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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF  
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF FREMONT  
MAGISTRATE DIVISION**

STATE OF IDAHO,

**Plaintiff**

v

CHAD GUY DAYBELL

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DOB: 08/08/1968  
SSN: XXX-XX-8136

Defendant

Case No.:

CR22-20-755

**PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT OF  
DETECTIVE RON BALL**

**STATE OF IDAHO )  
ss.  
County of Madison )**

I, Lt. Ron Ball, of the Rexburg Police Department, being first duly sworn under oath, depose and state as follows:

1. The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
2. I am a Detective with the Rexburg Police Department and have been employed in Law Enforcement for more than 27 years. I am currently the lieutenant over investigations for

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the Rexburg Police Department. I currently hold an Advanced Certificate and a Management Certificate from the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training Academy and have over 2500 hours of training. I have attended multiple trainings and classes throughout my career, including graduating from the FBI National Academy in 2015. I have received multiple hours of specialized training in investigations. I have also conducted numerous investigations and interviews with suspects, victims and witnesses involving narcotics, sex crimes and fraud. I have also received numerous hours of training on traffic stops and detection of criminal behavior.

3. I respectfully ask the court to take notice of the PC Affidavit in Madison County Case No. CR33-20-0302, a copy of which has been attached.
4. Since November 26, 2019, the Rexburg Police Department has been involved in the search for JJ Vallow, DOB: 5/25/2012, and Tylee Ryan, DOB: 9/24/2002. The minor childrens' mother, Lori Vallow, has been charged with two felony counts of Desertion of a Minor Child, one misdemeanor count of Resisting and Obstructing, one misdemeanor count of Solicitation to Commit a Crime and one misdemeanor count of Contempt. The Contempt charge is for failing to comply with an Order in a child protection action in Madison County, Idaho to produce JJ and Tylee to the Rexburg Police or the Department of Health and Welfare. She was required to produce the children by January 30, 2020. Tylee was 17 at the time she went missing and JJ was 7 when he went missing.
5. Chad Daybell was present in Kauai, Hawaii on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 when Lori Vallow was arrested on the felony desertion charges. I was present at that arrest. Daybell was also present at the March 6<sup>th</sup> initial appearance in Madison County, Idaho. As such, I know that Chad Daybell was aware of felony charges directly related to the location, health, and well-being of the minor children named above.
6. Since November 26, 2019, the Rexburg Police Department, along with the FBI, have been investigating the location and whereabouts of these two minor children. The last verifiable sighting of Tylee Ryan was on September 8, 2019, in Yellowstone National Park. The last

verifiable sighting of JJ Vallow was September 22, 2019, in his mother's apartment, located at [REDACTED], by Lori's friend, Melani Gibb. While the Rexburg Police and FBI have received many tips of alleged sightings since the beginning of the case, none of these tips have led to any verifiable or actionable information regarding the health, safety or location of the minor children.

7. Lori Vallow moved to Rexburg on or about September 1, 2019, with her children, Tylee Ryan and JJ Vallow and her brother, Alex Cox. Lori resided with her children at 565 Pioneer Road, Unit #175, Rexburg, Idaho. Alex Cox resided in the same complex, initially living in the same unit as Lori and then moving into his own unit at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED].
8. Lori Vallow's close friend, Melani Gibb, has cooperated with Idaho and Arizona law enforcement regarding the investigation of the children. Melani Gibb has reported that from September 19, 2019, through the morning of September 23, 2019, she visited Lori Vallow at her new residence in Rexburg, Idaho. Gibb reports that when she arrived in Rexburg, Lori Vallow informed her that JJ Vallow had become a "zombie." Gibb further reports that the term "zombie" refers to an individual whose mortal spirit has left their body and that their body is now the host of another spirit. The new spirit in a "zombie" is always considered a "dark spirit." While the "dark spirit" inhabits the host body, the person's true spirit goes into "limbo" and is stuck there until the host body is physically killed. As such, death of the physical body is seen as the mechanism by which the body's original spirit can be released from limbo. This belief was told to Gibb by Lori Vallow. Lori Vallow had learned it from Chad Daybell and immediately told Gibb. Gibb was present with Lori Vallow when Chad Daybell first taught Lori this information over the phone in early 2019 in reference to Charles Vallow.
9. Melani Gibb has further informed me that Lori Vallow called Tylee a zombie in the spring of 2019. Gibb was on the phone with Lori and heard Lori call Tylee a zombie to which Tylee responded "not me, mom." This arose out of Lori requiring Tylee to babysit JJ and Tylee did not want to. Lori Vallow also told Gibb that Tylee had turned into a zombie

when she was 12 or 13, which was approximately the same time Tylee had become “difficult” to deal with.

