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SUPERIOR COURT OF WASHINGTON FOR KING COUNTY

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON,	)	
	)	Plaintiff,
v.	)	No. 25-1-03230-9 SEA
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SAMUEL HITCHCOCK,	)	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 SAMUEL HITCHCOCK of the following crime[s]:  
**Murder In The First Degree**, committed as follows:

Count 1 Murder In The First Degree

That the defendant SAMUEL HITCHCOCK in King County, Washington, on or about July 30, 2025, while committing and attempting to commit the crime of Robbery 1st Degree, and in the course of and in furtherance of said crime and in immediate flight therefrom, did cause the death of Jason David Clark, a human being, who was not a participant in the crime, and who died on or about July 30, 2025;

Robbery 1st Degree, as used in the above charge, means to unlawfully take personal property from the person of another, or in his presence against his will by the use of threatened use of immediate force, violence, or fear of injury. Such force or fear must be used to obtain or retain possession of the property, or to prevent or overcome resistance to the taking. Robbery in the First Degree is committed if in the commission of the robbery or in the immediate flight therefrom, he is armed with a deadly weapon, displays what appears to be a firearm or other deadly weapon or inflicts bodily injury. Attempt as used in the above charge means that the defendant committed an act which was a substantial step towards the commission of the above-described crime with the intent to commit that crime.

Contrary to RCW 9A.32.030(1)(c), and against the peace and dignity of the State of Washington.

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Prosecuting Attorney

By:



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Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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2 CAUSE NO. 25-1-03230-9 SEA

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

5 The State incorporates by reference the Certification for Determination of Probable  
6 Cause prepared by Robert Fujita of the Bellevue Police Department for case number 2025-  
7 00041700.

8 Pursuant to CrR 2.2(b)(2)(i) and (ii), the State requests that bail be set at \$3,000,000,  
9 based on the likelihood that the defendant will fail to appear in response to a summons or that he  
10 may commit a violent offense. The defendant has not yet been captured for this offense and has  
11 believed to have fled the State of Washington and is concealing his identity to effectuate this  
12 flight. There has not been a probable cause hearing, and no bail has yet been set.

13 The defendant is accused of beating a man to death with his hands for the money in his  
14 pocket. The victim was known to the defendant. This fatal beating was witnessed by a  
15 vulnerable wheelchair bound witness.

16 Given the extreme level of violence and the lack of impulse control exhibited by the  
17 defendant, the State has community safety concerns if the defendant is released. The defendant  
18 has had extensive police contacts in the area recently, including several arrests. In addition to  
19 this case, he is wanted on two open Seattle Municipal Court case warrants. One case, case  
20 number 4250000884, includes the charges of Assault, Unlawful Use of Weapon to Intimidate  
21 Another, and Harassment. The other open case he is wanted on is 4250003958. It was filed on  
22 7/21/2025. That case includes charges of Assault and Unlawful Use of Weapon to Intimidate  
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2 Another. Both cases allege violence and threats, and the defendant is wanted on both for failure  
3 to appear.

4 In addition to the violent open cases out of Seattle Municipal Court, Hitchcock has  
5 criminal history in Oregon. He has convictions from 2018 for Disorderly Conduct and  
6 Interference with Police Officer in Eugene Municipal Court in Oregon,

7 The State believes the \$3,000,000 bail is appropriate given the extreme level of violence  
8 the State is alleging was perpetrated by the defendant in this robbery turned murder. He beat the  
9 victim to death for the money in his pockets and told him he was an idiot for having the money  
10 on him as he beat him to death. Hitchcock is a known flight risk, as evidenced by the recent  
11 warrants for failure to appear on his open cases in Seattle Municipal Court. Those open cases  
12 both involve violence and use of weapons, which further raise concerns for community safety.  
13 The Court should have no confidence that the defendant would follow any conditions the Court  
14 may order if he were to be released, and community safety is best ensured through the imposition  
15 of high bail as this case proceeds.

