2017, in Missoula County, the Defendant committed the offenses of COUNT I: DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS - 4TH OFFENSE, a Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 61-8-401(1)(a)[4th+], punishable by not less than 13 months or more than 2 years DOC, followed by up to 5 years DOC/MSP, and \$5,000-\$10,000 fine. If defendant has a prior conviction with a treatment placement, then not less than 13 months or more than 5 years and \$5,000-\$10,000 fine; COUNT II: ASSAULT WITH BODILY FLUID, a Misdemeanor, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-214, punishable by 1 year MCDF or MSP and/or \$1,000 fine; COUNT III: THEFT - 1ST OFFENSE, a Misdemeanor, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-6-301(1)[1st], punishable by 6 months MCDF

a Miscemeanor, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 61-5-212(1)(i), punishable by not less than 2 days or more than 6 months MCDF and a \$500 fine; COUNT V: FAILURE TO CARRY PROOF OF LIABILITY INSURANCE - 2ND OFFENSE, a Miscemeanor, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 61-6-302(2)[2nd], punishable by 10 days MCJ and/or \$350 fine; COUNT VI: UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF OPEN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTAINER, a Misdemeanor, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 61-8-460, punishable by \$100 fine.

and/or \$1,500 fine; COUNT IV: DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED.

The facts constituting the offense are:

COUNT I: On or about the 16th day of April, 2017, the above-named Defendant committed the offense of driving or being in actual physical control of a vehicle, a Chevy S10, upon a way of this state open to the public, Mullan Road, while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, a fourth or subsequent offense.

COUNT II: On or about the 16th day of April, 2017, the above-named Defendant purposely caused one of the Defendant's bodily fluids, saliva, to make physical contact with Andrew Novak, a law enforcement officer, during or after an arrest for a criminal offense, DUI.

COUNT III: On or about the 16th day of April, 2017, the above-named Defendant purposely or knowingly obtained or exerted unauthorized control over a Chevy S10 owned by Kenneth Wabaunsee with the purpose of depriving the owner of the property. The value of the property does not exceed \$1,500.00.

drove a motor vehicle on Mullan Road at a time when his privilege to do so was suspended or revoked.

COUNT V: On or about the 16th day of April, 2017, the above-named Defendant failed to carry proof of liability insurance while operating a motor vehicle, a Chevy S10, on a way of the state open to the public, Mullan Road, a second offense.

COUNT VI: On or about the 16th day of April, 2017, the above-named Defendant knowingly possessed an open alcoholic beverage container, vodka and/or wine, within the passenger area of a motor vehicle, a Chevy S10, on a highway, Mullan Road.

DATED this 18th day of April, 2017.

MAC BLOOM
Deputy County Attorney

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

_day of April, 2017.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

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ANDREW NOVAK, Montana Highway Patrol DOUG HARTSELL, Missoula County Sheriff's Office ANDREW BEATTY, Missoula County Sheriff's Office

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: ss County of Missoula)

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MAC BLOOM, Deputy County Attorney, Montana, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

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I have read the official law enforcement reports regarding the investigation of HOWARD WILLIE HINER, JR 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.

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On or about the 16th day of April, 2017, at approximately 11:21 p.m., Trooper Novak, Montana Highway Patrol, responded to a 911 call regarding a possibly drunk driver

on Mullan Road. The complainant, Molly Locati, stated that a male driving a gray pickup truck with a topper showed up at her residence, claimed to be lost, and then refused to leave for a period of time. The male appeared to be intoxicated and almost hit her mailbox when he eventually left her property. She reported that the male drove east on Mullan Road.

Trooper Novak responded to the area and located a gray pickup truck with a topper. The truck was a Chevy S10. It had apparently skidded off the roadway onto the shoulder, but its left rear corner remained in the roadway. As Trooper Novak approached the scene, a male, later identified as Howard Hiner (Defendant), exited the S10 and began walking towards Trooper Novak. Defendant could not walk in a straight line and raised his hands over his head. Trooper Novak asked him what he was doing, and Defendant explained that he was trying to drive his daughter home. Defendant's eyes were watery and bloodshot and his breath smelled of alcohol. Defendant's speech was slurred, and his balance was unsteady.

Trooper Novak approached the S10 and observed a female passed out in the passenger seat. He also noticed a bottle of wine on the passenger-side floorboard and an open bottle of vodka on the driver-side floorboard. Believing Defendant to be possibly impaired, Trooper Novak asked him to perform the standardized field sobriety tests. Defendant refused to follow instructions and the testing was terminated.

Defendant, however, provided a breath sample of .117 on the PBT.

Trooper Novak ran a query on Defendant through Dispatch and learned that

Defendant's driver's license is suspended and Defendant has eight prior DUI

convictions. He also learned that the S10 had been recently been reported stolen by

Kenneth Wabaunsee. Defendant claimed that he has owned the S10 for six years and bought it from "Jose" for \$334.00. Defendant was, however, displaying fictitious license plates on the vehicle.

Trooper Novak placed Defendant under arrest and transported him to the hospital for a blood test. After completing a blood draw, Trooper Novak transported Defendant to jail. On the way, Defendant began spitting at Trooper Novak. Trooper Novak felt saliva hit his face and hand four separate times during the drive. In addition to the above-mentioned violations, Trooper Novak cited Defendant with failing to carry proof of liability insurance, a second offense.

MAC BLOOM

Deputy County Attorney

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this $\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}$ day of April, 2017.

USTICE OF THE PEACE

<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.

DATED this K day of Am, 2017 at 150a.m p.m.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE