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11 **MONTANA EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, CASCADE COUNTY**

12 STATE OF MONTANA,

13 Plaintiff,

14 vs.

15 WILLIAM JAMES RUPNOW, JR.,

16 Defendant.

No. **BDC - 16 - 094**

**INFORMATION**

18 Count I – ASSAULT WITH A WEAPON, a FELONY, in violation of Mont. Code Ann.  
19 § 45-5-213(1)(a).  
20 Count II – AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, a FELONY, in violation of Mont. Code Ann.  
21 § 45-5-202(1).  
22 Count III – DISORDERLY CONDUCT, a MISDEMEANOR, in violation of Mont. Code Ann.  
23 § 45-8-101(1)(c).  
24 Count IV – UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT, a MISDEMEANOR, in violation of Mont. Code Ann. § 45-  
25 5-301.

26 STATE OF MONTANA )  
27 :ss.  
28 County of Lewis and Clark )

MIKE WINSOR, Special Deputy Cascade County Attorney, and Special Assistant Attorney  
General for the State of Montana, having first obtained leave of the Court, files this Information

1 accusing the above-named Defendant, WILLIAM JAMES RUPNOW, JR., of having committed the  
2 following offenses:

3 **COUNT I**

4 That on or about October 20, 2014, in Cascade County, Montana, the Defendant committed  
5 the offense of ASSAULT WITH A WEAPON, in violation of Mont. Code Ann. § 45-5 213(1)(a).  
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7 The alleged facts constituting the offense are:

8 That at the time and place mentioned above, the Defendant purposely or knowingly caused  
9 bodily injury to V.R.D. with a weapon.

10 **COUNT II**

11 That on or about October 20, 2014, in Cascade County, Montana, the Defendant committed  
12 the offense of AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, in violation of Mont. Code Ann. § 45-5-202(1).  
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14 The alleged facts constituting the offense are:

15 That at the time and place mentioned above, the Defendant purposely or knowingly, with the  
16 use of physical force or contact, caused V.R.D. to have reasonable apprehension of serious bodily  
17 injury with the use of physical force.  
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19 **COUNT III**

20 That on or about October 20, 2014, in Cascade County, Montana, the Defendant committed  
21 the offense of DISORDERLY CONDUCT, in violation of Mont. Code Ann. § 45-8-101(1)(c).  
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23 The alleged facts constituting the offense are:

24 That at the time and place mentioned above, the Defendant knowingly disturbed the peace by using  
25 threatening, profane, or abusive language.  
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COUNT IV

That on or about October 20, 2014, in Cascade County, Montana, the Defendant committed the offense of UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT, in violation of Mont. Code Ann. § 45-5-301.

The alleged facts constituting the offense are:

That at the time and place mentioned above, the Defendant purposely or knowingly and without lawful authority restrained V.R.D. so as to interfere substantially with V.R.D.'s liberty.

The witnesses now known to the State are as follows:

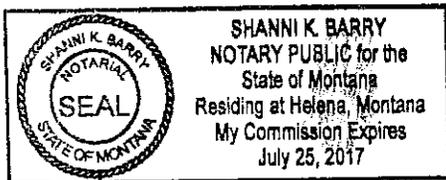
- Neil Brunett, State Criminal Justice Investigator, Helena, MT
- Theresa Rupnow, Great Falls, MT
- James Rupnow, Great Falls, MT
- V.R.D., Great Falls, MT
- Taylor Olguin, Great Falls, MT
- Joel Corkery, Great Falls, MT
- Paul Jara, Black Eagle, MT
- Kenny LaMere, Great Falls, MT
- Dan O'Fallon, Great Falls, MT

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.

*Mike Winsor*

MIKE WINSOR  
Special Assistant Attorney General  
Special Deputy Cascade County Attorney

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me by Mike Winsor this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016.



*Shanni K. Barry*

Possible Punishment:

Count I – ASSAULT WITH A WEAPON, a felony, is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for a term of not more than 20 years or a fine of not more than \$50,000, or both.

1 Count II – AGGRAVATED ASSAULT, a felony, is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison  
2 for a term of not more than 20 years or a fine of not more than \$50,000, except as provided in Mont.  
3 Code Ann. § 46-18-219 and Mont. Code Ann. § 46-18-222.

4 Count III – DISORDERLY CONDUCT, a misdemeanor, is punishable by imprisonment in a county  
5 jail for a term of not more than 10 days or a fine of not more than \$100, or both.

6 Count IV – UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT, a misdemeanor, is punishable by imprisonment in the  
7 county jail for a term of not more than 6 months, and a fine of not more than \$500, or both.  
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