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# THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF SCHLEICHER

## NO. M-08-001 S.

### AFFIDAVIT FOR SEARCH AND ARREST WARRANT

The undersigned Affiant, being a peace officer under the laws of the State of Texas and being duly swom, on oath makes the following statements and accusations:

1. There is in Schleicher County, Texas, a suspected place and premises described and located as follows: the YFZ Ranch, located at 2420 County Road 300 (Rudd Road), Eldorado, Texas, 76936; if driving from the Schleicher County Courthouse or Schleicher County Sheriff's Office, proceed north on U.S. Highway 277, travel approximately eight tenths (.8) of a mile to County Road 300 (Rudd Road), turn northeast on County Road 300 (Rudd Road) and travel approximately 4 miles to the gate of the YFZ Ranch; the gate is a metal double gate and one side is damaged; the gate is located on the north side of the road.

The ranch covers approximately 1691.11 acres and contains multiple residential structures, buildings, medical facilities, and other places, structures and vehicles where persons and property sought may be.

Said Suspected Place and Premises includes all buildings, medical facilities, structures, places and vehicles on said premises and within the curtilage of said Suspected Place, which are found to be under the control of the Suspected Party named below and in, on, or around which the persons who are the object of the search may reasonably be found.

- Said suspected place and premises are in charge of and controlled by the following persons: Frederick Merril Jessop, dob 12/27/1935; Dale Barlow, dob 11/6/1957; and Dr. Lloyd Barlow; unknown date of birth and unknown parties not yet identified by affiant.
- 3. It is the belief of the affiant that a specific criminal offense has been committed, to-wit: Sexual Assault of a Child, Texas Penal Code Section 22.011
- 4. It is the belief of Affiant that there is at said suspected place and premises the following: A.) persons: (1) a child victim of the alleged criminal offense of sexual assault of a child, namely: a child known as bereafter referred to as unknown) (2) a child of (3) a person who has committed the alleged criminal offense, namely. DALE BARLOW dob 11/6/1957; AND B.) property which constitutes evidence of said offense and constitutes evidence that a particular person committed said offense, and said property is described as follows: (1) Records or other information relating to the birth of a child or children of (2) Prenatal information or records relating Records relating to any pregnancy of (3) Records or information relating to the age and true identity of (4) Records or information relating to any marriage and true identity of any party; (5) Records or information relating to any marriage of DALE BARLOW to any party; (6) any photographs, including and not limited to family portraits, which show her child and DALE BARLOW; together or any combination thereof; (7) any computer or any electronic storage medium; including but not limited to zip drives, storage drives, thumb drives, external hard drives, CD's, DVD's; videos; videotapes and digital photographs (8) any family bible or books showing the marriages or births of children in reference to the and DALE BARLOW; marriage or union between

child and or her pregnancy; including any documents related to any medical treatment

(9) any medical records, documents or files related to

5. Affiant has probable cause for said belief by reason of the following facts, to-wit: Affiant is Leslie Brooks Long, a certified peace officer under the laws of the State of Texas for approximately 19 years. Affiant is currently employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety as a Texas Ranger and has investigated criminal offenses in the State of Texas, including the criminal offense of Sexual Assault of a Child. Affiant has received training from the Texas Department of Public Safety Training Academy in Austin , Texas, including specialized Criminal Law Enforcement training in reference to offenses identified as Sexual Assault of a Child. Affiant has personally been on the premises of the YFZ Ranch on multiple occasions over the past four years and knows that it is located as described above as the Suspected Place and Premises. At the Suspected Place and Premises, Affiant entered the gate described in the Suspected Place and Premises, drove further onto the property and observed another fence and gate within the ranch. At the interior gate, Affiant observed a small, enclosed, roofed building with tinted windows and antennae believed to be used in the purpose of communications. This structure is built a few feet above ground. Based on these observations and Affiant's training and experience, Affiant believes this building is a surveillance platform, guard tower or guard house. Affiant has personally spoken with Frederick Merril Jessop, who identified himself as the point of contact to law enforcement involving any requests or needs from the the YFZ Ranch, hereafter referred to as the Suspected Place and Premises. Affiant has personally observed other persons at the YFZ Ranch seek authorization from Frederick Merril Jessop to respond to questions from law enforcement and other government officials. Frederick Mertil Jessop advised Affiant that Frederick Mertil Jessop resides at the Suspected Place and Premises and has presented himself to Affiant as the authority at the Suspected Place and Premises. Affiant observed that numerous other people were present at the Suspected Place and Premises and Frederick Merril Jessop advised Affiant that around one hundred men, women and children reside at the Suspected Place and Premises. The occupants of the residential structures on the Suspected Place and Premises have been not been identified to Affiant.

