

1 store without paying. The clerk followed the defendant in an attempt to photograph the
2 truck and contact 911. The defendant then walked towards the clerk and a customer in
3 the store (Teresa Wood) pointing a "stun gun" at them, forcing them both to retreat.

4 The defendant then exited the store again, and got into his truck. As the clerk
5 followed the defendant out, the defendant backed up his truck, put it into drive and
6 drove towards the clerk, jumping the cement parking block and causing the clerk to
7 have to avoid being hit. According to the customer, the defendant "...tried to run the
8 clerk over." The defendant fled the scene and was unable to be located by responding
9 law enforcement.

10 The following day, March 24, 2020, a Thurston County Deputy Sheriff was at the
11 Farm Boy Restaurant located in Thurston County, Washington on an unrelated matter.
12 The deputy was in uniform and in a fully marked patrol vehicle. The deputy observed a
13 truck matching the description from the Robbery/Assault case the day before. The
14 deputy was able to confirm the matching license plate (HI TECH) and observed the
15 driver of the truck matched the description of the suspect. The deputy searched the
16 available database for the registered owner and confirmed the registered owner was the
17 suspect from the Robbery/Assault and the driver he observed in the vehicle. The deputy
18 attempted to stop the vehicle using audible (sirens) and visual (lights) signals. The
19 defendant failed to stop.

20 The defendant entered southbound I-5 heading towards Lewis County,
21 Washington. The defendant reached speeds in excess of 100 M.P.H., drove erratically
22 and passed other vehicles in an unsafe manner including passing on the shoulders.
23 Other law enforcement units joined the pursuit. In attempt to stop the vehicle, pursuing
24 units contacted law enforcement in Lewis County requesting their assistance and
25 requesting the deployment of Stop Sticks.

26 Trooper Justin Schaffer responded, parking his vehicle near the exit of the
27 southbound onramp near Exit 79, located in Lewis County, Washington. Also
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1 responding was Trooper Dakota Russell, Trooper Michael Farkas and Sgt. Will
2 Stellmacher, all troopers assigned to the Chehalis, Washington detachment. Trooper
3 Russell and Sgt. Stellmacher parked further back on the onramp, while Trooper Farkas
4 traveled further south on I-5 to also attempt to use Stop Sticks on the defendant's
5 vehicle.

6 Trooper Schaffer, after parking and exiting his vehicle, removed the Stop Sticks
7 from his vehicle and stood near the shoulder of southbound I-5. Trooper Schaffer waited
8 for the defendant to approach and deployed his Stop Sticks. The defendant swerved his
9 vehicle and struck Trooper Schaffer. As a result of the impact, Trooper Schaffer was
10 thrown approximately 100 feet before landing in the right hand lane of I-5. Trooper
11 Schaffer died as a result of his injuries.

12 The defendant, after hitting and killing Trooper Schaffer, continued southbound
13 on I-5. As Trooper Farkas was waiting for the defendant to approach his location, also in
14 Lewis County, the defendant swerved towards Trooper Farkas. The defendant struck
15 Trooper Farkas' car. As a result, the protective bumper/"pit bar" was ripped from
16 Trooper Farkas's vehicle, striking Trooper Farkas in the chest. The defendant continued
17 fleeing before eventually crashing his vehicle after exiting I-5 on Exit 76.

18 A short standoff ensued with the defendant refusing to exit his vehicle. The
19 defendant eventually surrendered and was taken into custody. A review of the
20 defendant's history shows the defendant was suspended in the second degree as a
21 result of a DUI conviction which required an ignition interlock (none was located in the
22 vehicle). In addition, the defendant had been released from the custody of the Thurston
23 County Jail on February 5, 2020.

1 Based on the above, the State requests that the suspect, William David
2 Thompson, be detained subject to conditions of release.
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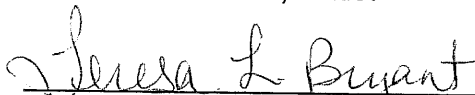
4 Dated this 27 day of MARCH, 2020.
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13 SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me March 27, 2020.

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17 And for the State of Washington,
18 Residing at Chehalis.
19 My commission expires 12/21/2022.
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