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AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF ARREST WARRANT FOR  
Sydney Danielle White (dob 4/25/94)

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PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

vs.

Defendant: Sydney Danielle White (dob 4/25/94) White female 5'1", 90 lbs, Blonde hair, blue eyes SSN  
[REDACTED]

COMES NOW, Detective Ed Prescott, and being lawful age and first sworn upon oath, states and alleges in support of an arrest warrant for the above named defendant as follows:

1. I am a duly employed investigator with the Grand Junction Police Department and was so employed at all times relevant to this affidavit. The information contained in this affidavit was compiled by me in the course of a criminal investigation by speaking to fellow law enforcement officers, citizens, and reviewing official police reports. All locations referred to are in Mesa County, Colorado, unless specifically noted otherwise.
2. On Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2014 at 04:31 Off. M. Parks of the Grand Junction Police Department was assigned to contact [REDACTED] a clinical social worker at Denver Children's Hospital located at 13123 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. Aurora, Colorado. [REDACTED] advised an infant named Angel Lane Place (dob 10/6/13) arrived at their hospital from St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Junction at about 02:40 with head trauma. [REDACTED] advised Angel was suffering from bilateral subdural bleeding in the head with limited blood flow to the right side of her brain. She advised Angel was on a breathing tube and was not expected to survive. [REDACTED] advised the doctors at Children's Hospital are ruling the injuries as "likely to be non-accidental".
3. [REDACTED] advised the child is in foster care in Mesa County, being adopted by [REDACTED] and Sydney White (dob 4/25/94). [REDACTED] advised she was told [REDACTED] found Angel unresponsive and transported her to St. Mary's, advising it was unclear what happened to Angel.
4. At about 08:30 this same date, I was advised of this case and went to Children's Hospital with Det. R. Heil where we met with Mesa County Child Protection Case Manager [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised Angel had been taken from her biological parents by Mesa County Child Protective Services earlier this year, and in July was placed with [REDACTED] Sydney White. She advised [REDACTED] and Sidney had two children of their own, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
5. Together we met with Children's Hospital Staff to include [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who were the attending physicians when Angel arrived at Children's Hospital. [REDACTED] advised Angel arrived via Flight for Life from St. Mary's Hospital. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

6. Det. Heil and I met with [REDACTED] who stated his family had normal weekend, going to his parents house on Sunday as is routine. He advised Monday morning Sept. 15, 2014 he got up about 05:00 leaving for work shortly after. He advised his wife was the only one up when he left. He said about 10:00 to 10:30 he received a call from Sydney in which she sounded worried about Angel, but he wasn't able to talk and agreed to call her back shortly. He said when he called back, Sydney said everything was ok with Angel. [REDACTED] said he worked a full day, getting off around 14:00. [REDACTED] said he arrived home and when he saw Angel, she appeared ok. He said when they had dinner, Angel ate some food. He advised about 16:30 they called Doc's on Call to get an appointment for [REDACTED] to get some medication for his cold. He advised they left for Sydney's [REDACTED] house about 18:00 saying Angel was asleep at the time in the car seat. He said they left Angel and [REDACTED] house until about 21:00, the time they returned from the doctor appointment. [REDACTED] said they loaded the kids in the car and it was upon their arrival home when he went to remove Angel from the car seat, he realized her right side was stiff and she was unresponsive. [REDACTED] said they took Angel straight to St. Mary's Hospital emergency room.

7. During an interview with [REDACTED] this same evening, [REDACTED] described Angel as being asleep in her car seat the entire time Angel was at her house. [REDACTED] advised she checked on Angel at least twice during this time, looking at Angel, but not moving or disturbing Angel. She stated she didn't notice anything wrong with Angel.

8. Sydney White arrived at Denver Children's Hospital about 23:30 this same night. She visited the room where Angel was being treated, then shortly after midnight agreed to voluntarily meet with us for an interview. During this interview, Sydney initially described the day as being somewhat normal similar to [REDACTED] statement. She then admitted later in the interview that on Friday, Sept. 12, 2014 while holding Angel and tending to [REDACTED] who was playing in the bathroom, she accidentally dropped Angel on the floor which resulted in a minor cut on Angel's lip and a bloody nose. She described Angel hitting her head in the fall. Sydney said she cleaned up Angel, describing there were no other obvious residual symptoms of further injury. Sydney described that on the morning of Monday, Sept. 15, 2014, Angel was screaming and she couldn't get her to stop. Sydney said she held Angel by the neck with both hands and shook her multiple times. During the interview I noted Sydney had very small hands and long fingernails (1/8" to 1/4") on most of her fingers. Sydney stated she was out of control, saying she didn't know for how long she shook Angel, or how many times she shook her. Sydney said [REDACTED] came into the room and told her, "Mommy stop it". Sydney said she stopped shaking Angel and held her for a while then put her down to sleep. Sydney agreed this was when she called [REDACTED] the first time in a panic and he advised he would call her back. Sydney said this occurred in the girl's room inside her residence which is at 2810 1/2 Village Park Dr., Grand Junction.

