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AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF SEARCH WARRANT

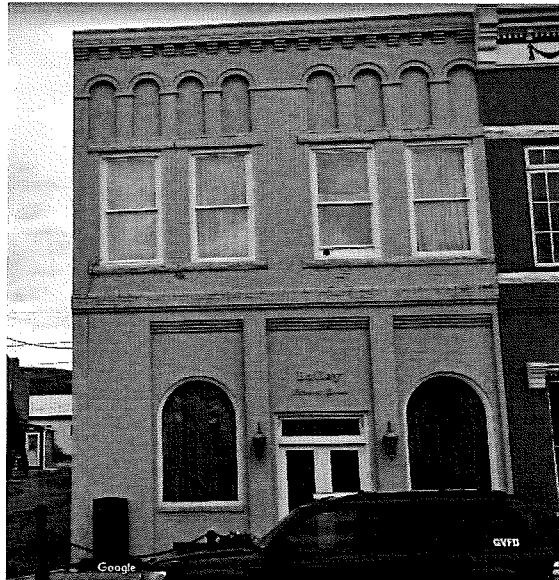
Affidavit to Search Premises and Persons

I, Sheriff Amy Reyes, being of lawful age and first duly sworn upon oath, depose and state that I have probable cause to believe that the crime(s) listed below have been committed:

C.R.S 18-2-101, Criminal Attempt
C.R.S 18-8-610.5(1) Tampering with a deceased human body

premises to be searched:

The premises to be searched is described as a two-story, blue in color, commercial building/residence. The building is combined as a residence/ commercial building, with the residence being located on the second floor. The front of the building which, faces west, has windows and one front door that leads to the commercial building. The rear of the building has a staircase leading to the residence of the building. A sign on the front of the building states the Bailey Funeral Home located at 510 Harrison Ave in Leadville, Colorado, LOT 3 BLK 5 ADDITION L I CO LOT 4 BLK 5 ADDITION L I CO. The Bailey Funeral Home is operated under the Bailey-Kent Funeral Home LLC and the Lake County Coroner conducts business in the building. The premises to be searched is depicted below:



Persons to be searched: Shannon Kent (DOB: 09/19/1975, [REDACTED])
[REDACTED] and Staci Kent (DOB: 06/08/1975, [REDACTED])
[REDACTED]

As I have probable cause that the aforementioned crimes have been committed, I have probable cause to believe that evidence of these crimes will be located in or on the premises and/or persons, to wit: any bodies in refrigeration or out of refrigeration, bodies in or out of caskets, bodies contained in body bags, body parts in or out of bags, cremains contained in or out of urns or in or out of bags.

Your Affiant is a Commissioned Deputy with the Lake County Sheriff's Office, County of Lake, State of Colorado, and the following information was obtained by me personally and from the official records of the aforementioned office, the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

I, Sheriff, Amy Reyes, Lake County Sheriff's Office have been with the office since January of 2019. I have been P.O.S.T certified in the State of Colorado since 2001. I have had several training in criminal investigations.

The following information was obtained from a report authored by your Affiant Sheriff Amy Reyes, of the Lake County Sheriff's Office:

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

Your Affiant is a Commissioned Sheriff with the Lake County Sheriff's Office, County of Lake, State of Colorado, and the following information was obtained by me personally and from the official records of the aforementioned office, the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

I, Sheriff Amy Reyes, Lake County Sheriff's Office have been with the office since January of 2001. I am P.O.S.T certified in the State of Colorado. I have attended several training in criminal investigation and conducted several criminal investigations in my 20 years in law enforcement.

On February 11, 2020, your Affiant received a voicemail from [REDACTED] [REDACTED], stating that she wanted to speak to me about the Coroner, Shannon Kent (DOB: 09/19/1975) and his wife Staci Kent (DOB: 06/08/1975), and some issues she was having with them. I called [REDACTED] back and she explained that on December 9, 2019, she gave birth to her son [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who was "still born" at 35 weeks gestation. [REDACTED] stated she and her fiancée, [REDACTED] dealings with Staci and Shannon was nothing short of a "nightmare." It started with the lack of communication in the beginning and then receiving remains they were not sure was her deceased son's, due to the amount of ash that was given to them.

[REDACTED] stated she and her fiancée [REDACTED] reached out to Kent Funeral home on December 10, 2019, the day after their son was "still born" on December 9, 2019. [REDACTED] stated that she had given birth [REDACTED] [REDACTED] in Frisco, Colorado, 80443.