10. Melani Gibb has further informed me that she was told by Chad Daybell and Lori Vallow that they held the religious belief that they were a part of the “Church of the Firstborn” and their mission in that Church was to lead the “144,000” mentioned in the Book of Revelation. They also stated their mission was to rid the world of “zombies.”
11. On January 26, 2020, a search warrant was served on Chad Daybell and Lori Vallow in Kauai where they were living and on their vehicle. The children were not found with Chad and Lori in Hawaii and no evidence was found to suggest they were living with Chad and Lori.
12. Through this investigation, we have discovered that JJ Vallow was registered at Kennedy Elementary School in Rexburg, the first week of September, 2019. Kennedy School was informed that JJ had an individual education plan, (IEP) due to his autism. Kennedy Elementary was in the process of creating a new IEP for JJ. On September 23, 2019, JJ had an unexcused absence. On September 24, 2020, Lori Vallow called Vickie Barton of the Madison School District and informed her that JJ was going to Louisiana with his grandparents and wouldn’t be home until the end of October and maybe later. On October 29, Madison School District was informed that JJ would be homeschooled. During searches of Lori’s apartment in Rexburg and subsequent searches of her apartment in Kauai, no evidence of homeschooling material was ever found. No other school district has ever requested JJ’s records from the Madison School District.
13. As mentioned, the last verifiable sighting of Tylee Ryan was in Yellowstone National Park on September 8, 2019. Photographs establish she was there with her mother Lori Vallow, her brother JJ Vallow, and her uncle Alex Cox. They drove there in Alex’s silver Ford F-150. This trip was further established by tracking the GPS, cell tower connections, and Google account information on Alex Cox’s phone.

14. The Cellular Analysis Survey Team (hereinafter CAST), is an FBI unit that provides analyses of cellphone records and presents the information to law enforcement. CAST has analyzed Alex Cox's phone and provided the location information mentioned in paragraph 13. The CAST analysis provides the location of Cox's phone. Due to my training and experience and common knowledge I am aware that most individuals now keep their cell-phones with them at all times and the location of an individual's phone can be used to establish the location of the owner of the phone. CAST uses a cellular devices' GPS data points, cell tower connections, wi-fi connections, and Google tracking information to establish the location of a cell phone. The GPS data points used by CAST are considered to be highly accurate and can place the device within a 6 meter radius.

15. CAST has further informed law enforcement that Cox's phone exited the west entrance of Yellowstone National Park at 18:40. His phone appeared to be at Buckaroo's BBQ grill in West Yellowstone, Montana from 18:45 to 19:02. Cox then returns to Rexburg at approximately 20:37. The phone is then at Lori's [REDACTED] until 21:35, at which time, Cox appeared to go to the Maverick on Main Street in Rexburg at 21:43 until 21:53. Cox then went back to Lori's apartment from 22:44 to 23:15. At 23:44 Cox is located at his residence in [REDACTED]

16. On Monday, September 9, from 00:00 (12 a.m.) and 00:44 Cox's phone was located at his apartment ( [REDACTED] ) However, at 02:42 (2:42 a.m.) to 03:37 (3:37 a.m.) Cox is located again at Lori's Apartment ( [REDACTED] ) where Lori lived with Tylee and JJ. This is significant, not only because he is there in the middle of the night, but also because this is the only time in September he appears to go over to Lori's between midnight and 6 a.m.

17. At 04:37, Alex went back to his own apartment, [REDACTED] until 08:59. At 09:21 he was located at a property with the address [REDACTED] which is the residence of Chad Daybell. (It should be noted that while Chad Daybell's address is listed as Rexburg, it is actually located in Fremont County, Idaho.) The 09:21 reading is a GPS data point and places him behind the home on Daybell's property near the East end of the barn.

18. Alex Cox's phone was still at the Daybell residence at 10:39. At 10:47, his phone shows a hit at the City of St. Anthony. At this time, we are unable to tell if he was actually inside the city limits of St. Anthony, (St. Anthony is about a 5-minute drive from the Daybell residence) or if this was a cell tower ping on his phone while he was still at the Daybell residence. At 10:57 to 11:39 Cox is located at the Daybell property. At 11:52 to 12:02 he was at Dell Taco in Rexburg. He appears to spend most of the rest of the day in his apartment.
19. Through this investigation, the Rexburg Police Department and FBI have seized, searched, and analyzed multiple cellular devices pursuant to several warrants. On June 1, 2020, I was informed by Special Agent Ricky Wright of the FBI that the FBI had been examining a phone believed to be owned by Tamara (Tammy) Daybell. Tammy was Chad's wife and died on October 19, 2019. The FBI found a text conversation between Tammy and her husband Chad Daybell on September 9, 2019, which is the day after the last known sighting of Tylee Ryan in Yellowstone National Park.

20. That text conversation reads as follows:

- a. Chad to Tammy at 11:53 am:
  - i. "Well, I've had an interesting morning! I felt I should burn all of the limb debris by the fire pit before it got too soaked by the coming storms. While I did so, I spotted a big racoon along the fence. I hurried and got my gun, and he was still walking along. I got close enough that one shot did the trick. He is now in our pet cemetery. Fun times!"
- b. Chad to Tammy at 11:56:
  - i. "Gonna shower now and then go write for a while at BYU. Love you!"
- c. Tammy to Chad at 2:47 pm:
  - i. "Good for you!"
- d. Chad to Tammy at 2:48 pm:
  - i. "I'm back home now"

