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IN THE DISTRICT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PAYETTE MAGISTRATE DIVISION

IN THE STATE OF IDAHO,	}	**CASE NO.** CR38-25-1296
State of Idaho	}	
Plaintiff	}	
VS.	}	**PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT**
SARAH A. WONDRA	}	
DOB	}	
Defendant	}	

I, Detective Juanita Kelleher, the undersigned, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says:

1: I am a Peace Officer employed by the Fruitland Police Department.

2: The defendant is alleged to have committed the following crimes between the dates of approximately through, 202.

- **I. First Degree Murder I.C. 18-4003(d) Felony**
- **II. Kidnapping – 2nd Degree I.C. 18-4503 Felony**
- **III. Destruction of or Concealment of Evidence I.C. 18-2603 Felony**

3: The crime(s) were not committed in my presence.

4: I believe that there is probable cause to believe the defendant committed such crime(s) because of the following facts. (NOTE: you must state the source of all information provided below. State what you observed and what you learned from someone else, identifying that person):

On July 27, 2021, neighbors reported seeing five-year-old M J V between approximately 18:15 and 18:30 hours in the area of M s home and neighbor residences on and South Arizona in Fruitland, Payette County, Idaho. M knocked on some of his neighbors' doors attempting to play with neighbors or in their yards. M was told to return home by all of the neighbors that he contacted.

At approximately 18:45 to 18:50 hours, Tyler Vaughan noticed his five-year-old son, M J V , was missing from their home located at in Fruitland, Payette County, Idaho. Tyler began searching his home and property for M . Tyler called 911 to report his son missing at approximately 19:21 hours and the Fruitland Police Department responded to the area.

Fruitland Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), along with other local agencies and volunteers, searched for M over several weeks and now years. M has never been found.

Through interviews, searches, and other corroborating evidence, all of M 's family and household members have been determined to not have any knowledge of M 's current location nor were they involved in M 's disappearance. All of M 's neighbors on SW 9th Street and South Arizona have also been thoroughly investigated, searched, and interviewed and have been determined by law

enforcement to not have any knowledge of or involvement in M 's disappearance. The surrounding area was searched extensively, and M has never been found.

Live scent K-9 teams searched the surrounding neighborhoods August 2-3, 2021, using a pair of M 's shoes for M 's scent. Out of approximately 300 homes, K-9 handler reported the dog only showed interest in one house located at in Fruitland. This is the home of Stacey and Sarah Wondra. A K-9 handler also reported that K-9 Banshee showed interest in the area of the corner of Meadowlark and Redwing Street. The K9 showed interest at the intersection and then headed straight to the fence and front door of the Wondra residence.

On August 2, 2021, K9 Banshee showed interested in the area of the Bluffs sign at the entrance of the Bluffs subdivision. K9 Banshee tracked scent down to a tree over the edge of the bluff on SW 8th Street and Three Rivers Way. K9 Banshee was determined to track the scent into the thorny bushes under the tree despite the thorns. A discarded child's stroller was located deep in those thorny bushes.

On August 5, 2021, a pink "Big Flyer" tricycle was located behind the "Bluffs" sign at Three Rivers Way and SW 8th Street. During a search of the same area the day prior, the tricycle was not there. Jim Smit, who lives in the Three Rivers subdivision, later reported that he had found the tricycle over the bluff under a tree next to a child's stroller. Jim said he took it home to use one of the wheels for another project but then discarded it after not removing the wheel as planned. Jim said he left it behind the Bluffs sign for neighborhood kids to use.

Kim Elko would later report to law enforcement that she had seen the tricycle in the Wondra garage during a yard sale in the spring of 2021. Elko was able to describe the layout of the Wondra garage and where she saw the tricycle on a stack of boxes. The described stack of boxes was still there during a later search warrant of the Wondra residence and garage.

Video surveillance was gathered from security cameras in the neighborhood M. disappeared from as wells the neighboring neighborhoods. M is never seen on any of the surveillance footage that was obtained.

Stacey Wondra is captured on surveillance footage driving a white Lexus and pulling into the parking area of the splash pad in the neighborhood off of SW 8th Street at 15:23 hours on July 27, 2021. Stacey is seen exiting the driver's door, walking around to the passenger side of the car and appears to be testing the exterior door handle. Stacey then walked back around the driver's side of the vehicle where he got into the driver's seat and exited the area onto SW 8th Street at 15:24 hours (one minute after arriving).

