

COUNT III: ASSAULT WITH A WEAPON (REASONABLE APPREHENSION), a Felony, in violation of M.C.A. § 45-5-213(1)(b).

COUNT IV: CRIMINAL ENDANGERMENT, a Felony, in violation of M.C.A. § 45-5-207.

COUNT V: CRIMINAL ENDANGERMENT, a Felony, in violation of M.C.A. § 45-5-207.

Affiant has reviewed reports submitted by the . These reports pertain to the events hereinafter described, and on the basis of the same, Affiant makes the allegations hereinafter set forth:

On or about August 14, 2021 at approximately 6:45 a.m. Officer Samantha Gondeiro of the Great Falls Police Department was dispatched to a residence at 937 Avenue E Northwest in Great Falls, Cascade County, Montana for a reported family disturbance. Dispatch advised there had been shots fired and a female had been shot in the leg. The father was still in possession of the gun. As officers were enroute, there were updates on the father's location and it appeared he was attempting to leave. The suspect (father's) name is Alex Smith. He was described as wearing black pants and no shirt.

Upon arrival, Officer Gondeiro found the front door of the residence was open. As officers approached the doorway, they observed a young female standing on the stairs with blood running down her leg. She was instructed out of the house and was taken to an ambulance. E.S. was standing in the living room area holding her two-year-old child. Officers asked E.S. where Smith was located and she replied

he might be in the back yard area. When then asked where E.S. last saw him she answered in the garage. Officers yelled orders into the garage for Smith to come out and he complied. Smith was wearing black pants and no shirt as previously described. Smith was then taken into custody.

Officer Gondeiro spoke to E.S. about what happened. E.S. said she was in the bedroom while her older daughter was getting ready for work in the bathroom. E.S. heard gunshots and came out of the bedroom. Smith then told E.S. to "get the fuck out." E.S. ran into the bathroom and found her daughter bleeding from the leg. E.S. and her daughter then called 9-1-1 from the daughter's phone.

The daughter spoke to a detective while she was at the hospital. She stated that she saw Smith with the gun. She then ran away from him in a zig-zag pattern down the hall towards the bathroom while he was firing shots at her. She ran into a bathroom to hide from him and he continued to shoot rounds through the bathroom wall and door towards her.

During the 9-1-1 call gunshots can be heard as the girl screams in terror as she tries to get away from Smith. She was hit in the leg by either a bullet or possibly shrapnel from the rounds penetrating the wall and door. The mother and a toddler were in a bedroom nearby and placed in danger by the fired rounds penetrating walls and doors. They were also in fear of being shot by Smith.

Based on officer's observations, it appeared Smith emptied an entire magazine into the wall and door. There are shell casings scattered throughout the residence and may be other firearms or ammunition in the residence. The rifle is in

a closet under the stairs in the residence. Officers performing a security sweep saw it briefly as they cleared the residence.

The mother said she had called 911 in the past regarding prior acts of domestic violence against her. Smith told her "You deserve to die" during one of these incidents. Detectives seek to seize cellular devices from the home to search for prior 911 calls or other documentation of domestic abuse.

The girl snapped an image of Smith just prior to the shooting which is as follows:

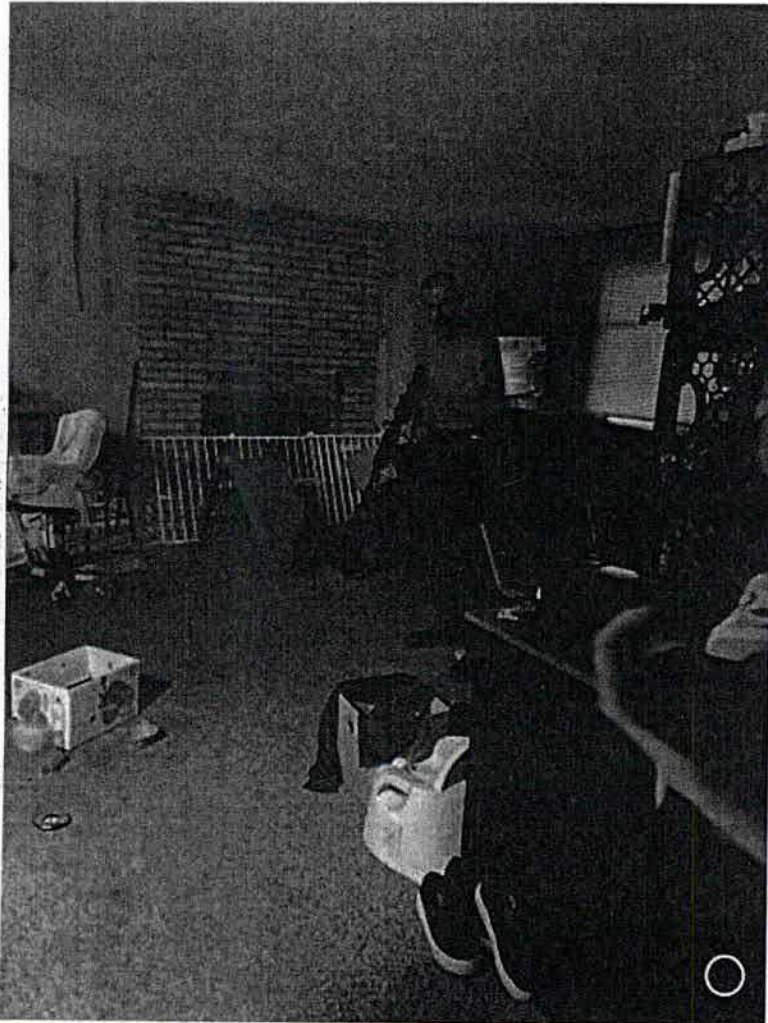
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As can be seen, Smith is advancing on the girl with the rifle just prior to firing. She was in fear of death or serious bodily injury as she fled into the bathroom.

The mother also indicated Smith had been on a three-day bender and had been drinking for several days. There are likely alcoholic beverage containers in the residence.

Given the foregoing, the undersigned has probable cause to believe that the Defendant has engaged in activity constituting the offenses of:

COUNT I: ATTEMPTED DELIBERATE HOMICIDE, a Felony, in violation of M.C.A. § 45-4-103/45-5-102(1)(a).

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DATED this 14th day of August, 2021.

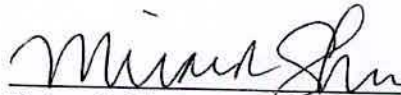
JOSHUA A. RACKI
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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me on the 14th day of August, 2021.




Notary Public for the State of Montana,
Residing at Great Falls, Cascade County,
Montana.

My commission expires Oct 10, 2023

cc: Chief Deputy County Attorney/Kory Larsen
Defense Counsel/Public Defender's Office
Defendant – c/o Counsel
GFPD/
CCSO/warrants