On April 2, 2008, Affiant personally interviewed and Affiant has also reviewed Affidavits sworn by and advised Family Shelter') located in San Angelo, Tom Green County, Texas, and that, as part of their duties, each of them answers telephone calls for the Family Shelter on a telephone line designated as a "Crisis Hotline" for use by those in need of Family Shelter services. Affiant was advised by that the Family Shelter's primary function is to assist victim's of domestic violence.

advised Affiant that on March 29, 2008, answered a telephone call on the Crisis Holline that lasted approximately forty-two minutes.

Affiant that the caller was female and identified herself as with a date of birth of advised Affiant of the following information learned during the telephone call: the caller advised that she lives on a ranch in Eldorado; the caller spoke quietly and paused for an extended period of time on at least two occasions during the conversation; the caller advised that she could not talk very loud, because she would get into trouble if anyone found out that she called; the female caller stated that she is pregnant and has one baby that is eight months old; the caller advised that she resides with her eight-month-old baby and "husband," the father of the baby, at a ranch in Eldorado; the caller advised that her "husband" hits her and hurts her; at the conclusion of the telephone call, the caller advised that she would try to get help to get off the ranch.

advised Affiant during her interview on April 2, 2008, that on March 29, answered multiple telephone calls on the Family Shelter 2008, and March 30, 2008, with a date of birth of Crisis Hotline during which the caller identified herself as January 13, 1992; the duration of the telephone calls varied from brief duration up to approximately advised Affiant verbally and through one hour in duration over the two-day period. her written affidavit of the following information learned during the telephone calls: the caller sounded calm, but occasionally cried during the telephone conversations; the female caller said Barlow is her married name and was her name before she was married; the caller stated that she is sixteen years old, pregnant, and has an eight month old baby, the caller advised that she resides with her eight-month-old baby and her "husband," the father of her baby, at the YFZ Ranch, which Affiant knows is the Suspected Place and Premises; the caller advised that she has lived at the YFZ Ranch, which Affiant knows is the Suspected Place and Premises, since she was thirteen; the caller identified her husband's first name as Dale and advised that he is forty-nine years old; the caller advised that Dale Barlow is physically as well as sexually abusive toward her; the caller advised that her parents do not live at the Suspected Place and Premises; the caller advised that she is not allowed to leave the Ranch and that a guard is posted on the Ranch at a guard tower near the gate that inhibits her ability to leave; the caller advised that she has been thinking of ways to escape the Ranch with her baby; the caller expressed fear of the world outside the ranch; the caller expressed fear of being caught leaving the ranch, saying that if she were caught trying to leave the ranch she would be locked in her room and not allowed to eat as punishment for her disobedience; at one point in telephone conversation on Saturday, March 29, 2008, the caller advised that she wanted to forget that she had called; then, the caller telephoned again Sunday, March 30, 2008, advising of the caller's desire to escape the Ranch, but expressing fear of the world outside the Ranch, saying she had been told that outsiders would hurt her.

Affiant knows based on conventional wisdom that if the caller's date of birth is and she has an eight-month-old baby, she would have been, at most, fifteen years of age when the baby was conceived, so on or about January 1, 2007, Dale Barlow penetrated the sexual organ of a child, namely who was then and there under the age of seventeen and not the legal spouse of Dale Barlow, by means of the sexual organ of Dale Barlow. Affiant knows of no provision under Texas law for lawful marriage at the age of fifteen.

Affiant confirmed through Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran, that DALE EVANS BARLOW, dob 11-05-57, was arrested for the offense of Conspiracy to Commit Sexual Conduct with a minor; an undesignated offense, in the State of Arizona on or about 07-11-2005. Affiant obtained a copy of a judgement via the Superior Court of the State of Arizona, County of Mohave where DALE EVANS BARLOW was placed on probation for a period of three years in reference to this offense; and the probation period to begin on 08-17-07. Affiant was advised by Sheriff Doran that DALE EVANS BARLOW has not registered as a sex offender with the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department.

