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IN THE JUSTICE COURT OF RECORD OF MISSOULA COUNTY,
STATE OF MONTANA

STATE OF MONTANA, Plaintiff, - vs - CASEY ALLAN BUZZARD, Defendant.	Dept. Cause No. AFFIDAVIT OF PROBABLE CAUSE
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STATE OF MONTANA)
 : ss
County of Missoula)

BRIAN LOWNEY, Deputy County Attorney, Montana, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

I have read the law enforcement reports regarding the investigation of Casey Allan Buzzard for allegedly committing the offenses of:

COUNT I: AGGRAVATED BURGLARY, a felony, in violation of Mont. Code Ann. § 45-6-204(2);

COUNT II: ASSAULT WITH WEAPON, a felony, in violation of Mont. Code Ann. § 45-5-213;

COUNT III: CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, a felony, in violation of Mont. Code Ann. § 45-6-101(1)& (3).

I believe that the facts as set forth in the law enforcement reports, if true, constitute sufficient probable cause to justify the filing of the charges.

Those facts are as follows:

On March 13, 2021, shortly before midnight, Missoula County Sheriff's Office deputies were called to a report of a disturbance at Lolo Hot Springs Resort, Missoula County, MT. Upon arrival, deputies contacted several employees, who reported that the Defendant was a guest at the resort. Shortly before midnight, another guest complained that the Defendant was grabbing other patrons in the pool, so Lolo Hot Springs Resort employee David Barbe directed the Defendant to leave the pool area. Barbe indicated that the Defendant was intoxicated. The Defendant left the pool but proceeded to the parking lot in front of the bar. The bar was closed at the time. Bar employees, who were cleaning, noted that the Defendant came to the bar door and began banging on it, trying to get inside. Employees told him the bar was closed, but the Defendant protested. The Defendant then broke down the door of the bar, damaging the door frame and door and

causing at least one piece of loose wood to break free from the door frame. Barbe estimated the damage to the frame and door at over \$2,500.

The Defendant entered the bar. Once inside the bar, Barbe attempted to intervene to stop the Defendant's behavior, but the Defendant picked up the piece of loose wood from the door frame and swung it at Barbe, hitting him in the head. Several employees witnessed the Defendant's assault, and one noted that the piece of the door frame the Defendant hit Barbe with still had the deadbolt lock attached to it. Deputies observed that Barbe had fresh blood on his lower right nostril from the strike. Employees had to work to subdue the Defendant and restrain him until deputies arrived.

Deputies spoke with the Defendant, who was visibly intoxicated and smelled as though he had defecated in his pants. The Defendant was unaware of what city he was in and purported to have little recollection of the events that led to his arrest.

DATED this 14th day of March, 2021.



BRIAN LOWNEY
Deputy County Attorney

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, a Justice of the Peace, in and for the State of Montana, County of Missoula.

Electronically Signed By:
Hon. Judge Alex Beal
Mon, Mar 15 2021 10:51:00 AM