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SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF SPOKANE

STATE OF WASHINGTON	)	Case No. 2026 1135
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Plaintiff,	)	Report/Case No. 2026-20175238
	)	
v.s.	)	DECLARATION FOR SEARCH WARRANT
	)	FOR EVIDENCE OF:
In RE: Malin, Joel B W/M (DOB 10/03/05)	)	Assault 1st Degree RCW 9A.36.011
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Detective David Eckersley, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

(1) Background of declarant:

Detective D. Eckersley, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

Detective D. Eckersley #1182, is a fully commissioned, full-time law enforcement officer with Spokane Police Department. He has been employed by the Spokane Police Department since July 23rd 2013. Detective D. Eckersley is currently assigned to the Major Crimes Unit (MCU). Prior to this he served as a Reserve Police Officer for the City of Spokane from 2007 to 2013.

His previous assignments were:
Patrol Division, as a Police Officer from January 2014 to July 2018, a Senior Police Officer from July 2018 to November 2020, Detective assigned to Special Victims Unit (SVU) November 2020 to March 2022.

Detective D. Eckersley attended and completed the Washington State Basic Law Enforcement Academy in 2013. He also has an Associates in Applied Science from Spokane Community College. He receives continuous and evolving training in Criminal Law, Criminal Procedures, Laws of Arrest, and Search and Seizure that is sanctioned by the Spokane Police Department and Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission. He has received training and certifications in: Basic Homicide Investigation, Reid Interview and Interrogation, Victim-Centered Engagement and Resiliency Tactics, Child Abuse Interviewing and Assessment, Introduction and Advanced to Motivational Interviewing, FAA Part 107 Certification, Aerial Photogrammetry using PIX4D mapping for crash and crime scene investigations, IFSTA Fire Investigations, Force Science Analyst, Independent Investigation Qualified Lead Investigator, and continued in-service training and certifications.

Detective D. Eckersley has been involved in numerous investigations for various crimes such as but not limited to: Homicide, Possession of sexually explicit depictions of a minor, child molestation, rape, possession of stolen property, money laundering, forgery, identity theft, malicious mischief, theft, burglary, assaults, and various other crimes.

(2) Crime being investigated:
Assault 1st Degree RCW 9A.36.011

Circumstances supporting probable cause:

On 09/08/26 at approximately 1130 hours 911 was called reference a person with a weapon near the Evergreen Jr High located at 14221 E 16th Ave in Spokane Valley WA.

During the incident the caller stated his name was Jack N Saints with a phone number of 509-475-2544.

The caller continued to give updates of description of the male, his location and described a Glock that was black and silver in the suspect's hand.

At approximately 1136 hours 911 dispatcher could hear shots being fired through the phone followed by radio traffic from School Resource Officer Lawler stating that shots were fired and called code 99.

During the investigation it was discovered that Jack N Saints was false name. The caller's actual identity was Joel B Malin (DOB 10/03/05), furthermore it appeared that he was describing himself to the 911 operator prior to the lethal encounter.

During the investigation videos collected showed Malin running towards School Resource Officer Lawler's fully marked patrol vehicle with him in it. Malin was running towards the vehicle with his right hand extended holding a pistol and pointing towards Officer Lawler.

Due to Malin's actions of running at and pointing what appeared to be a handgun at Spokane Valley Police Officer Lawler resulted in lethal force against him.

Upon the use of lethal force, Incident Commanders at the scene invoked the protocol of the Spokane Independent Investigative Response Team. The incident was handed over to investigators with the Spokane Police Department and the Washington State patrol.

As a Detective with the Spokane Police Department assigned to the Spokane Independent Investigative Response Team, your affiant requests that a Search Warrant be issued for the purpose of searching the cell phone recovered at the scene which was used by Joel B Malin during the commission of the crime of Assault 1st degree.

It is further requested by your affiant that a time frame 03/01/26 to 09/09/26, an approximate six-month time period be granted in searching the collected phone, in an effort to ascertain if there were any co-conspirators in the planning and execution of attacks against Law Enforcement Officers, schools, or large community events.