21. I found the text suspicious because raccoons are normally nocturnal animals and are not regularly out during the day. It should be noted that from interviewing neighbors of Chad Daybell, we are aware that in mid-July of 2019, Garth Daybell, Chad's son, told their neighbors that Chad had shot a raccoon out of a tree on their property during the day. Those neighbors are named Matt and Reegan Price. Garth told Matt Price about the raccoon in response to a question from Matt about hearing a gunshot. The Price's informed me that the fire pit in the back of the Daybell property was hardly ever used until the last few months. Reegan informed me that there appeared to be frequent bonfires in the pit on the Daybell property over the last few months and the first one she noticed was soon after Tammy's death on October 19, 2019.
22. On June 2, 2020, Detective Bruce Mattingly of the Fremont County Sheriff's Office contacted Samantha Gwilliams, who is the sister of Tammy Daybell. He asked her if she was aware of a pet cemetery on Chad and Tammy Daybell's property in Idaho. She informed him that she was aware of the pet cemetery and stated that both she and Tammy were pet people and that they had both had pet cemeteries. When asked the location of the pet cemetery on the Daybell property she stated that it was east of the red barn and near the fire pit. On June 4, 2020, I spoke with Samantha and she informed me that she was aware of the location of the pet cemetery on the Daybell property because Tammy had shown it to her. Samantha was then shown an arial photograph of the Daybell property and she pointed to the same area near the fire pit where Alex Cox's phone pinged on September 9, 2019.
23. The above facts establish that Alex Cox appeared to be at the Daybell property on September 9, 2019, until at least 11:39. Chad sent the text to Tammy about burning debris and shooting and burying the raccoon in the pet cemetery only 14 minutes later at 11:53. The pet cemetery referenced by Chad Daybell is located at the same location as most of the pings on Alex Cox's phone on September 9, 2019.
24. On June 3, 2020, I interviewed Melanie Gibb and her boyfriend David Warwick in Pleasant Grove Utah. We discussed in depth the weekend of September 22 and 23, 2019, due to the

fact that both Gibb and Warwick stayed at Lori Vallow's residence in Rexburg that weekend. Gibb informed me (consistent with information she has previously given to law enforcement) that she arrived in Rexburg on September 19, 2019. Soon after she arrived Lori Vallow informed Gibb that JJ had become a "zombie" and pointed out behaviors such as sitting still and watching tv, claiming JJ said he loved Satan, and an increased vocabulary as evidence that JJ was now a zombie. Gibb observed JJ's behavior and felt it to be the same as she had always observed it.

25. The last time Gibb and Warwick verifiably saw JJ was the night of September 22, 2019. Warwick informed us that it was late and that Gibb, Vallow and Warwick were going to do a podcast. Warwick said that JJ was acting up and so Alex Cox took JJ to his apartment in the complex. When Alex returned later that night he was carrying JJ who appeared to be asleep with his head on Alex's shoulder. Warwick specifically remembered this because he saw it as a tender moment.

26. Warwick further informed us that when he woke up the morning of September 23, 2019, he asked Lori where JJ was. This was between 8 and 9 am. Lori informed Warwick and Gibb that JJ had been acting like a zombie and had been crawling on the kitchen cabinetry and had gotten on top of the cabinetry in the space between the cabinetry and the ceiling. She informed Warwick and Gibb that when JJ had climbed upon the cabinetry that he had knocked a picture of Jesus off the refrigerator. Vallow then informed Warwick and Gibb that Alex had come and taken JJ.

27. The FBI CAST team has analyzed Alex Cox's movements the morning of September 23, 2019 by his cellphone GPS. At 09:55 Alex is again on Chad Daybell's property. He was there until 10:12. The pings on his phone locate Alex near the pond on Chad's property at the northern edge of his property.

28. On June 3, 2020 I asked Special Agent Ricky Wright of the FBI to analyze the frequency of Alex Cox's visits to Chad Daybell's property during the month of September 2019. His response was:

a. "Per your request, I checked the visits by Alex to Chad's house again. There were only four visits by Alex during the month of Sept. These were on 9/6 (1241 – 1253), 9/9, 9/23, and 9/25 (1005 – 1022). During the two visits on 9/6 and 9/25, all the pings were in and around the house, and there were no pings anywhere in the backyard near the firepit or pond. As you can see, these visits were also short, about 11 minutes and 17 minutes, like the one on 9/23 (17 minutes). The visit on 9/9 was the only long visit, approximately 2.5 hours.

29. On June 9, 2020 a search warrant was executed at Chad Daybell's residence and property. With the assistance of a local FBI ERT team we located at least multiple sites of interest. These sites were identified and corresponded to the cellular data of Alex Cox's phone when he was on the property, mentioned in paragraphs 12-16.

30. Additionally, one of the possible sites correlated to a location on the property Chad had texted his wife about, mentioned in paragraphs 17 and 18.

31. The first site of interest was located on the north side of the pond near the north edge of the property. This site corresponded with the two GPS pings from Alex Cox's phone on September 23, 2019. A patch of ground was located that appeared to be disturbed. The weed growth on top of the disturbed ground was shorter than the surrounding weed growth. What appeared to be sod etching was also noticed. The disturbed area was approximately 4 feet by 2.5 feet.

32. Members of the FBI ERT team removed the top layer of sod. Underneath the layer of sod were several large flat rocks. The rocks were removed and two pieces of flat paneling were found. The paneling was removed and investigators exposed a round object covered in black plastic.

