

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR  
LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA CRIMINAL ACTION

STATE OF FLORIDA

CASE NO: 26-CF-340 (NRT) (ART)

vs.

JOSEPH ANTONIO BAER

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ORDER GRANTING THE STATE'S MOTION FOR PRETRIAL DETENTION

The State's Motion for Pretrial Detention pursuant to Fla. Stat 907.041, having come on to be heard for an evidentiary hearing, and the Court having been advised in the premises of both the facts and the law respecting the said Motion, the Court makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. The Court finds a substantial probability that the Defendant committed the qualifying offense of Written Threat to Conduct a Mass Shooting.
2. The Court has considered the circumstances of the crime charged, probable cause having been found for Written Threat to Conduct a Mass Shooting.
3. The Court finds persuasive the facts alleged in the First Appearance Order and the sworn statements contained in the Booking Report.
4. The Court finds based on the evidence and argument presented at the hearing that there are no conditions of release that could protect the community from risk of harm.
5. The Court finds that pretrial detention is warranted under the facts and circumstances to protect the community from risk of physical harm.
6. The court incorporates by reference its findings of fact as announced in open court on June 16, 2026 in this Order.
7. Nothing in this Order shall affect the Defendant's right to dissolution of this pretrial detention order whenever the court finds that a subsequent event has eliminated the basis for the detention.

Therefore, it is hereby **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that the State's Motion for Pretrial Detention is **GRANTED**.

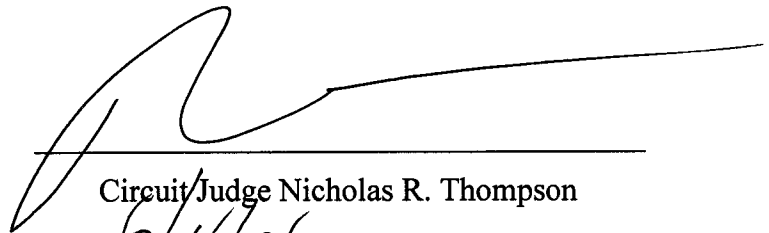
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**DONE AND ORDERED** in Chambers at Fort Myers, Lee County, Florida on the date affixed to the signature below.



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Circuit Judge Nicholas R. Thompson  
6/16/26