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6 SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY

7 THE STATE OF WASHINGTON,)
8) Plaintiff,)
9 v.) No. 17-1-04945-6 SEA
10 RYAN JOSHUA COX,)
11) Defendant.) MOTION, FINDING OF PROBABLE
CAUSE AND ORDER DIRECTING
ISSUANCE OF SUMMONS OR
WARRANT AND FIXING BAIL

12 The plaintiff, having informed the court that it is filing herein an Information charging
13 the defendant with the crime(s) of **Assault In The Second Degree**, now moves the court
14 pursuant to CrR 2.2(a) for a determination of probable cause and an order directing the issuance
of a summons or warrant for the arrest of the defendant, and

15 ☒ fixing the bail of the defendant in the amount of \$150,000.00,
16 cash or approved surety bond; **and no contact direct or indirect**
17 **with Courtney Heeter. The no contact order issued at the time**
of first appearance remains in effect until arraignment. The
Order to Surrender Weapons issued at the time of first
appearance remains in effect until arraignment.

18 ☐ directing the issuance of a summons; **and no contact direct or**
19 **indirect with Courtney Heeter. The no contact order issued at**
the time of first appearance remains in effect until arraignment.

20 In connection with this motion, the plaintiff offers the following incorporated materials:
21 The Seattle Police Department certification or affidavit for determination of probable cause; the
22 Seattle Police Department suspect identification data; and the prosecutor's summary in support
of order directing issuance of summons or order fixing bail and/or conditions of release.

23 If the defendant is not in custody, the plaintiff has attempted to ascertain the defendant's
24 current address by searching the District Court Information System database, the driver's license
and identicard database maintained by the Department of Licensing, and the database maintained

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1 by the Department of Corrections listing persons incarcerated and under supervision.

2 DANIEL T. SATTERBERG, Prosecuting Attorney

3 By:

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5 Jennifer Petersen, WSBA #35397
6 Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

7 FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE AND ORDER FOR ARREST WARRANT

8 The court finds that probable cause exists to believe that the above-named defendant
9 committed an offense or offenses charged in the information herein based upon the police agency
certification/affidavit of probable cause incorporated and pursuant to CrR 2.2(a).

10 IT IS ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court issue a summons or warrant of arrest for the
above-named defendant; and

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that

12 ☒ the bail of the defendant be fixed in the amount of \$150,000.00,
13 cash or approved surety bond; and defendant shall have no
14 contact direct or indirect with Courtney Heeter. The no contact
15 order issued at the time of first appearance remains in effect
until arraignment. The Order to Surrender Weapons issued at
the time of first appearance remains in effect until arraignment.

16 ☐ a summons shall be issued; if the defendant is incarcerated on
17 the investigation charge herein the defendant shall be released from
18 custody; and shall have no contact direct or indirect with
Courtney Heeter. The no contact order issued at the time of
first appearance remains in effect until arraignment.

19 ☐ Additional Conditions: _____
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22 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant be advised of the amount of bail fixed by
23 the court and/or conditions of his or her release, and of his or her right to request a bail reduction.
Service of the warrant by telegraph or teletype is authorized.

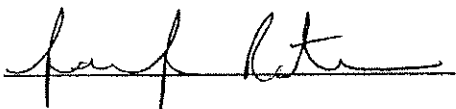
24 SIGNED this _____ day of August, 2017.
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JUDGE

Presented by:



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9 RYAN JOSHUA COX,) INFORMATION
10) Defendant.)
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13 I, Daniel T. Satterberg, Prosecuting Attorney for King County in the name and by the
14 authority of the State of Washington, do accuse RYAN JOSHUA COX of the following
15 crime[s]: **Assault In The Second Degree**, committed as follows:

