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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON, )  
Plaintiff, )  
v. ) No. 24-1-04367-1 KNT  
AARON BROWN MYERS, ) INFORMATION  
Defendant. )

I, Leesa Manion, Prosecuting Attorney for King County in the name and by the authority of the State of Washington, do accuse AARON BROWN MYERS of the following crime[s], which are based on the same conduct or a series of acts connected together or constituting parts of a common scheme or plan: **Murder In The Second Degree, Assault In The Second Degree**, committed as follows:

Count 1 Murder In The Second Degree

That the defendant AARON BROWN MYERS in King County, Washington, on or about June 5, 2024, while committing and attempting to commit the crime of Assault in the Second Degree, and in the course of and in furtherance of said crime and in the immediate flight therefrom, and with intent to cause the death of another person, did cause the death of H. R., a human being, who was not a participant in said crime, and who died on or about June 5, 2024;

Assault in the Second Degree, as used in the above charge, means to intentionally assault another with a deadly weapon. Assault as used in the above charge means that the defendant committed an act which was a substantial step towards the commission of the above described crime with the intent to commit that crime;

Contrary to RCW 9A.32.050(1)(a), (b), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Washington.

And further do allege the defendant, Aaron Brown Myers at said time of being armed with a semiautomatic pistol, a firearm as defined in RCW 9.41.010, under the authority of RCW 9.94A.533(3).

Count 2 Assault In The Second Degree

That the defendant AARON BROWN MYERS in King County, Washington, on or about June 5, 2024, did intentionally assault B.A. with a deadly weapon, to-wit: a pistol;

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

And further do allege the defendant, Aaron Brown Myers at said time of being armed with a semiautomatic pistol, a firearm as defined in RCW 9.41.010, under the authority of RCW 9.94A.533(3).

LEESA MANION (she/her)  
Prosecuting Attorney

By:



Lauren M. Burke, WSBA #51374  
Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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2 CAUSE NO. 24-1-04367-1 KNT

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 Cause  
6 prepared by Detective Scott Barfield of the Renton Police Department for case number 24-5978.

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8 Pursuant to CrR 2.2(b)(2)(i) and (ii), the State requests that bail be set at \$2,000,000, as was set  
9 at first appearance, based on the likelihood that the defendant will fail to appear in response to a  
10 summons and that he may commit a violent offense. The defendant has no criminal history or  
11 warrant history, however, the substantial prison sentence he would face if convicted gives him a  
12 strong motivation to flee from justice. Furthermore, the facts of this case, as well as a similar  
13 prior incident that did not result in criminal charges, suggest it is likely that if released on his  
14 own recognizance the defendant will commit another violent offense in the future.

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16 The defendant took it upon himself to conduct “overwatch” in a Renton parking lot, despite the  
17 fact that he is not a member of law enforcement and thus has not been trained in how to safely  
18 prevent crime. The defendant observed three teenagers walking through the parking lot of a  
19 sporting goods store, one of whom had an airsoft gun in his pocket, and immediately assumed  
20 that the teenagers must be about to commit a violent robbery. Rather than calling 911 or waiting  
21 for any evidence at all that could confirm or deny his assumption, he claimed he had a “duty to  
22 intervene” and did so. The defendant exited his vehicle, pointed his own very real firearm at the  
23 three teenagers, and rapidly approached them. Despite the fact that he had no authority to do so

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2 and the teenagers had committed no crime, he commanded them to stop, drop their guns, and get  
3 on the ground. The teens complied with his commands, putting their hands in the air and placing  
4 the airsoft pistol he'd seen on the ground, and telling him it was just a "BB gun."

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6 Despite their compliance, the defendant then escalated the situation further, tackling B.A. and  
7 pinning him to the ground, while still holding his gun trained on the teenagers. He claimed he did  
8 this to prevent B.A. from reaching for the airsoft pistol he'd already placed on the ground, but  
9 the defendant failed to take the obvious step of securing the toy gun, rather than assaulting the  
10 teen who had carried it. As the defendant was pinning B.A. to the ground, H.R. had his hands in  
11 the air and was backing away. As H.R. turned away from the defendant, which a trained law  
12 enforcement officer observing the situation believed was so that H.R. could get away, the  
13 defendant fired at least seven rounds into his body, striking him once in the side and at least six  
14 times in the back. Despite the prompt lifesaving measures of the King County Sheriff's Office  
15 deputies who had come across the situation as it was unfolding, H.R. died at the scene.