Arrangements were made with Staci Kent, who from this point on will be referred to as Staci. A meeting was set to meet on December 12th, 2019, in the early

evening to sign releases so their son [REDACTED] could be cremated in time to have a service before the Christmas holiday.

[REDACTED] stated that she and [REDACTED] along with her mother, met with Staci on 12/12/2019, at the Kent-Bailey Funeral home located at 510 Harrison Ave in Leadville, Colorado.

[REDACTED] were given a one-page sheet of paper to sign and were given a pencil to sign the form.

[REDACTED] were told the cost of the cremation was usually \$400.00 but due to their child being an infant they were only going to be charged \$200.00 for the arrangements to have their son's remains cremated.

During this meeting, [REDACTED] mother excused herself to use the restroom and noticed a man she later identified as Shannon Kent sitting on the stairs listening to the entire meeting, which the mother thought was odd. [REDACTED] stated that Staci had told her that she had a similar experience (losing a child) and that she would keep [REDACTED] informed of every step (when her son was going to be picked up at the hospital, when he would be transported to the funeral home to be cremated), and her son's remains would be back to her by the 20th of December 2019.

Staci stated that she would personally do the transportation of [REDACTED] from the hospital to and from the crematorium. [REDACTED] stated that the communications promised by Staci never happened. [REDACTED] stated Staci did not return calls or text messages.

[REDACTED] stated she first tried calling the Kent's multiple times to find out what the status of her baby's remains were and when she could get them back. However, she did not receive return phone calls. [REDACTED] had also attempted several phone calls but did not have the times and dates of the calls written down.

On December 18, 2019 @ 1402, [REDACTED] attempted a call to Kent Funeral home
 On December 19, 2019 @ 1103, [REDACTED] attempted another call
 On December 23, 2019 @ 1252, [REDACTED] attempted another call (Unknown if [REDACTED] left a message.)

On December 23rd, 2019, [REDACTED] was able to finally reach Staci and started to ask Staci questions about why "they had been so unresponsive the whole time, that something seemed off and fishy." Staci apologized profusely and told [REDACTED] she would waive the cremation charge.

At that time Staci told [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had been cremated at their Eagle location (which had never been disclosed to them and he had been transferred from the hospital to Leadville, then to Eagle, then back to Leadville) over the weekend and [REDACTED] could pick up [REDACTED]'s ashes later that evening.

At that point, [REDACTED] was very upset at the lack of communication and asked Staci how could she be assured the ashes she was going to receive were going to be [REDACTED]? Staci assured [REDACTED] that they were in fact getting [REDACTED]'s ashes.

██████████ received a text later in the afternoon on the same day, from a woman named Justine at approximately 1622 hours, saying she was delivering the ashes to her home located at ██████████ in Leadville, Colorado, and she was leaving from Eagle and wanted to make sure she was going to be home. Justine also stated that she would call before she came. ██████████ asked if Justine would be able to transfer the ashes to the urn that ██████████ had for him. Justine did call before she arrived. When she arrived, she handed ██████████ a black plastic urn of ashes with an affixed with a zip tie. No paperwork accompanied the remains of the ashes for ██████████, to include no Death Certificate, chain of custody, or evidence of whose remains they were. C.R.S 12-135-305 Records and Receipts requires documentation depicting the date and time of the release, the name of the person to whom the cremains were released, name of the person who released the cremains on behalf of the crematory, the name of the decedent.

When the couple went to transfer the remains of ██████████ from the plastic urn into an urn they had purchased, they quickly realized the baby urn they had purchased for ██████████ (8 cubic inches), (which should have been sufficient for an infant; 5lbs 6ozs) was not sufficient for the amount of ash they received. The rule of thumb is 1 cubic inch for 1 pound of body weight. The minimum urn size needed should have been approximately 6 cubic inches in size.

██████████ then texted Staci at approximately 1935 hours the same night and told her that she needed a return call to confirm that these ashes were in fact ██████████'s as they had not received any paperwork documenting the identity of the person whose ashes were contained therein and the amount of ash was not consistent with the amount of cremated ash for an infant the size of ██████████. Also, ██████████ had been told by Staci and Shannon they would receive the Death Certificate for ██████████ at the time they received his ashes, which did not occur. ██████████ received cremains which they were told belonged to ██████████ on December 23, 2020

██████████ had done a lot of research on cremation and what the process was supposed to look like. ██████████ explained to me the amount of ash should have been more consistent with a sandwich size amount of ash, the amount of ash she received appeared to be over a pound of ash.

