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

STATE OF MONTANA,

Plaintiff,

-vs-

DEBORAH A HARP,

Defendant,

Department No. 1

Cause No.

CR 2016-984

COMPLAINT

RYAN MICKELSON, Deputy County Attorney, deposes and says that on or about the 3rd day of September, 2016, in Missoula County, the Defendant committed the offenses of COUNT I: ASSAULT WITH WEAPON, a Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-213, punishable by 20 years MSP and/or \$50,000 fine; COUNT II: AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - REASONABLE APPREHENSION, a Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-202, punishable by 20 years MSP and \$50,000 fine; COUNT III: ASSAULT - BODILY INJURY, a Misdemeanor, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-201, punishable by 6 months MCDF and/or \$500 fine; COUNT IV: 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; COUNT V: DISORDERLY CONDUCT, a Misdemeanor, in violation of Montana

1 law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-8-101(2), punishable by 10 days MCDP and/or \$100
2 fine.

3 The facts constituting the offense are:

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5 COUNT I: On or about the 3rd day of September, 2016, the above-named
6 Defendant purposely or knowingly caused bodily injury to Jane Doe with a weapon,
7 when she threw a full beer can at her face and stabbed her with a barbeque fork.

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9 COUNT II: On or about the 3rd day of September, 2016, the above-named
10 Defendant purposely or knowingly, with the use of physical force or contact, caused
11 reasonable apprehension of serious bodily injury or death in Jane Doe when she
12 strangled her, causing her to lose consciousness and believe she was going to die.

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14 COUNT III: On or about the 3rd day of September, 2016, the above-named
15 Defendant purposely or knowingly caused bodily injury to D.C. when she punched her
16 and pulled her to the ground.

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18 COUNT IV: On or about the 3rd day of September, 2016, 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, when she pulled away from law enforcement and kicked after placed
22 in handcuffs.


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24 COUNT V: On or about the 3rd day of September, 2016, the above-named
25 Defendant knowingly disturbed the peace by quarrelling with, fighting or challenging to
26 fight several people.
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1 DATED this 3rd day of October, 2016.

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5 RYAN MICKELSON
6 Deputy County Attorney

7 Subscribed and sworn to before me this ^{3rd} day of October, 2016.

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9 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE *Pro Tem*

10 COMPLAINT 16-2182

11 JONATHAN P.L. STINEFORD, Missoula County Sheriff's Office
12 SCOTT (BADGE 422) KING, Missoula County Sheriff's Office
13 ROSS JESSOP, Missoula County Sheriff's Office
14 CHRISTINE HETTMAN, Missoula County Sheriff's Office

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18 DEBORAH A HARP,
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23 AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

24 STATE OF MONTANA)
25 : ss
26 County of Missoula)

27 RYAN MICKELSON, Deputy County Attorney, Montana, being first duly sworn
28 upon oath, deposes and says:

I have read the official law enforcement reports regarding the investigation of
DEBORAH A HARP 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.

1 On or about September 3, 2016, Sgt. Jonathan Stineford and Deputy Ross
2 Jessop responded to a report of a physical disturbance wherein in one female had
3 assaulted another in Missoula County.
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5 Upon arrival, Sgt. Stineford noted approximately twenty people standing around
6 the trailer court watching a male holding down a female, later identified as the
7 aggressor, Deborah Harp. Sgt. Stineford placed Harp in handcuffs while waiting for
8 other units to arrive. Deputy Christine Hettman arrived and assisted Sgt. Stineford.
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10 When Deputy Hettman attempted to talk to Harp she became uncooperative and began
11 yelling and cursing at her. When Deputy Hettman attempted to place Harp in the back
12 seat of her patrol vehicle, Harp began pulling away and pushing with her feet on the
13 ground. Harp then tried to get away from several deputies by pulling away and kicking.
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15 After Harp was restrained in the back seat she began kicking the windows of the patrol
16 vehicle while yelling and cursing.