16 Count 1 Assault In The Second Degree

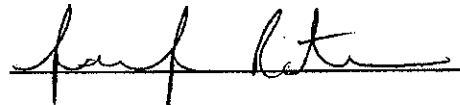
17 That the defendant RYAN JOSHUA COX in King County, Washington, on or about
18 August 9, 2017, did intentionally assault another and thereby recklessly inflict substantial bodily
19 harm upon Courtney Heeter;

20 Contrary to RCW 9A.36.021(1)(a), and against the peace and dignity of the State of
21 Washington.

22 And further do accuse the defendant, Ryan Joshua Cox at said time of being armed with a
23 deadly weapon, to-wit: a knife, under the authority of RCW 9.94A.825 and 9.94A.533(4).
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DANIEL T. SATTERBERG
Prosecuting Attorney

By:



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2 CAUSE NO. 17-1-04945-6 SEA

3 PROSECUTING ATTORNEY CASE SUMMARY AND REQUEST FOR BAIL AND/OR
4 CONDITIONS OF RELEASE

5 The State incorporates by reference the Certification for Determination of Probable
6 Cause prepared by Detective James L Cooper of the Seattle Police Department for case number
7 2017-292918.

8 Pursuant to CrR 2.2(b)(2), the State requests bail set in the amount of 150,000, as the
9 defendant poses a substantial danger to the community and a strong risk of flight if released from
10 confinement. Here, according to witnesses at the scene, the defendant and the victim were
11 arguing when the defendant "aggressively lunged" at the unarmed victim and began slashing and
12 stabbing at him with a folding knife. The victim suffered several large, deep lacerations to his
13 face, arm and chest including an 8-10 inch deep laceration to the chest. The victim was treated at
14 Harborview Medical Center where he underwent emergency surgery. One witness saw the
15 defendant stab himself in the thigh as he walked away from the victim who had collapsed to the
16 ground.

17 The defendant's criminal history includes the following Washington felony convictions:
18 Assault 3 (2013) and Malicious Harassment (2013). The defendant's felony convictions are the
19 result of a 2013 guilty plea under King County Superior Court number 12-1-05776-8. In that
20 case, the defendant approached the victim (a stranger) as the victim was exiting a metro bus.
21 The Defendant began shouting homophobic slurs and struck the victim four times across the
22 back with a wooden baseball bat. The defendant was arrested the next day, still in possession of
23 the baseball bat, as he harassed passersby in a park, again shouting violent and homophobic
24 slurs. The defendant also has the following misdemeanor convictions: Reckless Endangerment
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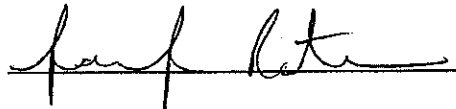
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2 (1999), Harassment (1995), Property Destruction (2013), Stalking (2011), Assault (2013),
3 Criminal Trespass 1 (1997, 2015), Carrying a Concealed Weapon (2006, 2010 x2) and Vehicle
4 Prowl (1995, 1997). The defendant also has dozens of additional property destruction and
5 weapon charges that were dismissed for reasons related to the defendant's mental health.

6 According to court services, the defendant is unemployed, homeless and has been
7 diagnosed with schizophrenia but does not take medication. He has been booked 28 times since
8 1997 and has had 26 warrants issued for his arrest.

9 Based on his criminal history, warrant history, and violent behavior in this case, the State
10 believes that the requested bail amount is appropriate to protect the safety of the community and
11 to ensure the defendant's appearance in court. The State also asks that the court order no
12 contact with the named victim.

13 Signed and dated by me this 14th day of August, 2017.

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CAUSE NO. _____



**CERTIFICATION FOR DETERMINATION
OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

GENERAL OFFENSE #	17-292918
UNIT FILE NUMBER	H17-352

That James L Cooper is a Detective with the Seattle Police Department and has reviewed the investigation conducted in Seattle Police Department Case Number 17-292918;

There is probable cause to believe that Ryan J. COX W/M/022578 committed the crime(s) of Assault within the City of Seattle, County of King, State of Washington.

