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PORT ST LUCIE POLICE DEPT.
WARRANT APPLICATION

AGENCY CASE NUMBER: 307014451

OFFICER: DET. R.
STEINKRAUS, JR. #310

DEFENDANT:

Judith Leekin
WHITE/FEMALE DOB: [REDACTED]-1945 AGE: 62
SSN: [REDACTED] FL DL# [REDACTED]
HGT: 5'09 WGT: HAIR: Gray EYES:
ADDRESS: [REDACTED] SW Hawthorne Circle, PORT ST LUCIE, FL 34953
COUNTRY OF BIRTH ON DL: Venezuela

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White/Female DOB: [REDACTED]-1945 AGE: 62
SSN: [REDACTED] FL DL# [REDACTED]
HGT: 5'09 WGT: HAIR: Gray EYES:
ADDRESS: [REDACTED] SW Hawthorne Circle, PORT ST LUCIE, FL 34953
COUNTRY OF BIRTH ON DL: Trinidad & Tobago

Additional Home Address:
[REDACTED] Fairfield Dr., Sanford, FL 32771
HP: [REDACTED]

VICTIMS:

T. W.
Black/Female DOB: 06-16-91 AGE: 16
[REDACTED] SW Hawthorne Circle, Port St Lucie, FL 34953

J. G.
Black/Male DOB: 03-06-92 AGE: 15
[REDACTED] SW Hawthorne Circle, Port St Lucie, FL 34953

T. G.
Black/Male DOB: 09-15-89 AGE: 17
[REDACTED] SW Hawthorne Circle, Port St Lucie, FL 34953

R. E.
Black/Male DOB: 09-28-90 AGE: 16
[REDACTED] SW Hawthorne Circle, Port St Lucie, FL 34953

OFFENSE:

Aggravated Child Abuse (4 Counts) F.S. 827.03
Location of Occurrence: [REDACTED] SW Hawthorne Circle, Port St Lucie, FL 34953
Date/Time of Occurrence: Continuous through present (7-11-07)

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EDWIN H. FOX JR.
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FL

Tampering with Victims (1) F.S. 914.22
Location of Occurrence: SW Hawthorne Circle, Port St Lucie, FL 34953
Date/Time of Occurrence: 7/6/07

PROPERTY:

N/A

DETAILED NARRATIVE

Summary:

On July 4, 2007, [REDACTED] was abandoned at a Publix in St Petersburg, FL by her "adoptive mother", Judith Leekin (aka Judith S. Johnson). Investigation has revealed that Judith took [REDACTED] to that location, under the guise of going to Busch Gardens, and sent her into the store to purchase some items. When [REDACTED] came out of the store, Judith was gone. [REDACTED] was eventually taken to St Vincent Depaul Shelter, which led to a DCF investigation in Port St Lucie when [REDACTED] began to disclose details of abuse occurring in Port St Lucie.

Initially, two DCF Investigators were assigned in Port St Luice, Roger Lemaster and Shirley Olaleye. This was due to both adults and juveniles being alleged victims of abuse. Upon initial contact, at the residence on Hawthorne, Judith took an unusually long time to come to the front door. At initial contact, Ofc. Byrne and Lemaster were told she lived there alone with just one "son" known as "[REDACTED]" Judith told investigators [REDACTED] had left over a year prior. Allegations were denied. None of the above listed victims, except [REDACTED], were initially found in the home. This was determined later that day to be due to the fact they were hiding, at Judith's direction, from the police and DCF. They were hiding in an upstairs bedroom by Ofc. Byrne, who learned that just prior to that they hid in a bathroom on the lower level off of the kitchen/laundry room area.

The initial investigation revealed the following facts:

- (1) The children & mentally-handicapped adults hid from police/DCF first in Bathroom then in the bedroom when investigators returned about 10 minutes After leaving the first time (when second DCF investigator arrived and more was Learned from [REDACTED] that they would be hiding inside).
- (2) The house is equipped with surveillance systems, as [REDACTED] had said, so that Judith could see the police/DCF at the door and have the others hide.
- (3) Handcuffs and zip-ties were found and recovered in a candy bowl after one of The children disclosed them to Ofc. Byrne
- (4) Judith admitted to Ofc. Byrne that she lied initially. She also admitted to Using restraints but played it off as keeping those restrained from damaging the

House.

Under the circumstances known to investigators at that point, it was determined to have CPT conduct medical exams and forensic interviews with the children. When DCF returned to make arrangements with Judith for CPT, the house was found to be closed up with the hurricane shutters closed and it appeared to Lemaster that no one was at the house.

