

IN THE MAGISTRATE COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

State of West Virginia

v.

Shannon Faith Robinson

Defendant (full name)

289 Nector St

Address

Grafton, WV, 26354

City, State & Zip Code

Case No. 26-146F-00005

Misdemeanor/  Felony

XXX-XX-5521

03 / 23 / 1974

Social Security Number

Date of Birth

WV-E620560

Driver's License / Identification Number

Phone Number(s)

**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

*Mag. Ct. Criminal Procedure Rule 3,4; 18 U.S.C. § 921(a)(33)*

I, the undersigned complainant, upon my oath or affirmation, state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about 02 / 16 / 2025, in TAYLOR County, West Virginia, in violation of *West Virginia Code § (cite specific section, subsection, and/or subdivision, if applicable)* § 61-8D-2(b) Murder of a child by a parent, guardian or custodian or other person, the defendant did *(state statutory language of the offense)*

See Attached:

I further state that this complaint is based upon the following facts:  Check if continued on attached sheet.

See Attached:

*(If this complaint involves any of the following relationships to the defendant, check all that apply.)* The defendant:

is/was married to the victim.  is/was living in the same household with the victim.  
 is/was a parent or guardian of the victim.  is/was a person who is a sexual or an intimate partner of the victim.  
 has a child in common with the victim.  has none of the above connections to the victim.

*(If this complaint involves driving under the influence (DUI) and any other traffic violations indicate the following.)*

Refused secondary chemical test  yes  no

Is CDL holder  yes  no

Complainant (who appears before Magistrate):

Dep. Chris MacQueen

Complainant (full name)

214 W Main St

Address

Grafton, WV, 26354

City, State & Zip Code

304-265-3428

Phone Number(s)

Deputy Sheriff

Office or Title, if any

1/13/2026

Chris MacQueen

Date

Complainant Signature

On this complaint, sworn or affirmed before me and signed in my presence on this date by the complainant, the item(s) checked below apply:

Finding

No probable cause found  
 Probable cause found

Issuance

Summons issued  
 Warrant issued  
 Warrantless arrest

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Dee P. Kiffel

Magistrate Signature

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**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT (CONTINUATION PAGE)**

**STATOTURY LANUAGE:**

§61-8D-2(a) - ) *Murder of a child by a parent, guardian or custodian or other person*

(b) *If any parent, guardian or custodian, or person in a position of trust in relation to a child, shall cause the death of a child under his or her care, custody, or control by knowingly allowing any other person to maliciously and intentionally fail or refuse to supply the child with necessary food, clothing, shelter, or medical care, then the other person and the parent, guardian or custodian, or person in a position of trust in relation to a child are each guilty of murder in the first degree.*

**FACTS:**

On February 16, 2025, at approximately 2040 hours, I, Deputy Chris MacQueen of the Taylor County Sheriff's Office, along with Deputy Justin A. Travinski and Deputy Z.M. Dobbins, responded to 239 Nector Street, Grafton, Taylor County, West Virginia, to assist Taylor County EMS, Company 40, with an unresponsive juvenile female. While en route, headquarters advised that the juvenile had been located unresponsive and not breathing. Upon arrival and entry into the residence, I observed an 11 year old female, later identified as M.M., lying unresponsive on the kitchen floor while EMS personnel were actively administering life saving measures. I immediately observed that M.M. appeared extremely small for her age, severely underweight, and malnourished. M.M. was wearing disposable pull ups and was not breathing or responsive.

I observed Aaron Moran, identified as M.M.'s biological father, kneeling near the child's upper body. Shannon Robinson, who identified herself as M.M.'s stepmother and primary caregiver, was seated nearby. I questioned Ms. Robinson regarding M.M.'s recent health and medical care. Ms. Robinson stated M.M. had been experiencing 'flu like symptoms for approximately one week prior to the incident. No medical treatment had been sought.