33. Upon exposing the round object covered in black plastic a strong odor was noticed. A FBI ERT member used a small sharp instrument and made a small incision in the plastic and a layer of white plastic was observed. An incision was made into the white layer of plastic exposing what appeared to be human remains, the crown of a head covered in light brown hair.
34. The remaining dirt around this object was methodically removed, exposing what appeared to be a body wrapped in black plastic. The plastic appeared to be tightly wrapped around the body and secured with gray duct tape.
35. Cheryl Anderson, associate professor of anthropology at Boise State University, was present on scene and advised the remains found near the pond appeared to be human.
36. A second site of interest was located behind a red unattached out building located roughly in the center of the property near a fire pit. Next to the fire pit is an area used as a pet cemetery. This site correlated to several GPS pings of Alex Cox's phone on September 9, 2019.
37. Ground in this area was probed with a steel pole and several areas of disturbed ground were located. During a search of this ground, a buried cat and dog remains were found. A backhoe was used to dig further layers of dirt. While doing this, bricks were located approximately a foot below the ground.
38. Once the bricks were discovered the soil was examined and what appeared to be two bones were located. Based on the condition of the bones, Cheryl Anderson was not able to determine whether the bones were human.
39. Methodically, the dirt in this area was searched and several other items of interest were found including other bones, charred tissue and charred bones. Cheryl Anderson indicated these additional bones, both charred and uncharred and tissue found were human remains.
40. Investigators provided photos of some of the partial remains that were found at the pet cemetery to Sara Getz, Ph.D., a forensic anthropologist. Dr. Getz was able to identify those remains as being non-adult human remains.

41. While officers were conducting their search Chad Daybell was observed by officers to be continuously watching where officers were searching. He was observed watching officers while sitting in his vehicle in his front driveway and while sitting in his vehicle across the street at his daughter's residence.

42. Around the time the head mentioned in paragraphs 32 and 33 was discovered Chad Daybell was observed leaving his daughter's residence in a grey SUV. I and other officers pursued him in police vehicles, conducted a traffic stop and detained him due to the fact that human remains were discovered on his property.

Further your affiant sayeth not.

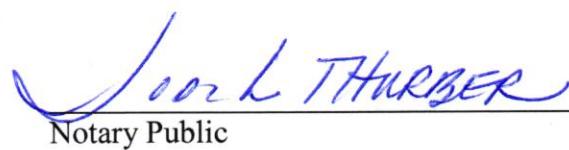
DATED this 10 day of June, 2020.



Lt. Ron Ball

Rexburg Police Department

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 10 day of June, 2020.



Jodi L Thurber  
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STATE OF IDAHO } ss. COUNTY OF MADISON }
I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN MY OFFICE.
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I, Det. Ron Ball, of the Rexburg Police Department, being first duly sworn under oath,  
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1. The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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2. I am a Detective with the Rexburg Police Department and have been employed in Law Enforcement for more than 27 years. I am currently the lieutenant over investigations for the Rexburg Police Department. I currently hold an Advanced Certificate and a Management Certificate from the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training Academy and have over 2500 hours of training. I have attended multiple trainings and classes throughout my career, including graduating from the FBI National Academy in 2015. I have received multiple hours of specialized training in investigations. I have also conducted numerous investigations and interviews with suspects, victims and witnesses involving narcotics, sex crimes and fraud. I have also received numerous hours of training on traffic stops and detection of criminal behavior.
3. On the afternoon of November 25, 2019, the Rexburg Police Department (hereinafter RPD) was contacted by the Gilbert, Arizona Police Department about a missing child, hereinafter designated as J.V., (DOB: 05-25-2012). J.V. is a 7-year-old boy with autism who was supposed to be living with his adoptive mother, Lori Norene Vallow, AKA Lori Norene Daybell (Hereinafter Lori Vallow or Lori.) J.V.'s grandmother, Kay Woodcock, had contacted the Gilbert Police Department about J.V for a welfare check.
4. Lori Vallow also has a daughter, T.R. (DOB: 09/24/2002). As described further in this affidavit, while RPD was investigating the disappearance of J.V., the investigation grew to include a search for T.R., who is also missing and has not been seen since September 8, 2019.
5. I am aware that Lori Vallow moved to Rexburg with J.V. near the first week of September, 2019. I am aware that J.V. was enrolled for three weeks at Kennedy Elementary School in Rexburg, Idaho. I am further aware that he was seen by neighbors at and near his apartment in Rexburg. Through the investigation, RPD has learned that the last day J.V. was seen alive was on September 23, 2019, at Kennedy Elementary School. On September 24, 2019 Lori Vallow informed the school that J.V. would no longer be attending Kennedy Elementary and that Lori would homeschool him. Kennedy Elementary has informed RPD that no other school has made requests for J.V.'s school transcripts.

