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ARRAIGNMENT: 6-23-2014  
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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON,	)	
	)	Plaintiff,
v.	)	No. 14-1-02901-9 SEA
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AARON REY YBARRA,	)	INFORMATION
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	)	Defendant.
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I, Daniel T. Satterberg, Prosecuting Attorney for King County in the name and by the authority of the State of Washington, do accuse AARON REY YBARRA of the following crimes, which are of the same or similar character, and 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 First Degree, Attempted Murder In The First Degree, Attempted Murder In The First Degree, Assault In The Second Degree**, committed as follows:

Count I Murder In The First Degree

That the defendant AARON REY YBARRA in King County, Washington, on or about June 5, 2014, with premeditated intent to cause the death of another person, did cause the death of Paul Lee, a human being, who died on or about June 5, 2014;

Contrary to RCW 9A.32.030(1)(a), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Washington.

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

And further do allege the crime involves the following aggravating factor and accuse the defendant, Aaron Rey Ybarra of committing said offense and that the offense involved a destructive and foreseeable impact on persons other than the victim, under the authority of RCW 9.94A.535(3)(r).

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Count II Attempted Murder In The First Degree

That the defendant AARON REY YBARRA in King County, Washington, on or about June 5, 2014, with premeditated intent to cause the death of another person, did attempt to cause the death of Sarah Williams, a human being. Attempt 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.28.020 and 9A.32.030(1)(a), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Washington.

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

And further do allege the crime involves the following aggravating factor and accuse the defendant, Aaron Rey Ybarra of committing said offense and that the offense involved a destructive and foreseeable impact on persons other than the victim, under the authority of RCW 9.94A.535(3)(r).

Count III Attempted Murder In The First Degree

That the defendant AARON REY YBARRA in King County, Washington, on or about June 5, 2014, with premeditated intent to cause the death of another person, did attempt to cause the death of Thomas Fowler, Jr., a human being. Attempt 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.28.020 and 9A.32.030(1)(a), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Washington.

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

And further do allege the crime involves the following aggravating factor and accuse the defendant, Aaron Rey Ybarra of committing said offense and that the offense involved a destructive and foreseeable impact on persons other than the victim, under the authority of RCW 9.94A.535(3)(r).

Count IV Assault In The Second Degree

That the defendant AARON REY YBARRA in King County, Washington, on or about June 5, 2014, did intentionally assault Tristan Cooper-Roth with a deadly weapon, to-wit: a firearm;

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

3 And further do allege the defendant, Aaron Rey Ybarra at said time of being armed with  
4 a shotgun, a firearm as defined in RCW 9.41.010, under the authority of RCW 9.94A.533(3).

5 And further do allege the crime involves the following aggravating factor and accuse the  
6 defendant, Aaron Rey Ybarra of committing said offense and that the offense involved a  
7 destructive and foreseeable impact on persons other than the victim, under the authority of RCW  
8 9.94A.535(3)(r).

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Prosecuting Attorney

By: 

Jessica M. Berliner, WSBA #29565  
Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

CAUSE NO. \_\_\_\_\_



**CERTIFICATION FOR DETERMINATION  
OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

GENERAL OFFENSE #	14-178069
UNIT FILE NUMBER	H14-160

That James L. Cooper is a Detective with the Seattle Police Department and has reviewed the investigation conducted in Seattle Police Department Case Number 14-178069;

There is probable cause to believe that Aaron R. YBARRA W/M/072587 committed the crime(s) of Murder and Attempted Murder within the City of Seattle, County of King, State of Washington.

This belief is predicated on the following facts and circumstances:

On 6-5-14, at approximately 1524 hours, the Seattle Police department (SPD) began to receive numerous 911 calls from Otto Miller Building located on the Seattle Pacific University (SPU) Campus at 3469 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave W, in the City of Seattle, County of King and the State of Washington. The callers were reporting that there was a male armed with a shotgun, shooting people. When the uniformed patrol officers arrived at the building at approximately 1529 hours, they came into contact with John MEIS and several other school employees just inside the entrance of the building.

MEIS and the others had tackled a W/M armed with a Browning over/under shotgun, a large fixed bladed hunting knife and with approximately 46 additional live shotgun rounds. MEIS and the others told officers G. ABED #6270 and M. SMITH #771 that the male they had detained was the one responsible for shooting the people at the scene. Ofc's ABED & SMITH identified this male as Aaron R. YBARRA 07/25/87 and took him into custody. The officers announced via SPD radio that they had a shooter in custody, however, SPD radio was still receiving 911 calls that there possibly may be a second male armed with a handgun inside the building. Additional SPD patrol units and SPD SWAT arrived on scene and began to clear the building and rescue students that had secreted themselves inside the building when the shooting began. Each student that was contacted by police was cleared of weapons then released outside to other officers to be identified and interviewed. As this was being done, other officers attempted to administer first aid to three victims that had suffered gunshot wounds at the scene.