I received the case file on Monday, 07-09-07, late in the afternoon. I learned from Lemaster that Judith and the all the adult and juvenile "children" were gone. Sgt. Carmichael and I responded to the residence, and found it was still closed up. We conducted a neighborhood canvass and found that no neighbor ever saw any of the children (or challenged adults) except for "[REDACTED]" (an adult) outside.

I also learned from Lemaster that there was a similar DCF case in 1999 for similar allegations for the same children. He advised that Judith left the area to avoid the DCF investigation and the case ended up being closed out.

At that point in the investigation, there was substantial concern for the welfare of the children (as well as the mentally-challenged adults) as their whereabouts were unknown. The fact that Judith had abandoned 18 yr. old [REDACTED]s in St Petersburg gave further cause for concern. We determined that it was necessary under exigent circumstances to verify that no children were present in the house on Hawthorne. Sgt. Carmichael and I made entry through the garage window. We conducted a sweep of the interior of the residence and found no persons. We found signs that the residents left quickly, including closets open with some clothing removed. Further, there were several picture hangers on the wall in the upstairs hallway and scuff marks on the walls indicating the prior presence of pictures.

I was able to locate a second residence for Judith in Sanford, FL (near Orlando). I contacted Sanford Police Dept. and requested they check that residence to determine if the children were there with Judith and check on their welfare. Ofc. Davila met with resistance by a person at the door. He contacted me by phone and I advised that we had information that Judith was known to hide the children and obstruct officers and DCF. Eventually, Sanford P.D. was able to get inside the residence and found Judith there with the four children (as well as the four "adult" adoptees). Child protection responded to the address in Sanford and sheltered the children, coordinating this with Lemaster.

On Tuesday, 07-10-07, CPT in Stuart, FL conducted medical exams and forensic interviews on the four children. Of particular note, CPT Nurse Beth Herold overheard T. G. Coaching J. G. on what to say to CPT in the bathroom, prior to [REDACTED] being interviewed. Only [REDACTED] was willing to disclose what was occurring in the household, during the interviews. The results of CPT's exams are summarized as follows:

T. G.:

*Failure to Thrive 25th percentile height, not on chart for weight

- *Ligature marks on wrist
- *Scar on L. buttocks
- *Delayed academically, approx. 3rd grade level
- *scars on back possibly inflicted
- *findings positive for physical abuse and neglect

T. W.:

- *Positive for neglect, academically delayed (3rd or 4th grade level)
- *Burns on lower legs, undetermined cause
- *25th percentile for height/weight

J. G.:

- *Medical neglect & scoliosis
- *scars on back
- *stunted growth 7th percentile height, 4th percentile weight
- *academically delayed, 2nd or 3rd grade level

R. E.:

- *Severe dental problems
- *medically fragile, can't stand up straight
- *walks hunched over
- *unusual marks on hands
- *eye problems
- *illiterate
- *not on growth charts for height or weight

SUMMARY

It is clear from the investigation thus far that Judith has tampered with the victims by concealing them within her house from DCF/Police to hinder investigation.

Judith had a pattern of flight and is clearly a flight risk for the following reasons:

- (1) Fled to avoid DCF investigation in 1999
- (2) Fled to Sanford FL to avoid investigation currently
- (3) Has contacted Exit Realty to list PSL residence for sale
- (4) Has two Florida Driver's licenses, under different last names and social security numbers. One lists Venezuela and the other Trinidad-Tobago as her country of origin
- (5) Judith's true identity cannot be confirmed at this point in the investigation
- (6) Birth certificates provided to DCF may be falsified and the true identity of the four children, as well as the 5 adults "adoptees" cannot be positively determined.
- (7) Judith does not show up in INS records under either name

- (8) Judith failed to show up in person to DCF hearing 7-10-07, but spoke to judge on the phone
- (9) DCF reports a neighbor in Sanford saw Judith and others load up into two vehicles at 1100 hrs, 7-10-07.
- (10) Judith's current whereabouts have not been determined.

Warrants are requested for the above charges with NO BOND due to the flight risk which she has already displayed and future risk of fleeing the State or Country.

I swear the above statement is
Correct and true to the best of
My knowledge.

Sworn before me the undersigned
this 11th Day of July, 2007.

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Beverly S. Meeks
MY COMMISSION # DD513947 EXPIRES
February 23, 2010
BONDED THRU TROY FAH INSURANCE, INC.