CAUSE NO.



Seattle Police Department

CERTIFICATE FOR DETERMINATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE

INCIDENT NUMBER 2019-108927 UNIT FILE NUMBER

That Alan G. Cruise is a Detective with the Seattle Police Department and has reviewed the investigation conducted in Seattle Police Department Case Number 2019-108927;

There is probable cause to believe that **Tad-Michael Norman** dob/01-16-1986 committed the crime (s) of **Murder First Degree**, RCW 9A.32.030(1)(a), **Assault in the First Degree**, RCW 9A.36.011(1)(a) **Robbery in the First Degree** RCW 9A.56.200(1)(a)(i, ii, iii).

This belief is predicated on the following facts and circumstances:

On 03-27-2019 at 1605 hours, numerous calls started coming into the Seattle Police Department (hereafter SPD) 911 center reporting a man shooting a gun on the street in the area of 11734 Sand Point Way NE. This location is in the City of Seattle, County of King, and the State of Washington. Other reports received from the numerous callers included that the suspect was shooting at a Metro bus at the same location; that the suspect was pointing a gun at a person, that there was a male down on the ground; that the suspect was running northbound; that the suspect was getting into a red Toyota. There were multiple descriptions of the suspect provided by the callers including that the suspect was a white male, 25-30 years of age, 6'03" wearing a yellow or neon shirt.

Numerous SPD uniformed Officers were dispatched and responded. One of the first arriving officers was Officer N. Alpaugh #8435. Officer Alpaugh arrived on the scene from the north. He observed a red Toyota stopped in the street. The vehicle was later determined to be a 2016 Toyota Prius with Tennessee plate S5727F. Officer Alpaugh believed that this may be the suspect, so he started high risk vehicle stop procedures. He started issuing verbal commands to the driver of the vehicle. The driver was later identified as above listed suspect, Tad-Michael Norman dob 01-16-1986. Officer Alpaugh observed Norman look back briefly and then immediately start to drive away south bound. Officer Alpaugh and other arriving officers began to follow the vehicle southbound on Sand Point Way NE. A short distance down the road. perhaps several hundred yards, the road curved slightly to the right. This is at approximately 11734 Sand Point Way NE. At that point, the vehicle crossed over into the oncoming lane and collided head on with a north bound vehicle. Officer Alpaugh and others engaged Norman (the driver of the red Toyota), which had sustained immobilizing damage. Norman initially was not obeying Officer's commands to exit the vehicle. Simultaneously, other officers checked on the occupant of the other vehicle, which was later determined to be an orange 2005 Dodge Neon with Washington plates APK4760. This vehicle had also sustained catastrophic damage. The occupant of this vehicle was pinned inside of the wreckage, and he was found to be deceased. This man was later identified as 76-year-old Richard Thurber Lee dob/ . He resided a short distance from this crash scene.



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from two gunshot wounds, one on the shoulder and a one on her rib cage. She was associated with a vehicle parked there which was a silver 2012 Subaru Impreza with Washington plates AHN2330. She was evacuated from the area and eventually taken to hospital by medics.

Additional calls to 911 indicated that a bus driver had been shot at this scene but had driven away from the scene and stopped at 33 Ave NE and NE 125th Street. Other officers responded to that location and found the bus driver conscious with a gunshot wound to the left chest. He was transported to hospital by medics in serious condition. He was identified as 53-year-old **Eric A. Stark**

Suspect Norman eventually did exit the Toyota and was taken into custody by Officers. Officers found him to be belligerent to Officers. He identified himself as *John Doe*. He was exhibiting signs of alcohol and/or drug intoxication. He was transported to hospital for treatment of his injuries associated with the vehicle collision. His injuries amounted to contusions and superficial abrasions.