After interviewing witnesses, SPD determined that there was no second suspect and that the male believed to armed with a handgun was actually MEIS, who was actually armed with Oleoresin Capsicum (OC spray). The dispenser he was using was a small red pistol-like dispensing unit. After YBARRA had shot a female student inside the building and began to reload his shotgun, MEIS sprayed YBARRA with the OC spray, tackled him to the ground and managed to take the shotgun from him. Once the scene was deemed under control (approximately 1531 hrs), SFD medic units began to administer first aid to the gunshot victims and transported them to Harborview Medical Center (HMC).

The first victim that was located outside the building was identified as Paul LEE A/M, 11/11/94. YBARRA shot in the back of the head as he was turning away. When YBARRA fired the shotgun at LEE, he was close enough to him to cause additional pellets from the shotgun round to pass through LEE and strike another male identified as Thomas FOWLER, who was standing approximately 7 to 8 feet away from the shooting. FOWLER ran from the front of the building to the machine shop in Otto Miller Hall and was later located and taken to HMC for treatment.

Officers and medics also located an additional victim inside the building, Sarah WILLIAMS, a student at the school. YBARRA had entered the building and shot WILLIAMS as she came



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down the stairs after finishing a math test. She was struck with one round and suffered injuries to her upper torso. Prior to shooting WILLIAMS, YBARRA had pointed the shot gun at another student, Tristan COOPER-ROTH.

All three victims were taken to HMC. LEE had suffered a mortal wound and was pronounced dead at HMC. WILLIAMS was diagnosed as being in critical condition with life threatening injuries and was immediately taken to surgery from the Emergency Room (ER). FOWLER's injuries were deemed serious and he was treated in the ER. FOWLER was kept overnight for further treatment. MEIS was also transported to HMC as he had suffered abrasions during his encounter with YBARRA. He was treated in the ER and was later released.

YBARRA was given his Miranda warnings at the scene by Ofc. M. SMITH #7714, which YBARRA answered in the affirmative that he understood them. He was then transported to the SPD Homicide & Assault unit from the scene by Ofc.'s ABED #6270 & M. SMITH #7714. While en-route to the homicide unit YBARRA told the officers that he had a white truck parked in front of Otto Miller Hall and that he had planning this mass shooting for some time. He also stated he had been keeping a journal of the events and they could find it in the truck.

YBARRA was brought to the homicide unit. I had him placed in interview room #1 and informed YBARRA that he was being audio and video recorded. I again read YBARRA his Miranda warnings and he answered in the affirmative that he understood them. Detective D. Duffy assisted me in the interview of YBARRA. The interview lasted approximately an hour. During that time YBARRA explained that he had been planning this shooting for some time. He stated that he had been inspired by the killers in the Columbine shooting and the Virginia Tech shooting. He stated he did not know any of the victims he had shot and was not targeting anyone specifically. He stated that he just had a hatred for the world in general. He told us that he thought about targeting Washington State University and Central Washington University but he did not have the time or ability to prepare for attacks on those schools. It was clear throughout the interview that YBARRA deliberately wanted to conduct his attack on a school rather than any other locations.

He explained how he went to SPU prior to the shooting and used the "Hunter/Fisherman technique" of scouting the area in advance, speaking at that time with several students and a school employee. He explained that he was aware that the Otto Miller building was two floors and that he had checked for possible escape routes that students might use when they attempted to flee the building. YBARRA also told us that he had driven by Otto Miller Hall the day before the shooting (6-4-14) at approximately 1500 hrs to make sure there were people coming and going from the hall at his designated time.

When questioned about how he chose his weapons, YBARRA stated he went with what he knew and that was his shotgun and knife. He brought 75 rounds with him although he said he could only fit 50 rounds in his pocket and left the other 25 in his truck. He told us he brought so many rounds because he thought he was going to kill and hurt a lot more people than he was able to before being caught. I asked him if he considered the use of explosives. He stated he was not smart enough to figure that out. I asked him about his choice to use a shotgun versus a handgun and he explained it would be easier for him to track moving targets with a shotgun versus a handgun. He also explained to me that he chose #8 lead bird shot versus #00 buckshot because the buckshot only had 6 pellets while the lead bird shot had hundreds of pellets and the pattern dispersal was bigger thus allowing him to possibly hit more people or to cause more damage at close range. I asked him about the hunting knife he had at the time of the shooting and he stated he was going to use that to cut his throat after the shooting. YBARRA indicated that he fully



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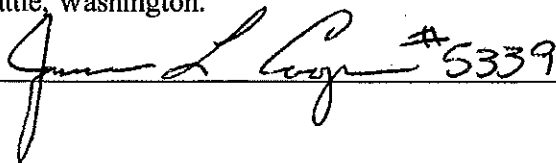
expected and wanted to die after the shooting and that he would have had no choice but to shoot at SWAT had they arrived in order to get them to kill him.