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17 Furthermore, this is not the first time the defendant has chosen to "intervene" when he  
18 mistakenly believed someone was armed, and when that person had committed no crime. In  
19 March of 2022, the defendant followed a person carrying a metal object that he believed to be a  
20 gun from one store, through another store, and away from the second store, all because he may  
21 need to "intervene" and he "might have to shoot" the person. In that case, because the defendant  
22 had called 911, trained law enforcement officers responded and were able to quickly determine  
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2 that the person the defendant was following did not have a gun and posed no threat, without  
3 anyone being hurt in the process.  
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5 In this case the defendant attacked three teenagers who had not committed any crime and at  
6 every stage of the interaction chose to escalate with more and more violence until it culminated  
7 in the defendant taking the life of seventeen-year-old H.R. Furthermore, the prior incident in  
8 2022 establishes that this self-imposed “duty to intervene” is part of the defendant’s regular  
9 approach to interacting with the public. Only a high bail, electronic home detention, and  
10 surrender of all firearms will protect the community from an untrained civilian who believes he  
11 has a duty to shoot people who have not hurt anyone.  
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13 Signed and dated by me this 10th day of June, 2024.  
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17 Lauren M. Burke, WSBA #51374  
18 Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney  
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AGENCY: Renton Police Department	CASE NUMBER 24-5978	FILE NUMBER	PCN NUMBER
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**SUPERFORM**

<b>ARREST INFORMATION</b>	
DATE & TIME OF VIOLATION 6/5/2024 2:18:00 AM	CRIMINAL TRAFFIC CITATION ATTACHED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
DATE OF ARREST/TIME 6/5/2024 7:41:00 PM	ARREST LOCATION 601 S GRADY WAY RENTON, WA 98057
ACCOMPLICES	

<b>SUSPECT INFORMATION</b>							
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE/JR, SR, 1st, 2nd) MYERS, AARON BROWN	DOB 5/27/1973	ALIAS, NICKNAMES AARON BROWN MYERS					
ARMED/DANGEROUS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	IDENTITY IN DOUBT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	CITIZENSHIP					
<b>PHYSICAL DETAILS</b>							
SEX M	HEIGHT 6'00	WEIGHT 220	SKIN TONE	RACE W	EYE GRN	HAIR BRO	SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS, DEFORMITIES
<b>IDENTIFICATION DETAILS</b>							
UCN 11983774	PRIOR BA #	AFIS #	FBI #	STATE ID # WA30745205	DRIVERS LICENSE # 072126513	STATE	SSN
RESIDENCE				EMPLOYMENT / SCHOOL			
LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 13442 NE 119TH WY REDMOND, WA 98052				EMPLOYER, SCHOOL (ADDRESS, SHOP/UNION NUMBER)			
RESIDENCE PHONE (615) 495-4224				BUSINESS PHONE		OCCUPATION	
<b>EMERGENCY CONTACT</b>							
PERSON TO BE CONTACTED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY			RELATIONSHIP		ADDRESS		PHONE

<b>CHARGE INFORMATION</b>			
OFFENSE <input type="checkbox"/> DV <input type="checkbox"/> FUGITIVE INV Homicide	RCW / ORD#	COURT / CAUSE #	CITATION #
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<b>WARRANT / OTHER</b>				
WARRANT DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	OFFENSE	AMOUNT OF BAIL \$2,000,000.00	WARRANT TYPE
ORIGINATING POLICY AGENCY	ISSUING AGENCY	WARRANT RELEASED TO: (SERIAL # / UNIT / DATE / TIME)		

<b>PROPERTY INFORMATION</b>		
LIST VALUABLE ITEMS OR PROPERTY LEFT FOR ARRESTEE AT JAIL		
LIST VALUABLE ITEMS OR PROPERTY ENTERED INTO EVIDENCE (SIMPLE DESCRIPTION, IDENTIFYING MARKS, SERIAL #)		
LIST ITEMS ENTERED INTO SAFEKEEPING		
TOTAL CASH OF ARRESTEE \$0.00	WAS CASH TAKEN INTO EVIDENCE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO AMOUNT: \$0.00	SIGNATURE OF JAIL STAFF RECEIVING ITEMS / SERIAL #

<b>OFFICER INFORMATION</b>		
ARRESTING OFFICER / SERIAL # Barfield, Scott 1448	TRANSPORTING OFFICER / SERIAL #	SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE / SERIAL #
SUPERFORM COMPLETED BY (SIGNATURE/SERIAL #)		CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (NAME / SERIAL # / PHONE)

<b>COURT FILE</b>	
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<b>EXTRADITE</b>				
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1 CAUSE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

