

**TETON COUNTY
DISTRICT COURT MINUTES – HELD IN OPEN COURT
Tuesday – March 12, 2019**

Court convened at 10:00 a.m.in the Teton County Court Room with the Honorable Judge Robert G. Olson presiding. Other officers of the Court present in the Teton County Court Room were Joe Coble, Teton County Attorney; Jennifer Stutz, Deputy Teton County Attorney; Keith VanSetten, Teton County Sheriff; Roxann Evensen, Deputy Clerk of Court. Bambi Goodman, Court Reporter and appeared via JVN from her office in Flathead County.

IN RE THE ESTATE OF:)	
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ROBERT C. CARLSON,)	CAUSE NO. DP-17-006
)	MINUTE ENTRY:
)	Hearing to Close
Deceased.)	Estate

This matter came before the Honorable Robert Olson on this date for a hearing on the Petition. Mr. Bill Bieler appeared as counsel for the estate.

Mr. Bieler presented a short summary of this matter and asked the Court to grant the closure of the estate.

The Court signed the Order as presented by counsel.

DATED this 12th day of March, 2019

STATE OF MONTANA,)	
Plaintiff,	)	CAUSE NO. DC-18-026
-vs-	)	MINUTE ENTRY:
CODY ANN CARAVEO,	)	Omnibus Hearing
Defendant.)	

This is the date and time set for an Omnibus hearing with the Honorable Robert G. Olson presiding. The State of Montana was represented by Mr. Joe Coble, Teton County Attorney. Mr. Sam Harris, attorney for the Defendant was not present in the court room.

The Omnibus form has been filled out and signed by the State and Counsel for Defendant. It was presented to the Court and was completed and signed by Judge Olson

DATED this 12th day of March 2019.

STATE OF MONTANA,)	
Plaintiff,	)	CAUSE NO. DC-18-016
-vs-	)	MINUTE ENTRY:
KELLY ANNE SKELTON,	)	Status Hearing
Defendant.)	

This is the time and place set for a status hearing. The Honorable Robert G. Olson presided over this hearing, which was held in the Teton County Courtroom. Appearing for the

State of Montana was Mr. Joe Coble, Teton County Attorney. The Defendant was present and was represented by her court appointed attorney, Daniel Flaherty who appeared via telephone.

Mr. Coble presented a summary of this matter. He summarized that an agreement has not been reached and asked the Court to set this matter for a Status and Trial date.

The Court set a status hearing for Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

The Court set a 2-day trial date of June 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

The Court stated that the same conditions of bond remain.

DATED this 12th day of March 2019.

STATE OF MONTANA,)	
Plaintiff,	)	CAUSE NO. DC-19-003
-vs-	)	MINUTE ENTRY:
CASEY MICHAEL FRICK,	)	Initial Appearance
Defendant.)	

This is the time and place set for an initial appearance with the Honorable Robert G. Olson presiding. This hearing was held in open court in the Teton County Courtroom. Mr. Joe Coble, Deputy Teton County Attorney, appeared on behalf of the State of Montana. The Defendant was present in the Courtroom. His court appointed attorney, Amanda Marvin, was not present.

The Court explained the purpose of this hearing.

The Defendant waived the reading of the Information in open court. The Court advised the Defendant of the maximum penalties associated with each count.

The Court advised the Defendant of his rights; he stated he understood his rights.

The Court entered a plea of “not guilty” on the Defendant’s behalf of the charges.

The Court set an Omnibus Hearing for April 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The Defendant was advised that he was not required to attend. If the omnibus form is completed prior to the hearing, the Court will vacate the hearing.

Conditions of bail was filled out and given to the Defendant who is released on his own recognizance.

DATED this 12th day of March 2019.

STATE OF MONTANA,)	
Plaintiff,	)	CAUSE NO. DC-18-025
-vs-	)	MINUTE ENTRY:
ALLEN DAVID ROBERTS,	)	Entry of Plea
Defendant.)	

This is the time and place set for the Defendant to enter his plea in open court. The Honorable Robert G. Olson presided over this hearing, which was held in the Teton County Courtroom. Appearing for the State of Montana was Mr. Joe Coble, Teton County Attorney. The Defendant was present and was represented by his court-appointed attorney, Mr. Lawrence LaFountain

The Court summarized the actions taken thus far in this matter.

The Court explained that the Defendant was advised of his rights on January 8, 2019; his attorney stated that he understood his rights and there was no need to go through his rights again.

With respect to Count I, Theft by Accountability, a felony, the Defendant entered a plea of not guilty.

The Court noted his not guilty plea and set an Omnibus Hearing for April 9, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. If counsel completes the omnibus form prior to the hearing, the hearing will be vacated.