Affiant was advised by Sheriff Doran, that Dr. Lloyd H. Barlow, the line is a licensed physician in the State of Texas and is currently located at the suspected place. Doran advised that Dr. Barlow operates a medical clinic at the YFZ Ranch. Doran has personally met Dr. Barlow and understands his function is to provide medical care to the YFZ Ranch residents. Affiant located a Texas Medical Board License for Dr. Lloyd Barlow within the records of the Texas Department of Public Safety for the dispensing of medications.

Based on the information provided by the caller, Affiant believes that the felony criminal offense of sexual assault of a child has occurred and that the victim of the crime, and her child, are currently located at the Suspected Place and Premises. Affiant further believes, based on the information provided by the caller, that DALE BARLOW is currently located at the Suspected Place and Premises. It is further believed that evidence of the crime, to include records or other information relating to the birth and/or prenatal care or other prenatal information of a child or children of the crime, records or information relating to the age and true identity of the crime, records or information relating to any marriage and true identity of the control of the crime to any party, and records or information relating to any marriage of DALE BARLOW to any party, are also currently located at the Suspected Place and Premises. Affiant believes any and all of the records and information listed would be evidence relevant to the Sexual Assault of a Child investigation.

Affiant has been to the Suspected Place and Premises, YFZ Ranch, and knows that there are numerous residential structures, buildings and locations where the following may be DALE BARLOW; or records or , a child of ; prenatal care or other prenatal information relating to: the birth of a child to ; any pregnancy of information of a child or children of to any party; ; any marriage and true identity of and true identity of and any marriage of DALE BARLOW to any party any photographs, including and not limited to , her child, and DALE BARLOW together or any family portraits, which show combination thereof; any computer or any electronic storage medium; including but not limited to zip drives, storage drives, thumb drives, external hard drives, CD's, DVD's; videos; videotapes and digital photographs; any family bible or books showing the marriages or births of children in and DALE BARLOW; and any reference to the marriage or union between and the birth of her child and or her medical records, documents or files related to pregnancy; including any documents related to any medical treatment.

Based on the foregoing, Affiant requests this Court issue a warrant authorizing Affiant to conduct a search of the Suspected Place and Premises, including any and all residential structures, buildings, locations, vehicles and other structures located in, on, and within the curtilage of the Suspected Place and Premises to search for, identify and photograph and any child or children of the Suspected Place and Bremises to search for and seize the records and information listed above; and to search for and arrest DALE BARLOW.

WHEREFORE, YOUR affiant asks for issuance of a warrant to search the above described premises and to seize said property described and to arrest the person named above in this affidavit.

Leslie Brooks Long, Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME BY THE SAID AFFIANT ON THIS

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Judge Presiding

## THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF SCHLEICHER

### NO. M-08-002-5

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The ranch covers approximately 1691.11 acres and contains multiple residential structures, buildings, medical facilities, and other places, structures and vehicles where persons and property

sought may be.

Said Suspected Place and Premises includes all buildings, temples, temple annexes, places of worship, vaults, safes, lockboxes, locked drawers, medical facilities, structures, places and vehicles on said premises and within the curtilage of said Suspected Place, which are found to be under the control of the Suspected Party named below and in, on, or around which the persons who are the object of the search may reasonably be found.

- 2. Said suspected place and premises are in charge of and controlled by the following persons: Frederick Merril Jessop, dob 12/27/1935;
- 3. It is the belief of the affiant that a specific criminal offense has been committed, to-wit: Sexual Assault of a Child, Texas Penal Code Section 22.011 and Bigamy, Texas Penal Code Section 25.01
- 4. It is the belief of Affiant that there is at said suspected place and premises the following property which constitutes evidence of said offense and constitutes evidence that a particular person committed said offense, and said property is described as follows:

(1) Records or other information relating to the birth of a child or children to a mother who

is A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF SEVENTEEN;

- (2) Prenatal information or records relating to any pregnancy of A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF SEVENTEEN;
- (3) Records or information relating to the age and true identity of any and all children UNDER THE AGE OF SEVENTEEN who have been married to an adult male (over the age of seventeen):

(4) Records or information relating to any marriage and true identity of A CHILD UNDER

THE AGE OF SEVENTEEN to any party;