Due to the lack of response to emergency medical intervention, M.M. was transported to Grafton City Hospital. While assisting EMS personnel with carrying M.M., I again observed she was severely underweight and malnourished for her age. Despite continued medical treatment, M.M. was pronounced deceased by Dr. Joseph Duvert at 2132 hours on February 16, 2025.

Following M.M.'s death, I returned to the residence and interviewed Tyler Carter, age 28, and Breeze Robinson, age 19, who identified themselves as household members. Breeze Robinson stated she discovered M.M. in her bedroom and believed she was sleeping. Upon touching M.M., Breeze stated she felt cold and observed M.M.'s eyes partially open and that M.M. was not breathing. Aaron Moran then moved M.M. to the kitchen floor prior to calling 911.

Tyler Carter advised that M.M. had been sick "for a little while, though he could not provide a specific time frame. Tyler further stated that despite M.M.'s age, she was kept in pull ups due to ongoing diarrhea and had remained in that condition for an extended period.

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On February 16, 2025, I consulted with Jason McDaniel of The Taylor County Medical Examiner's Office regarding concerns of malnourishment and medical neglect. Mr. McDaniel advised that available records revealed no documented medical care or treatment for M.M. for several years.

On February 19, 2025, I attended the autopsy of M.M. at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Charleston, West Virginia, along with Chief Deputy L.L. Knotts. During the autopsy, the Medical Examiner advised M.M. to measure approximately 47 inches in height and weighed 43 pounds, measurements grossly inconsistent with her chronological age. The Medical Examiner further noted head lice, a yellowish tint to the skin, extreme thinness with bones visibly protruding, and multiple bruises and lacerations on the extremities and torso.

On October 7, 2025, I received the final autopsy report, which concluded M.M. died from bilateral, diffuse, acute bronchopneumonia, with failure to thrive listed as a contributing factor. The report noted M.M. was markedly underweight, with height and weight well below the fifth percentile for her age and sex.

Throughout the course of this investigation, including numerous interviews conducted by myself, Child Protective Services, and the Harrison County Child Advocacy Center, it was determined that Shannon Robinson and Aaron Moran isolated M.M. from outside contact, including family and friends. Interviews further revealed M.M. had been visibly ill since early summer of 2024, with her condition progressively worsening to the point she was unable to walk without assistance and spent the majority of her time sleeping.

Despite this observable and severe decline in health, Shannon Robinson and Aaron Moran knowingly failed and refused to obtain necessary medical care for M.M. Multiple witnesses advised that Robinson and Moran stated they could not take M.M. to a doctor because they feared being reported for child abuse or neglect due to her physical condition.

Further investigation revealed that food deprivation was used as a method of punishment toward M.M. Witnesses stated that if M.M. resisted or "pushed back" against Ms. Robinson, she would be denied food or provided only minimal nourishment for extended periods, while other household members consumed full meals in her presence.

It was further determined that M.M. had not received medical treatment from any medical provider since approximately 2020, after beginning to reside with Shannon Robinson. Ms. Robinson was determined to be M.M.'s primary caregiver. Aaron Moran, as M.M.'s biological father and legal guardian, knowingly permitted these conditions to exist and failed to provide necessary care, despite being aware of M.M.'s deteriorating condition.

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*PROBABLE CAUSE SUMMARY*

*Based upon the totality of the circumstances, including my direct observations, witness statements, medical examiner findings, and the autopsy report, I have probable cause to believe that Shannon Robinson and Aaron Moran, acting as a parent and guardian to M.M., knowingly and intentionally caused the death of a child by abusing and neglecting her through the withholding of necessary food, nutrition, and medical care. Their actions and omissions created prolonged conditions of starvation, failure to thrive, and untreated illness, which directly and proximately caused M.M.'s death. These facts establish probable cause that the above-named defendants committed the offense of Murder of a Child by a Parent or Guardian, in violation of West Virginia Code §61-8D-2(a).*