



Gallatin County Sheriff's Office

Notice to appear and Complaint

ISSUED BY: Gallatin County Sheriff's Office

CFS #: CFS24-142181

CITATION #: C06Z02268



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STATE OF MONTANA/COUNTY OF GALLATIN } vs
You are hereby given notice to appear in the following court:

GALLATIN JUSTICE COURT OF RECORD

YOU MUST APPEAR IN THE ABOVE COURT ON OR BEFORE

11/13/24

Justice Court

615 S. 16th Ave

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MON/WED/FRI at 8am

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Personal Appearance Required: Yes

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DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PRIVILEGE TO DRIVE.

B/A Test / Result: /

Reason for Stop:

Radar#:

Posted/Cited Speed: /

I hereby swear and declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, and further, that I personally served the same upon the above named Defendant.

Authorized Deputy

Deputy: 639 - Douma, Ryan

Date: 10/31/24

DEFENDANT						Vehicle License No	
ABBEY, DAREN CHRISTOPHER							
STREET						License State	Expiration
1 Silver Ave							
CITY		STATE		ZIP		Vehicle Make	
Basin		MT		59631			
SEX	WT	HT	HAIR	EYES	DOB	Vehicle Model	
Male	165	5' 9"		Blue	2/14/83		
D/L # or ID # and Expiration				Phone #s		Vehicle Color	Vehicle Year
MT AA80000164440				Cell - (406) 885-9560			
Vehicle Type							

THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT IS CHARGED WITH VIOLATING:
Montana Code: 45-5-102 - Deliberate Homicide on 10/11/24
02:00 (FELONY) BY PURPOSELY OR KNOWINGLY OR NEGLIGENTLY:

To Wit: for purposely and knowingly committing the offense of Deliberate Homicide (MCA 45-5-102). Deliberate Homicide has been committed by the Defendant for purposely or knowingly causing the death of another human by stabbing him with a screwdriver and bludgeoning him with an axe and piece of firewood.

DESCRIPTION

DOCKET #:

NAMELY AT (LOCATION): Moose Creek Road Campsite(45.3421,-111.1357)

BOND: No Bond Until Seen by Judge

INSTRUCTIONS: READ CAREFULLY

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JUSTICE COURT GALLATIN
COUNTY OCT31'24PM3:33



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Montana Code: 45-7-207 - Tampering With Or Fabricating
Physical Evidence on 10/11/24 02:00 (FELONY) BY PURPOSELY OR KNOWINGLY
OR NEGLIGENTLY:

DESCRIPTION	To Wit: By purposely and knowingly concealing and removing evidence with the purpose to impair its verity or availability in the proceeding or investigation by removing the evidence from the scene and disposing it in different locations, in violation of MCA 45-7-207.	DOCKET #:

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To Wit: By purposely and knowingly concealing and removing evidence with the purpose to impair its verity or availability in the proceeding or investigation by removing the evidence from the scene and disposing it in different locations, in violation of MCA 45-7-207.

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JUSTICE COURT GALLATIN
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IN THE JUSTICE COURT
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF GALLATIN, MONTANA

STATE OF MONTANA,
Plaintiff,

Case No. **TK-2024-6250**
Citation No. C06Z02268

vs.

**AFFIDAVIT AND ORDER
RE: PROBABLE CAUSE**

ABBEY, DAREN CHRISTOPHER
Defendant.

State of Montana)
 : ss.
County of Gallatin)

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. I, Ryan Douma, am a Deputy Sheriff with the Gallatin County Sheriff's Office, Gallatin County, Montana.
2. On 10/31/24, the above-stated defendant was arrested for the charge(s) of:

45-5-102 - Deliberate Homicide
45-7-207 - Tampering With Or Fabricating Physical Evidence

3. The undersigned believes that there is probable cause to charge the defendant with said charge(s), to-wit:

On October 12, 2024, at approximately 1007 hours, Gallatin County Dispatch Center received a report of a possible bear attack from a male subject. The male reported the decedent was discovered deceased in his tent by his girlfriend. Gallatin County Sheriff's Office, along with Montana Highway Patrol, US Forest Service, Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks, and fire and medical personnel responded to the scene. During the initial investigation, it was determined the incident was not consistent with a bear attack. The decedent was identified by his girlfriend and driver's license as a male with initials D.K. D.K will hereafter be referred to as the Victim. The location where the Victim was discovered deceased was in a campsite off Moose Creek Road (45.3421, -111.1357). This location lies wholly within the boundaries of Gallatin County, Montana.

I, along with other Gallatin County Sheriff's Office detectives, arrived on scene and observed the Victim deceased in his canvas wall tent. Blood evidence was discovered inside the tent around the Victim's body. On top of two stacked totes, detectives observed two shot glasses, both with a slice of lime in them. The two shot glasses

indicated to detectives that a second person may have been present in the tent. Detectives observed three Coors Light cans on the floor of the tent. Detectives also discovered a sheath for an Estwing axe near the Victim's body. These items along, with several others were collected by detectives to be processed by the Montana State Crime Laboratory.