Video surveillance shows an adult male walking in the area of Three Rivers Way at 18:08 hours on July 27, 2021, and the same male is captured walking in the area of the neighborhood Splash Pad at 18:18 hours. The last image of the male is captured at 18:28 hours as he walked through the wooded area to the west back towards the area in which the Wondras lived. Brandon Shurtliff was identified in 2022 to being this person and told detectives during an interview that the surveillance video captured him as he was walking and searching for a missing child on the date that M. disappeared. This video captured Brandon prior to M being reported missing. Brandon reported he was living with the Wondras on that date.

Dorothy Starkey, who lives at in Fruitland, reported on July 29, 2021, that she saw M riding a "Big Wheel" tricycle at the corner of Redwing Street and Meadowlark Avenue, on July 27, 2021, as she was either entering or leaving the neighborhood. Dorothy is seen on surveillance videos coming into the neighborhood (westbound on SW 8th Street) at 18:25 hours and left the neighborhood

(eastbound on SW 8th Street) at 19:25 hours. Other than Dorothy's report, there are no other reports of M being seen anywhere other than SW 9th Street and his next-door neighbor's house on Arizona on the date of his disappearance.

On August 1, 2021, Fruitland Police contacted the residents at . in Fruitland. On their initial search of the residence, they located Adrien Lucienne hiding in a closet. Residents of the home on that date and on July 27, 2021, were identified as married couple Stacey and Sarah Wondra and their sublets Brandon Shurtliff and Adrien Lucienne. All four were interviewed on August 1, 2021.

Adrien was vague in his statements and wouldn't commit to a solid statement. He also refused to provide his social security number for identification confirmation. He provided Stacey's phone number as his own and concealed his real phone number from law enforcement.

Sarah reported that on July 27, 2021, she and Stacey had slept until noon. Sarah said they left their residence at around 17:00 hours, to tow a vehicle to Kuna. Sarah and Stacey denied they were home around 18:30 hours on July 27, 2021.

Cell phone data showed that Sarah, Brandon, and Adrien were co-located in Meridian, Idaho on July 27, 2021, earlier in the day. Cell phone tower data and surveillance footage shows Sarah, Stacey, Adrien, and Brandon were in the area of their neighborhood at the time of M 's disappearance. Sarah, Adrien, and Brandon returned to Fruitland (verified by surveillance) in Sarah's blue Toyota Corolla at 17:08 hours only to leave again at 17:12 hours. The Toyota then came back into the neighborhood again at 17:56 hours.

Surveillance footage shows Sarah driving a maroon GMC pickup belonging to Sarah and Stacey Wondra on July 27, 2021, as she drove out of the neighborhood at 19:08 hours. Stacey has been identified as the front passenger and Brandon was the driver's side rear passenger. Sarah, Stacey and Brandon's phone data showed they were co-located as they left the neighborhood at 19:08 hours and drove to Kuna, Idaho.

Adrien's phone did not provide any location data during the evening of July 27, 2021, however, Adrien took a selfie (photo) in the guest bathroom at the Wondra residence at 19:26 hours.

The Wondras' maroon GMC pickup truck is captured on surveillance footage returning to their Fruitland neighborhood at 23:22 hours on July, 27, 2021, pulling or towing a silver Mercedes-Benz.

Following M 's disappearance, Sarah had a distinct change in behavior.

Written communication between Sarah and Stacey on August 8, 2021, was recovered from the I-Cloud data. Sarah told Stacey on that date that she wanted to move and "get out of this neighborhood and this house." Sarah also said to Stacey, "I liked it better when you agreed to be no one else here ever but then you didn't want to listen to me about our sanctuary so now we need to find another one. I need a new castle".

Written communication from Sarah's phone on August 12, 2021, indicates a falling out between Stacey and Brandon with Brandon being kicked out of the Wondra residence. Sarah changed her phone number.

Following M s disappearance, Sarah began to stand along the highway near Love's Gas station in Ontario, Oregon with signs stating to repent your sins and that the end of time was near.