YBARRA provided us with a detailed account of the shooting. He explained that he encountered the first victim (LEE) outside and he became very angry because he thought LEE did not take him seriously enough when he pointed the shotgun at him. He then shot LEE when Lee turned to run from him. According to YBARRA, there was also a female that was near LEE and he turned to shoot her with the second barrel but the weapon misfired and she managed to run away. He ejected the misfired round, reloaded, and went into the building where he encountered another male seated at a table. This person was later identified as Tristan COOPER-ROTH. YBARRA stated that he pointed the gun at him and told him that he had just shot a man outside for disrespecting him and not to move. COOPER-ROTH later told the police that YBARRA also said "do not disrespect me." COOPER-ROTH stated that YBARRA did not appear to have any remorse for what he claimed to have just done and he believed that YBARRA was going to kill him too.

YBARRA explained that he then saw a female, Sarah WILLIAMS, walk down the stairs in the building. Again, he felt that WILLIAMS did not give him the proper "respect" so he shot her too. YBARRA stated that he saw COOPER-ROTH begin to run and attempted to fire the second barrel and again he had a misfire. As he went to reload the weapon he was pepper-sprayed by the security and tackled.

I questioned YBARRA about his mental state and he stated he had been diagnosed as having Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) and Transient Psychosis. He stated he had been prescribed Prozac and Risperdal but had stopped using that approximately 6 months ago because he "wanted to feel his hate." He admitted he also stopped going to therapy. I asked him if he was on "anything" or if he had been drinking today. He responded that he was not surprised I would ask him that. His answer was that he was completely sober. He stated that he had to stay sober to stay motivated. YBARRA was calm, cooperative and lucid throughout the interview. YBARRA was later booked into KCJ.

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 10<sup>TH</sup> day of JUNE, 2014, at Seattle, Washington.

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2 CAUSE NO. 14-1-02901-9 SEA

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

6 The State incorporates by reference the Certification for Determination of Probable  
7 Cause prepared by Detective James L Cooper of the Seattle Police Department for case number  
8 2014-178069.

9 Bail in this matter was denied at 1<sup>st</sup> appearance. As the defendant is now charged with  
10 crimes that are punishable by the possibility of life in prison, the State respectfully requests that  
11 bail continue to be denied pursuant to the Washington Constitution, Art. I, Section 20<sup>1</sup> and that a  
12 warrant be issued for the defendant's arrest. In the alternative, the State requests that bail be set  
13 at \$10,000,000. Given the defendant's utter disregard for human life and his admitted thirst for  
14 violence, no bail is appropriate in this matter.

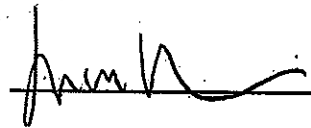
15 The defendant in this case deliberately planned to kill as many people as he could before  
16 he died himself. He methodically planned his attack, choosing between school targets and  
17 "scouting" the campus in advance in order to ensure maximum loss of life. His decision to  
18 specifically target a school had the very foreseeable impact of plunging the entire community  
19 into a state of terror and his advance preparation for this attack reflects a cold depravity and  
20 disregard for the laws of our society. Although he was aware of his homicidal thoughts and  
21 despite his apparent access to mental health professionals, he told detectives that he intentionally  
22 chose to discontinue treatment and his medication.

23 <sup>1</sup> "Bail may be denied for offenses punishable by the possibility of life in prison upon a showing by clear and  
24 convincing evidence of a propensity for violence that creates a substantial likelihood of danger to the community or  
any persons."

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2           Given the defendant's actions and his acknowledged premeditated intent to kill as many  
3 innocent victims as possible, no bail and a warrant is justified under the Washington  
4 Constitution, Art. I, Section 20 and CrR 2.2(b)(2)(ii) and (iv) as the defendant is currently in  
5 custody and there is clear and convincing evidence of a propensity for violence that creates a  
6 substantial likelihood of danger to the community.

7           The State also requests that the court prohibit the defendant from contacting any  
8 members of the family of Paul Lee, any of the victims in this matter, or witness Jon Meis.

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10 Signed and dated by me this \_\_\_\_ day of June, 2014.

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14 Jessica M. Berliner, WSBA #29565  
15 Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney