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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF THURSTON

STATE OF WASHINGTON,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DECLARATION OF PROSECUTOR
SUPPORTING PROBABLE CAUSE

Defendant

Rudy Nelson Breteler, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Thurston County, declares the following in support of probable cause for charges in the above-entitled cause:

I am a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Thurston County, Washington. I believe that there is probable cause to believe that the above-named defendant has committed the crime(s) of <u>ATTEMPED</u> <u>KIDNAPPING IN THE SECOND DEGREE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND ASSAULT IN THE FOURTH DEGREE</u> based on the following information from the official investigative reports:

On October 18, 2024, in Thurston County, Washington, dispatch advised of a disturbance at Timberline High School (6120 Mullen Rd. SE). Dispatch advised there were multiple callers reporting a physical fight. All or most of the callers indicated that a female was being "choked out" by a male subject. Later, dispatch advised callers indicated that the female subject eventually got away from the male and another caller indicated that the male was pinned down, on the ground, near the bus stop.

At approximately 1420 hours, Officer Heang arrived on scene and contacted a group of people near the bus stop. Officer Heang approached the group of people, and he observed a male pinned down on the ground by another male. The male that was pinned down on the ground was later identified by his WA State Driver's License as, Ihsan Ali, who was also determined to be the primary aggressor. Officer Heang recognized Ihsan as he had contacted him earlier in the day from a runaway call.

Ihsan was detained in handcuffs without issue and Officer Heang frisked Ihsan for weapons and placed him in a patrol vehicle. Moments later, additional Lacey units had arrived on scene and assisted with the investigation. Based on earlier contact with Ihsan, Officer Heang had reason to believe that the involved female was his 17 year old daughter, F.I.A., DOB 5/31/2007, which was later confirmed by dispatch, who advised that his 17 year old daughter and her 16 year old boyfriend (I.J.W, DOB 5/2/2008), had run inside of Timberline High School. Dispatch also noted that school administrators called to informed law enforcement that the school had been locked down as a result of the physical altercation.

Next, Officer Heang advised Ihsan that at the moment, he was detained while law enforcement conducted a thorough investigation and that Officer Heang would read him the

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Miranda Warnings; however, Ihsan did not acknowledge understanding his rights and did not speak to law enforcement.

While Officer Heang stayed with Ihsan, Officer Chavez spoke to witnesses near the bus stop and School Resource Officer (SRO) Beltran contacted the victims inside the school. Officer Heang also spoke with a witness, Joshua E. Wagner, who was the initial individual who had Ihsan detained. Per Wagner, he stated he detained Ihsan because he saw that Ihsan had a young female in a chokehold and would not let go. Per Wagner, he stated he intervened and was eventually able to get the female to break away and detained Ihsan for law enforcement as he was the primary aggressor. Wagner provided a written statement which has been placed in the to-be scanned inbox as evidence.

Officer Chavez spoke with witnesses who told her that Ihsan initially grabbed his daughter by the shoulder and the two began to speak in a different language. Per the witnesses, they believed that it appeared that his daughter was reluctant to leave with Ihsan, at which point, they stated Ihsan wrapped both arms around her neck and tried to pull her away. The daughter's told her boyfriend tried to intervene, but then got punched in the face by Ihsan. Per the witnesses, the boyfriend fell to the ground and Ihsan proceeded with daughter. Ihsan again wrapped both arms around his daughter's neck, slowly pulled away, but then lost his footing and fell to the ground. The daughter eventually was able to get away and ran towards the high school office with the boyfriend.

A juvenile witness named Kaleb stated that he saw Ihsan trying to grab F.I.A. and that F.I.A.'s boyfriend was standing between them. Kaleb said Ihsan started hitting his daughter and that he then punched I.J.W., who went "flying onto the concrete." After this, Ihsan started choking his daughter for what Kaleb estimated was about a minute while multiple people tried to pry Ihsan off of her. Kaleb said he saw F.I.A.'s eyes roll up and her body start shaking before her body went limp.