After the inside of the wall tent was processed by detectives, the Victim's body was moved outside and inspected by detective's and GCSO coroners. Several injuries were observed to the Victim's head, neck, and face, including what appeared to be chop wounds.

The investigation showed that an orange Yeti cooler, a Ruger .44 caliber magnum revolver, a 1187 Remington shotgun, and an axe were missing from the scene. Detectives discovered these items were missing while interviewing the Victim's girlfriend and friend. The Victim's girlfriend showed detectives an image of the Victim's truck packed for camping. In the image, an orange Yeti cooler was clearly visible. The Victim's friend reported he saw the Victim pack the 1187 Remington shotgun and reported that he loaned the Victim his Ruger .44 caliber magnum revolver because he knew there were bears in the Moose Creek area. Shotgun ammunition and .44 caliber ammunition were located in the Victim's vehicle. The Victim's friend reported that the Victim took an Estwing axe as well.

An interview with the Victim's girlfriend revealed the Victim was believed to be alone at the campsite. The girlfriend reported that Victim drove to the campsite on Thursday, October 10, 2024, to get the camp set up. The girlfriend stated she had to work Friday, so the Victim was going to stay the night at camp on Thursday and come pick her up on Friday when she got off work. The girlfriend stated when the Victim didn't pick her up on Friday, she became worried and began texting him. The girlfriend reported the Victim did not reply to her text messages. The girlfriend reported that on Saturday morning, she and a friend drove to the campground and discovered the Victim deceased.

The beer cans and shot glasses along with several other items were sent to the Montana State Crime Laboratory for DNA (Deoxyribonucleic Acid) analysis.

After an autopsy was conducted on October 15, 2024, the medical examiner ruled the death of the Victim as a homicide.

On October 17, 2024, two working associates of the Victim discovered two phones near a creek approximately 2.5 miles away from the Victim's camp.

On October 25, 2024, Gallatin County detectives were notified by the Montana State Crime Lab they had received a Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) confirmation that the DNA located on one of the beer cans discovered on the floor of the Victim's tent matched two previous offenders. The DNA was identified as a moderate match for Daren Christopher Abbey (DOB 2/14/1983), hereafter referred to as the Defendant, and his brother who was currently incarcerated.

After identifying the Defendant as a suspect, surrounding areas were notified. On Saturday, October 26, 2024, during early morning hours, I was made aware that the Defendant was detained by Butte Police Department and held on a probation violation. On October 29, 2024, I conducted a mirandized interview with the Defendant at the Butte Police Department. An Agent with the Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) assisted with the interview. During this interview, the Defendant admitted that on Thursday, October 10, 2024, he killed the Victim in self-defense, using an axe, firewood, and a screwdriver. The lack of defensive injuries on the Defendant were not consistent with self-defense. The Defendant admitted he hit the Victim on the head with a piece of firewood, stabbed the Victim in the neck with a screwdriver, and hit the Victim on the face with the blunt side of the axe.

The Defendant also admitted he took multiple items from the Victim's campsite to include two coolers, an axe, a .44 magnum pistol and holster, a shotgun, and a shotgun ammunition sleeve. During the interview, the Defendant admitted he was prohibited from possessing firearms. The Defendant admitted he took the items from the Victim's camp because they had his fingerprints on them. The Defendant admitted he washed the axe and screwdriver used during the commission of the crime in the creek.

The Defendant admitted he returned to the camp the next day because he left his hat at the Victim's camp. The Defendant admitted he entered the Victim's truck and stole a pair of binoculars and a headlamp when he returned. The Defendant also admitted he took the two phones out of the Victim's tent and discarded them at the location they were later found on October 17, 2024.

The Defendant admitted he disposed of the items taken from the Victim's camp at several different locations. The Defendant admitted the clothes he was wearing during the commission of the crime were washed by him in the bathtub of his travel trailer. The Defendant also admitted he burned the shoes he was wearing during the commission of the crime in a wood stove.

Based on the foregoing information, I believe that the crime of Deliberate Homicide (MCA 45-5-102) has been committed by the Defendant for purposely or knowingly causing the death of another human being by stabbing him with a screwdriver and bludgeoning him with an axe and piece of firewood.

Based on the foregoing information, I also believe that the crime of Tampering with or Fabricating Physical Evidence (MCA 45-7-207) has been committed by the Defendant for tampering with the scene. The Defendant concealed and removed evidence with the purpose to impair its verity or availability in the proceeding or investigation by removing the evidence from the scene and disposing it in different locations.

The Defendant was arrested on the above charges and is currently being held on no bond at the Butte Detention Center.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct:

Ryan Douma 639
Deputy Ryan Douma
Bozeman, Gallatin County, Montana

10/31/2024
Date

ORDER

Upon reading the foregoing Affidavit:

✓ IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT probable cause is found to charge the above-named defendant with the following charge(s): All Charges listed

 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT probable cause **is not found** to charge the above-named defendant with the following charge(s):

DATED this 31 day of October, 2024, at 4:03 a.m./p.m. (p.m.)

[Signature]
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE