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## PRELIMINARY FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE AND STATEMENT OF ARRESTING OFFICER

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COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA )

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FROM: ☒ The County of Walla Walla Sheriff  
☐ The City of Walla Walla Police  
☐ The City of College Place Police

Comes now, Stites, Aaron, Law Enforcement Officer, and states the following person was arrested by this officer at the following time and place:

Name: GORDON, FOREST LANE

DOB: 11/02/1992 Sex: M Race: White

Place of Arrest: 85 Walnut ST  
Burbank, WA

Date and Time of Arrest: 06/20/2021 @ 19:51 Case #: 2021-00005388

Booking Charges:	Drug Name	Class	R.C.W.
ASSAULT 1		A	9A.36.011
HARASSMENT DV		C	9A.46.020.1.DV
MAL MIS 3 DV		GM	9A.48.090.DV

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The above individual was arrested for the listed charges based on the following facts and circumstances:

On 6-19-21 at approximately 12:42 hours I was dispatched to a phone detail regarding a domestic problem that occurred at 85 Walnut St in Burbank on 6-18-21 between the hours of 23:00 and 6-19-21 at 02:00 hours. Dispatch indicated that the RP, Ms. Shania Scott, was very nervous on the phone.

I contacted Ms. Scott by phone, and it sounded like she was very nervous to talk with me. She said, "I don't know if I should be calling but my mother wanted me to let police know what happened. I don't want to get him in trouble, I just want him to stop and leave me alone."

I asked Ms. Scott happened and she stated that last night she and Mr. Forest Gordon got into a verbal argument about her breaking up with him. She said she and her five-year-old daughter, Presley Scott were with Mr. Gordon and things were going well. Ms. Scott said, Mr. Gordon and she had been dating since December of 2020, and staying at his house off and on. They went shopping and Mr. Gordon had bought tequila and they came home. She said they started arguing about cheating that was going on in the relationship. Ms. Scott stated that as Mr. Gordon continued to drink, he became more aggressive. She reported they began fighting around 2300 hours when she accidentally knocked off the counter, his glass marijuana smoking device called a "dab rig" and it broke.

Ms. Scott reported that Mr. Gordon became very mad and ripped the TV of the stand and threw it on the ground and threw a lamp and broke it. She said she told Mr. Gordon she was done and was packing her car with her belongings and leaving. She started packing up her clothing, her daughter's clothing, and other personal items. As she stood by the front door Mr. Gordon threw a broken piece of glass at her, hitting her in the face, cutting her face. She said she yelled at him saying, "look what you did."

Ms. Scott stated that she continued to pack up her belongings and Mr. Gordon became more mad and kicked the door open to his study, breaking the door frame. Once he entered the study, she said she could hear what sounded like a gun racking. While she was trying to pack up and clean up the broken glass in the kitchen Mr. Gordon exited the room with a firearm that appeared to be a shotgun, military green or camouflage in color. She advised that he pointed it at her and her daughter then pumped it, ejecting a shell. Ms. Scott reported he sat down and started calling her a "fat and ugly bitch" and aimed the shotgun

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at the ground as he sat on the couch and began to pump the shotgun ejecting rounds. Each time he ejected a round he said, "one for Shania, one for Presley, one for Tara."

Ms. Scott took Presley into the bedroom and closed the door and tried to call her mother but did not get an answer. She tried to call other friends to come help her and was finally able to get her cousin, Mr. Garrick Wensveen, to come help her. She continued to pack up her items in the room.

I asked her why she did not call the police at that time and she said, "the last time I called the police for help I ended up getting arrested and did not want that to happen again and I was scared what Forest would do if I called the police."

She said that once Mr. Wensveen arrived, she continued to load up her car and Mr. Gordon continued to call her names like "fucking fat bitch" and called her mom, Tara, a "fat bitch" as he walked around the room with the shotgun strapped to his shoulder.

Ms. Scott said that as she was loading the last of her stuff into her car, a 2009 Pontiac G6 WA#AWC3426, he began throwing stuff at her and her car from the front porch. She said she went back to get her dresser and Mr. Gordon had thrown it into the living room breaking it. Once she saw it was broken, she got into her car, put it in reverse to leave and then Mr. Gordon ran out and threw the big screen TV on the hood of her car and then threw the broken dresser into her windshield, shattering the windshield. She advised she got out "super mad at him" and threw the dresser into the back window of his Subaru breaking the window.