2 CERTIFICATION FOR THE DETERMINATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE

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4 That **S, Barfield** is a Detective with the Renton Police  
5 Department and has reviewed the investigation conducted in  
6 Renton Police Department Case Number **#24-5978**;

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8 There is Probable Cause to believe that **Aaron Brown Myers**  
9 **05/27/1973** committed the crime of **Murder in the second degree**  
10 **(RCW 9A.32.050)** and **Assault in the second degree (RCW**  
11 **9A.36.021)**. This belief is predicated on the following facts  
12 and circumstances contained in Renton Police Department Case  
13 **24-5978**:

14 On June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at approximately 1938 hours, Renton Police  
15 Department officers were dispatched to a reported shooting  
16 which had occurred at Big 5 Sporting Goods, 601 S. Grady Way  
17 Renton WA 98057. suspect was identified by his WADL as Aaron  
18 Brown Myers 05/27/1973. The victim, who was pronounced  
19 deceased at the scene at approximately 2010 hours, was  
20 identified as a juvenile, H. R., dob 05/08/07.

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22 Detectives were able to obtain surveillance footage from the  
23 business locations of Big 5 Sporting Goods, as well as Gracie  
24 Barra Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and Martial Arts.

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26 Upon reviewing footage I observed H.R. and two other  
27 juveniles, identified as B.A. and S.A., approaching the  
28 sidewalk, directly in front of the main entrance to Big 5  
29 Sporting Goods. S.A. separates from the other two juveniles.  
30 Myers is then seen approaching H.R. and B.A., with a pistol  
31 in his hands. Myers' hands were extended out in front of his  
32 body with his elbows locked and the firearm pointing directly

1 at both H.R. and B.A. As Myers continues to quickly move  
2 towards H.R. and B.A., H.R. and B.A. are now up on the  
3 sidewalk where I observe B.A. putting an object, later  
4 determined to be an airsoft pistol, on the sidewalk. B.A. is  
5 seen extending his arms in front of his body with his fingers  
6 extended, showing he has nothing in his hands. Myers is then  
7 seen pushing B.A. to the ground where he straddles B.A. while  
8 holding him with his left hand, by the back of his jacket.  
9 B.A. appears to be on the ground and Myers has now pointed  
10 his pistol at H.R. H.R. has his fingers extended, showing  
11 that his hands are empty. H.R. is seen backing away from  
12 Myers. H.R. is seen starting to turn his body, where his  
13 right side is pointed towards Myers. Both hands are initially  
14 raised above his head, then his right arm briefly lowers. The  
15 right arm beyond the shoulder is not visible in the video.  
16 Myers is seen firing his pistol at H.R., multiple times,  
17 while he is still straddling over B.A. On video H.R. can be  
18 seen clutching his abdomen and he falls to the ground, facing  
19 away from Myers. Almost immediately police arrived on scene  
20 and detained Myers.

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22 B.A. and S.A. were both interviewed by detectives. According  
23 to B.A., both he and H.R. had what he referred to as "BB  
24 guns" as they liked to go into the woods and shoot things.  
25 B.A. later clarified that the guns were airsoft guns, not "BB  
26 guns". According to B.A., he had owned his airsoft gun for  
27 about three years, and his friend, H.R. had purchased his  
28 about a month prior. H.R. was dealing with some functioning  
29 issues on the airsoft gun and wanted to take it back to Big 5  
30 Sporting Goods to either return or exchange it. B.A. had his  
31 airsoft gun with him as well as he had wanted some assistance  
32 with a magazine issue, he was having with the airsoft pistol.



1 B.A. said that his airsoft gun had been in the front pocket  
2 of his coat, on the right side. B.A. stated he had removed  
3 the gun at one point with his right hand. B.A. stated H.R.  
4 did not take out his airsoft gun. B.A. relayed that a man  
5 approached from the parking lot. B.A. said that they told  
6 Myers numerous times that the guns were "BB guns." He said  
7 that Myers grabbed B.A. by his hair, almost like he was  
8 striking him. B.A. recalled Myers kept telling him to get on  
9 the ground, and B.A. did so. At the same time, B.A. heard  
10 Myers yelling at H.R. and the next thing he knew, Myers had  
11 shot H.R. Officers then rushed up and B.A. said it took a  
12 while for Myers to comply with the officers' commands.

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14 According to S.A. he, H.R. and B.A. were going to Big 5  
15 Sporting Goods to return a BB gun. S.A. said a man, later  
16 confirmed to be Aaron Myers, came from a car and told the  
17 boys to drop their guns. B.A. and H.R. both responded by  
18 telling Myers that it was not a real gun, but a BB gun. Myers  
19 responded by telling B.A. to put his hands up, which he did.  
20 Myers then struck B.A., which S.A. described as a punch. S.A.  
21 said he watched Myers shoot H.R., several times, but H.R.'s  
22 gun was in his pocket, not his hands. When H.R. hit the  
23 ground, he called out for his mom. S.A. ran behind cover  
24 where he called 911.

