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CASE #: 26-1-05652-4 SEA

SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.) No. 26-1-05652-4 SEA
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NATHANIEL DAVID FOSTER,) INFORMATION
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Defendant.)
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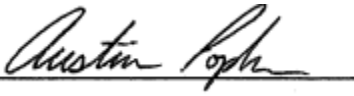
I, Leesa Manion, Prosecuting Attorney for King County in the name and by the authority of the State of Washington, do accuse NATHANIEL DAVID FOSTER of the following crime[s]: **Threats Against The Governor**, committed as follows:

Count 1 Threats Against The Governor

That the defendant NATHANIEL DAVID FOSTER in King County, Washington, on or about July 19, 2026, did knowingly and willfully make a threat to take the life of and to inflict bodily harm upon the Governor of the State of Washington;

Contrary to RCW 9A.36.090(1), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Washington.

LEESA MANION (she/her)
Prosecuting Attorney

By: 
Austin Popham, WSBA #59193
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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

The State incorporates by reference the Certification for Determination of Probable Cause prepared by Trooper Joshua Magerstaedt of the Washington State Patrol for case number 26-015484.

Bail Request: Pursuant to CrR 2.2(b)(2)(i) and (ii), the State requests bail set in the amount of \$50,000.00 because of the likelihood that the Defendant will not respond to a summons and will commit a violent offense if released. The State requests the Defendant have no contact with Governor Robert Ferguson. The Defendant is a highly dangerous individual who articulated a detailed plan to kill the Governor. The Defendant thought out his plan so thoroughly that he knew which buses to take to make his way to Olympia and he anticipated the Governor having significant security measures in place and knew he would need to study those security measures to expose any weaknesses to allow him to kill the Governor. The Defendant also articulated that he would be willing to assault or kill the Governor's staff and security to get to him.

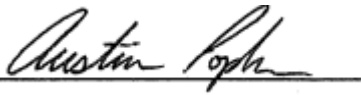
These threats are even more concerning given the Defendant's violent criminal history. Defendant was previously arrested by Olympia Police Department for stabbing a stranger in the face because "the voices in his head told him to do it." In that case, after he was apprehended, Defendant told law enforcement that he wants to kill cops and politicians and that he wants to track down politicians. This history, coupled with his lengthy criminal history of assaultive behavior, demonstrates that the Defendant is a highly violent individual who will act on threats of violence.

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2 **Currently Charged Offense:** As the Certification describes, Defendant checked himself into
3 Swedish First Hill with suicidal and homicidal ideations. Defendant informed a hospital case
4 worker that he planned to take public transit down to Olympia and harm Governor Ferguson.
5 Due to the seriousness of the threats, law enforcement were called and SPD officers interviewed
6 Defendant. During the interview, Defendant relayed the threats he made earlier, specifically that
7 he planned to take a bus to Olympia and then murder the Governor when he arrived. Defendant
8 stated that he would lurk around the Governor's mansion to observe where guards were stationed
9 and he would exploit any security weaknesses to force entry into the Governor's mansion.
10 Defendant also stated he would then assault and/or kill any staff or guards if necessary to reach
11 the Governor and murder him.

12 The Defendant was interviewed by his case worker, Seattle Police Department, and
13 Washington State Patrol Detectives and made these same threats during each interview. These
14 threats appear to stem from grievances the Defendant has for his treatment while being an inmate
15 in a correctional facility in Spokane. To the Defendant, killing the Governor would bring
16 attention to these grievances and that he "he would do what he has to do to get the result he
17 wants."

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19 **Criminal History:** Defendant has the following relevant criminal history: Robbery 2 (2008);
20 Assault 3 (2009); MM3 (2023). The following have dismissed due to competency: Custodial
21 Assault (2025); Assault 2 (2025); Assault 3 (2024); Malicious Mischief 2 (2024); Assault
22 (2023); Harassment (2022); Assault 4 (2017).

Signed and dated by me this 28th day of July, 2026.


Austin Popham, WSBA #59193
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney



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Certification for Determination of Probable Cause

That *Joshua Magerstaedt, D924* is a *Detective* with the *Washington State Patrol* and is familiar with the investigation conducted in *Washington State Patrol 26-015484*. There is probable cause to believe that Nathniel D. Foster (DOB June 30th, 1992) committed the crime(s) of:

- *Threats against governor or family RCW 9A.36.090*, in Seattle;

County of King, in the State of Washington.