Ms. Scott advised she left the residence and drove to her mother's house at 912 N 62nd Ave in West Richland. She said that once she got to her mother's, Mr. Gordon began texting her threatening messages and trying to call. Text messages included: "I will fuck your life up," "pay a crackhead \$100 to burn your car down," and "I would seriously flee the country's if I were you." Ms. Scott sent me photos of the text messages, she also advised she blocked his number and closed her social media accounts. She said Mr. Gordon tried to call her approximately "200 times" from an unknown number.

Deputy Brown and I contacted Mr. Gordon at 85 Walnut St. As we approached the

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residence, I observed a Subaru SVX WA#AZN4802 with a broken back window, that the glass had already been cleaned up.

As I knocked on the door, I heard a child crying, I knocked twice and Mr. Gordon yelled, "who is it?" I announced myself as Deputy Stites with WWSO. Mr. Gordon came to the door and exited the residence and sat on a chair out front on the covered deck. I told Mr. Gordon I was investigating a domestic problem that occurred and he said, "yeah, look at my car. She broke my rear window and I want to press charges." I asked what the fight was about and he said she just went crazy throwing lamps and glass all over the house, knocked over the TV, then stepped on it and then took it outside and threw it at the passenger's side door, denting it. She then took a chair and bashed out his rear window on the Subaru. He said, "that is a collector's item! I was going to sell it this weekend and now it is totaled. I can't find a rear window to replace it! Plus, she dented my door and she knew I had just touched up all the paint to sell it." We, Deputy Brown and I were able to locate a seller of the rear Subaru window online for \$500.

I asked him where the kids were located when the fighting and throwing things occurred and he said sitting in the front room with him. I asked him if he had anything to drink and he said no. I asked him if he had any contact with Ms. Scott after she left the residence and he said no.

At this point I stopped Mr. Gordon and read him his Miranda Rights off my departmental issued Miranda Rights card and asked him if he understood and he said, "yes." I asked him if he wished to talk with us now and he said, "yes, I have nothing to hide. She was the crazy one, trying to make me look like a monster."

I asked Mr. Gordon if any marijuana paraphernalia was damaged and he said his rig was broken, I asked him if he got mad and threw glass at Ms. Scott, he looked down let out a little chuckle and said, "no."

I asked Mr. Gordon if he had any contact with Ms. Scott after she left and he said, "no." I asked him if he had tried calling her or texting her and he said, "no, I haven't. She blocked my phone number and I can't reach her."

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I told Mr. Gordon that Ms. Scott provided me with photos of the text message conversations she had with him and I asked him again if he sent them and he said he didn't know. I read some of the messages involving damage to his vehicle and asked him if he sent those and he said yes. I asked Mr. Gordon if he sent the message of "Not fuckking around I will literally fuck your fuckking life up bitch." I showed him the text message and asked him if it was his and he said, "no, someone must be hacking text messages." I also showed Mr. Gordon a list of multiple calls from an unknown number to Ms. Scott every couple of minutes and he said that he did not make those phone calls. I asked Mr. Gordon if he could show me the messages he sent Ms. Scott and he said that he deleted them all.

I asked Mr. Gordon if a firearm was involved and he said, "no." I told him that Ms. Scott stated that he pointed a shotgun at her and her daughter and then began "ejecting rounds while saying her family members names." Mr. Gordon stood up from his chair and began walking off the front porch saying, "me point a gun at a woman and child, I would never. I am a hunter and a competitive shooter. I would never!"

Mr. Gordon reached his car and began rubbing the passenger side door saying, "look what she did to my classic car, look at this dent. She did it with the TV." The mark on the passenger door had what appeared to be white paint transfer and a dent from a larger object.

