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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT JUNEAU

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STATE OF ALASKA, FIRST DISTRICT
AT JUNEAU

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STATE OF ALASKA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RODNEY A BROWN
DOB: 08/17/1962
APSIN ID: 8179064
DMV NO.: 7502120 AK
ATN: 118791495

NANETTE C BROWN
DOB: 09/16/1963
APSIN ID: 7791090
DMV NO.: 7452555 AK
ATN: 118791486

Defendants.

JU-23-00172 CR

JU-23-00173 CR

THIS MATTER IS FORMALLY
ASSIGNED TO
KIRSTEN L. SWANSON
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

No. (Rodney A Brown)

No. (Nanette C Brown)

INFORMATION

I certify this document and its attachments do not contain the (1) name of a victim of a sexual offense listed in AS 12.61.140 or (2) residence or business address or telephone number of a victim of or witness to any offense unless it is an address identifying the place of a crime or an address or telephone number in a transcript of a court proceeding and disclosure of the information was ordered by the court. The following counts charge a crime involving DOMESTIC VIOLENCE as defined in AS 18.66.990: NONE

Count I - AS 11.71.030(a)(9)

Misconduct Involving A Controlled Substance In The Third Degree
Rodney A Brown - 001, Nanette C Brown - 001

Count II - AS 11.71.030(a)(9)

Misconduct Involving A Controlled Substance In The Third Degree
Rodney A Brown - 003, Nanette C Brown - 003

Count III - AS 11.61.195(a)(1)

Misconduct Involving Weapons In The Second Degree
Rodney A Brown - 002, Nanette C Brown - 002

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THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY CHARGES:

COUNT I

That in the First Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about February 18, 2023, at or near Juneau, RODNEY A BROWN and NANETTE C BROWN, as principles or accomplices, possessed with intent to manufacture or deliver any amount of a schedule IIA or IIIA controlled substance, methamphetamine.

All of which is a class B Felony offense being contrary to and in violation of AS 11.71.030(a)(9)/11.16.110 and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

COUNT II

That in the First Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about February 18, 2023, at or near Juneau, RODNEY A BROWN and NANETTE C BROWN, as principles or accomplices, possessed with intent to manufacture or deliver any amount of a schedule IIA or IIIA controlled substance, methamphetamine.

All of which is a class B Felony offense being contrary to and in violation of AS 11.71.030(a)(9)/11.16.110 and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

COUNT III

That in the First Judicial District, State of Alaska, on or about February 18, 2023, at or near Juneau, RODNEY A BROWN and NANETTE C BROWN, as principles or accomplices, knowingly possessed a firearm during the commission of an offense under AS 11.71.010 – 11.71.040.

All of which is a Felony class B offense being contrary to and in violation of 11.61.195(a)(1) and against the peace and dignity of the State of Alaska.

1 The undersigned swears under oath this Information is based upon a review of
2 police report AK23016571 submitted to date.

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4 On February 17, 2023, Trooper Simmers and Detective Ford seized
5 approximately 18 pounds of methamphetamine aboard the Alaska Marine Highway
6 Motor Vessel Columbia from the stateroom of Michael Davis. Davis was bound for
7 Juneau and through further investigation it was learned that Davis was transporting the
8 drugs to Nanette Brown in Juneau on behalf of Miles Martin, an Oregon resident and
9 Nanette Brown's son.

10 On February 18, 2023, investigators conducted a controlled delivery in which
11 Detective Jack Ford posed as Davis and disembarked the ferry carrying the unique duffel
12 bag seized from Davis that had a representative sample of the seized methamphetamine
13 in it. At about 6:00 a.m. when the ferry was scheduled to arrive, a Silver Nissan Frontier
14 registered to Nanette Brown arrived at the Auke Bay Ferry Terminal. The vehicle made a
15 couple laps around the parking lot before parking along the sidewalk between the ramp
16 and the terminal building closest to the water. Detective Ford walked off the ferry
17 carrying the duffel bag and walked past the truck toward the terminal building. A few
18 minutes later, Detective Ford used the cellphone seized from Davis to contact Nanette
19 Brown by text message to inform him of his location near the terminal building. The
20 truck then drove to Detective Ford's location and stopped. The driver and only occupant
21 asked Detective Ford if he was Mike. Detective Ford asked the man if he was with
22 Nanette and he replied in the affirmative. The man told Detective Ford to put the bag in
23 the truck and unlocked the door for him. Detective Ford placed the bag into the truck and
24 separated himself from the man. The man was contacted by police and identified as
25 Rodney Brown, husband of Nanette Brown. The vehicle was impounded and Rodney
26 Brown was detained and transported to JPD. \$153 in cash was seized from the person of
27 Rodney Brown.

After the contact with Rodney Brown at the ferry terminal, surveillance was set
up on Rodney and Nanette Brown's residence at 2570 Vista Drive #9. Investigators

1 observed Nanette Brown leave the residence carrying a multi colored bag and go to
2 another apartment in the same complex. A short time later the resident Rayna Sarabia,
3 left her own apartment, went to Nanette's apartment, and returned to her own apartment
4 carrying a blue purse.

5 Search warrants were obtained for the person of Nanette Brown, her residence,
6 and the Nissan Frontier truck. Nanette Brown was contacted at Rayna Sarabia's
7 residence. A cellphone in Nanette Brown's possession was found to ring when
8 investigators dialed the same number used to inform her of the ferry's arrival. Sarabia
9 informed investigators that Nanette Brown came to her house carrying a multi colored
10 bag with contents that were unknown to her. Sarabia said she went and retrieved Nanette
11 Brown's purse for her because Brown told her she didn't want to go back to her
12 apartment. During a consent search of Sarabia's residence, among other things,
13 investigators located a multi colored bag that contained two green ammo containers, a
14 blue purse that Sarabia said belonged to Brown, and from near the purse, a piece of paper
15 that had Davis' phone number written on it.

16 The ammo containers were seized and later searched pursuant to a warrant.
17 One ammo container was found to contain \$68,654 in bulk cash. The other was found to
18 contain 316.69 gross grams of methamphetamine and 19.7 grams of suspected fentanyl
19 pills (approximately 150 pills). The purse was found to contain \$417 in cash. During a
20 search of the Brown residence, 2570 Vista Drive #9, investigators located 6 handguns, 1
21 shotgun, three rifles, \$995 in bulk cash and 575 grams of methamphetamine. A search of
22 the Nissan Frontier Truck resulted in the seizure of \$679 cash and 54.88 of
23 methamphetamine.

24 During an interview, Nanette Brown said she received a phone call from
25 Rodney Brown early in the morning in which he asked her to contact a phone number
26 written on a yellow piece of paper in their house and inquire where the person was.
27 Nanette Brown said at the direction of Rodney Brown she sent a text message to the
number and the number replied with their location. She relayed the information to
Rodney Brown by phone call then went back to sleep. Nanette Brown said when she

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woke up she didn't want to be at the house anymore so she went to her friend Sarabia's house. She took a bag with her but didn't know why. She wanted her purse and that Sarabia offered to go back to her house to get it because she is old. Ultimately Nanette Brown said she knew one of the ammo containers had methamphetamine in it because she has seen it before but that she was scared to know what was in the other container. She admitted to being a methamphetamine user, last using the day prior but said she wasn't involved with any of the drugs seized, didn't know Davis, and denied being involved with drugs being shipped on the ferry.

Dated at Juneau, Alaska, this 18th day of February, 2023.

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