- (5) any photographs, including and not limited to family portraits, which show A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF SEVENTEEN together with her purported husband and/or child(ren):
- (6) any computer or any electronic storage medium; including but not limited to zip drives, storage drives, thumb drives, external hard drives, CD's, DVD's, videos, videotapes and digital photographs of a child under the age of seventeen with her purported husband and/or child(ren);
- (7) any family bible or books showing the marriages or births of children in reference to the marriage or union between A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF SEVENTEEN and any party;
- (8) any medical records, documents or files related to A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF SEVENTEEN and the birth of her child and or her pregnancy; including any documents related to any medical treatment;
- (9) bed linens, undergamments, hair (head, body, and/or pubic), fibers, bodily fluids, blood, articles of clothing;
- (10) blood, head hair, pubic hair, buccal cells, and fingerprints of adult males over the age of seventeen who reside at the Suspected Place and Premises;
- (11) blood, head hair, pubic hair, buccal cells, and fingerprints of adult females over the age of seventeen who reside at the Suspected Place and Premises; and

5. Affiant has probable cause for said belief by reason of the following facts, to-wit: Affiant is Leslie Brooks Long, a certified peace officer under the laws of the State of Texas for approximately 19 years. Affiant is currently employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety as a Texas Ranger and has investigated criminal offenses in the State of Texas, including the criminal offense of Sexual Assault of a Child. Affiant has received training from the Texas Department of Public Safety Training Academy in Austin, Texas, including specialized Criminal Law Enforcement training in reference to offenses identified as Sexual Assault of a Child. Affiant has personally been on the premises of the YFZ Ranch on multiple occasions over the past four years and knows that it is located as described above as the Suspected Place and Premises. Also, Affiant has now been to the Suspected Place and Premises on April 4, 2008, April 5, 2008, and April 6, 2008, for many hours each day. At the Suspected Place and Premises, Affiant entered the gate described in the Suspected Place and Premises, drove further onto the property and observed another fence and gate within the ranch. At the interior gate, Affiant observed a small, enclosed, roofed building with tinted windows and antennae believed to be used in the purpose of communications. This structure is built a few feet above ground. Based on these observations and Affiant's training and experience, Affiant believes this building is a surveillance platform, guard tower or guard house. Affiant has personally spoken with Frederick Merril Jessop, as recently as April 5, 2008, who identified himself as the point of contact to law enforcement involving any requests or needs from the YFZ Ranch, hereafter referred to as the Suspected Place and Premises. Affiant has personally observed other persons at the YFZ Ranch seek authorization from Frederick Merril Jessop to respond to questions from law enforcement and other government officials. Frederick Merril Jessop advised Affiant that Frederick Merril Jessop resides at the Suspected Place and Premises and has presented himself to Affiant as the authority at the Suspected Place and Premises. Affiant observed that numerous other people were present at the Suspected Place and Premises and Frederick Merril Jessop on April 4, 2008, advised Affiant that around two hundred fifty men, women and children reside at the Suspected Place and Premises. The occupants of the residential structures on the Suspected Place and Premises have been not been identified to Affiant.

On April 5, 2008, while conducting a search of the Suspected Place and Premises under authority of Search and Arrest Warrant number M-08-001-S, out of the 51<sup>st</sup> Judicial District of Texas, for the County of Schleicher, a copy of which is attached hereto with accompanying affidavit as "Attachment A" for all purposes, Affiant made the following observations: within a large building, that Affiant heard the residents at the Suspected Place and Premises refer to as a Temple, hereafter referred to as the "Temple," Affiant observed multiple locked safes, locked desk drawers, locked vaults, as well as multiple computers and beds. On one of the beds within the Temple, Affiant observed that the bed linens were disturbed as if the bed had been used and Affiant observed a strand of hair believed to have come from the head of a female. Affiant believes the strand of hair belongs to a female because Affiant has seen numerous male residents at the Suspected Place and Premises and all of the males observed by Affiant wear their hair shorter than the strand of hair observed by Affiant.

On April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Affiant observed a building similar in appearance to the Temple, but smaller in size that is built away from the Temple, that Affiant will hereafter refer to as the Temple Annex. Inside the Temple Annex, Affiant observed multiple safes and a computer and computer peripherals.

On April 6, 2008, Affiant has personally spoken with Tina Martinez, an employee with the Texas Department of Protective and Family Services who personally interviewed a child who identified herself as a constant on April 4th or 5th of 2008; and the said she is fifteen years of age, that the said she is marked to the said she is fifteen who is sixteen years of age and was spiritually united (married); and further advised fina Martinez that the had a baby and is pregnant and resides at the Suspected Place and Premises.