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17 Signed and dated by me this 22nd day of August, 2025.  
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23 Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

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Prosecuting Attorney Case  
Summary and Request for Bail  
and/or Conditions of Release - 3

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CAUSE NO.

CERTIFICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE

That **Robert Fujita #P563 is a DETECTIVE** with the **BELLEVUE POLICE DEPARTMENT** and has reviewed the investigation conducted in **BELLEVUE P.D. CASE NUMBER: 25-41700**. There is probable cause to believe that:

**SAMUEL HITCHCOCK (DOB 6/7/1997)** has committed the crime(s) of:

- **MURDER IN THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE (RCW 9A.32.030)**
- **ROBBERY IN THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DEGREE (RCW 9A.56.200)**

This belief is predicated on the following facts and circumstances:

On July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Bellevue Police Officers responded to a death report near the intersection of SE Eastgate Way and 139th Ave SE. Dispatch said a subject had a bloody face and it was swollen. At approximately 0730 hrs, Bellevue Fire Department (BFD) responded and confirmed the subject was deceased. The decedent/victim was later identified as Jason D. Clark.

While responding to the call, I spoke with Cpl. Swinney about the incident. He told me Clark was found deceased by a security guard for the Sunset Corporate Campus (13920 SE Eastgate Way). Cpl. Swinney told me he had inspected Clark's body and could see his face was swollen. Cpl. Swinney also said there appeared to be either a puncture wound or a laceration in Clark's neck area.

I spoke with the reporting party (RP), who was identified as Christina A. Jones. Jones told me she was a security guard for the Sunset Corporate Campus. She stated she does walkthroughs of the property throughout the day. Jones said she found Clark's body at approximately 0723

hrs. Jones said it looked like Clark had been beaten and there was a puncture mark in his neck. She said she noticed a bloody towel next to Clark and his body was inside of a sleeping bag. Jones called 911 and told them she believed Clark was deceased.

Jones told me she recognized Clark but did not know his name. She said he would sleep in the bushes where his body was found. She also stated he was always with a friend there. She described this friend as being in a wheelchair and she showed me a photo of him. Cpt. Barnwell advised he had seen a wheelchair abandoned just east of the scene. Det. Fritsch and other officers went to investigate. They located a witness, now known to law enforcement and referred to hereafter as "the witness," who was identified by their WA DOL photo. The witness agreed to come back to the scene, so we could speak to them.

Det. Fritsch interviewed the witness, known and identified by police, about the incident. The witness stated they sleep in the area where Clark's body was located with Clark. The witness stated they were both kicked out of Porchlight Men's Shelter (13668 SE Eastgate Way) a few works prior, so they were sleeping outside.

The witness stated, on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 between approximately 2200 hrs and 2300 hrs, their friends "Sammy" and "Chris" had shown up to where they were staying. "Sammy" was later identified by the witness as Samuel Hitchcock via a photomontage (description below). "Chris" was later contacted at Porchlight Men's Shelter and identified himself as Chris G. Torres. The witness stated Hitchcock was wearing a black long-sleeved shirt and black pants. They did not recall what Torres was wearing.

The witness advised Hitchcock had been to where they were staying before, and he was drunk when he showed up earlier in the night. According to the witness, when Hitchcock left there was no disturbance or issue between any of the men. Torres had come to the location multiple times that same day prior to 2300 hrs. The witness stated Torres left before 2300 hrs because

Torres had to be back at the shelter so he would not be locked out. Torres did not return the rest of the night.

The witness stated Hitchcock returned on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at approximately 0130 hrs. He stated he knew it was after 0000 hrs because that was when the sprinklers at the Sunset Corporate Campus turn on. He also stated Hitchcock checked his phone at one point and Hitchcock stated it was 0130 hrs.

Hitchcock and the witness started to drink vodka out of a bottle and Coca-Cola. Clark was lying down while they were drinking. At some point, Hitchcock spilled alcohol on Clark. Clark then told Hitchcock to leave, which he refused to do. Hitchcock and Clark then began to argue and eventually began to physically fight. The witness stated Clark was on his back during the fight and was unable to get up. The witness eventually pulled a blanket over his head to not witness what was happening any further.