In response to the text, she sent to Staci Kent on December 23, 2019, at approximately 1935 hours, ██████████ received a call back. The call was not from Staci, whom she texted, but it was from Shannon Kent (from this point on will be referred to as Shannon), who demanded to speak to her husband because the discussion was going to be an, "emotional situation." Shannon then stated to ██████████ that she was a grieving mother and that he wanted to speak to her husband (██████████ told him, "no," you will speak to me, I am the mother. Shannon then asked ██████████ if she had experience and was an expert in funeral home/cremation services? ██████████ told him "no", but something is still not right. She may not be an expert, but she was not stupid. Shannon then reminded ██████████ of his wife Staci falling down the stairs and hurting her leg the night they first met, and this was the excuse Shannon gave for them being so unresponsive to their calls and not returning ██████████'s ashes in a timely fashion.

Shannon then told ██████ that they too had suffered a similar loss with one of their children and assured her that this was ██████'s ashes. ██████ told Shannon that falling down the stairs and hurting her leg does not make a person incapable of using a telephone. Shannon told ██████ that, "At this point you are not going to believe what we say, you will just have to take our word for it." ██████ asked again for ██████'s Death Certificate and when would they receive it because the Death Certificate was not with ██████'s ashes as promised. Shannon then stayed silent on the phone until she passed the phone over to ██████

██████ stated Shannon told him that they would have to take "their" word that those were their baby's ashes, and everything was done correctly. When ██████ asked why they had approximately over a pound of ashes, Shannon would not give ██████ any more information. ██████ asked if ██████ was cremated with anyone else? Shannon stated, "No!" Shannon explained that the excess ash was due to ██████ being transported and cremated in a cardboard box. ██████ asked if there was proof? Shannon said, "yes" and the cardboard box will produce this much excess ash.

Shannon then began questioning ██████ how long he lived in Leadville and what he did for a living? ██████ responded a few years, and he worked for ██████ ██████ Shannon then responded, "oh, so you really don't know how things work around here?" That in turn ended the call, with Shannon telling him he would have the paperwork emailed to ██████, verifying the ashes belonged to ██████ No emails were ever received back from the Kent's.

██████ was upset and stated that she filed a complaint with DORA regarding Shannon and Staci's behavior. Below is a copy of the complaint;

"Hi There Zen,

My name is ██████ and I'm contacting you to find out what the laws and regulations are for cremation here in Colorado.

I recently lost my infant son at 35 weeks on December 9, 2019. He was stillborn for unknown reasons at this time. My boyfriend and I used Kent Bailey Funeral Home here in Leadville Colorado for his cremation.

To try and put a long story short, we were promised that we would be updated throughout the entire process with phone calls as to when they picked him up from the hospital to the date and time he was cremated. They failed to do any of that. My boyfriend and I essentially had to hound them for any sort of update and when we would finally get one, it was very vague information.

We were also not aware that my son's body would be transferred to another one of their facilities for the actual cremation. And were not updated on the time and dates of his transportation, cremation, nothing.

I asked the wife, Stacey, for some sort of documentation to confirm the

ashes I received (12/23/19) were in fact my son, in which she first said i'd have to just "take her word" for it and then when I finally pressed on, she said she would email it to me.

Our son was 5 lbs 6 oz. We have at the very least 2 lbs of ashes... I then asked what was going on with his death certificate, as we were told we would receive that when we received his ashes, and we didn't. Stacey then had her husband Shannon call me. He said they ordered it and we would get it in the mail. My boyfriend also asked Shannon for some sort of documentation to confirm that the ashes we have are in fact our son's, in which he said "well, you're not going to believe anything I say at this point, but I can assure you it's your son. You'll have to just take our word for it". Then, when my boyfriend pressed him further, we were told again they would email it.

Thank you.

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

On January 21, 2020, [REDACTED] emailed Staci and asked if she could please provide her with [REDACTED]'s Death Certificate, chain of custody, as well as the identification of remains for [REDACTED] stated in the email she had one week to respond, or she would be seeking legal action. Staci emailed back asking for their physical address.

On January 27, 2020, [REDACTED] received an envelope via mail containing the Death Certificate and the hospital release that [REDACTED] signed for the Kent Funeral Home to provide services.