I asked Mr. Gordon where the TV was, and he said that it was in his back yard and he walked back there and brought it around. The screen of the TV was split open on the sides, the cable attached to the back appeared to have been ripped off with part of it still plugged in and there was a dust footprint on the back of the TV that appeared to be from a child. I did not see any marks or damage on the TV that would indicate it was thrown into his vehicle. The TV had a black plastic casing and nothing that would transfer white paint.

I asked Mr. Gordon why he did not report the incident to police and he said he did not want to get Ms. Scott into trouble or create a problem.

I did not locate a chair that was described as the one used to break his vehicle's rear window.

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I took photos of the damage to the rear window, passenger door, the desk lamp and the TV, they have been attached to the case file.

Mr. Gordon asked what would happen next and I told him that there were some discrepancies in the statements he made to me and that I had pictures of the messages he sent. I told him I still was investigating the case.

At approximately 17:45 hours Mr. Wensveen called me. He advised he was a designated driver for his friends when Ms. Scott called him for help. He reported that he arrived at the residence and could hear Mr. Gordon yelling at Ms. Scott. He stated that he saw Ms. Scott put Presley into her vehicle, get into the car and then Mr. Gordon came out running yelling and threw a square black object into the windshield. He saw Ms. Scott get out and throw the object through the back window on the Subaru. She then got back into her vehicle and left, following him in her car.

Approximately 10 minutes after Mr. Wensveen called me, he pocket dialed me. I heard him talking to a female saying, "I did something I said I would never do. I talked to the cops. I had to; she is my cousin. I don't like cops, but I had no choice. I won't testify at a trial that is for sure." The topic then changed, and I hung up the phone.

At approximately 18:15 hours Ms. Scott called me in alarm saying that Mr. Gordon had driven by her mother's residence in West Richland in his Subaru. As she walked out to get the mail, he drove by the residence, flipped her off and yelled at her. Ms. Scott could only make out "fucking bitch" as he drove away. Ms. Scott advised that her mother, Ms. Tara Cullinan, also saw Mr. Gordon drive away.

I advised Ms. Scott to call West Richland police on non-emergency number and inform them that Mr. Gordon had driven by and there was an open active domestic violence investigation going on.

On 6-20-21 at approximately 10:00 hours I contacted Ms. Scott at her residence and took a recorded statement, reading off my department issued audio statement card. Ms. Scott said she was very nervous for her and her daughter's safety because she knew Mr. Gordon had guns and had already pointed one at her, had come out to her mother's residence and

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believes he would carry out the threats in the text messages he sent. She believed he would and was capable of harming her and her daughter with a gun. As she gave her statement, she broke down crying several times.

I interviewed Ms. Cullinan outside without Ms. Scott around and she said that Ms. Scott tried to call her around midnight, but she did not see the phone call because her phone was off. Ms. Cullinan said she woke up when she heard voices on her deck. She came out and saw Ms. Scott, her daughter Presley, and Mr. Wensveen talking. She said that Ms. Scott was very animated and agitated like she was "full of adrenaline." She said she put Presley to bed and told Ms. Scott to go to bed. She reported that Ms. Scott went to bed. In the morning Ms. Cullinan said she saw the Pontiac was damaged and was mad and asked Ms. Scott what happened. She said Ms. Scott told her what happened, and she encouraged Ms. Scott to report it to police because a gun was pointed at her and Presley.

Ms. Cullinan said she asked Presley if she was ok and Presley became very quiet and did not want to talk about anything related to Forest.

I had them bring Presley out and I asked her how she was doing, and she said she was good. I asked her if she knew what guns were and she said, "yes." I asked her if she had seen guns recently and she said, "yes." I asked her who had a gun, she looked down and did not make eye contact with me and whispered, "Forest." I did not ask her any additional questions.

I inspected the Pontiac and the windshield was shattered by something that had 90-degree corners with flat sides. I also observed black scuff marks on the hood that could have been from the plastic casing on the TV.

After getting the statements I contacted PA Michelle Morales and explained my findings thus far. She advised me to get a search warrant on Mr. Gordon, the firearm and the shotgun shells. She said, if he was arrested, she would deal with the emergency protection order on Monday.