DATED this 12th day of March 2019.

STATE OF MONTANA,	)	CAUSE NO. DC-16-023
Plaintiff,	)	MINUTE ENTRY:
-vs-	)	Initial Appearance
JAYD WADE McKAY,	)	on State's Petition
Defendant.	)	to Revoke

This is the time and place set for an initial appearance on the States Petition to Revoke with the Honorable Robert G. Olson presiding. This hearing was held in open court in the Teton County Courtroom. Appearing for the Plaintiff was Mr. Joe Coble, Teton County Attorney. The Defendant appeared via JVN from Choteau County and was represented by his court-appointed attorney Ms. Roberta Cross Guns who also appeared via JVN.

The Defendant stated his name was Jayd Wade McKay and he has not had any alcohol prior to coming to Court. He also has not taken any medication that would affect his judgment or understanding of these proceedings.

The Court reviewed the allegations stated within the Petition.

Ms. Cross Guns stated her client wishes to deny all allegations at this hearing.

The Court advised the Defendant of his rights; he stated he understood his rights.

The Defendant denies the allegations against him.

The Court notes the defendants denials.

The Court set an evidentiary hearing for April 23, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Bond was set at \$5,000.00 and bond conditions were filled out and signed by the Court.

DATED this 12th day of March 2019.

STATE OF MONTANA,)	
Plaintiff,	)	CAUSE NO. DC-19-004
-vs-	)	MINUTE ENTRY:
COLTER J. CAMPANIAN,	)	Entry of Plea
Defendant.)	

This is the time and place set for the Defendant to enter his plea in open court. The Honorable Robert G. Olson presided over this hearing, which was held in the Teton County Courtroom. Appearing for the State of Montana was Ms. Jennifer Stutz, Deputy Teton County Attorney. The Defendant was present and was represented by his court-appointed attorney, Ms. Roberta CrossGuns who appeared via JVN.

Ms. Stutz reminded the Court that the Defendant made his initial appearance on February 22, 2019 in Toole County by video and his rights were given to him at that time.

Ms. CrossGuns stated that she has not been able to meet with the defendant and would like to enter a plea of not guilty on his behalf.

The Court entered a "Not Guilty" plea on the defendants behalf for counts 1-4

The Court set an Omnibus Hearing for April 9, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. If counsel completes the omnibus form prior to the hearing, the hearing will be vacated.

The Defendant understands his conditions of release and that if he violates any of the conditions he runs the risk of being arrested and being back in jail until this matter is concluded.

DATED this 12th day of March 2019.

STATE OF MONTANA,)	
Plaintiff,	)	CAUSE NO. DC-19-005
-vs-	)	MINUTE ENTRY:
GREGG ALLEN THOMPSON,	)	Initial Appearance
Defendant.)	

This is the time and place set for an initial appearance with the Honorable Robert G. Olson presiding. This hearing was held in open court in the Teton County Courtroom. Ms. Jennifer Stutz, Deputy Teton County Attorney, appeared on behalf of the State of Montana. The Defendant was present in the Courtroom.

Ms. Stutz explained to the Court that this matter was just filed and the Order granting permission to file information was on the Judges desk.

The Court granted the States motion to file information and appointed OPD as attorney for the defendant.

The Defendant stated his full name was Gregg Allen Thompson. He is not under the influence of alcohol and has not taken any drugs or medications that would affect his judgment or understanding of today's hearing.

The Defendant waived the reading of the Information in open court.

The Court advised the Defendant of the maximum penalty associated with the charges.

The Court advised the Defendant of his rights; the Defendant understood his rights.

The Court set an Entry of Plea hearing for March 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

The State agrees with the \$5,000 bond with conditions. The conditions were reviewed by the Court and Defendant received a copy of the conditions.

DATED this 12th day of March 2019.

APRIL JUSTINA BOECKEL,)	
Plaintiff,	)	CAUSE NO. DV-19-008
-vs-	)	MINUTE ENTRY:
STATE OF MONTANA,	)	Hearing on Petition
Defendant.	)	to Appeal License
	)	Suspension

This is the time and place set for a hearing on the petition to appeal license suspension with the Honorable Robert G. Olson presiding. This hearing was held in open court in the Teton County Courtroom. Mr. Carl Jensen appeared on behalf of the Defendant, April Boeckel, who was present in the Courtroom. Ms. Jennifer Stutz appeared on behalf of the State of Montana.

Mr. Jensen called April Boeckel as his first witness. She was duly sworn and testified to the direct questioning of Mr. Jensen.

Ms. Stutz cross examined the witness.

There was no re-direct questions and the witness was excused.

Mr. Jensen had no other witnesses.