The witness told police that during the altercation, the witness heard Hitchcock tell Clark he was an idiot for carrying so much money. Hitchcock also said he was going to take the money. The witness explained that Clark had recently withdrawn approximately \$3000 and had kept it on his person. The witness did not see the money during this, but he assumed Hitchcock had taken it. The witness said they knew Clark kept the money in his front pocket. The witness stated they never saw Clark strike back during the altercation. They only saw Clark and Hitchcock pushing, while Clark was on his back. The witness stated Hitchcock told Clark he was an idiot for having so much cash and that he was going to take it from him.

After the altercation was over, the witness said Hitchcock offered them some of Clark's money that he took. The witness declined to take any. The witness stated they heard Hitchcock tell Clark he did not look okay and offered to call him an ambulance, but Clark declined to have an ambulance come. Hitchcock asked him a second time if he wanted an ambulance and Clark again declined. Hitchcock then left the scene. The witness said they

heard Clark breathing, but he did not seem like he was doing okay. The witness stated they thought Clark was hurt based on how he sounded. The witness could not describe how Clark sounded that led them to believe he was hurt. The witness stated they did not see any blood at this point, however it was dark where they were.

The witness told Det. Fritsch they woke up sometime before 0700 hrs and left the scene. The witness knew it was before 0700 hrs because they knew that was when the security guard did her area check of the property. They did not check on Clark prior to leaving.

I spoke with Margaret J. Smith. She told me she was a Recovery Support Specialist for the Porchlight Men's Shelter. She told me she has a large caseload anywhere between 150-200 people and through this she becomes familiar with people who use the resources at the Porchlight Men's Shelter. She stated Hitchcock was referred to by Crisis Connections and his information was in their system. His name and date of birth were given to Det. Fritsch by Smith while we were on scene.

Bellevue Police Crime Analyst, S. Gibson, found a copy of Hitchcock's Oregon DOL photo. S. Gibson created a 6-pack photomontage. The photomontage had 6 photos on a single page. The witness was administered the 6-pack photomontage by Det. Lofink. Det. Lofink advised me the witness selected Hitchcock's photo from the 6-pack of photos. The witness said the identification was based on his facial features and lips.

On scene, we inspected the witness's hands and clothing. We did not see any blood on either. I did not see any bruising on their hands. It should also be noted that the witness was in a wheelchair. He could stand up on his own and walk weakly. The longer the witness stood up, the weaker their stability was to the point they could not hold themselves up on their own.

I reviewed traffic camera footage at the intersection of 139th Ave SE and SE Eastgate Way. Camera footage corroborated the witness' timeline of events of coming and goings of people into the makeshift camp site.

Det. Grannis advised me several pieces of evidence were recovered from the scene. He noted several items covered in blood were collected. They also collected several used cigarette butts in the area described by the witness. An empty vodka bottle was also located at the scene, which was consistent with the witness's statement of what they were drinking with Hitchcock. No US currency was located during the crime scene processing. Det. Grannis also noted at least one of Clark's front pockets had been turned inside out. There was a pocketknife near the body that had what appeared to be blood on it.

On July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, Det. Grannis and I attended the autopsy of Clark's body. I spoke with the KCMEs who conducted the autopsy. They noted Clark had broken ribs and abrasions near his mid-section. He also had a superficial cut underneath his chin which was caused by a sharp object. They also stated he had bruising in his face area particularly on the right side of his face. The KCME stated the manner of death was a homicide. The KCME stated he received lethal blunt force injuries to the head and neck area which was the cause of death. The KCME stated this caused a brain bleed which led to his death. The full KCME death report will be submitted with this case when it was made available. This was a brief summary of the cause of death for Clark.