17 While the above was occurring, Deputy Jessop located the reported victim, Jane
18 Doe. When Doe came out of her home, Deputy Jessop could see she was bloody. He
19 had Doe sit down on her porch. Medical personnel responded and transported her to
20 St. Patrick's Hospital via ambulance. Doe reported to medics that she had been
21 punched, strangled and had lost consciousness for about forty seconds. She said she
22 did not know why Harp started punching her, but that she tried to fight back until she
23 was kicked in the shin, fell down and was then strangled by Harp using a front two
24 handed choke. Doe stated that she felt pain, and thought that she was going to die
25 while Harp was strangling her.
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1 Sgt. Stineford responded to the hospital and attempted to get photos of Doe. He
2 observed that Doe had bruises on her right cheek and chin, red marks around her
3 throat, both arms were covered in dried blood and there were fresh abrasions on both.
4 There was also a very large bleeding hematoma on Doe's left shin which had covered
5 her lower leg in blood. Doe complained of pain in all these areas and her right hip, right
6 knee and chest.
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8 On September 8, 2016, Doe reported to the Sheriff's Office and spoke with
9 Detective Steve Deibert about the above incident. Doe explained that Harp came over
10 to her house. She said that everything was fine until Harp took a drink of vodka. Doe
11 said that Harp then freaked out and attacked her from behind. Doe fell to the ground.
12 Doe said Harp then grabbed a full can of beer and "smacked" her with it. Doe pointed
13 to a significant bruise on the right side of her chin and indicated that was how she
14 received the bruise. Doe noted that during this altercation, Harp also strangled her.
15 She said that she remembered "coming to" and her eyes being out of focus. Doe also
16 noted that Harp stabbed her with a barbecue fork. Doe then showed Detective Deibert
17 a wound on her leg. She also indicated that Harp bit her.
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21 Doe said at some point during the altercation she was able to get out of the trailer
22 and started to go to the Stebbins' residence, which was nearby. Doe said when she
23 started to walk up the trailer steps Harp came up behind her and threw her into the
24 flower bed. Harp then began banging on the Stebbins' door. Buddy Stebbins
25 answered, and Doe said she called out for him to get her husband, T.H. When Buddy
26 left to get T.H., Jackie Stebbins came out of the house and told Harp to get away. Doe
27 said that at this time, Harp started "beating the heck" out of another person, D.C., for no
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1 reason. While Detective Deibert was speaking with Doe, he noticed that her voice was
2 gravelly and hoarse. He asked her if that was how her voice normally was. She said it
3 was not, but that it had been since the incident.
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5 After speaking with Doe, Detective Deibert spoke with her husband, T.H. T.H.
6 stated that the event started when he was in the bathroom. He said that when he came
7 out Harp and Doe were already outside. A short while later a neighbor came over and
8 told him Doe was in the flower bed. T.H. said by that time, Harp was trying to beat up
9 another neighbor. T.H. found a beer can the next day when he was cleaning up. T.H.
10 said it was smashed on the end. T.H. also found a meat fork lying on the ground that
11 had "no business being out."
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13 On September 13, Detective Deibert went to 7800 Zaugg Drive and spoke with
14 D.C. D.C. told him that she could hear Harp and Doe partying the day of the incident.
15 A short while later, D.C. looked out and Harp was throwing Doe's barbeque around.
16 D.C. could hear Doe screaming. Harp then got off the porch and started walking
17 towards Buddy and Jackie Stebbins' residence. D.C. said she could hear Jackie and
18 Harp yelling. D.C. said that at some point Harp started hitting her partner. D.C. told her
19 to quit and then Harp started hitting her. D.C. said that Harp hit her on the head,
20 grabbed her coat and pulled her to the ground. D.C. finally got away. D.C. said Harp
21 went "psycho" and that she was trying to hit everybody. D.C. stated that even after
22 Harp was handcuffed she was "crazy."
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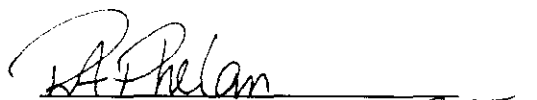
25 After speaking with D.C., Detective Deibert went and spoke with Jackie and
26 Gabriel "Buddy" Stebbins. Jackie said that she and Buddy were in bed watching a
27 movie. They heard a pounding at the door so Buddy got up to look. When Jackie got
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1 up to look she saw Doe lying on the ground next to her steps in a small garden type
2 area. Buddy stated that when he came out Harp was sitting on a chair on the porch
3 hitting the wall of the residence. Jackie said that D.C. came over at this time and Harp
4 went after her. Buddy stated that Harp actually hit D.C. on the face and pulled her to
5 the ground. Jackie said that she then went in and called 911. Buddy said that Doe was
6 covered in blood at the time.
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10 RYAN MICKELSON
Deputy County Attorney

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12 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 3rd day of October, 2016.

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14 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE Pro Tem
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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 3rd day of October, 2016 at 4:30 a.m./~~p.m.~~

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