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26 According to Deputy Ladmirault, just before the incident he  
27 drove through the shopping center parking lot, approaching  
28 Big 5 Sporting Goods. Deputy Ladmirault heard Myers yelling  
29 and holding a black handgun. Myers continued yelling and  
30 walking toward two young men later identified as H.R. and  
31 B.A., backing them up to the sidewalk directly in front of  
32 the Big 5 store near the front doors. Deputy Ladmirault heard

1 multiple shots, prompting him to exit his vehicle. Deputy  
2 Ladmirault observed H.R. lying on the ground face down and  
3 Myers standing near H.R.

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5 According to Deputy M Martin she observed two males walk in  
6 front of the car that she was in with Deputy R Martin. Deputy  
7 M Martin then saw Myers approaching the two males with his  
8 arms extended and a gun in his hands. Myers told the males to  
9 stop, who looked back at Myers and stopped. The males  
10 complied with his commands as Myers extended his elbows with  
11 his gun in his hands pointed at the two males. Deputy M  
12 Martin said Myers grabbed B.A. and put him against the window  
13 of Big 5 Sporting Goods. One of the males, H.R., started to  
14 walk away from Myers and he was shot from behind.

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16 According to Deputy R Martin she saw Myers with his elbows  
17 extended and a pistol in his hands. Myers was pointing the  
18 pistol at H.R. and B.A. as they walked through the parking  
19 lot. Deputy R Martin said Myers was telling the males to  
20 stop. According to Deputy R Martin neither H.R. nor B.A. had  
21 anything in their hands. Deputy R Martin said Myers walked up  
22 to the males and pushed B.A. As Myers stood near B.A. he  
23 turned and fired, striking H.R. in the back multiple times.

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25 Myers was read his Miranda Rights and interviewed by  
26 detectives. During the interview Myers indicated that he  
27 conducts "overwatch" at the location as he has seen numerous  
28 crimes occur in the parking lot in the past. Myers stated he  
29 saw three individuals walk in front of his parked vehicle.  
30 Myers noticed that one of the males had a gun which he  
31 believed to be a Glock, down by his side. Myers then saw the  
32 male put the firearm into his waist band. Myers continued to

1 watch the males walk through the parking lot where he  
2 believed they were going to commit an "armed robbery" at the  
3 location. Myers said that he felt like he did not have time  
4 to call 911, and that he felt he had a duty to act to stop  
5 the individuals from hurting someone innocent. Myers said he  
6 exited his vehicle and had his gun pointed out at the  
7 individuals. Myers said shot his firearm, hitting H.R. Many  
8 of the details that Myers gave in his interview were not  
9 consistent with what was shown on the surveillance video.

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11 According to the King County Medical Examiner, at autopsy it  
12 was determined that H.R. sustained a minimum of 7 gunshot  
13 wounds. 1 gunshot wound entered from H.R.'s side, and the  
14 remaining 6 gunshot wounds entered through his back. The  
15 cause of death was determined to be multiple gunshot wounds  
16 and the manner of death was determined to be homicide.

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18 In the process of investigating this incident, I became aware  
19 of another incident involving Myers. On March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022,  
20 Myers called 911 to report that he had seen a person on a  
21 bicycle pointing a gun at people. He then told the 911 call  
22 receiver that he had a pistol concealed on his person and may  
23 have to intervene. According to the reports of responding  
24 officers, Myers then followed the person he believed to have  
25 a gun to a nearby store, and then away from the store once  
26 that person left. He told police he thought he might have to  
27 shoot the person with his concealed pistol. Officers arrived  
28 on scene and determined the object was not a pistol but a  
29 silver metal object that was possibly a part to a bicycle.

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31 I believe there is probable cause to charge Aaron B Myers  
32 05/27/1973 with the crime of Murder in the second degree (RCW

1 9A.32.050) for killing H. R. I further believe there is  
2 probable cause to charge Aaron B Myers 05/27/1973 with the  
3 crime of Assault in the second degree (RCW 9A.36.021) for  
4 pointing a firearm at B.A.

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6 Under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of  
7 Washington, I certify that the forgoing is true and correct.  
8 Signed and dated by me this date June 10, 2024, at Renton,  
9 Washington.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "S. C. [unclear]". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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Detective Signature/ID