One of the many witnesses at the scene was identified as **Enitoni "Tony" Kaifoto**. He stated he was near the intersection of NE 123rd St and Sand Point Way NE. Kaifoto said he saw the suspect shooting a gun at a gray Subaru stopped northbound on the side of the road. He then laid down in the middle of the road. The bus then approached from the north, and the suspect got up and shot two or three times into the windshield of the bus. Kaifoto said the red Prius came around the bus from the north and stopped in front of the suspect who was still in the middle of the road. Kaifoto said the suspect walked to the driver's side and fired his gun through the driver's window. The Toyota rolled forward as the suspect was trying to enter the vehicle. The suspect pulled the driver out, throwing him to the ground. The suspect stopped the vehicle, got back out of the vehicle and shot the driver as he lay on the ground. Kaifoto said police then started arriving.

Detectives interviewed Deborah L. Judd at Harborview Medical Center where she is listed as being in serious condition. She said she was driving her gray Subaru northbound on Sand Point Way. She saw a male standing in the middle of the road. As she approached him, he started shooting a gun into her car. She was struck twice. She stopped her vehicle on the side of the road, and the suspect continued shooting at her and her vehicle. She laid down across the front seats and pretended she was dead. She then stopped hearing the shots, and some people a came to her aid

Bus driver Eric A. Stark was also interviewed by Detectives at Harborview Medical Center. He said he believed he had about 8 passengers on the bus. He said he was southbound on Sand Point Way NE approaching 123rd St where there is a stop. Stark saw a male running towards the bus from the front. Stark initially thought this was a passenger trying to get on the bus. Stark saw the suspect fall to the ground in the middle of the road in front of him. Stark then saw that he had a gun in his hand. The suspect then stood up approximately 25 yards in front of him, and fired twice into the windshield of the bus, striking him in the left chest area. Stark said he hit his emergency button and ducked to his left, shifted the bus into reverse and backed up a distance, then drove west on NE 123rd St. He drove to 33rd Ave NE & NE 125th St. There he waited for help. Stark is currently in serious condition and Harborview Medical Center.

Once suspect/Norman was released from Harborview Medical Center, he was transported to SPD HQ. There, subsequent to Miranda warning, Norman made several statements to Detectives. Norman said that he is a recovering alcoholic. He described the nature of his alcohol abuse as *blackout drinking*, meaning when he drinks he drinks to a point of black out. He said he went to Fred Meyer today and a purchased some alcohol including vodka, rum and wine. He took it home and started drinking around 12:30 p.m. He remembered playing video

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games on his x-box, which he said was a common activity for him when he drinks. He had no memory after that until he regained some memory function when he was in the hospital. Detectives recounted a summary of what we believed happened including him shooting 3 people, carjacking a vehicle and being involved in serious vehicle collision. Norman said he has no memory of any of that.

On Thursday 03-28-2019 at 1540 hours: The undersigned Detective received a phone call from SPD North Precinct Desk Officer B. Hillan. Officer Hillan advised she had an additional victim in this shooting in the precinclobby offering to make a statement. Officer Hill explained that this victim drove through the scene and the suspect was in the street shooting at her truck. Officer Hillan advised she already made an examination of the truck, recovered a bullet and took photographs of it. Officer Hillan put the victim on the phone and I interviewed her. This interview was audio recorded with the victim's permission. She fully identified herself as Blair, Julie Ann dob/ Ms. Blair said she had left work at NOAA and was driving on Sand Point Way NE northbound. She reached Sand Point Way at 4:08 p.m. . When she reached Sand Point Way and NE 120th Street a man took two steps into the road, turned and assumed a shooter's stance and fired 2 shots at her from a distance of about 10 meters. She swerved to the left and went around him. Watching in her mirror after she passed him, she saw the man shooting at the car behind her. She could not describe that vehicle. She described him as a white male, late 20's, dark pants and a light shirt. She pulled over a few blocks away because there were many police cars now speeding by. She then noticed that one of the bullets had struck her windshield.

Under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, I certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Signed and dated by me this 28th day of March, 2019, at Seattle, Washington.

Detective Alan G. Cruise #6028 Seattle Police Department Homicide Unit