In between January 27, 2020 and February 17, 2020, [REDACTED] called Shannon Kent, with [REDACTED] on the phone as a 3rd party observer to try to get some answers as to what was going on. In the call Shannon continued to say that [REDACTED] was not cremated with anyone else, that all the remains that they were given were 100% [REDACTED] and the reason there was so much ash is because [REDACTED] was cremated with excessive clothes, or that the box he was transported in was made of wood or extremely heavy cardboard that caused all the ash they received ([REDACTED] was not sent in any clothing, the clothing he was in was returned to them, and he did not have any stuffed animals, etc.).

[REDACTED] asked if it would be possible for Shannon to provide a larger urn until they could get a bigger urn for [REDACTED]'s ashes? Shannon replied, "Now you're just asking for a handout!" [REDACTED] then ended the phone call. The next day a small teddy bear urn was left in [REDACTED]'s office for them, but this urn was too small as well.

Your Affiant met with [REDACTED] on 02/17/2020 and examined the remains. In your Affiant's personal and professional experience, I would agree with [REDACTED] the amount of remains appears to be excessive for an infant weighing 5lbs 6ozs."

[REDACTED] explained to your Affiant that the outfit that [REDACTED] was wearing was

given back to her, and he was not cremated with any personal effects. Your Affiant did weigh the remains; they weighed 313 grams or 19.10 cubic inches. According to the website, <https://www.mainelyurns.com/urn-size-chart.html> which does the weight conversion in estimating what size Urn a family would need to purchase for their loved one's remains. For the baby [REDACTED]'s size weighing 5lbs 6ozs, an urn of 6 cubic inches would be sufficient in size to hold the cremains.

The remains given to the family are approximately 19.10 cubic inches, approximately (13.10 cubic inches over the size of remains for an infant [REDACTED]'s size) 1 cup over the amount of ash they should have received for their infant.

Your Affiant then consulted with a crematory/funeral home out of Denver named Horan & McConaty. This funeral home was chosen at random and they were one that was willing to speak with me. A photograph of the ashes was sent to Eva Bramlett, a cremationist. Eva reported that the amount of ash looked to be in excess of a 5lb infant, but she would like to see the remains in person.

On March 2, 2020, your Affiant drove the remains down to Horan & McConaty Funeral located at 1091 S. Colorado Blvd in Denver, CO 80246. Your Affiant met with Eva Bramlett in person. Eva stated that the remains did appear to be that of a small adult, but it is difficult to tell due to not knowing how the infant was cremated. Eva wanted to know what size box was used; if an adult size box was used on the infant this could account for some of the ash. Eva stated that they use a large metal pan to cremate infants because the intense heat of the fire would cause ashes to be disbursed in the cremation machine, due to infant's bodies being mostly cartilage not bone. If other types of boxes are used there would not be much left of the infant's ashes to give back to the family. Eva also remarked that the coin that is used to identify the bodies before cremation, usually remains on the body at cremation and the coin does not appear to have been in the fire. Eva wanted to know when the coins were added to the remains. Your Affiant told her I did not know.

Your Affiant explained that no cremation log or positive identification was given to the family. They were just told to take the word of "Shannon" (Funeral Director and Coroner). Eva stated that this is not good practice and there should always be a log of where the body was picked up and from who, what consent does the funeral home have to perform the cremation, then positive identification is given to the family in the form of the coin with the remains as well as the documentation from the cremationist.

Your Affiant then took the remains back and turned them back over to the family. After considerable amount of research of who could analyze the remains of [REDACTED], your Affiant was able to locate Melissa A. Conner, PhD at Mesa State University along with William Hood, Ph. D. at Mesa State University. Ms. Conner and Mr. Hood have worked with the FBI on cases regarding identification of human remains from ashes and bone fragments. Below are the excerpts in quotes and the direct statements from the reports from Doctor Conner and Doctor Hood.

Weight: "0.22kg or .72lbs with plastic bag and cremation tag."

"The authors do not know of studies showing the weight of infant cremains, but the study cited above suggests that a small adult female at end of life would have cremains weighing as little as 1000 g (2.2 lbs.) (Van Deest et. al. 2011).

Considering that infants have less ossified skeletal material than adults, the weight of almost ¼ kg (just under one lb.) seems high."

This is consistent with the research done by [REDACTED] and done by myself and the information given to me by Eva the cremationist.

In the report on page 6 it refers to elements in Figure 5, dishes B, C, E, F, H, and J "are consistent with human infant skeletal elements. The material in Figure 5, I, is consistent with infant tooth buds, the material shown in Figures 5 A and D is bone fragments but are not identifiable, as to human or non-human, infant or adult.

There are mostly long bone fragments of an inconclusive size."