Sarah's social media posts on TikTok and Facebook also changed drastically to religion and asking for forgiveness of her sins. Pre-abduction, Sarah posted infrequently and only showed a few posts over a years' time. From January to July of 2021 Sarah posted approximately 3 posts (two posts were to ask for donations to help cats and one that she started a new job July 11th, 2021). After M..... 's abduction, Sarah's posts were very religious and spoke about repentance and forgiveness. Sarah's Facebook posts also multiplied in number post abduction: August 2021 Sarah made approximately 20 posts; September 2021 approximately 30 posts; October 2021 Sarah made approximately 202 posts; November 2021 Sarah made approximately 77 posts; and in December of 2021 Sarah made approximately 24 social media posts.

Prior to M 's abduction, Sarah had posted only approximately 11 videos on TikTok over three years. Following M 's abduction. Sarah posted approximately 329 videos from September 15, 2021, through December 24, 2021. In TikTok videos Sarah posted. Sarah made "testimony" statements regarding her involvement in criminal behaviors and stated that she had broken all ten of the ten commandments. It should be noted that "thou shalt not kill" is one of the ten commandments. Sarah also alleged in her videos that it did not matter what sins she had committed because God had forgiven her for all of them. M 's missing person flyer can be seen in the background in some of her videos.

Sarah was interviewed again by law enforcement on November 15, 2021. Stacey was also interviewed. After being confronted with the photo of her leaving the neighborhood on July 27, 2021 at 19:08 hours, driving the GMC pickup, Sarah changed her story and said she was driving the GMC to get Brandon's Mercedes-Benz from Kuna to tow it back to Fruitland. Sarah said the trip to Kuna to get the car had not been previously planned and that it was Stacey who wanted to go get that car at that time and date. Sarah said she stopped at SW 8th Street and South Arizona on the way out of the neighborhood to input the address into the GPS. Sarah said she drove to in Kuna which is Brandon's mother's home. Sarah said Brandon's mother, Tina Morreale, was out of town. Sarah said Tina did not allow Brandon to have people in her home when she is not there, so Sarah and Stacey parked down the road, and Brandon used a back fence gate on the south side to enter Tina's residence so that her doorbell camera did not capture him there. Sarah reported that while towing the car back to Fruitland, the tow strap broke. While they were on the side of the road, Sarah reported she urinated and removed the shirt she was wearing in order to use it to wipe. Sarah would not provide information on which shirt she was wearing or what happened to it. Upon returning to their neighborhood Sarah said they spoke with a pedestrian who informed them of the missing child. Sarah did not mention wearing a shirt when they spoke with the pedestrian but previously spoke of trying to cover herself as she was standing along the roadway. Sarah said that after returning home, she and Brandon took her blue Toyota and drove around to help search for the child, again not mentioning reclothing. In later interviews Sarah stated she and Brandon went to the gas station for soda and candy prior to helping with the search. Sarah said that on that night she drove down SW 9th Street for the "first time" and drove past M :'s home where she saw M 's mother crying outside. Sarah said she and Brandon went home due to the number of people already out searching. Sarah was asked about changing her phones following M 's abduction. Sarah provided two reasons: Sarah said they sold their phones because she and Stacey were splitting up and Sarah said they sold their phones because a Demon told her to. Sarah was still paying on the phones that she sold. Sarah was asked about her Facebook posts and provided the following responses: "I literally had like a demon tell me that I need to leave my husband", "I literally deleted all of my pictures... I have no idea of what my passwords are. We had a fight, my husband and I had to sell our phones, and we had to get new phones, and I can't access any of my stuff. So, I do have Facebook, just don't have access to it right now." When asked about the vehicles Sarah and Stacey have, Sarah said the GMC pickup was repossessed. Sarah said she told Stacey when they heard the repo guys were coming to take the truck, "We are going to be the nicest repo they ever had today." Law enforcement was later told that the truck appeared to have been thoroughly cleaned prior to the repo.

Following the interview on November 15, 2021, Brandon reported Sarah and Stacey contacted him and told him that they were re-interviewed about M. i's abduction. Brandon said Stacey suggested Brandon come over to their place and create an alibi or write a letter on behalf of Sarah and Stacey saying that they were not involved in M s abduction.

