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Agency No. **AK21097532**

Search Warrant(s): 3AN-21-3258SW

IN THE DISTRICT/SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA  
AT HOMER

**COMPLAINT**

STATE OF ALASKA		Plaintiff	Case No: _____
vs. <b>HERRICK, BRET ALAN</b>		Defendant	
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]	APSIN: [REDACTED]		
ATN: [REDACTED]	DV Related: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Oper Lic No: [REDACTED]	CDL? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Address: [REDACTED] USA			

CTN: <u>001</u>	Offense: <u>AS11.41.100(a)(1)(A)</u>	Class: <u>Unclassified Felony</u>
<b>Murder in the first degree</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt - AS11.31.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation - AS11.31.110 <input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy - AS11.31.120 <input type="checkbox"/> Gang-Related - AS12.55.137		
Traffic Offense: <input type="checkbox"/> Highway Work Zone <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Safety Corridor Commercial Vehicle? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No    Type: <input type="checkbox"/> >26,000lbs. <input type="checkbox"/> >15 passengers <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials		

THE COMPLAINANT STATES that on or about 08/23/2021, at or near ANCHOR POINT, in the Third Judicial District, State of Alaska, the above-named Defendant did unlawfully commit the offense of Murder in the first degree when he/she:

A person commits the crime of attempted murder in the first degree if, with intent to cause death of another person, the person attempted to cause death of another person. \*AS11.41.100(a)(1)(A)\*

**VRA CERTIFICATION:**

I certify that this document and its attachments do not contain (1) the name of a victim of a sexual offense listed in AS 12.61.140 or (2) a residence or business address or telephone number of a victim of or witness to any offense unless it is an address used to identify the place of the crime or it is an address or telephone number in a transcript of a court proceeding and disclosure of the information was ordered by the court.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true.

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[Signature]  
Complainant's Signature  
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Date of Birth: [REDACTED]	APSIN: [REDACTED]		
ATN: [REDACTED]	DV Related: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Oper Lic No: [REDACTED]	CDL? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Address: [REDACTED] USA			

CTN: <b>002</b>	Offense: <b>AS11.41.200(a)(2)</b>	Class: <b>Class A Felony</b>
<b>Assault in the first degree</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Attempt - AS11.31.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation - AS11.31.110 <input type="checkbox"/> Conspiracy - AS11.31.120 <input type="checkbox"/> Gang-Related - AS12.55.137		
Traffic Offense: <input type="checkbox"/> Highway Work Zone <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Safety Corridor Commercial Vehicle? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No    Type: <input type="checkbox"/> >26,000lbs. <input type="checkbox"/> >15 passengers <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Materials		

THE COMPLAINANT STATES that on or about **08/23/2021** , at or near **ANCHOR POINT** , in the **Third** Judicial District, State of Alaska, the above-named Defendant did unlawfully commit the offense of **Assault in the first degree** when he/she:

A person commits the crime of assault in the first degree if with intent to cause serious physical injury to another, the person causes serious physical injury to any person; \*AS11.41.200(a)(2)

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**AFFIDAVIT by Police Officer**  
**In Support of Complaint**

Related Search Warrant(s): 3AN-21-3258SW

State of Alaska,	
Plaintiff,	
vs.	
BRET A. HERRICK	
Defendant 1 of 1.	
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]	APSIN: [REDACTED]
Operator License Number: [REDACTED]	
State: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AK <input type="checkbox"/>	CDL? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Mailing Address: [REDACTED]	
City: [REDACTED]	State: [REDACTED] ZIP: [REDACTED]

CASE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant(s)	ATN	CTN(s)	Date Offense	Offense Location
Bret A. Herrick	116543547	001-002	08-23-2021	Anchor Point

I, Investigator Timothy Cronin

attest to the following and state:

On 08-23-2021 at approximately 1307 hours, Sgt. Cox was attempting to locate **BRET HERRICK** [REDACTED] who had been recently observed at 33725 Sterling Highway, Anchor Point (The Warehouse General store). Herrick was wanted on multiple outstanding warrants for his arrest (reference case #'s 3HO-21-00091CR, 3HO-21-00272CR, 3HO-20-00408CR, 3HO-21-00134CR). Trp. Bruce Brueggeman was on duty in the Anchor Point area and responded to provide back-up to Sgt. Cox. Trp. Brueggeman arrived at the store prior to Sgt. Cox's arrival and observed Herrick outside the store. According to security video at the store, patrol vehicle dashcam video, as well as an initial interview conducted with Trp. Brueggeman, Herrick walked away from Trp. Brueggeman after being told to stop. Trp. Brueggeman quickened pace to catch up to Herrick. Herrick then produced a handgun and began firing multiple times at Trp. Brueggeman. Trp. Brueggeman was struck multiple times in the ballistic vest (to the left mid-line to posterior abdomen area), as well as in the left upper arm. The gunshot wound to the left upper arm caused significant injury and bleeding, and a tourniquet was utilized to manage blood loss. Trp. Brueggeman reported experiencing a malfunction of his duty weapon during the exchange of gunfire. Sgt. Cox arrived on scene shortly after the incident, followed by EMS.

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Evidence at the scene showed five (5) spent .45 casings on the ground on the south side of the building (suspected to have been fired by Herrick), as well as one (1) spent .40 casing on the ground and one (1) spent .40 casing in Trp. Brueggeman's duty handgun. Trp. Brueggeman was transported via ambulance to Homer, then airlifted to Providence Alaska Medical Center. Trp. Brueggeman was rushed immediately into surgery, and only a brief interview could be conducted with him at the time. Trp. Brueggeman reported Herrick was armed with a semi-automatic pistol and was wearing a black jacket.

Following the shooting, Herrick fled the scene, still in possession of the handgun. On 08-23-2021 at approximately 2230 hours, Alaska State Troopers served a search warrant at Herrick's residence, 35319 Sterling Highway, Anchor Point. The search warrant (3AN-21-3258SW) authorized a search of Herrick's residence for handguns, .45 ammunition, or Herrick himself. The search of the residence revealed four (4) boxes of .45 ammunition. Herrick was not located at the residence.

State Troopers searched for Herrick throughout the night into the morning of 08-24-2021. At approximately 0839 hours, Herrick was spotted walking through the woods immediately adjacent to his residence by State Troopers who were watching the residence. Herrick was immediately taken into custody without incident. Numerous items were located on Herrick's person during a search for weapons. These notable items included a .45 handgun (loaded with a round in the chamber and a loaded magazine), one empty .45 magazine, and one loaded magazine. Herrick was also wearing a belt and handgun holster, as well as clothing consistent with security/dashcam video and Trp. Brueggeman's description of him.

Herrick was transported to the Homer Police Department to be interviewed. Herrick was read his Miranda rights and subsequently made multiple statements. Herrick spoke briefly about the Second Amendment and possessing firearms. Herrick indicated that he didn't know why the State Trooper told him to stop at the store, and also asked investigators if the Trooper was ok. Herrick was then remanded into custody at the Homer Jail on the charges of Attempted Murder 1 and Assault 1.

As of 08-24-2021, Trp. Brueggeman has had multiple surgeries to repair damage to his arm caused by the gunshot wound. Trp. Brueggeman also sustained at least one rib fracture due to the gunshots that struck his ballistic vest on the left side of his torso.

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Subscribed and sworn to or affirmed before me at August 24<sup>th</sup>, Alaska, on 2021.

(SEAL)



[Signature]  
Notary Public or other person authorized to administer oaths.  
My commission expires: w/office