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IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF RECORD OF MISSOULA COUNTY,
STATE OF MONTANA

STATE OF MONTANA, Plaintiff, -vs- KEENAN DONEY, Defendant.	Dept. Cause No. AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE
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STATE OF MONTANA)
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County of Missoula)

BRITTANY L. WILLIAMS, Deputy County Attorney, Montana, being
first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

I have read the law enforcement reports regarding the investigation of
Keenan Doney for allegedly committing the offenses of:

COUNT I: ATTEMPTED DELIBERATE HOMICIDE, a felony, in
violation of § 45-5-102[1], MCA;45-4-103;

COUNT II: TAMPERING WITH OR FABRICATING PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, a felony, in violation of § 45-7-207, MCA.

I believe that the facts as set forth in the law enforcement reports, if true, constitute sufficient probable cause to justify the filing of the charges.

Those facts are as follows:

On or about the 25th day of April, 2020, Officer Berger was called to the Missoula Police Department to speak with an individual who was bleeding and reported that he had been stabbed. Officer Berger spoke with Isaiah Dorfman, who appeared to have multiple stab wounds throughout his torso and blood on his hands, arms and shoulders. Dorfman gave a brief physical description of the suspect just before being transported to the hospital, stating a Hispanic male, wearing a black beanie had attacked him and stabbed him at the Bel Aire Motel, room 225. The Bel Aire Motel is located at 300 East Broadway in Missoula County.

Officer McLean met with Dorfman at St. Patrick Hospital, at which time he observed Dorfman had been stabbed seven times. Officer McLean inquired as to what had occurred during the incident. Dorfman stated at sometime in the early morning, he noticed the suspect and asked him for a cigarette. The suspect gave Dorfman a cigarette and as a return favor Dorfman allowed him into his room, room 225. Dorfman said the suspect

then asked him for the motel wifi password and then stated things “got rowdy.” Dorfman was not able to elaborate on many details, but stated the suspect started “to get buck” before pulling a knife out. Dorfman said he got upset that someone would treat him like this in his home and a fight ensued. Officer McLean noted that Dorfman had a hard time giving a statement and appeared to be zoning out and making some non-sensical statements. Dorfman stated the suspect was bald and was wearing some kinda red thing. Dorfman was unable to give a timeline for when the knife was pulled, when the fight ensued and when he stated the suspect said “I don’t want to kill you bro.”

Officer Berger passed on that physical description of the suspect to other officers patrolling the area of the Bel Aire Motel. Officers Burton, Bloomdahl and Campbell responded to the motel and cleared room 225. They observed blood outside the room as well as a pool of blood on the bed within the room. Shortly thereafter, Officer Burton left to attempt to locate additional blood or the possible weapon used. While walking the area north of the motel, he encountered a male wearing a black hooded jacket with the hood up, black shorts and black ASICS wrestling shoes. Officer Burton greeted the individual and noted it appeared the male did not want to talk much. Officer Burton noticed blood spatter on the male’s legs, but did not

observe any wounds where the blood would have come from. Officer Burton made contact with the male and the male immediately put his hands in the air. Officer Burton noted the male had a piece of clothing wrapped around his finger on his left hand and a large amount of blood covering his hands.

The male was identified as Keenan Doney, the above-named Defendant. The Defendant was patted down for weapons, but no weapons were found in his possession. The Defendant was taken to St. Patrick Hospital to be medically cleared due to Covid-19 concerns and for the injury to his finger. Officer Weber transported the Defendant to the hospital and photographed his injuries. Officer Weber noted the Defendant had torn a piece of fabric from his red shirt and used that to wrap his finger. Officer Weber removed the red fabric and noted the Defendant's finger immediately began to bleed and his cut appeared to be new.

Once inside, the Defendant was examined by Dr. Guffin. The Defendant told Dr. Guffin that he sustained his injury while working for a roofing company and that he was sent home today, Saturday. However, Officer Weber noted the Defendant had previously told Officer Hollis that he only worked Monday through Friday. Dr. Guffin inquired as to whether the cut was new or old, as that would determine how they would treat the wound.