Tina Morreale, Brandon Shurtliff's mother, was interviewed by law enforcement. Tina reported that Brandon's behavior changed after he lived with the Wondras. Tina explained that Brandon became more depressed and withdrawn, spending more time playing video games and smoking marijuana. Tina alleged that Brandon avoided law enforcement contact about M... s abduction and that Brandon contacted Sarah to verify his story before he spoke with law enforcement. Tina would not tell law enforcement where Brandon was or what his phone number was at that time.

Kay Ramsey, Sarah's mother, was interviewed and shown a picture of the tricycle. Kay claimed she found the tricycle in some bushes near the bluff a few days prior to M 's abduction. Kay said that would be the reason her DNA would be on the tricycle. Kay said that after all of that effort, she left it at the intersection of Three Rivers Way and SW 8th Street. Kay was 73 years old in July of 2021.

Kay Ramsey also confirmed to law enforcement that Sarah and Stacey's dog had dug holes in the backyard of the Redwing residence. Kay reported the dog had dug up what she later determined to be the ear of a green stuffed animal. Kay said she had thrown away the stuffed ear.

Kay Ramsey is alleged to have withheld information and/or evidence in other criminal investigations involving Sarah in 2022. There, Kay initially concealed a firearm used in an aggravated assault in which Sarah was later convicted (CR38-23-0512).

When law enforcement met with Sarah on October 12, 2022, Sarah said God told her he was going to help her find the boy. Sarah wrote a "testimony" and said that if law enforcement read it, they would locate M . Sarah suggested God had forgiven Hitler for his sins that God had redeemed Sarah for her sins. Around this time Sarah began standing in her driveway and urinating herself, causing the neighbors to call in for welfare checks.

In July 2023, Kristi Kutch told Detectives that in a prior conversation with Sarah, before her arrest in 2022, Sarah made a statement that Stacey had been involved in the abduction of a five-year-old boy. Kristi said she made personal notes of their conversation. Kristi had a jail recorded conversation with Sarah in June of 2022, and when Sarah commented Stacey had been arrested (April 2022) if he was charged with the kidnapping of the child. In the recording Sarah recants her prior statement claiming Kristi misunderstood her. Kristi also mentioned that her (Sarah's) dog was digging large holes in the backyard.

On November 5, 2022, at 00:55 hours, Stacey contacted Fruitland Police and requested an interview at the Washington County Jail. Stacey provided vague details about events surrounding M 's abduction. Stacey said Sarah's religious beliefs and behavior changes started within a couple of days after M 's abduction. In a recorded jail phone call, Stacey spoke of switched phone and/or SIMS cards because he did not want law enforcement to follow or profile him.

On November 10, 2022, Stacey again asked to speak with Fruitland Police detectives. Stacey requested a "deal," the same offer that was given to Sarah in the M V case. Stacey admitted M had been in his house the night of M 's abduction. Stacey admitted the tricycle had been in his garage where Kim Elko had previously described seeing it. Stacey then said that when he first saw M , Sarah was carrying M into their home. Stacey said M was put into a duffel bag to transport

him out of their house and to Brandon's house in Kuna. Stacey provided two reasons they stopped in the GMC at the corner of SW 8th Street and South Arizona: 1- to put power steering fluid into the vehicle and 2- so Brandon could check to see if M was still alive because M was bound with duct tape and stuffed into a duffel bag that was in the bed of the truck. Stacey reported he did not previously report this information because he thought he would still get into trouble and because he was fearful of Sarah hurting him. While describing how M was taped and stuffed into a duffel bag in his living room, Stacey had a physical reaction and began violently vomiting.

Following his interview with law enforcement, Stacey called his mother, Tamara Johnson, from the Washington County Jail on a video visit. Tamara asked Stacey if M was alive. Stacey shook his head no and said, "Sarah accidentally killed him." Tamara asked, "How?" Stacey said, "Suffocation" and went on to say, "they buried him in a duffel bag."

After his interview and phone call to his mother, Stacey wrote an apology letter to M 's parents and then attempted to hang himself in his jail cell but he was rescued by Washington County Jail Staff.

It should be noted that during some part of Stacey's incarceration in the Washington County Jail, prior to his confession and directions on where to find M 's body, Sarah was out of custody and living back at the house on Redwing Street as evidenced by her being there when law enforcement arrived to execute the search warrant. Sarah could have had the time and ability to move any evidence from the property without Stacey's knowledge.