This belief is predicated on the following facts and circumstances:

On Sunday July 19, 2026, at approximate 0800 hours, I received an email from Washington State Patrol (WSP) Sgt M. Sloan advising that the WSP's District 2 Communications Office had called to inform him of a threat to Washington States Governor Ferguson. I contacted WSP District 2 communications and ascertained the following data:

Nathniel D. Foster (DOB June 30th, 1992) checked himself into Swedish Hospital First Hill (700 Minor Ave Seattle, WA) the night of July 18, 2026, with suicidal and homicidal ideations. Foster informed his hospital case worker, Brian Shoaf, that he planned to harm Washington States Governor Ferguson. Shoaf informed WSP communications that Foster was currently not free to leave the hospital and was on a waiting list for the Crisis Solution Center. Shoaf also mentioned that if cleared, Foster intended to use public transportation to get to Olympia. I called Swedish and spoke with a case worker who informed me that Foster would be getting evaluated for possibly involuntary detention at a mental health facility. Detective K. Jones and I proceeded to Swedish to properly assess the threat to the Governor. While en route Swedish staff called and advised me that the Designated Crisis Response team had chosen to detain Foster and that they were currently determining which facility he would be sent to. When we arrived, a case work informed us that Foster had been interviewed by Seattle Police Department already on July 19, 2026, at approximately 0200 hours, and provided us with the narrative. The narrative provided the following information:

The narrative (attached) states the Officer was advised of an individual who had brought himself to Swedish First Hill for treatment. During the evaluation process the subject (Foster) made threats toward Washington State Governor Ferguson at which time the case worker advised the police due to his "Duty to Warn." The narrative explains that during his interview with Foster, he told the Officer he planned to take transit to Olympia and murder Washington Stats Governor. Specifically advising he planned to look for weaknesses in Governor's Mansion security and force his way in. He informed the Officer that he would hurt or kill the Governor's staff in order to get to the Governor and kill him. Adding, that years ago voices told him to stab someone in Olympia, and he went to Olympia and stabbed someone.

After speaking with Swedish staff and reading the Seattle PD Officers narrative, Detective Jones and I requested to interview Foster. The staff asked Foster if he was willing to speak with us and Foster agreed. He advised us he was angry about an issue he had at the Spokane jail and he felt like it wasn't getting enough attention. He informed us that in order to get attention to the subject he was going to take the 594 bus to the 512 park and ride where he would catch a bus to Olympia and begin attacking the Governors staff. His interview with WSP differed in the fact that he informed us he didn't think he would be able to get to the Governor so he would attack staff instead.

I was able to get SPDs report which stated the following:

I asked FOSTER about his homicidal ideation and FOSTER told me the following... He has a plan to take a bus to Olympia and then murder the governor of Washington State when he gets there. He will lurk around the governor's mansion and observe where the guards are stationed, when they get on shift and take breaks. He will find a weakness in the defense and exploit it to force entry into the governor's mansion. He will assault and/or kill the guards and staff if necessary to reach the governor and murder the governor. He is motivated by a grievance related to



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sexual abuse in Spokane correctional institutions.

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I conducted a Department of Licensing and criminal history search on Foster. I found that Foster has a Risk Level Classification of HV (High Violent). I observed a lengthy history of criminal activity with convictions including several Assaults, Manufacture and Delivery of Controlled Substances, Robbery, Malicious Mischief and Dangerous Weapons violations. While reading through Foster's criminal history I observed an arrest from May 14th, 2025, for Assault 1st Degree with a deadly weapon.

Recognizing this may correlate with Foster's claim to have stabbed someone due to voices telling him to, I contacted Olympia Police Department for further context. Thurston County Records Division provided me with details regarding this arrest. The report states that Foster entered Ralph's Thriftway in Thurston County WA and stabbed an employee in the face after being greeted. Foster was apprehended and interviewed. The report states that during the interview Foster "passionately explained how he wants to kill cops and politicians." Foster also informed the Officers he wants to track down politicians. When asked why he stabbed the employee in the face Foster informed the Officers it was because the voices in his head told him to do it. Based on court documents it appears Foster was found not fit for trial. Foster informed us that he has been on the campus before and he has a history of living in Olympia which is supported by his criminal record. Foster presented us with a detailed plan which included the bus route he would take, observation of the campus and mansions security, tactics he would use to attack subjects and how he would identify his victims. Foster specifically names the Washington State Governor and his staff as the intended targets. Foster presented these details on at least three different occasions with little variation to his case worker, Seattle Police Department and Washington State Patrol Detectives. When given the opportunity to say he no longer has the desire to act on his threat he advised he wasn't sure and that he would do what he has to do to get the result he wants. Foster has a demonstrated history of violent crimes. Foster's previous arrest for Assault in the 1st Degree demonstrates a history and ability to follow through with violent armed attacks.