Ms. Stutz called Deputy Jonathan Gilliland as her first witness.

Mr. Gilliland was duly sworn and testified to the direct questioning of Ms. Stutz.

Mr. Jensen cross examined the witness.

There was no re-direct questions and the witness was excused.

The State offered 4 CD discs as exhibits A, B, C, and D. There were no objections, and the Court accepted the exhibits.

The Court requires no briefs and will take this matter under advisement and will have a decision within a few weeks.

The Court stays the suspension of the Plaintiff's license until a decision in this matter has been made.

DATED this 12th day of March 2019.

STATE OF MONTANA,)	
Plaintiff,	)	CAUSE NO. DC-17-026
-vs-	)	MINUTE ENTRY:
VIRGINIA M. WELLS,	)	Change of Plea
Defendant.	)	and Sentencing

This is the date and time set for a change of plea with the Honorable Robert G. Olson presiding. This hearing is being held in open court in the Teton County Courtroom. Ms. Jennifer Stutz, Deputy Teton County Attorney, appeared on behalf of the State of Montana. The Defendant appeared via JVN from Cascade County Detention Center, and her court-appointed attorney, Ms. Roberta Cross Guns appeared via JVN from Great Falls OPD office.

Ms. Stutz handed the Court a signed plea agreement.

The Court summarized the Plea Agreement.

The Defendant stated her name was Virginia Marie Wells and she has not had any alcohol prior to coming to Court. She also has not taken any medication that would affect her judgment or understanding of these proceedings.

The Defendant agreed that she had signed the plea agreement after discussing it with her attorney. She is satisfied with her attorney.

The Court advised the Defendant of her rights; she stated she understood her rights.

Count I, charging the Defendant with fraudulently obtaining dangerous drugs, a felony, the Defendant pled "Guilty"

The Defendant was duly sworn and testified to the direct questioning of Ms. Cross Guns.

The State agreed with the Defendants testimony.

The Defendants testimony was sufficient for the Court.

Based upon the testimony of the Defendant the Court finds that there is a factual basis for the plea of “guilty” and accepts the guilty plea.

The Defendant has already had a PSI done in Great Falls in January of this year and is acceptable to the Court.

The Defendant wanted to proceed to Sentencing today.

The right of allocution was given to the Defendant and she did not have anything to say to the Court.

The Court understands that there is a treatment element to the Defendants sentence in Cascade County. (Cascade County BDC-18-205)

For the charge of fraudulently obtaining dangerous drugs, a Felony, the Court sentences the Defendant to a 5 year commitment to the Montana Department of Corrections to run concurrent with her sentence in Cascade County cause number BDC-18-205. The Court orders the Defendant to pay a \$5,000.00 fine which will be suspended. The Court will also suspend the Court surcharges. The Court recommends that the Department place the Defendant to be screened for and if appropriate, placed in a treatment facility within the Department of Corrections. Assuming the screening deems the Defendant needs treatment, that they find an appropriate place for the Defendant to get some help. The Court will give the Defendant credit for time served relative to this charge. If the Defendant is some time into the Cascade County sentence, since this is a concurrent sentence, whatever number of days the Defendant gets credit for on BDC-18-205 this Court will give credit for that number of days on this particular case.

The reasons for the Courts decision are the Plea Agreement, the Defendants previous record, what the Court sees as a serious need by the Defendant to have some treatment and believes justice is served by this sentence.

The Court remanded the Defendant to the Department of Corrections to serve her sentence.

DATED this 12th day of March 2019.

IN RE THE GUARDIANSHIP OF:
GAICE JERELE BLACKWELL,
A Minor

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CAUSE NO. DG-17-003
MINUTE ENTRY:
Hearing on Petition
to Dismiss Guardianship

This matter came before the Honorable Robert G. Olson on today’s date for a hearing on the Petition to Dismiss Guardianship for the minor child. The Petitioner, Jerelyn Stewart-Blackwell, mother of the minor, appeared without benefit of an attorney. The Respondent, Seth Baker was present in the Courtroom and is appearing Pro-Se.

The Court is here to consider if the termination of the guardianship is in the best interest of the minor. The Court will consider the wishes of the minor since he is now 17 years old.

The Court excused the Courtroom to visit with the minor child.

Before the courtroom was empty, the minors legal guardian, Seth Baker, agreed to give up his rights as his guardian.

The Court commended Mr. Baker for stepping up and taking care of these young men for the last couple of years. The Court appreciates his maturity in handling this situation.

The Court grants the Petition to Dismiss the Guardianship. The Court encourages each party to remember the importance of family.

The Court signed the Order and copies were mailed to each party.

DATED this 12th day of March 2019.

Roxann Evensen, Deputy Clerk of Court