6. We have not been able to find any witnesses who have seen J.V. since September 24, 2019.
7. I was familiar with Lori Vallow because the RPD had previously been contacted by the Gilbert, Arizona and Chandler, Arizona Police Departments who requested help to obtain search warrants for a vehicle in Lori's possession. Said vehicle was related to a possible attempted murder of Lori's niece's ex-husband, Brandon Boudreaux in Arizona. I am aware that Detective Ray Hermosillo had also performed intermittent surveillance on Lori Vallow at the request of the Gilbert Police Department, starting on November 1, 2019. Detective Hermosillo reports that he never once saw J.V. when he was performing surveillance during the month of November, 2019.
8. The vehicle mentioned in paragraph 6 of this Affidavit is a 2018, grey Jeep Wrangler, bearing Texas license plate no. LWD0997. Said vehicle is registered to Charles Vallow, who is the deceased husband of Lori Vallow. (Lori Vallow and Charles Vallow were in the process of getting a divorce when Charles Vallow died.) The Gilbert Police Department was interested in this vehicle because it had been identified in an attempted shooting of a Brandon Boudreaux in Gilbert Arizona on October 2, 2019. Brandon had previously been married to Lori Vallow's niece, Melanie Boudreaux. At the time of his attempted shooting, Brandon witnessed the Jeep (which he recognized as being the same vehicle that T.R. regularly drove.) Brandon observed a rifle with a silencer come out of the rear window of the Jeep and then Brandon's vehicle was shot once in the front driver's doorframe. As Brandon drove away, the Jeep followed, but eventually turned a different direction. This same Jeep observed by Brandon was seized pursuant to a search warrant in November of 2019 in Rexburg, Idaho. It is significant that the vehicle T.R. reportedly regularly drove was still in Rexburg nearly two months after the last known sighting of T.R.
9. I am aware, through contact with the Gilbert and Chandler Police Departments, that Lori's husband, Charles Vallow, was shot on July 11, 2019, by Lori's brother, Alex Cox. Lori Vallow is now married to Chad Daybell, from Fremont County, Idaho. Chad Daybell's wife, Tammy Daybell, died in Fremont County, Idaho on October 19, 2019. I was informed that Chad and Lori married approximately two weeks after the death of Tammy Daybell. I later confirmed they were married on November 5, 2019, on the Island of Kauai in

Hawaii. Through our investigation, RPD discovered photographs of their wedding on a beach in Hawaii. Neither J.V. or T.R. are seen in any of those photographs.

10. On November 26, 2019, Detective Hermosillo and Detective Hope from the RPD went to Lori's home located at 565 Pioneer Road, #175, Rexburg, Idaho, to conduct a welfare check. Detectives Hermosillo and Hope met with Lori's brother, Alex Cox, and Chad Daybell outside the residence. Chad acted as if he didn't know Lori very well and stated he didn't know her phone number. Alex told the detectives that J.V. was with his grandma, Kay Woodcock, in Louisiana, which was not likely to be true due to the fact that Kay was the individual who first called in a missing child report to the Gilbert Police Department. Alex said Lori may be in apartment #107. Hermosillo and Hope went to apartment #107, but the apartment was completely empty and vacant. At this time, they called me and asked me to come to the premises to help search for J.V.
11. Shortly after calling me, Detective Hermosillo called me again and indicated that he saw Chad Daybell driving a black Chevrolet Equinox away from the residence. Detective Hermosillo stopped Chad and asked him again if he had seen J.V. Chad responded that the last time he had seen J.V. was in apartment #107 in October. He also admitted he knew Lori Vallow's phone number and provided it to Detective Hermosillo.
12. On that same day, myself and Detective Stubbs of the RPD located and spoke with Lori Vallow in her apartment, #175. We identified ourselves as RPD officers. Lori told us that J.V. was in Gilbert, Arizona with a friend named Melanie Gibb. We obtained Melanie's phone number from Lori. We ended our contact with Lori and immediately attempted to call Melanie Gibb. We were unable to contact her.
13. Because Detective Stubbs and I were unable to contact Melanie Gibb we immediately contacted Lori Vallow again and we requested that she call Melanie Gibb. At this time Lori told us that Melanie and J.V. were at the movie "Frozen 2" so it was unlikely Melanie would answer the phone. We instructed Lori to call Melanie Gibb and have her call us so we could verify the location of J.V.

14. By the evening of November 26, 2019, we had still not heard from Melanie Gibb, so RPD informed Detective Ryan Pillar of the Gilbert Police Department of the information we had received regarding the children being with Melanie Gibb. I was informed later that evening around 9:30 p.m. that Gilbert Police went to the home of Melanie Gibb. Melanie was not home but Detective Pillar contacted her by phone and she stated that J.V. was not staying at her Arizona house and had not been there for several months.
15. On December 6, 2019, RPD was contacted by Melanie Gibb and informed that both Chad Daybell and Lori Vallow called Melanie on November 26, 2019 at separate times and asked her to tell the police that she had J.V. even though J.V. was not with her. Melanie informed RPD that she declined Chad's and Lori's requests. This further establishes that the statement made to law enforcement by Lori Vallow on November 26, 2019 was false and that Lori Vallow knew it was false.
16. The statement Lori made to RPD about J.V. being with Melanie Gibb delayed the investigation into the whereabouts and safety of J.V. by requiring us to take time to investigate a lead that was verified as false.
17. On November 27, 2019, RPD obtained search warrants to search:

- 1) Lori Vallow's apartment, located at 565 Pioneer Road, #175, Rexburg, Idaho,
- 2) Melanie Boudreax/Pawlowski's (Lori Vallow's niece) apartment located at 565 Pioneer Road, #174, Rexburg, Idaho and
- 3) Alex Cox's (Lori's brother) apartment located at 565 Pioneer Road, #107, Rexburg, Idaho. (This apartment had nothing in it other than a couple of small items in its garage.)