9. Sydney said Angel appeared out of it, describing her as lethargic. She said she wasn't able later to wake Angel up, describing herself becoming very worried. She said after a while she woke Angel up and Angel appeared better. Sydney indicated she spoke with [REDACTED] on the phone when he called back and told him Angel was ok. She said she told [REDACTED] she had shook Angel but [REDACTED] didn't think it was serious.

10. In a follow-up meeting with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on the morning of Wed. Sept. 17, 2014, I described the admission Sydney made of accidentally dropping Angel on Friday, Sept. 12, 2014 after which Sydney didn't notice any serious symptoms. I described Sydney's description of holding Angel by the neck with both hands and violently shaking her on the morning of Monday, Sept. 15, 2014. I advised it was directly after this event, Angel exhibited the serious symptoms, becoming lethargic and unresponsive, being unable to wake her up, then later Angel responding back. I asked both doctors if the fractures to the skull observed on the X-ray and CT Scans would have produced the symptoms described by Sydney and which led to Angel's current condition.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

11. The life support machines were removed from Angel on the morning of Wed. Sept. 17, 2014. She was declared dead at 12:45 this same date.

12. On Thursday, Sept, 18, 2014 at 09:00 I attended the autopsy of Angel Lane Place at Community Hospital located at 2021 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Street. During the autopsy conducted by Dr. D. Havlik, a dark bruise about 1" in diameter was noted on Angel's left forearm. A large bruise was noted on the right temple area above the hair line. This bruise had cooresponding signs of bleeding under the skin outside side of the skull. Dr. Havlik pointed out three other less obvious bruises on the left side of the head above the area of the left ear. These bruises also showed minor bleeding under the skin outside of the skull. Dr. Havlik conducted the internal exam of the skull and pointed out evidence of extensive bleeding internally. He wasn't able to readily locate or identify the "subtle" fractures in the skull as described by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], advising he would have to conduct further examinations. Dr. Havlik advised the injuries observed external to the skull contributed to the severe bleeding found internal to the skull, with emphasis on the large bruise on the right side being the main source of the bleeding. Dr. Havlik later advised after microscopic examination of the tissue from the injuries observed outside and inside the skull, the injuries were all acute and of the same age. He further advised the symptoms resulting from these injuries would have been obvious and likely incapacitating. Dr. Havlik said these injuries were a result of blunt force trauma. Dr. Havlik said he observed nothing inconsistent with Sydney's description of shaking the baby, however he described the major contributing factor to Angel's death was the blunt force trauma.

13. Det. Heil met with [REDACTED] who advised [REDACTED] and his family were at their house on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2014. They advised they interacted with Angel during this time and there was no sign of injury to her during this visit.

**BASED ON THE FOREGOING**, there is probable cause to believe that between Friday, September 12, 2014 and Tuesday, September 16, 2014 in the City of Grand Junction, County of Mesa, and State of Colorado, Sydney Danielle White (dob 4/25/94) committed the crime of:

CRS 18-6-401(7)(I) --- Child Abuse Resulting in Death (2 Felony)

As amended, and therefore a warrant should be issued for the arrest of Sydney Danielle White (dob 4/25/94).

  
Det. Ed Prescott #94-1

STATE OF COLORADO )  
COUNTY OF MESA )ss.

The foregoing was subscribed and sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of SEPT, 2014 by Det. Ed Prescott #94-1.

My commission expires on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Notary

  
JUDGE  
District / County Court Judge

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Criminal Action No.

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**WARRANT**

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STATE OF COLORADO )  
County of Mesa) ss.

The People of the State of Colorado, to any Peace Officer:

GREETING:

Whereas a peace officer has this day made complaint on affidavit, sworn to before the undersigned Judge and relating facts sufficient to establish probable cause that an offense has been committed and probable cause that Sydney Danielle White (dob 4/25/94) named on the face hereof, committed the offense of:

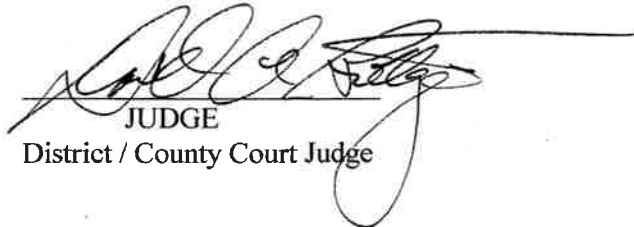
CRS 18-6-401(7)(I) --- Child Abuse Resulting in Death (2 Felony)

As amended:

WE THEREFORE COMMAND YOU forthwith to arrest Sydney Danielle White (dob 4/24/94) and to take her without unnecessary delay before the nearest Judge of a Court of Record, to be dealt with according to law.

Given under my hand and seal, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of SEPT., 2014.

Bail set in the amount of \$ NO BOND PENDING CAPT-

  
JUDGE  
District / County Court Judge