This belief is predicated on the following facts and circumstances:

On 08/08/2017, at about 2200 hours, uniformed officers of the Seattle Police Department (SPD) responded to a call in the area of California Av SW & SW Orchard St, located in the city of Seattle, County of King and the State of Washington of a male stabbed during a confrontation. A suspect description was given of the suspect as a W/M, 45-50, 5'7-5'10, medium build, large green coat, black pants and armed with a knife. SPD officers arrived at approximately at about 2204 hours and observed a white male, wearing a green jacket, backpack and holding a cloth bag in one hand. Witnesses on scene started pointing toward the male and yelling he was armed with a knife. Officers approached the male (later I.D.'ed as Ryan J. COX 022578) who was holding a cell phone in his left hand and just placing a folding pocket knife on top of a Blue-Hyundai Elantra hatchback, #WA BCX7055. Officers immediately observed COX bleeding heavily from the right thigh and had him move out of the street to the planter strip on the west side of California Av SW. Citizens at the scene began yelling to the officers regarding a white male lying on the ground and two people standing over him. Officers contacted the victim, Courtney J. HEETER lying on his back with the following injuries, a large laceration that started in the hair line and continued down the about the corner of his left eye, a very large and deep laceration to the chest which was approximately 8-10" long, a very deep laceration that started on the front of the right shoulder and continued to the midpoint of the bicep, and a puncture wound to the inside of the left forearm about 2" from the crease of the elbow. SPD officers administered first aid to HEETER. SFD arrived on scene and took over lifesaving treatment and immediately transported HEETER to Harborview Medical Center (HMC). Witnesses on scene stated they observed COX and HEETER arguing next to a white Land-rover SUV. Then COX aggressively lunged toward HEETER with a knife and began slashing and stabbing at HEETER. When COX stopped the attack and started to walk away, HEETER yelled, "Why did you just do that? You just killed me! COX was also treated by SPD and SFD at the scene and taken to HMC also. SPD officers contacted numerous witnesses at the scene. A female witness who had called 911 told officers that she had only heard an altercation and yelling outside. By the time she went outside she saw the victim laying on the ground in front of a white Land Rover and saw the suspect sitting down on the sidewalk to the north of the victim. The witness also told officers that she recognized both men from a previous altercation on 8-2-17. The witness stated on that date, she saw the suspect and victim arguing and then saw the suspect pull out a knife, but no physical assault was made. Another witness told officers that he was inside his residence and heard a loud altercation. When he came outside he saw the suspect walking away from the victim. The witness stated he heard the suspect yelling at the downed victim "you're a faggot". This witness also recalled and recognized the victim and suspect from the incident on 8/2/2017, and gave the same account as the female witness. Another male witness told officers he was visiting his family nearby when he heard a loud argument outside and walked outside. This



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witness saw the victim collapsing onto his knees and then onto his back. The witness stated he saw the suspect walk away with a knife in his hand and then began to stab himself repeatedly in the leg as he was walking away. This occurred about 5 minutes prior to the first officers arriving. The suspect actually looked at the witness and yelled "he was stalking me first".