All three apartments are part of the same complex. J.V. was not located at any of the residences. It appeared to me that most of the clothing in Lori's apartment had been removed. Other furniture was still inside the residence. RPD believed that she left Rexburg with Chad Daybell the night of November 26, 2019. Melanie Boudreax later confirmed that Chad and Lori did leave Rexburg the night of the 26<sup>th</sup>.

18. During the search of Lori Vallow's apartment, we found evidence that J.V. was prescribed Risperidone in the form of a pill bottle labeled with J.V.'s name and the prescribed Risperidone. I have learned through research that Risperidone is a tranquilizer prescribed to treat irritability caused by autism. That prescription was filled for J.V. in January 2019 in Arizona. The Risperidone bottle still contained 17 pills. We have verified through the Idaho State Pharmacy Board that said prescription has not been filled in Idaho.
19. On November 27, 2019 RPD also served a search warrant on Lori Vallow's storage unit located at Self-Storage Plus in Rexburg, Idaho. Inside of the storage unit we found a blanket with pictures of J.V. on it, a blanket with pictures of T.R. on it, a backpack with J.V.'s initials on it, toys that appeared appropriate for a young boy, winter clothing, other children's clothing, bikes, a scooter and a photo album.
20. RPD was further made aware that the credit/debit card Lori Vallow provided to Self-Storage Plus was declined on January 2 of 2020. The owner of Self-Storage Plus has reported to law enforcement that as regular operating procedure he has reached out to Lori Vallow by phone, text, and email but has not heard back from her. At this time, Lori Vallow has not attempted to provide another debit/credit card to Self Storage-Plus.
21. Soon after we executed the search warrants to find J.V. at the apartments in Rexburg, Gilbert Police asked us if we had any record of a T.R. (DOB: 09/24/2002), being in Rexburg. T.R. is Lori Vallow's biological daughter from her marriage to Joseph Ryan, who is deceased.
22. T.R. has a brother named Colby Ryan. I am aware that Gilbert Police Department has been in contact with Colby. Colby reports that the last time he spoke with T.R. was on August 30, 2019, via FaceTime. He informed Gilbert Police that when he tried to contact T.R. after August 30, 2019, Lori would give excuses as to why T.R. could not talk with him.
23. Through our investigation, RPD has been informed that T.R. moved to Rexburg with Lori on or about September 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. We have been informed that Lori told Melanie Gibb that T.R. was attending classes at BYU-Idaho. However, a records check at BYU-I

indicates that T.R. was never enrolled at BYU-Idaho or any other school affiliated with BYU.

24. RPD verified Lori Vallow moved into the apartment located at 565 Pioneer Road, No. 175 in Rexburg with T.R. and J.V. on or around September 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. This information was corroborated by Lori Vallow's neighbors who lived in the same complex in the next-door apartment. They saw T.R. at or around the residence when she moved in with Lori. These same neighbors actually helped Lori Vallow move into her apartment. They saw T.R. briefly a couple of times after she moved in but have not seen her since the first couple of weeks of September. Their son played with J.V. multiple times. These same neighbors have further informed us, through Detective Stubbs of the RPD, that one of their children went to Lori's apartment sometime in late September to play with J.V. and the child was informed by Lori Vallow that J.V. was not there and that he had gone to stay with his grandma.
25. Another neighbor of Lori Vallow, who lived directly across the courtyard from Lori at 565 Pioneer Road had a doorbell camera that recorded J.V. outside playing on September 17, 2019.
26. Throughout our investigation, we were able to determine, through phone records, that T.R. accompanied Lori Vallow, Alex Cox, and J.V. on a day trip to Yellowstone National Park on September 8, 2019. We have obtained a photograph of T.R. at the park entrance through the National Park Service. Also, through service of a search warrant RPD has obtained a photo from Lori Vallow's iCloud account of T.R. in Yellowstone National Park that is time stamped on September 8, 2019. This photo is the last time we can find any record of T.R. being with Lori Vallow. We have found no witnesses who can verify they have seen T.R. since September 8, 2019.
27. RPD has verified that Chad Daybell and Lori Vallow flew from the Los Angeles, California Airport to Kauai on American Airlines on December 1, 2019. This information was obtained through a search warrant served on American Airlines. RPD cannot find any information suggesting they have returned to the mainland of the United States since that

time and it appears they have been in Hawaii since they arrived on December 1, 2019. Those same records establish that J.V. and T.R. were not with their mother Lori Vallow when she flew to Kauai.

