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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-  
JAMES WILLIAM BAYFORD,  
Defendant,

Department No. 1  
Cause No. CR-2017-892

**COMPLAINT**

JASON MARKS, Chief Deputy County Attorney, deposes and says that on or about the 5th day of August, 2017, in Missoula County, the Defendant committed the offenses of  
COUNT I: NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE, a Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-104, punishable by 20 years MSP and/or \$50,000 fine; COUNT II: NEGLIGENT HOMICIDE, a Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-104, punishable by 20 years MSP and/or \$50,000 fine; 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: 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 V: CRIMINAL ENDANGERMENT, a Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-

1 207, punishable by 10 years MSP and/or \$50,000 fine; COUNT VI: CRIMINAL  
2 ENDANGERMENT, a Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-  
3 207, punishable by 10 years MSP and/or \$50,000 fine; COUNT VII: CRIMINAL  
4 ENDANGERMENT, a Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-  
5 207, punishable by 10 years MSP and/or \$50,000 fine; COUNT VIII: CRIMINAL  
6 ENDANGERMENT, a Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-  
7 207, punishable by 10 years MSP and/or \$50,000 fine.  
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9 The facts constituting the offense are:

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11 COUNT I: On or about the 5th day of August, 2017, the above-named Defendant  
12 negligently caused the death of Joseph Blazeovich by pulling on the steering wheel of a  
13 Jeep Wrangler driven by Carolyn Dunbar, in which Joseph Blazeovich was a passenger,  
14 while the vehicle was traveling at highway speeds on I-90 in Missoula County resulting  
15 in a rollover crash.  
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17 COUNT II: On or about the 5th day of August, 2017, the above-named  
18 Defendant negligently caused the death of Vanessa Anderson by pulling on the  
19 steering wheel of a Jeep Wrangler driven by Carolyn Dunbar, in which Vanessa  
20 Anderson was a passenger, while the vehicle was traveling at highway speeds on I-90  
21 in Missoula County resulting in a rollover crash.  
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23 COUNT III: On or about the 5th day of August, 2017, the above-named  
24 Defendant knowingly engaged in conduct that created a substantial risk of death or  
25 serious bodily injury to Carolyn Dunbar, by pulling on the steering wheel of a Jeep  
26 Wrangler she was driving while the vehicle was traveling at highway speeds on I-90 in  
27 Missoula County resulting in a rollover crash.  
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2           COUNT IV: On or about the 5th day of August, 2017, the above-named  
3 Defendant knowingly engaged in conduct that created a substantial risk of death or  
4 serious bodily injury to Brandaline Dalton by pulling on the steering wheel of a Jeep  
5 Wrangler driven by Carolyn Dunbar, in which Brandaline Dalton was a passenger, while  
6 the vehicle was traveling at highway speeds on I-90 in Missoula County resulting in a  
7 rollover crash.  
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9           COUNT V: On or about the 5th day of August, 2017, the above-named  
10 Defendant knowingly engaged in conduct that created a substantial risk of death or  
11 serious bodily injury to Harlen McKennett by pulling on the steering wheel of a Jeep  
12 Wrangler driven by Carolyn Dunbar, in which Harlen McKennett was a passenger, while  
13 the vehicle was traveling at highway speeds on I-90 in Missoula County resulting in a  
14 rollover crash.  
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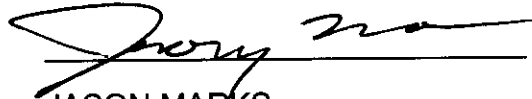
16           COUNT VI: On or about the 5th day of August, 2017, the above-named  
17 Defendant knowingly engaged in conduct that created a substantial risk of death or  
18 serious bodily injury to Denis Robison by pulling on the steering wheel of a Jeep  
19 Wrangler driven by Carolyn Dunbar, in which Denis Robison was a passenger, while the  
20 vehicle was traveling at highway speeds on I-90 in Missoula County resulting in a  
21 rollover crash.  
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23           COUNT VII: On or about the 5th day of August, 2017, the above-named  
24 Defendant knowingly engaged in conduct that created a substantial risk of death or  
25 serious bodily injury to James Wang by pulling on the steering wheel of a Jeep  
26 Wrangler driven by Carolyn Dunbar, in which James Wang was a passenger, while the  
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1 vehicle was traveling at highway speeds on I-90 in Missoula County resulting in a  
2 rollover crash.

