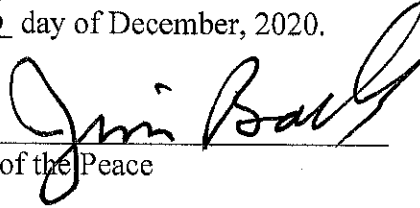


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IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF RAVALLI COUNTY, MONTANA

BEFORE Jim Bailey, JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

8 STATE OF MONTANA,

9 Plaintiff,

10 vs.

11 TREVOR MATTHEW LOONEY,

12 Defendant.

) Cause No.: CR 2020- 349

) Dept. No.: 1 / 2

AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

14 STATE OF MONTANA)
15 : ss
16 County of Ravalli)

17 Bill Fulbright, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

18 I am the County Attorney for Ravalli County, Montana. I have reviewed an ongoing
19 investigation conducted by Ravalli County Sheriff's detectives and deputies, and am relying
20 thereon in filing the accompanying felony complaint.

21 The investigation determined that:

- 22 • Defendant is currently a 33-year-old male resident of the Stevensville area of Ravalli
23 County, Montana;
- 24 • the deceased victim, John Harvey Komotios, was a 39-year-old male resident of the
25 State of Montana.

The investigation has further determined that:

1 On December 25, 2020, at approximately 12:10 a.m., Defendant called the Ravalli
2 County 911 Center and reported that there had “been a shooting,” that “I shot him,” that “he tried
3 to kill me,” and that the victim’s name was “Gordo.” Deputies responded to Defendant’s
4 apartment complex, to find the deceased victim lying on his back several feet outside of the door
5 to Defendant’s ground-floor apartment. It was determined that Defendant is the current resident
6 of the apartment in which the shooting occurred. The victim is known to Ravalli County law
7 enforcement to use the nickname “Gordo.”
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9 During the investigation, it was determined that Defendant knew the victim from time
10 together in jail. Defendant described having a “serious connection” with the victim, but said he
11 had not seen the victim in five years. Defendant picked up the victim in Kalispell earlier in the
12 week, and they had travelled together in Defendant’s car to Cut Bank, Montana, before returning
13 on December 23rd to Defendant’s apartment in Stevensville.

14 On initial contact with Deputies after his 911 call, Defendant’s comments to the deputies
15 were rambling and disjointed. When asked if any other persons were inside the apartment,
16 Defendant responded that there were no people present, just “drugs and everything else.”
17 Defendant’s comments then included that he had been sitting on the couch (found to be in the
18 front living room area of the apartment) when the victim threatened Defendant; that Defendant
19 responded by retrieving his handgun; that this led to a “standoff;” that the victim told Defendant
20 that “even if you walk away from here right now you’re not going to be living for long;” that
21 Defendant shot multiple times, but was not sure of the number of times he fired; that he stopped
22 shooting because his gun jammed; that he shot toward the vacant apartment to the south of his
23 apartment; and that the victim’s gun “dropped as he was running.”
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25 RCSI Detectives executed a search warrant on Defendant’s apartment. Located on the
bathroom countertop were two handguns. One of the firearms was a full-sized .45 caliber

1 semiautomatic handgun. The action in the full-sized handgun was jammed with a double-feed.
2 The magazine in the full-sized handgun metal-jacketed ammunition, and the handgrip and trigger
3 on this handgun had been wrapped with black athletic tape. The second firearm was a compact-
4 sized .45 caliber handgun. This compact handgun was determined to have a full magazine, but it
5 did not have a round loaded in the chamber. The ammunition in the compact handgun's
6 magazine were hollow point rounds. Other rounds of the same kind were located during the
7 search of the apartment within a duffle bag that appears to belong to Defendant.
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9 Detectives located within the interior of the apartment four (4) spent shell casings.
10 Further, four (4) bullets were recovered from where they penetrated interior walls of the
11 apartment. The trajectory of all four bullets is consistent with Defendant being located in the
12 living room of the apartment at the time of shooting. Two bullets were determined to have
13 travelled through the wall separating the living room and kitchen, with a trajectory toward the
14 back of the apartment (to the west). A third bullet was determined to have entered the south wall
15 of the living room, approximately six feet from the front door to the apartment. A person trying
16 to exit the apartment would have to travel along this wall, heading west to east between the wall
17 and the back of the living room couch, to access the only exit door from the apartment. A fourth
18 bullet was discovered to have penetrated the same wall (south-side of the living room)
19 approximately 18 inches before the wall ends at the front door in the east-facing wall.
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21 The State Medical Examiner preliminarily determined that the victim had two (2)
22 through-and-through bullet wounds to his body. The bullet causing the fatal wound entered the
23 victim's torso in the area of his left armpit, and exited the victim's lower torso on his right side.
24 The trajectory evidenced by this wound is consistent with the orientation of the parties as the
25 victim attempted to flee out the front door of the apartment. In addition, the location of the
victim's body and the marks on the victim's knees and face were consistent with Defendant's

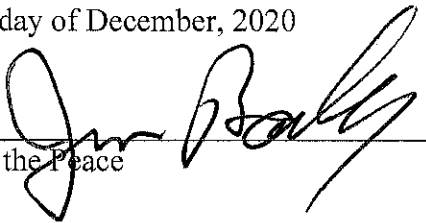
1 report of the victim "running away," but only making it several steps outside of Defendant's
2 front door before collapsing face down on the asphalt parking lot. In Defendant's early
3 utterances to responding Deputies, Defendant stated that he had rolled the victim onto his back,
4 as the victim was found by the deputies.

5 A witness reported to RCSO Sgt Cashell that during the evening hours of December 24th
6 Defendant was smoking and snorting methamphetamine, and was "high." RCSO Deputies and
7 Detectives noted throughout their interaction with Defendant that his jittery actions and quick,
8 rambling speech were consistent with recent methamphetamine use. During the search of
9 Defendant's apartment, Detectives located in Defendant's bedroom a crystal substance consistent
10 with methamphetamine, and found on the living room coffee table two glass methamphetamine
11 pipes with burnt residue.
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