28. I am aware that Chad and Lori are currently living at 4141 Queen Emma Drive, Unit 3, Princeville, Kauai, Hawaii. I am in contact with the Kauai Police who are monitoring the condo in which Chad and Lori are staying. The children have not been sighted with Chad and Lori. Further, I am aware that on multiple occasions, Chad and Lori checked into the Kauai Beach Resort and that no children checked in with them. That information was provided by an employee of the Resort.
29. Detective Chad Cataluna, of the Kauai Police Department, has performed surveillance on Chad Daybell and Lori Vallow in Kauai. He has informed us that he has seen Lori Vallow with Chad Daybell at least three times since he was made aware that Chad and Lori were residing on Kauai. Detective Cataluna has informed us that not once has he seen J.V. and T.R. with Chad and Lori.
30. On December 20, 2019, the Rexburg Police and the FBI published a press release announcing that J.V. and T.R. were missing, that RPD was looking for them, and asking for the public's help in locating them.
31. Since December 20, 2019, this case has received national media attention. Lori Vallow has refused to provide law enforcement with any information regarding the location of her children T.R and J.V.
32. Through this investigation RPD has learned that Lori Vallow used the website [www.care.com](http://www.care.com) to find a babysitter for J.V. Through service of a search warrant on [www.care.com](http://www.care.com) we were able to verify the identity of the babysitter who Lori Vallow hired to watch J.V. We contacted this babysitter and she informed us that she watched J.V. on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September. She had met Lori Vallow and J.V. the day before (September 18, 2019.) The babysitter understood that her employment was to be ongoing. The babysitter reports that on September 24, 2019 she reached out to Lori Vallow and Lori told her that

J.V. had gone stay with his grandma for several weeks and that the babysitter's services were no longer needed.

33. On January 16, 2020, a Child Protection Action was filed by the State of Idaho in Madison County on behalf of J.V. and T.R. The case number is CV33-20-0045. The Court ordered Lori Vallow to produce J.V. and T.R. within 5 days of service of the order to the Rexburg Police Department or the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in Rexburg. Lori Vallow was served that order on Saturday, January 25, 2020, by Detective Chad Cataluna of the Kauai Police Department. Lori did not produce the children within five days of being served and has not produced the children to this date.
34. Other than any current orders in a pending Child Protection Action in Madison County, Idaho, RPD has not found any court record or order establishing guardianship or parentage of T.R. with anyone other than Lori Vallow. There is a Final Decree of Adoption from the 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of Calcasieu, State of Louisiana establishing Charles and Lori Vallow as the adopted parents of J.V., dated July 25, 2014. As such, the only known living parent of J.V. and T.R. is Lori Vallow.
35. On the dates between January 24, 2020 and January 29, 2020, I was in Hawaii with Detective Hermosillo and the Kauai Police Department. I reviewed video of Lori Vallow being served with the Order in the child protection case, which was filmed by the Kauai Police Department. J.V. and T.R. were not seen in the video. While we were there, two FBI agents, Rory Johnson and Douglas McLand, assisted us in performing surveillance on Chad Daybell and Lori Vallow. On the morning of January 26, 2020, they observed Chad and Lori on a beach. J.V. and T.R. were not with them.
36. During the afternoon of January 26, 2020, I observed the Kauai Police Department serve search warrants on the persons of Chad Daybell and Lori Vallow and on a black Ford Explorer they had rented. Said warrants were served on them in the parking lot of the Kauai Beach Resort. J.V. and T.R. were not with Lori and Chad. The following items were located in their possession:
  - a. birth certificates for T.R. and J.V.,

- b. T.R.'s financial transaction card issued by BBVA,
- c. J.V.'s iPad (identified by his initials on the back),
- d. another iPad which was logged into J.V.'s Apple account,
- e. J.V.'s school registration receipts from Kennedy Elementary in Rexburg Idaho.

37. Through our investigation, RPD learned that T.R.'s BBVA financial transaction card which was found with Lori Vallow is still active and has been used since the last sighting of Tylee.

38. On January 26, 2020, after the search warrants were served on the persons and vehicle of Chad Daybell and Lori Vallow, a search warrant was served on the condominium located at 4141 Queen Emma Drive, Unit 3, Princeville, Kauai, Hawaii, where Chad and Lori were residing. I personally observed the Kauai Police perform the search. In the garage of the condominium, there were two beach/lawn chairs, two yoga/fitness mats, and two beach towels. There were no items in the garage that appeared to belong to a minor child. There was nothing found in the condominium that appeared to belong to T.R. or J.V. Further, there was nothing found in the condominium that would indicate that a seven year old boy had been there, such as children's clothing, toys, children's books, children's medication, etc. There was a second room, other than the master bedroom, in the condominium. That second room had no signs of being lived in or otherwise occupied.

39. Through this investigation RPD discovered that J.V. had a service dog for his autism. This dog was named Bailey and was trained by Dog Training Elite, AZ. On July 22<sup>nd</sup> she sent Dog Training Elite, AZ an email asking about finding another family for Bailey due to a change in life circumstances. Dog Training Elite, AZ picked up the dog on August 30, 2019.

40. Through this investigation I interviewed Chad Daybell's parents, Jack and Sheila Daybell, in Springville, Utah. They informed me that Chad and Lori told them in November that Lori Vallow was an "empty-nester."