"This document was submitted to the Prosecutor through the Prosecutor by Karpel External View Portal system Under GR30 and LGR 30"

Under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington, I certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Signed and dated by me this day of July 21, 2026, in King County, Washington.

Detective Joshua Magerstaedt #D924 /s/Joshua Magerstaedt

Washington State Patrol
Criminal Investigation Division

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ARREST INFORMATION		
DATE & TIME OF VIOLATION 7/19/2026	CRIMINAL TRAFFIC CITATION ATTACHED? ☐ YES ☐ NO	ACCOMPLICES
DATE OF ARREST/TIME	ARREST LOCATION 747 BROADWAY SEATTLE, WA 98122	

SUSPECT INFORMATION			
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE/JR, SR, 1st, 2nd) FOSTER, NATHANIEL DAVID		DOB 6/30/1992	ALIAS, NICKNAMES NATHANIEL FOSTER, NATHANIEL DAVID FOSTER, NATHANIEL FOSTER, NATHANIEL FOSTER, NATHANIEL FOSTER, NATHANIEL FOSTER, NATHANIEL FOSTER, NATHANIEL FOSTER, NATHANIEL FOSTER, NATHANIEL DAVID FOSTER
ARMED/DANGEROUS ☐ YES ☐ NO	IDENTITY IN DOUBT? ☐ YES ☐ NO	CITIZENSHIP	

PHYSICAL DETAILS							
SEX M	HEIGHT 6'00	WEIGHT 190	SKIN TONE	RACE W	EYE BRO	HAIR BRO	SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS, DEFORMITIES Scars, Marks, Tattoos: TAT RF ARM

IDENTIFICATION DETAILS									
UCN 10557250		PRIOR BA #		AFIS #	FBI #	STATE ID # WA22560992	DRIVERS LICENSE #	STATE	SSN
RESIDENCE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS 210 ALASKAN WAY S SEATTLE, WA 98104						EMPLOYMENT / SCHOOL EMPLOYER, SCHOOL (ADDRESS, SHOP/UNION NUMBER)			
RESIDENCE PHONE (253) 638-8592						BUSINESS PHONE		OCCUPATION	
EMERGENCY CONTACT									
PERSON TO BE CONTACTED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY				RELATIONSHIP		ADDRESS		PHONE	

CHARGE INFORMATION				
OFFENSE ☐ DV ☐ FUGITIVE Threats Against The Governor		RCW / ORD#	COURT / CAUSE #	CITATION #
OFFENSE ☐ DV ☐ FUGITIVE		RCW / ORD#	COURT / CAUSE #	CITATION #

WARRANT / OTHER				
WARRANT DATE	WARRANT NUMBER	OFFENSE	AMOUNT OF BAIL	WARRANT TYPE
ORIGINATING POLICY AGENCY		ISSUING AGENCY	WARRANT RELEASED TO: (SERIAL # / UNIT / DATE / TIME)	

PROPERTY INFORMATION		
LIST VALUABLE ITEMS OR PROPERTY LEFT FOR ARRESTEE AT JAIL		
LIST VALUABLE ITEMS OR PROPERTY ENTERED INTO EVIDENCE (SIMPLE DESCRIPTION, IDENTIFYING MARKS, SERIAL #)		
LIST ITEMS ENTERED INTO SAFEKEEPING		
TOTAL CASH OF ARRESTEE \$0.00	WAS CASH TAKEN INTO EVIDENCE? ☐ YES ☐ NO AMOUNT: \$0.00	SIGNATURE OF JAIL STAFF RECEIVING ITEMS / SERIAL #

OFFICER INFORMATION		
ARRESTING OFFICER / SERIAL # Magerstaedt, Joshua 924	TRANSPORTING OFFICER / SERIAL #	SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE / SERIAL #
SUPERFORM COMPLETED BY (SIGNATURE/SERIAL #)		CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (NAME / SERIAL # / PHONE)

COURT FILE		
SUPERIOR COURT FILING INFO ☐ IN CUSTODY ☐ AT LARGE ☐ OUT ON BOND	COURT CAUSE (STAMP OR WRITE)	
COURT/DIST. CT.NO.	DIST. CT. BONDS\$	SUP. CT. DATE

EXTRADITE					
PERSON APPROVING EXTRADITION		SEAKING-LOCAL ONLY WACIC-STATE WIDE ☐	NCIC-WILL EXTRADITE FROM ID & OR ONLY ☐	NCIC-WILL EXTRADITE FROM OR, ID, MT, WY, CA, NV, UT, CO, AZ, NM, HI, AK ☐	NCIC-WILL EXTRADITE FROM ALL 50 STATES ☐
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