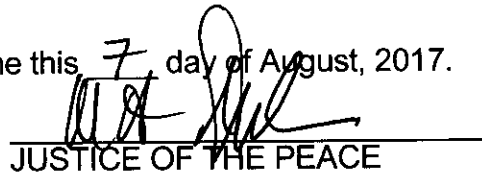
3           COUNT VIII: On or about the 5th day of August, 2017, the above-named  
4 Defendant knowingly engaged in conduct that created a substantial risk of death or  
5 serious bodily injury to Matthew Wilson by pulling on the steering wheel of a Jeep  
6 Wrangler driven by Carolyn Dunbar, in which Matthew Wilson was a passenger, while  
7 the vehicle was traveling at highway speeds on I-90 in Missoula County resulting in a  
8 rollover crash.  
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11           DATED this 7th day of August, 2017.

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13 JASON MARKS  
14 Chief Deputy County Attorney

15           Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of August, 2017.

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17 JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

18 COMPLAINT 17-2132

19 BENJAMIN PANAS, Montana Highway Patrol  
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STATE OF MONTANA,  
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-vs-  
JAMES WILLIAM BAYFORD,  
Defendant,

Department No. 1  
Cause No. CR 2016-092  
**AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

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 JAMES WILLIAM BAYFORD 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017, Trooper Panis of the Montana Highway Patrol responded to a rollover crash near mile marker 111 on I-90 in Missoula County.

1 Medical personnel also responded to the scene. Trooper Banas learned that Joseph  
2 Blazeovich and Vannessa Anderson had been ejected from the vehicle, a Jeep Wrangler  
3 that had been modified to serve as a shuttle vehicle, and were pronounced dead at the  
4 scene. The other occupants of the vehicle at the time of the crash were Carolyn  
5 Dunbar, Brandalin Dalton, Harlen McKennett, Denis Robison, James Wang, Matthew  
6 Wilson, and James Bayford. All of the surviving occupants were transported to the  
7 hospital with various injuries.  
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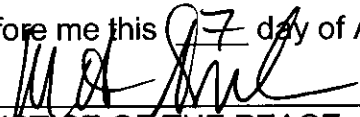
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10 Trooper Panis began interviewing the survivors of the crash to determine the  
11 cause of the rollover. He learned that Dunbar was the driver of the Jeep and had been  
12 hired to shuttle people back and forth between Missoula and the Testicle Festival at  
13 Rock Creek. Dunbar was driving back to Missoula with Bayford sitting next to her. As  
14 the Jeep approached mile marker 111, Bayford became upset toward Dunbar and  
15 grabbed the steering wheel and pulled it to the right. This caused Dunbar to lose  
16 control of the Jeep and the Jeep ultimately rolled in the median.  
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18 Bayford was interviewed by Trooper Panis. He was highly intoxicated with a  
19 BAC of .209. He claimed that the occupants of the Jeep had kidnapped him. This was  
20 contradicted by the other occupants of the Jeep who said he was a willing passenger,  
21 after having been kicked out of the Testicle Festival and put in the shuttle. They  
22 confirmed that he became aggravated with Dunbar at which point he grabbed the  
23 steering wheel and caused the crash.  
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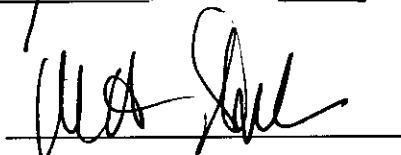
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 07 day of August, 2017.

  
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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 7 day of Aug, 2017 at 12:10 a.m./p.m.



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