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

10 STATE OF MONTANA,
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12 Plaintiff,
13 -vs-
14 TIFFANIE PIERCE,
15 Defendant,

Department No. 1
Cause No. CR-2017-961
AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

16 STATE OF MONTANA)
17 : ss
18 County of Missoula)

19 KIRSTEN H. PABST, Missoula County Attorney, and JENNIFER CLARK, Deputy
20 Missoula County Attorney, Montana, being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and say:

21 I have read the official law enforcement reports regarding the investigation of
22 TIFFANIE PIERCE for allegedly committing the offenses set forth in the complaint and
23 based upon the information contained in the reports, if true, believe probable cause exists
24 to justify charging the above-named defendant as specified in the accompanying
25 complaint.
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27 On Thursday, August 17, 2017, at approximately 4:15 p.m., a Confidential
28 Informant (CI) went to the Missoula City Police Department. He stated a friend of his

1 who lives with Tiffanie Pierce at 1948 Strand in Missoula had come to his house during
2 the night. CI later learned that Pierce's roommate had come over because Pierce's
3 roommate had stabbed someone. Pierce's roommate told CI that he had awakened to
4 a lady screaming. Pierce's roommate entered the kitchen and saw blood. Pierce and
5 another person were about to take a shower to wash blood off their bodies. Pierce told
6 her roommate that they stabbed a girl last night and that the girl's body was in the
7 basement.
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10 Detective Franke and Detective Erickson met with Pierce's roommate. He stated
11 he woke up to a girl screaming. He thought maybe it was just Pierce and Augustus
12 Standingrock having sex. At some point he heard them come into the kitchen. He
13 walked into the kitchen and stated there was blood all over the floor. Both Pierce and
14 Standingrock were in the shower rinsing off the blood. Pierce walked into the kitchen
15 naked and asked roommate whether she could trust him. He noticed Standingrock was
16 bleeding. Pierce began to tell him what happened and roommate said he didn't want to
17 know or be involved. He went back to his room, waited until everything was quiet and
18 then left. Roommate went to CI's residence. Roommate told police that later that day,
19 Pierce came to his work and told him that she "killed a couple people last night." Pierce
20 stated that Standingrock was bleeding out on the couch and she needed to get back.
21 According to the roommate, Pierce said that Standingrock brought a couple of people
22 over and that he took them to the basement and that he attacked the one, and that the
23 other one tried getting away and that she got the other one. The roommate said that
24 Pierce was "freakin' out" and she stated she's "probably gonna go to prison."
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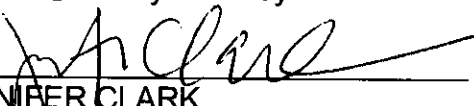
1 Missoula City Police obtained a search warrant for 1948 Strand. Upon arrival at
2 the residence, a male and female began to rapidly exit through the rear door. A male,
3 later identified as Standingrock, approached the door as if to exit. He was wearing only
4 boxers and his hand was wrapped in bloody paper or cloth. He had a dark object in his
5 hand. He quickly turned and ran down the interior stairwell adjacent to the exterior
6 door. He appeared moments later with empty hands and complied with commands. A
7 female, later identified as Pierce, exited the house and complied with instructions.
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10 Upon entering the residence to clear it, officers noted a black, semi-automatic
11 handgun laying on the stairs midway down. The basement contained two deceased
12 bodies, one female and one male. The bodies had been placed into plastic tubs filled
13 with chemicals. Investigators located knives and an ax covered in blood and apparent
14 tissue. The initial investigation indicated that the deceased died from stab wounds.
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16 Investigators also learned that Pierce had purchased cleaning agents, plastic tubs and
17 the chemicals where the bodies were found.

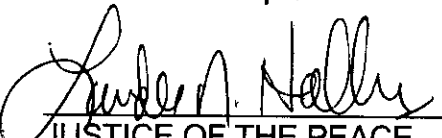
18 Standingrock had a wound on his hand.

19 The investigation continues.
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22 _____
23 KIRSTEN H. PABST
24 Missoula County Attorney

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27 JENNIFER CLARK
28 Deputy Missoula County Attorney

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 19 day of August, 2017.

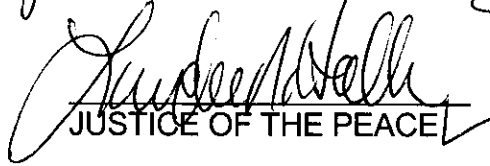


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ORDER

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 19th day of August, 2017 at 6:32 a.m. (p.m.)


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