Uniformed SPD officers escorted COX to HMC and into the ER area. Because COX was in police custody uniformed officers stood by with him as he was treated. COX is a known transient, living in West Seattle, not only to the SPD officers that work in the Southwest Pct. but to the citizens that live in the area. Both COX and HEETER arrived at HMC. HEETER was examined and immediately taken to surgery for a life threatening injury he had suffered in the attack. For the first 20 minutes while COX was being treated he was calm and cooperative towards hospital staff. COX suddenly turned belligerent and obnoxious towards hospital staff, medical personal and the uniformed officers. COX spewed a tirade of insults towards everyone non-stop, full of vulgarity, religious references and homophobic and racial slurs. He would go back and forth from yelling at others in the room (including other patients) to talking to himself. Some of the offensive words COX yelled out repeatedly included, Faggot, Fags, Dykes and Gooks. At one point in the presence of the SPD officers COX made the following unsolicited comment, "I had to cook dinner and had to stab a faggot." COX eventually calmed down enough for a medical resident doctor to speak with him. During the treatment of COX in clear view of the uniformed officers the doctor began speaking to COX. During the conversation COX was asked what had happened he responded by giving this account, approximately three days ago, COX was on the church property (church lot) getting ready to cook his food. He had a crock pot in one hand and some food in the other. A male drove up in a Land Rover and began accusing him of disrespecting his daughter. COX asked the man what he was talking about and also told the male he didn't know the man's daughter. COX asked the man something like, "What is a homeless man going to do with bothering someone who drives a Land Rover?" The man continued to yell at Cox and accused him of disrespecting his daughter. COX felt that the man wanted to fight him, so he put his crock pot and food down on the ground. COX said he walked out into the street to fight the man, but the man got back in his Land Rover and left. For the next couple days, the man would drive by the church and yell at COX. At one point, the man returned with 5 buddies and they all began yelling at COX. On this night, COX was in the church lot getting ready to cook, when the man returned in his Land Rover. COX said the man got out of his Land Rover and puffed up his chest. He then charged at COX. COX said he had to drop his crock pot and food, and then pulled out his knife to stab the guy. At the time, COX was restrained to the hospital bed, but used his left hand to show "downward" stabbing motions. COX said the man pushed him back and he then accidentally stabbed himself in the leg. COX then went "swish, swish, swish" with his knife and was able to stab the other man." COX ended his account and the doctor continued with the conversation about how they would treat his leg injury. SPD officers processed and photographed the scene.

On 8-9-17 I was assigned this case for follow up. I responded to HMC and met with COX. COX gave me a recorded statement. I informed him of his Miranda warnings and he acknowledged that he understood them. In his statement he again told the story about how the victim had been "stalking" him and he gave the account of the confrontation several days before. He again stated on the day of the event he had his food with him and dropped it on the ground before slashing the victim. He stated he had slashed him several times and when asked if knew



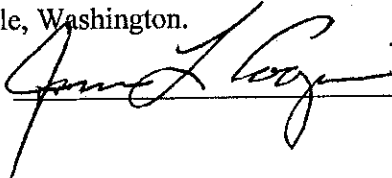
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whether or not he had connected on the slashes he stated, "Oh, definitely, yeah, he was bleeding." COX also explained he "slashed" the victim instead of stabbing him in hopes he would get scared and leave because he didn't want to hurt him badly. I attempted to take a statement from HEETER but he was heavily sedated.

On 8-10-17, I returned to HMC and met with HEETER. He was awake and able to talk. I obtained a recorded statement from him. HEETER stated that about 6 or 7 days before the attack he was at the nearby gas station when COX was there. HEETER stated he had his daughter with him who is 3 yoa. COX was yelling at patrons and the owners. He was yelling racial slurs at everybody. HEETER stated his daughter became scared and he pressed her against his leg. COX looked at them and yelled that he better hold his daughter tight or he might get her. HEETER at the point became angry and told COX to stop talking about his daughter and left the store. HEETER stated several days later he saw COX near a church and tried to talk to him about how he scared his daughter and offended him but COX started to yell. HEETER stated that there were several witnesses to this incident. On 8-8-17 HEETER stated that he was running to the nearby store when he saw COX again walking near the church. HEETER stated he drove through the lot and got out of his car and yelled at COX. He stated COX immediately lunged at him and began to slash and cut him. COX stated the last memory he had was seeing the blood squirting from his chest wound and he yelling at COX that he had killed him. HEETER stated he has lived in the area for several years and has seen COX on numerous occasions yell racial slurs and threaten the citizens that live in the area. HEETER described his injuries as several large lacerations with a puncture to his one of his lungs that had caused internal bleeding.

Under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, I certify that the foregoing is true and correct to best of my knowledge and belief. Signed and dated by me this 10TH day of AUGUST, 2017, at Seattle, Washington.

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