AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN CASE

John Case, being duly sworn, states upon oath:

- 1. I am over the age of eighteen years, and in all ways competent to make this affidavit. I make this affidavit based on personal knowledge.
- 2. I am a licensed attorney representing Dallas Schroeder.
- 3. On January 22, 2022, at 440 Comanche St. in Kiowa, Dallas Schroeder handed me a Red Metal Box. The box had what appeared to be a written custody log taped to the metal cover. The latch was closed. A yellow plastic seal attached to the latch was intact. I placed the Red Metal box in my vehicle and drove to my home in Denver. When I arrived home, I removed the box from my vehicle and placed it under the bed in my bedroom.
- 4. On January 25, 2022, I retained Joseph Stengel P.C. as my counsel. That evening I retrieved the Red Metal Box from under my bed. It appeared to be intact. I placed the Red Metal Box on the floor behind the driver's seat in my vehicle. I tried to force the box under the driver's seat, and it would not fit. When I arrived at Mr. Stengel's home, I removed the Red Metal Box from behind the driver's seat, and I handed it to Mr. Stengel. The time was approximately 9:00 p.m. January 25, 2022.
- 5. On May 4, 2022, Mr. Stengel returned the Red Metal Box to my possession. I observed then that the latch was closed and the yellow plastic seal through the latch was broken. I assume that I must have broken the yellow plastic latch on January 25, 2022, when I tried to force the Red Metal Box under the driver seat. When I had possession of the Red Metal Box, I never opened the box, attempted to open the box, or intentionally damaged the yellow plastic seal.
- 6. I do not have personal knowledge of the contents of the Red Metal Box.
- 7. On May 4, 2022, after Mr. Stengel handed me the Red Metal Box, I placed it in the back of my vehicle. I attended a funeral with my vehicle locked and the Red Metal Box concealed under a blanket. After the funeral, my vehicle was still locked, it had not been disturbed, and the Red Metal Box was in the same position under the blanket. I drove to 440 Comanche St. in Kiowa, Colorado. I removed the Red Metal Box from my vehicle and handed it to Dallas Schroeder.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me on May 4, 2022, by John Case.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 06-15-2025

Notary Public

SHERYL L HEWLETT Notary Public State of Colorado Notary ID # 19934008306 My Commission Expires 06-15-2025