Tina Martinez also advised Affiant that she interviewed a child on April 4, 2008, who appeared to be approximately sixteen years of age who identified herself as that Tina Martinez asked that Tina Martinez asked there age in the presence of the property that that the told told the "you are eighteen;" after which

On April 6, 2008, Tina Martinez further advised Affiant that, between this date and April 4, 2008, she interviewed a child who identified herself as with a date of birth of 12/9/1989 who advised that she has a son named who was born 8/1/2006; that advised that the father of is who is thirty-six years old.

On April 6, 2008, Tina Martinez advised Affiant that, between this date and April 4, 2008, Tina Martinez interviewed a female who identified herself as with a date of birth of 9/16/1988 who advised Tina Martinez that she has a daughter named who was born 8/19/2005 and she has another daughter named who was born 8/12/2004.

Also on April 6, 2008, Affiant has personally spoken with Ruby Gutierrez, an employee with the Texas Department of Protective and Family Services who personally interviewed a child who identified herself as between this date and April 4, 2008. Ruby Gutierrez advised Affiant that told Ruby Gutierrez that a resident of the Suspected Place and Premises, is sixteen and has been spiritually united (married) who is approximately forty years of age.

Also on April 6, 2008, Affiant has personally spoken with Rebecca Baxter, an employee with the Texas Department of Protective and Family Services who, between this date and April 4, 2008, has personally interviewed a child who identified herself as with a date of birth of sixteen years of age; advised Rebecca Baxter that is pregnant and due to give birth in June 2008 and that whose first wife, to whom is also still currently married to approximately forty years of age.

On April 6, 2008, Rebecca Baxter also advised Affiant that, between this date and April 4, 2008, she interviewed a female who appeared to be approximately sixteen years of age, identified does not know v, and advised Rebecca Baxter that 🚛 her own age, but that she has given birth to a child who is now two years old and that she is currently pregnant again. On April 6, 2008, Rebecca Baxter advised Affiant that, between this date and April 4, 2008, she interviewed a child who identified herself as t page 8, who is under sixteen years has four children and advised that: that of age; that 4 is spiritually united to is the first mother, that is the father of wife of Richard Jessop Barlow; that is the second wife of and that both wives are still alive and married to

Affiant has been advised by Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran that Sheriff Doran has worked with residents at the Suspected Place and Premises over the past four years. Sheriff Doran advised Affiant that he has learned from the residents at the Suspected Place and Premises that the residents all belong to the religious group the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (hereafter referred to as FLDS). On April 6, 2008, Sheriff Doran advised Affiant that, over the past four years, Sheriff Doran has worked with a confidential informant who is a former member of the FLDS; that the confidential informant has provided Sheriff Doran with information regarding the FLDS on more than twenty occasions over the past several years and, that on each occasion, the information was proven to be reliable, true and correct; that the confidential informant has continued to provide Sheriff Doran reliable information as recently as April 5, 2008; that, on April 5, 2008, the confidential informant advised Sheriff Doran of the following: that adult male FLDS church members over the age of seventeen engage in the practice of marrying multiple wives, at the initial time of the marriage, the bride is often under the age of sixteen years; and that the temple at the Suspected Place and Premises contains an area where there is a bed where males over the age of seventeen engage in sexual activity with female children under the age of seventeen.

As stated above, on April 5, 2008, Affiant observed a bed within the Temple that has disturbed bed linens and a strand of hair that appears to be from a female head.

Furthermore, while conducting a search of the Suspected Place and Premises under the authority of Search Warrant number M-08-001-S, on April 5, 2008, Affiant while agents were searching for documents pertinent to that Search Warrant, Affiant personally observed a document indicating marriages between one man and over twenty wives, all of whom resided in the same residence at the Suspected Place and Premises, as of August 9, 2007, with no record of divorce or death of a spouse found.

Therefore, Affiant requests authority to search the Suspected Place and Premises to include all buildings, temples, temple annexes, places of worship, vaults, safes, lockboxes, locked drawers, medical facilities, structures, places and vehicles on said premises and within the curtilage of said Suspected Place and Premises for and seize the following property:

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(11) blood, head hair, pubic hair, buccal cells, and fingerprints of adult females over the age

of seventeen who reside at the Suspected Place and Premises; and

(12) any device capable of electronic capture or storage of images, which may contain images of a child under the age of seventeen with her purported husband and/or child(ren), including, but not limited to video cameras and cellular telephones;

As such evidence would be relevant to the investigation to help identify suspects and victims of the offenses of sexual assault of a child and bigarny.

WHEREFORE, YOUR affiant asks for issuance of a warrant to search the above described premises and to seize said property described and to arrest the person named above in this affidavit.

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