WHEREFORE, declarant requests that a Search Warrant be issued for the purpose of searching
(X) CELLULAR PHONE(S), on the following phone described as: Samsung Galaxy, silver in color, listed in police property as item #36

TO SEIZE:

1. An internal memory extraction of the phones and Sim cards/SD cards, to be completed by the Spokane Police Department or other law enforcement partners. In the event this is not successful, the phone/cellular device may be accessed using other technology available to the Spokane Police Department or other law enforcement partners. For example, if the phone/cellular device is inoperable, Spokane Police Department or other law enforcement partners may attempt to return the phone to operability. This may include but is not limited to disassembly of the device or any other techniques available to extract the memory.
2. Contacts/contact lists, billing and subscriber information, phone provider information, email addresses, IMEI numbers, IP addresses or other identifying numbers.
3. Photographs/Images and video, including social media images and video. This would include any meta data associated with the images or video.

For the date range of 03/01/2026 0000 hours Pacific Standard Time to 09/09/2026

2359 hours Pacific Daylight Time.

4. Call Logs, Text Messages (opened or unopened) and logs, mms messages, social media messages or other forms of digital communication.
5. Timelines for the phones/sim card Sd cards. The timelines will include most activity on the phone, which will assist in establishing when and in what order communications or actions occurred pertaining to this incident.
6. Device or application data that would indicate the user's physical activity, which can be contained in various databases with the device.
7. Any record of device events, such as powering off, powering on, screen activation, deletion of data, applications installed or removed, dates of data backup including cloud servers used.
8. Location data- records of the wireless communications device location at various times, used for GPS navigation and other location-based services. This may include location data collected by various applications within the device.

I certify under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that all statements made herein are true and accurate and that I have entered my authorized user ID and password to authenticate it.

	Detective David Eckersley #1182 09/09/2026 01:28 PM
1100 W. Mallon, Spokane, WA 99260	Signature of Peace Officer Spokane Police Department
Agency Address (509) 625-4100	Agency
Agency Telephone 2026-09-09	Spokane County, WA
Date	Place (County, State)

Commissioner Tami M Chavez
Spokane County Superior Court
09/09/2026 04:23 PM

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TO ANY PEACE OFFICER OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

WHEREAS, Detective David Eckersley has this day signed an affidavit on oath before the undersigned, one of the Superior Court Judges in and for the County of Spokane, that he/she believes that a crime has been or is being committed, to wit:

Assault 1st Degree RCW 9A.36.011

and that evidence of said crime is located:

(X) CELLULAR PHONE(S), on the following phone described as: Samsung Galaxy, silver in color, listed in police property as item #36

WHEREAS, the undersigned finds that there is probable cause to believe said facts contained in the affidavit to be true,

THEREFORE, in the name of the State of Washington, you are commanded within 10 days (not to exceed ten (10) days) to:

(X) search the aforementioned cell phone(s)

with the necessary and proper assistance, and diligently search for and seize:

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and make a return of said warrant promptly, no later than three (3) days from the execution of the Search Warrant to the undersigned Judge, showing all acts and things done thereunder, with a written inventory of any properties taken and the name of the person or persons in whose possession the same were found, if any, and if no person be found in the possession of said articles, the inventory shall so state.

The peace officer taking property under the warrant shall give to the person from

whom or from whose premises the property is taken a copy of the warrant and receipt for the property taken. If no such person is present, the officer may post a copy of the Search Warrant and receipt.

The inventory shall be made in the presence of the person from whose possession or premises the property is taken, or in the presence of at least one (1) person other than the seizing officer. This person may be another officer.

Commissioner Tami M Chavez
Spokane County Superior Court
09/09/2026 04:24 PM

Either the petitioner or subject of the search warrant may petition the issuing Court to seal the Warrant pursuant to Court General Rule 15.

The State intends to file a motion to seal this Search Warrant and accompanying papers without delay.

YES _____ NO X_____

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1. DATE AND TIME OF EXECUTION OF SEARCH WARRANT:
9-10-26 0830 hours
2. PREMISES AND FILES SEARCHED:
Samsung Galaxy cell phone
3. PERSONS PRESENT DURING EXECUTION OF SEARCH WARRANT:
Ofc Snider
4. INVENTORY LIST OF INFORMATION SEIZED: Cell phone Data
(SEE ATTACHED SEARCH WARRANT PROPERTY SHEET ADDITIONAL)
5. METHOD OF ENTRY: Cellebright

Det D. Eckersley #1182
Seizing Officer

COPY OF RECEIPT RECEIVED:

Recipient

CERTIFICATE OF RETURNEE:

I certify that on this 11 day of September, 2026, at 2:21 (AM) (PM) the above captioned search warrant and written inventory were returned to the SUPERIOR Court Judge who signed the search warrant by delivery to the Spokane County SUPERIOR Court Clerk.