

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF THURSTON

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SELENA URSA SMITH,

Defendant.

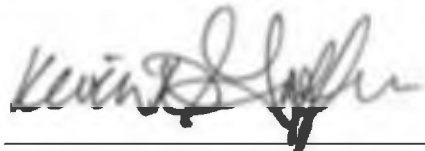
NO. 21-1-00676-34

MOTION TO QUASH WARRANT

I. MOTION

COMES NOW, the Defendant, Ms. Selena Smith, by and through Thurston County Public Defense, Kevin Griffin, and moves this Court to quash the bench warrant issued on January 13, 2022, in the above-captioned matter. This motion is supported by the Declaration of Counsel presented herewith.

DATED this 19th day of September, 2025.



KEVIN GRIFFIN, WSBA #38740
Thurston County Public Defense

II. DECLARATION OF COUNSEL

I, Kevin Griffin, am over the age of eighteen and competent to testify in a court of law in the state of Washington. I certify the following to the Court based on information and belief:

1. I am employed by Thurston County Public Defense ("TCPD").
2. Ms. Smith was arrested related to this matter on or about July 18, 2021. A hearing was held on July 20, 2021, and conditions of release were set that included requiring \$10,000 bail/bond to be posted for Ms. Smith to be released. Thurston County Public Defense was appointed to represent Ms. Smith.
3. Ms. Smith posted bail on July 21, 2021, and was released from custody.
4. On September 2, 2021, Ms. Smith signed and entered a Waiver of Extradition in this matter. Conditions of Release were also amended on that day to allow Ms. Smith to return to Oregon, where she was living before her arrest in July of 2021.
5. Ms. Smith retained private attorney Bruce Finaly and a Notice of Withdrawal and Substitution, removing TCPD from Ms. Smith's representation, was filed on December 14, 2021.
6. An Omnibus hearing was held in this matter on January 13, 2022. Ms. Smith did not appear at that hearing, and a warrant was issued for her arrest. Private attorney Bruce Finley filed a Notice of Withdrawal shortly after due to the cases warrant status.
7. On September 18, 2025, Ms. Smith reached out to TCPD requesting assistance with resolving this warrant. Ms. Smith informed us that at the time the warrant was issued she had been in the hospital due to an infection in her knee. The infection eventually spread to her hip and surgery was necessary during her multiple week hospital stay in January of 2022.
8. Ms. Smith is also the victim in an ongoing domestic violence situation with the father of her second child. This situation intensified directly after her release from the hospital in Oregon, and Ms. Smith's focus became on her own personal safety and the safety of her other family members involved, including her daughter.
9. Ms. Smith is now involved in a domestic violence program down in Oregon, has engaged in trauma therapy, and is doing much better and is prepared to move forward with this matter and comply with court requirements.
10. Ms. Smith has indicated that she receives state benefits in Oregon and believes she would qualify for re-appointment of Thurston County Public Defense.

11. Ms. Smith respectfully requests that this Court quash the bench warrant issued on January 13, 2022,
re-appoint Thurston County Public Defense to represent her in this matter, and asks the Court to
schedule appropriate future Court hearings.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is
true and correct.

DATED this 19th day of September, 2025.



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