

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

On 10/9/2024, at approximately 1050 hours, Great Falls emergency personnel were dispatched to the intersection of 9th St S and 8th Ave S in reference to a pedestrian who had been struck by a vehicle. Officer Lawson was not initially dispatched and was en route to 1300 1st Ave S to speak with Jeremiah Gideon, but was only a few blocks away, so Officer Lawson notified Dispatch that Officer Lawson would be responding as well. About the time Officer Lawson arrived on the scene, Officer Lawson was informed by dispatch that the suspect vehicle had left the scene and matched the description of Gideon's vehicle, that being a dark green Chevrolet pick-up truck with a lawn mower in the bed.

Upon arrival, Officer Lawson could see a male lying in the street on 8th Ave S just east of the intersection with 9th St S. Medics were arriving at the same time and began attending to the male, who appeared to be severely injured. Officer Lawson surveyed the area to ensure there were no other injuries and that the suspect was gone, confirming both. Officer Lawson could see a City of Great Falls bench that had been sitting on the boulevard had been knocked over and was lying in the street. Officer Lawson could also see tire marks leading from the parking lot of the Montana Credit Union (901 8th Ave S), onto the boulevard, and onto 8th Ave S., where the male victim was lying. Officer Lawson could also see damage to a vehicle, a 1996 Mercury Cougar (MT Reg: A1932) that was parked on the north side of 8th Ave S. A

1998 Chevrolet Lumina (MT Reg: 2-30817C) was parked at the drive-up ATM in the bank parking lot next to the area the tire marks originated.

Officer Lawson then began to coordinate investigative efforts and spoke with a witness, identified as Justin Johnson (MTDL). Johnson was in his vehicle, the Chevrolet Lumina listed above, when this incident occurred. Officer Lawson's interactions with Johnson were recorded by his Watchguard body microphone. Johnson later submitted an audio and video recorded interview at the Great Falls Police Department with Officer Aaron Staman (GFPD 380). Officer Lawson would also later watch video surveillance from the bank. The following is a recount of what Officer Lawson learned:

Johnson was at the ATM in his vehicle when Gideon, in his pick-up truck, pulled up to the passenger's side of Johnson's vehicle. Gideon began telling Johnson that the government was tracking money and that Johnson should not be getting any money out, Gideon was not making sense. Johnson was unable to discern exactly what Gideon was going on about and told Gideon to leave. A bank employee, later identified by the bank as T.M., then came out and asked Gideon to leave. T.M. goes to the space in between Gideon and Johnson's vehicle. Gideon can be seen slowly backing his vehicle up in what appears to be an attempt to square up his vehicle to T.M. Gideon then accelerates towards T.M. but strikes Johnson's vehicle first. T.M. attempts to get away by moving to the front of Johnson's vehicle, but Gideon pursues. T.M. then moves south towards 8th Ave S and across the boulevard,

but is struck by Gideon, who has continued his pursuit. Gideon then proceeds to run over T.M., striking the Mercury Cougar in the process, and flees the scene.

Lt. Aaron Frick (GFPD 280) would locate Gideon in the vehicle just after Officer Lawson arrived on the scene. Gideon would admit to Lt, Frick that he had run over someone. Gideon would also tell Officer Michael Nelson (GFPD 359) that he had "killed that dude". Gideon was identified by bank employees by name as he had made a transaction at the bank just before this incident.

Approximately 1:30 p.m., Detective Travis Burrow and Det. Sgt. Jake Tri went into the DUI processing room at the Cascade County Detention Center to interview Gideon. During the interview, Gideon began becoming combative and using racial slurs to address Det. Sgt. Tri. Gideon began getting up and was aggressively yelling at Det. Burrow and Det. Sgt. Tri and kicked Det. Sgt. Tri in the groin. The kick made contact with Det. Sgt. Tri's genitals, which caused pain. Prior to Gideon kicked Det. Sgt. Tri he stated something to the effect of "I'll headbutt you, I'll headbutt you, motherfucker." Gideon also state something to the effect of "I'll run you over too, motherfucker."

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).

COUNT II: ASSAULT ON PEACE OFFICER, a Felony, in violation of M.C.A. § 45-5-210(1)(a).

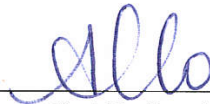
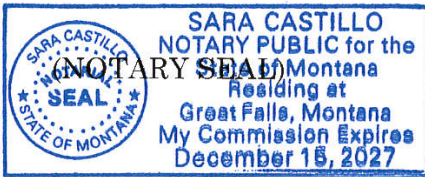
DATED this 9th day of October 2024.

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me on the 9th day of October 2024.



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

My commission expires 12/15/2027

cc: Deputy County Attorney/Ryan C. Ball
Defense Counsel/Public Defender's Office
Defendant – c/o Counsel
GFPD/
CCSO/warrants