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IN THE THIRD DISTRICT COURT, WEST JORDAN DEPARTMENT  
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SALT LAKE, STATE OF UTAH

THE STATE OF UTAH  
Plaintiff,

vs.

**DONALD ROLLINS MITCHELL**  
**DOB: 08/20/1977,**  
**14425 South Bitterbrush Lane**  
**Draper, UT 84020**  
**OTN**  
**SO# 257345**  
**Booking#**

Defendant.

Screened by: NARDA BEAS-NORDELL  
Assigned to: WEST JORDAN TO BE  
ASSIGNED

**INFORMATION**

DAO # 16006901

Initial Appearance:

Bail: \$100,000.00

Warrant/Release: In Jail/USP

Case No.

The undersigned Officer J. Cahoon - Department Of Corrections, Agency Case No. 16-44144-CR, upon a written declaration states on information and belief that the defendant, DONALD ROLLINS MITCHELL, committed the crime(s) of:

COUNT 1

MAYHEM (INMATE), 76-5-105 UCA, Second Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about February 24, 2016 at Utah State Prison, in Salt Lake County, State of Utah, the defendant did unlawfully and intentionally deprive a human being of a member of his or her body, or disable or render it useless, or cut out or disable the tongue, or put out an eye, or slit the nose, ear, or lip.

COUNT 2

ASSAULT BY A PRISONER (INMATE), 76-5-102.5 UCA, Third Degree Felony, as follows: That on or about February 24, 2016 at Utah State Prison, in Salt Lake County, State of Utah, the defendant did , while being a prisoner, assault another with the intent to cause bodily injury.

THIS INFORMATION IS BASED ON EVIDENCE OBTAINED FROM THE FOLLOWING WITNESSES:

Officer J. Cahoon, KC Coombs and John Cross.

DECLARATION OF PROBABLE CAUSE:

Your Declarant bases this Information upon the following:

The statement of Utah Department of Corrections Officer John J. Cross that on February 24, 2016, at the Utah State Prison, 14425 South Bitterbush Ln, in Salt Lake County, in the Quirrah 2 facility, he entered cell 106 responding to an assistance button. Upon entering the cell Officer Cross observed Inmate KC Coombs standing over his sink cleaning blood off of his ear. Coombs claimed he fell and hit his head. Officer Cross noticed that a part of Coomb's ear was missing. When asked if it hurt, Coombs said, "No, I just fell and the weapon is in the corner." Coomb's was initially taken to the infirmary then transported to the University of Utah Hospital for treatment.

A Knuckle torso check was conducted of the inmates in section 1 to determine who had recently been in an altercation or fight. Inmate DONALD ROLLINS MITCHELL was seen with injuries to his face and body suggesting he was involved in an altercation, he was treated on-site and held for further investigation.

Investigator Josh Cahoon interviewed Coombs while at the hospital. Coombs was asked what happened and how he lost part of his ear. Coombs stated that he was talking to an inmate about playing cards when another inmate (MITCHELL) got in his face. The inmate threw a punch at Coombs and the two inmates began to "scuffle a little bit." Coombs then walked away from the inmate and back toward his own cell. Coombs stated the other inmate (MITCHELL) went into Coomb's cell and began to go through Coombs' belongings. Coombs confronted the inmate and the inmate (MITCHELL) produced a "blade" and Coombs had to defend himself. Coombs did not believe his ear was cut with a knife.

Investigator Cahoon arrived on scene and located a home-made weapon in cell 106. Cahoon conducted an interview of MITCHELL. The post-Miranda statement of MITCHELL, that he didn't like Coombs and didn't like him talking to his cell mate. He admitted getting into an altercation in his cell 102 and that he did go and entered cell 106 and the fight continued. He denied biting Coombs' ear.

On March 22, 2016 Investigator Cahoon re-interviewed MITCHELL. Post-Miranda MITCHELL repeated the same facts, stating they first fought in MITCHELL's cell 102 because

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Coombs was talking to MITCHELL'S cell mate and MITCHELL didn't like it and told Coombs to leave. MITCHELL admits that he first pushed Coombs in the face. The fight in 102 broke up, Coombs left and shortly after, MITCHELL went to Coombs' cell 106 to continue and engage in an altercation. MITCHELL admits that he was going through Coombs' belongings to get him to fight. MITCHELL again threw the first punch, missed and Coombs struck MITCHELL. MITCHELL states that while fighting with Coombs they ended up on the ground and MITCHELL noticed that Coomb's head and ear were near his mouth so he bit down on the ear. MITCHELL states that when he did this Coombs began to pry his mouth off his ear.

Pursuant to Utah Code Annotated § 78B-5-705 (2008) I declare under criminal penalty of the State of Utah that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my belief and knowledge.

Executed on: 3-29-16

J. Cahoon  
Officer J. Cahoon  
Declarant

Authorized for presentment and filing

SIM GILL, District Attorney

[Signature]  
Deputy District Attorney  
28th day of March, 2016  
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**OTHER PENDING CASES FOR THE DEFENDANT**

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