I wrote a search/arrest warrant for 85 Walnut St, searching for the person of Mr. Forest Gordon, a camouflage shotgun, and white shotgun shells with gold/silver metal casing. I

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sent the warrant to Judge Kristian Hedine over email and he reviewed it and returned to me with permission to affix his name to the search warrant.

Cpl. Christopher Johnson completed the threats matrix and the score was a 38, with anything above a 25 recommending a SWAT call out.

Cpl. Johnson and Deputy Jared Haulk staged on the corner of 4th Ave and Walnut St. with a visual sightline of the residence. Deputy Nathan McBride staged on Maple behind the residence. Sgt. Kevan Maas, Cpl. Allan Thonney and myself staged at Columbia Elementary school on Maple. Cpl. Johnson advised that Mr. Gordon's vehicle was not at his residence. Cpl. Thonney went to check family member's residence but was unable to locate Mr. Gordon's vehicle. Sgt. Maas drove by Mr. Gordon's mother's residence and did not locate the vehicle.

Once Sgt. Maas and Cpl. Thonney returned to the elementary school, Cpl. Johnson radioed saying that Mr. Gordon had arrived at his residence in the Subaru and was getting out with his daughter and a bag on his shoulder. Sgt. Maas, Cpl. Thonney and I arrived in the area of his residence and parked behind cover. As we got out of our vehicles Mr. Gordon, while holding his child, approached Cpl. Thonney and I. We contacted him and he asked what was going on. I told him we were there finishing up our investigation. I told him we had a warrant for his arrest. I told him to pass his daughter, Sage, over to Cpl. Thonney and put his arms behind his back. I grabbed one arm and continued to request he put other arm behind his back, he complied. Cpl. Thonney held Sage while Mr. Gordon was handcuffed.

I handcuffed him with his behind his back, placing the handcuffs on his wrists, double checking them for proper tightness and double locked them to prevent accidental tightening.

He began shaking and in a panicked voice said, "what am I being arrested for?" I told him he was being arrested for Assault 1 DV.

Sgt. Maas began telling Mr. Gordon why he was being arrested and what the process would be. Mr. Gordon appeared scarred and with wide, big eyes said, "she is lying. She was drunk and assaulted me! I never pointed a gun at her or her daughter. I should have never taken her back. Look at the last time this happened, she got arrested. She is a liar! Her statements

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are not worth anything." Mr. Gordon continued to talk, and I stopped him and told him we needed to read him his Miranda Rights again. Deputy Haulk read him his Miranda Rights off his department issued Miranda Rights card. He asked him if he understood his rights and he said, "yes." He asked him if he wished to talk to us now and he said, "yes." Mr. Gordon continued to claim his innocence, breaking down into tears several times. I asked him if he had driven past Ms. Scott's residence on Friday. Mr. Gordon said "no".

**Findings:** There is probable cause that Mr. Gordon violated the following:

**RCW 9A.36.011 Assault in the first degree; with intent to inflict great bodily harm assaults another with a firearm or any deadly weapon or by any force or means likely to produce great bodily harm or death; With a domestic violence designation. This is a Class A felony.**

**RCW 9A.46.020 Felony harassment by knowingly threatening to cause bodily injury immediately or in the future to the person threatened or to any other person. With a domestic violence designation. This is a Class C felony.**

**RCW 9A.48.090 malicious mischief in the third degree by knowingly and maliciously causes physical damage to the property of another, under circumstances not amounting to malicious mischief in the first or second degree; With a domestic violence designation. This is a gross misdemeanor.**

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### PRELIMINARY FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

The undersigned Judge, having examined the statement of the arresting officer attached hereto, FINDS:

- (1) That there is Probable Cause to believe that the crimes listed as booking charges were committed.
- (2) That there is Probable Cause to believe that the names individual committed such crimes.

This finding is subject to review at the arraignment of the preliminary appearance of the named individual in court.

Based upon the above findings, the custody personnel normally used by the arresting law enforcement agency are authorized to hold the named individual in custody upon the normal booking conditions set in such offenses. The named arrested individual shall be brought before (or ordered to appear if released) the appropriate court during normal court hours for preliminary appearance as required by the Washington Rules of Court.

Dated this 21 day of June, 2021. Time 8:15 AM

Wm. Scott Welford  
JUDGE