The Defendant responded by saying “well you’re the doctor.” Dr. Guffin reiterated his question and the Defendant maintained the injury was old.

After being medically cleared, the Defendant was taken to the Missoula Police Station and placed in a holding cell. Per the office policy, the Defendant’s belt, coat and shoes were removed. During this time, Detectives McCarthy and Baker asked Officer Weber to swab the Defendant’s hands with visible blood, as he was placed in a cell with access to water.

Additionally, swabs were taken of the blood found on the Defendant’s forearms, calves and neck. The Defendant’s clothing was also taken at this time and an inventory conducted, in which Officer Weber found a Bic lighter and a set of wireless headphones.

During this time, Detectives Baker and McCarthy went to the Bel Aire motel to review surveillance video. Officer McLean joined the detectives to provide the information he had received from Dorfman. Detectives Baker and McCarthy found three cameras that had views of the areas in which the Defendant and Dorfman would have interacted. They observed Dorfman, wearing the clothes he appeared in at the police station; and the Defendant, wearing shorts, interacting at the top of the stairway. Their initial interaction appeared cordial and they shook hands and then appeared to exchange something. After talking briefly, the pair enter Dorfman’s room. Approximately

20 minutes later, Dorfman exits the room, but returns approximately one minute later. The pair are in room 225 for approximately 6 more minutes before the Defendant is seen running from the room.

Detectives Baker and McCarthy then went to the Missoula Police Station to interview the Defendant. After reading the Defendant his *Miranda* rights, he agreed to speak with the detectives. The Defendant stated he had traveled to Missoula within the last few days to visit family and that he was on probation in Yellowstone County and had left without his probation officer's permission. Initially the Defendant stated he had been at the Bel-Aire the previous afternoon and had spent the night sleeping by the river.

The Defendant denied being at the Bel-Aire motel on the morning of the 25th, however when Detective Baker showed the Defendant the surveillance of him from the motel, the Defendant admitted to meeting with Dorfman. The Defendant stated he gave Dorfman his cigarette lighter, but denied going to Dorfman's room. Again, when confronted with the video, the Defendant admitted to being in Dorfman's room, stating he was only in there for approximately 30 seconds and maintained that he did not stab Dorfman. The Defendant stated someone else could have been in the room and stabbed Dorfman after he had left the room. When confronted with the inconsistencies in his statement, the Defendant declined to speak further. It is

believed by officers that the Defendant disposed of the knife used in the altercation between the time he left the room and when he was apprehended by Officer Burton.

On April 26, 2020, Detectives Baker and McCarthy were able to speak with Dorfman after he had recovered from surgery. Dorfman stated prior to the incident, he had been outside his room when he asked an unknown male for a cigarette. Dorfman stated the male asked to go into Dorfman's room and once inside, asked for the motel's wifi access. Dorfman could not recall many details of the conversation, but stated the Defendant stated he had gang affiliations. Dorfman described the Defendant as wearing a red shirt and blue shorts or possibly jeans and a black beanie. Dorfman stated at one point, the Defendant pulled a knife on him and Dorfman felt threatened by it and considered it a home invasion. Dorfman stated he first heard the knife open and then he saw the blade in the Defendant's right hand. Dorfman believed the knife was possibly a switchblade and estimated it to be 3-4 inches in length. Dorfman stated the Defendant started to come at him with the knife to "get buck" and Dorfman "got buck" with the Defendant and punched him. When asked, Dorfman stated "get buck" meant when someone was ready to fight.

DATED this 27th day of April, 2020.

/s/ Brittany L. Williams
BRITTANY L. WILLIAMS
Deputy County Attorney

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

Electronically Signed By:
Hon. Judge Alex Beal
Mon, Apr 27 2020 11:49:29 AM