Another juvenile named Eric gave a similar account. Eric said F.I.A. looked stunned on the ground after she was dragged out of the headlock. Eric also saw F.I.A.'s mother grab her from behind after she was pried out of her dad's grasp by the bystanders.

Another juvenile witness named Athena gave a similar account. Athena said that Ihsan had gotten physical with F.I.A. when F.I.A. had attempted to board the bus. Athena said that while F.I.A. was in the headlock, she saw her eyes roll up in her head, her mouth was wide open, and she could tell that she "could not breath." She said that F.I.A.'s face was then pressed into the dirt. Athena said the bus driver and several other people pulled Ihsan off of F.I.A. and held him on the ground.

Officer Beltran spoke with F.I.A., who had fled to the main office of the school with her boyfriend I.J.W. F.I.A. requested to be evaluated by the fire department for neck pain, and was ultimately transported to St. Peter hospital for further medical care and a strangulation exam. F.I.A. had visible injuries including scratches and red necks on both sides of her neck. She was also complaining of lower jaw pain. Prior to being transported to the hospital, F.I.A. and I.J.W. told law enforcement the following: F.I.A.'s father was trying to force her to go to another country, which had prompted her to run away earlier that day. She went to the school because she was a former student there and believed there were adults there who might help her find a safe place to stay for the evening. Her father, Ihsan, along with her mother and sister, followed her to the school. Ihsan told her she needed to come back home, and I.J.W. could see that F.I.A. was scared of Ihsan and stood between the two of them while they were arguing. Ihsan grabbed F.I.A.'s clothing, and I.J.W. said he tried to intervene. Ihsan then punched I.J.W. in the face with a

closed fist before putting F.I.A. into a "headlock." The three then ended up on the ground, with Ihsan choking F.I.A. and I.J.W. punching Ihsan in the head to try to get him to let go of F.I.A. I.J.W. reported that he was punching Ihsan because he thought F.I.A. was going to die while her father was choking her out on the ground.

F.I.A. said that while she was in the headlock, she was "knocked out." She was not sure how long she lost consciousness for, but she recalls that when she woke up, she was on the ground and felt dirt on her face. She did not recall falling to the ground, but recalled hearing her mother's voice at some point, and believes her mother as attempting to pull her away. She also recalled seeing her sister trying to grab a hold of her. F.I.A. said that she thought she was going to die. She was able to break free from her family after several people intervened, and she took the opportunity to run back toward the main office.

As F.I.A. was running from her father, her mother and sister grabbed her and caused her to fall again. I.J.W. helped F.I.A. break free from her mother and the two ran into the school. Her mother chased F.I.A. to the door, but were prevented from entering the building by school officials, who initiated lockdown protocols. It should be noted that F.I.A.'s mother, Zahraa S.M.Ali, had been previously trespassed from Timberline High School on September 17, 2024

Officer Heang later followed up with F.I.A. at the hospital. F.I.A. said that a counselor at Timberline had been assisting her with finding a room at Safe Haven and her plan was the take the city bus when school got out. As she was at the bus, her father approached and said she needed to go home. He would not take no for an answer and began pulling at her shirt. She said that once she was placed into a choke hold, she was unable to breath or speak, and then passed out. She remembered her mother grabbing her once she regained consciousness. She said that her throat was still hurting and she had a tough time swallowing. She believed she lost consciousness 3-4 times during the incident.

F.I.A. said that she did not feel safe at home. She said Ihsan frequently "disciplined" her for transgressions like not making tea for him.

I.J.W.'s mother later called law enforcement. I.J.W.'s mother stated that she was present during a CPS interview with F.I.A, in which F.I.A. said that her father had recently been threatening her with honor killing for refusing an arranged marriage with an older man in another county. As of the drafting of this statement, further investigation remains ongoing.

Under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, I certify that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. Signed on October 21, 2024, in Olympia, Washington.

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