41. Through this investigation RPD has interviewed Jason and Samantha Gwilliam. Samantha Gwilliam is the sister of the deceased Tammy Daybell. Jason and Samantha informed RPD that Chad told them that Lori had no juvenile children.
42. On February 16, 2020, RPD received a tip from a named individual in Maui, Hawaii that Chad Daybell and Lori Vallow were renting car from the Hertz car rental at the Maui airport. The informant provided a picture of Chad and Lori. J.V. and T.R. were not with Chad and Lori in the picture.
43. Throughout this investigation, RPD and the FBI have reviewed Lori Vallow's bank and financial information. No information has been found which would suggest that Lori Vallow is providing money to anyone to care for J.V. and T.R.
44. RPD has found no evidence or verification of anyone providing for the housing, food, clothing, education, or medical care of J.V. since September 24, 2019 and T.R. since September 8, 2019.
45. As of the date of this affidavit, J.V. and T.R. are still missing.
46. Due to:
  - a. Lori Vallow is the legal parent and guardian of T.R. and J.V.
  - b. Nobody has seen or verifiably heard from T.R. since September 8, 2019;
  - c. Nobody has seen or heard from J.V. since September 23, 2019;
  - d. Lori Vallow has verifiably been living on the Island of Kauai, Hawaii since the beginning of December 2019, with her new husband, Chad Daybell, and that not once have they been seen with J.V. or T.R.;
  - e. The condominium currently occupied by Chad Daybell and Lori Vallow contains no evidence that any person other than Chad and Lori is living there;
  - f. That medication prescribed to J.J. has not been refilled in the State of Idaho at a time when J.V. was verifiably with Lori Vallow;
  - g. T.R.'s financial transaction card was in the possession of Lori Vallow even though T.R. is not with Lori Vallow;

- h. Lori Vallow and Chad Daybell have represented to Chad's family that Lori has no juvenile children;
- i. Lori Vallow claimed that she was going to homeschool J.V. but she is not with J.V. and no other educational facility has requested J.V.'s school records;
- j. No verification of another caregiver for J.V. or T.R. has been found; and
- k. That as of January 30, 2020, Lori Vallow failed to comply with a Court Order to produce the minor children to the Rexburg Idaho Police Department or the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare within five days of being served with an order to do so.

I believe probable cause exists that Lori Vallow has deserted T.R. and J.V., pursuant to Idaho Code 18-401(1), which states it shall be a felony for "Every person who: Having any child under the age of eighteen (18) years dependent upon him or her for care, education or support, deserts such child in any manner whatever, with intent to abandon it;" I further believe probable cause exists that Lori Vallow intentionally and willfully abandoned J.V. and T.R. pursuant to Idaho Code 18-403 and 18-405.

47. Due to:

- a. The fact that Lori Vallow provided verifiably false information to RPD by telling RPD that J.V. was located in Arizona with Melanie Gibb;
- b. That said false information obstructed and delayed the investigation into the location of J.V. by requiring RPD to investigate a false lead; and
- c. That fact that Lori Vallow solicited Melanie Gibb to corroborate the false information Lori gave RPD;

I believe probable cause exists that Lori Vallow did resist, delay, or obstruct a public officer in the discharge or attempt to discharge a duty of his office, specifically investigating a report of a missing child, pursuant to Idaho Code 18-705.

48. Due to:

- a. The fact that Lori Vallow did solicit or request Melanie Gibb to provide false information to RPD regarding the location of J.V., which would have further obstructed and or delayed RPD's investigation;

I believe probable cause exists that Lori Vallow did commit the crime of Solicitation to Commit a Crime pursuant to Idaho Code 18-2001.

49. Due to:

- a. The fact that Lori Vallow did refuse to obey a lawful order from the Court in case number CV33-20-0045 by failing to produce J.V. and T.R. to the RPD or to the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in Rexburg on January 30th, 2020;

I believe probable cause exists that Lori Vallow did violate Idaho Code 18-1801(4).

50. Due to the following facts I believe that Lori Vallow is a flight risk:

- a. Within the day of when we met with Lori Vallow on November 26, 2019 to ask about the whereabouts of the children, Lori Vallow had left the state and was in Hawaii within a week.
- b. The charges being filed against Lori Vallow are serious. Two of the charges are felony abandonment of a child which carry up to 14 years in prison.
- c. Lori Vallow has no significant ties to Madison County. She no longer has a home here and she has abandoned a significant amount of property here.
- d. Lori Vallow has already displayed a willingness to disobey and ignore a court order by not producing J.V. and T.R. in Rexburg even though she was specifically ordered by the court to do so and had adequate time to do so.
- e. Lori Vallow and Chad Daybell have significant financial resources. I am aware that Chad Daybell received at least \$430,000.00 in life insurance proceeds upon the death of his wife Tammy. As such, Lori and Chad have resources sufficient to help them travel and hide from law enforcement and the Court.

51. Based upon the above, I hereby request a Warrant be issued for the arrest of Lori Norene Vallow, AKA Lori Norene Daybell for:

- a. two felony counts of desertion and nonsupport of children, Idaho Code 18-401(1),
- b. one misdemeanor count of resisting and obstructing officers, Idaho Code 18-705,
- c. one misdemeanor count of criminal solicitation, Idaho Code 18-2001,
- d. one misdemeanor count of criminal contempt, Idaho Code 18-1801(4).

52. I respectfully request, based upon the above, that bond be set in this matter in the amount of five million dollars to secure Lori Vallow's appearance in Court in Madison County, Idaho.

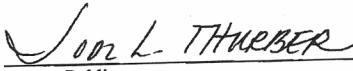
Further your affiant sayeth not.

DATED this 18 day of February, 2020.

  
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Lt. Ron Ball  
Rexburg Police Department

SUBMITTED TO ME this 18 day of February, 2020.



  
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