In June of 2022, Sarah called Kay Ramsey from jail and spoke about spouses being able to testify against each other. In a recorded phone call from the Washington County Jail to Sarah, Stacey expressed concern that Sarah was going to "turn on" Stacey. Sarah confirmed that Stacey was referring to M V . Sarah told Stacey that she had already told her attorney that she wasn't going to "turn on" Stacey and that she wasn't going to testify against Stacey.

As a Search Warrant was executed on on November 12, 2022. Sarah Wondra, who was located in the residence was detained. As Officers read to her the search warrant, Sarah made several strange statements: "Wow, that is a lot I definitely did not kill that boy." "The most high God already told me who did it so." "Oh wow, wow the most high God just told me that Stacey was the one who killed him and he buried him in the yard of Carson's house." She also said the "most high God" told her "Stacey was the one that killed him and he buried him." "The most high God just told me that Stacey was the one who did it." "He wants me to make sure you understand that I had nothing to do with it." "He said that Stacey buried him in the backyard by the shed." "It wasn't actually Stacey who harmed the boy." As Officers started to search the residence, Sarah asked several times if the officers had "found him yet".

Idaho State Police and Ada County Sheriff's Office assisted with the execution of the search warrant at the Wondra residence, along the five separate certified cadaver K-9s. Prior to officers digging in the backyard of the Wondra residence, cadaver K-9s were deployed, and alerted in the backyard of A total of five Certified Cadaver K-9s were deployed and all five alerted inside the Wondra backyard, in the approximate area of where Stacey claimed he witnessed Sarah and Adrien bury M . Neither M nor any human remains, were located during the execution of this search warrant and dig of the Wondras' backyard. Prior to excavating the backyard, law enforcement noted there were several areas in the yard that appeared to have been filled in with dirt and or re-sodded. Kay and Ed Ramsey reported they had filled in areas of the yard where Sarah and Stacey's dog had dug holes.

On October 13, 2023, a follow-up interview was done with Sarah by Detective Juanita Kelleher and Chris McDonough of the Cold Case Foundation. At the mention of M V , Sarah had a strong

emotional response and began to cry. She then said, "God told me he was going to help me find the boy." Sarah went on to say, "God forgave everybody."

While Sarah Wondra was in custody at the Payette County jail, she was emotionally distraught and complained about people saying she did something bad. The jailer asked her what was going on and she described "I don't know if it was him, I don't know what body I saw" when the jailer asked, "what body?" she explained "I don't know it was in a bag, I couldn't see it." When the jailer realized she was possibly talking about her case, he ended the discussion.

In summation, M V went missing on July 27, 2021. M was observed by Dorothy Starkey on a tricycle near the Wondra home on the date of his abduction. That same tricycle was observed in the Wondra garage prior to the child's disappearance. Kay Ramsey, Sarah's mother, claimed to have found the tricycle down a cliff and moved it to the entrance of the neighborhood and that would explain her DNA being on the tricycle. James Smit told law enforcement that he found the tricycle down a cliff, in an area where a K9 live-scent tracker dog would later alert. James Smit claims he put the tricycle behind the Bluffs sign, where it was recovered by law enforcement. A live-scent tracker dog showed interest in the Wondra residence. Later, cadaver dogs alerted in the Wondra backyard, and there appeared to be evidence of repairs done to the yard to cover up holes. Sarah Wondra's behavior changed drastically after the disappearance of M V . Sarah's husband, Stacey Wondra, made a confession with regard to his and Sarah's participation in the abduction of M V . Sarah made statements that Stacey and Adrian hurt and buried M that she saw a body in a bag and changed her version about what happened multiple times. Sarah made comments that she believed her husband may have been involved in M 's abduction when speaking with one of her foster mothers. Sarah also told Stacey she wouldn't "turn on [him]" regarding M V . Based upon all of the foregoing, your affiant believes there is probable cause to believe Sarah Wondra is guilty of kidnapping and murder in the first degree, as well as concealment of evidence.

Section 9-1406: I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury pursuant to the law of the State of Idaho that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: 6-12-25 **Signed:** _____

Juanita Kelleher, Affiant

Probable Cause Hearing: (Telephonic)

Time: _____ **Date:** _____ **Magistrate:** _____

Charge(s)

Probable Cause Found:

_____ **yes/no**

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Officer notified: _____