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10 IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
11 IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MISSOULA
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Plaintiff,

-VS-
CEYLON JOHNSON ELGIN-
TAYLOR,

Defendant.

Department No. 1
Cause No. CR-2018-684
MANS No. 3200F1801969

**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
CEYLON JOHNSON ELGIN-TAYLOR for allegedly committing the offenses of COUNT I:
PARTNER OR FAMILY MEMBER ASSAULT - 3RD OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, a
Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-206[3rd+]; COUNT II:
STRANGULATION OF PARTNER OR FAMILY MEMBER - 1ST OFFENSE, a Felony, in
violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-215[1st]; COUNT III:
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - REASONABLE APPREHENSION, a Felony, in violation of

1 Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-202; COUNT IV: STRANGULATION OF
2 PARTNER OR FAMILY MEMBER - 2ND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, a Felony, in
3 violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-215[2nd+]; COUNT V:
4 PARTNER OR FAMILY MEMBER ASSAULT - 3RD OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, a
5 Felony, in violation of Montana law, namely: Mont. Code Ann. 45-5-206[3rd+].
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7 Based upon the following facts which have been obtained from reports of the law
8 enforcement officer which, if true, constitute sufficient probable cause to justify the filing of
9 the charges. The facts from those reports are as follows:
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11 On June 24, 2018, Missoula Police Department officers were called to the 4000
12 block of Chadwick Lane, Missoula County, MT, on a report of a physical disturbance.
13 Upon arrival, they contacted Jane Doe, who is the mother of the Defendant's child. Doe
14 indicated that the Defendant strangled her during an argument on that date. Doe stated
15 that the Defendant strangled her with his right hand, pushing her up against the wall.
16 While the Defendant was strangling her, Doe was unable to breath and was afraid the
17 Defendant was going to kill her. Doe indicated that the Defendant had also hit her in the
18 left side of the face and injured her right arm by grabbing it. Doe indicated she felt pain in
19 her left ear from being hit. Doe indicated she also felt pain in her her right arm, and her
20 neck, throat and back.
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22 Police observed red marks and abrasions on the sides of Doe's neck and on her
23 chest. Both her left cheek and right hand appeared swollen. Doe said that it hurt to
24 swallow.
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26 Doe also reported that the week prior, on June 16, 2018, the Defendant came to
27 her home and strangled her in a similar manner. Doe indicated that the Defendant hit her
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1 three to four times in the head, then strangled her by picking her up by the throat and
2 throwing her to the ground. Doe's neighbor eventually intervened, stopping the assault.

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4 Police spoke to Doe's neighbor, who confirmed he had heard fighting in Doe's
5 residence on June 16, 2018 and checked on her based on the Defendant's history of
6 domestic violence.

7 The Defendant acknowledged that a verbal argument had taken place on June 24,
8 2018, but denied that the argument was physical. However, when he was arrested, the
9 Defendant then claimed Doe hit him.
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11 DATED this 25th day of June, 2018.

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13 /s/ Brian Lowney
14 BRIAN LOWNEY
15 Deputy County Attorney

16 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the
17 State of Montana, County of Missoula.
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