I called Sarah L. Parr, who was the case manager for Clark. She said she had been his case manager for approximately 1 year. She spoke to him via text when he inquired about getting clothes and taking a shower. This was on July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at approximately 2107 hrs.

On July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, she had driven him to Banner Bank, so he could withdraw money from his account and cash a check. She stated he withdrew \$3,000 in cash from his account and received \$300 from the check. She also stated he already had approximately \$200 cash for a

total of approximately \$3,500. On July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, she took Clark to a storage facility where he paid his bill (approximately \$200). Parr believed he had approximately \$3,300 at this point and stated he lived frugally, so her best guess was he would have had approximately \$3,000 at the time of his death.

The wheelchair bound witness provided a statement that Hitchcock had taken approximately \$3,000 from Clark. It was confirmed by Parr that Clark had approximately \$3,300 in cash as of July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The witness also stated they witnessed Hitchcock physically push Clark as he demanded his money. The witness believed Clark was injured in this event based on how he sounded afterwards. Clark was then found deceased the next morning. Based on the findings of the KCME, the manner of death was ruled a homicide due to lethal blunt force injuries to the head and neck area. Since Clark died during the crime of Robbery in the 1st Degree, there was probable cause to arrest Hitchcock for Murder in the 1st Degree.

**I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF  
THE STATE OF WASHINGTON THAT MY ABOVE REPORT IS TRUE  
AND CORRECT:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Fujita", is written over a horizontal line.

SIGNED: Det. Robert Fujita #P-563 Bellevue, WA

August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

AGENCY: Bellevue Police Department	CASE NUMBER 2025-00041700	FILE NUMBER	PCN NUMBER
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**SUPERFORM**

<b>ARREST INFORMATION</b>	
DATE & TIME OF VIOLATION 7/29/2025	CRIMINAL TRAFFIC CITATION ATTACHED? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
DATE OF ARREST/TIME	ARREST LOCATION SE EASTGATE WAY BELLEVUE, WA 98005
ACCOMPLICES	

<b>SUSPECT INFORMATION</b>		
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE/JR, SR, 1st, 2nd) HITCHCOCK, SAMUEL	DOB 6/7/1997	ALIAS, NICKNAMES SAMUEL HITCHCOCK
ARMED/DANGEROUS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	IDENTITY IN DOUBT? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	CITIZENSHIP

<b>PHYSICAL DETAILS</b>							
SEX M	HEIGHT 5'05	WEIGHT 125	SKIN TONE	RACE W	EYE BRO	HAIR BRO	SCARS, MARKS, TATTOOS, DEFORMITIES

<b>IDENTIFICATION DETAILS</b>							
UCN 11987536	PRIOR BA #	AFIS #	FBI #	STATE ID # WA30247717	DRIVERS LICENSE #	STATE	SSN
RESIDENCE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS HOMELESS				EMPLOYMENT / SCHOOL EMPLOYER, SCHOOL (ADDRESS, SHOP/UNION NUMBER)			
RESIDENCE PHONE				BUSINESS PHONE		OCCUPATION	
<b>EMERGENCY CONTACT</b>							
PERSON TO BE CONTACTED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY			RELATIONSHIP	ADDRESS			PHONE

<b>CHARGE INFORMATION</b>			
OFFENSE <input type="checkbox"/> DV <input type="checkbox"/> FUGITIVE Murder In The First Degree	RCW / ORD#	COURT / CAUSE #	CITATION #
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<b>PROPERTY INFORMATION</b>		
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TOTAL CASH OF ARRESTEE \$0.00	WAS CASH TAKEN INTO EVIDENCE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO AMOUNT: \$0.00	SIGNATURE OF JAIL STAFF RECEIVING ITEMS / SERIAL #

<b>OFFICER INFORMATION</b>		
ARRESTING OFFICER / SERIAL # Fujita, Robert P-563	TRANSPORTING OFFICER / SERIAL #	SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE / SERIAL #
SUPERFORM COMPLETED BY (SIGNATURE/SERIAL #)		CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (NAME / SERIAL # / PHONE)

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