"Figure 5, G shows long bone and rib fragments too large to be consistent with a perinatal infant. Figure 5 K is not skeletal material, and is discussed below."

"The remains that were analyzed what was located several pieces of non-bone material was found that was large enough to pick out which was a piece of melted glass listed as (A), a molten mass with a grommet included(b), some unidentifiable metal fragments what is possibly part of an earring(F), a small red star(G), a metal rosette(H) a metal ball(I) and an unidentifiable fragment(J)."

"In the case of the cremains attributed to the infant [REDACTED], the calcium to phosphate ratio was 53.2. This is out of range of typical bone and indicates that the material either contains less phosphate or more calcium than typical bone. Other elemental ratios indicated that the phosphate content is atypical. The cremains also contain anomalous amounts of metals, especially titanium but also vanadium, chromium, nickel, copper, and zinc. Titanium is used in such things as surgical screws and the other metals are generally consistent with finding metallic objects mixed in with the cremains."

To verify that the cremains contain bone, the material was examined by x-ray diffraction. This technique allows identification of the mineral composition of a material. The results were consistent with bone, but the broadening of the diffraction peaks and the low intensities of several peaks suggest that the material was poorly formed this lab has had no other experience with infant cremains so we cannot say whether this is typical although a literature search suggests that this is the case with some animal infants."

The results of the remains submitted to Doctor Connor and Doctor Hood is the cremation remains contain a "minimum of 2 individuals, a perinatal infant, and a larger individual. In addition, small bits of non-skeletal material consistent with jewelry fasteners, and surgical material were found."

On August 5, 2020, at approximately 1100 hours, Detective Sam Reynolds, with the Lake County Sheriff's Office, went to 10544 U.S Hwy 24 in Leadville, Colorado, and spoke with Ray Dawson [REDACTED] From this point forward Ray Dawson will be referred to as "Ray".

Ray was the person who signed off on the Summit County body release form.

Ray stated he transported [REDACTED] from the from St. Anthony's Summit Medical Center to the Bailey Kent Funeral Home. Ray stated he transported [REDACTED] to Eagle County, more than likely.

Ray stated that he does not remember everyone that he transports, but more than likely, when he transports a loved one, he usually drops the person off in Eagle, Colorado.

Detective Reynolds asked Ray if he always transports a person in a body bag. Ray stated that he always picks up a loved one in a body bag when he transports people. Detective Reynolds asked Ray if he knew who Justine (Unknown last name) was.

Ray stated that she may be someone who was buying the Bailey Kent Funeral Home but did not have a personal or working relationship with Justine.

Detective Reynolds asked Ray if he works for the Lake County Coroner, Shannon Kent, or for the Bailey Kent Funeral Home.

Ray stated he works under Shannon Kent as the Deputy Coroner for Lake County. Ray was sworn into office on June 21, 2012.

Ray stated he is not employed by the Bailey Kent Funeral Home. Ray stated that when Shannon calls him to pick a body up, he picks the body up and takes it where it needs to go.

On August 13, 2020, at approximately 1120 hours, Detective Reynolds, called the number that [REDACTED] provided to your Affiant, in her statement. After further investigation it was determined that Justine is the person who transported [REDACTED] from Eagle County to Leadville, who dropped off the remains to [REDACTED] and is "Justine [REDACTED] [REDACTED]". Detective Reynolds was able to identify Justine through Facebook.

Detective Reynolds contacted Justine and asked her if she remembered giving [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]. Justine stated that she has delivered hundreds of loved ones to family members. Justine then stated she remembers taking [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] because [REDACTED] was angry with her for not getting the teddy bear back that was [REDACTED].

Justine stated that [REDACTED] told her that she would call Staci and Shannon in the morning. Justine stated she did pick [REDACTED] up from the Eagle County Kent Funeral home which is located at 305 McGregor Drive in Gypsum, Colorado and took [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] in Leadville, Colorado.

Detective Reynolds asked Justine if she was present while the cremation process happened. Justine stated she does not remember, but she does have a notebook at home where she keeps records of what she has done in her line of work.

Justine stated she was considering purchasing the Bailey Kent Funeral Home, but then changed her mind to work in Ohio, where she went to school.

Detective Reynolds asked Justine if she remembers any of the paperwork that she had given to [REDACTED]. Justine stated she does hundreds of these a year, but her notebook may have it. Detective Reynolds asked Justine if she worked for the Bailey Kent Funeral Home or as a deputy coroner. Justine stated that she was performing work as both and was allowed to in the State of Colorado. Justine stated that she would have to call Detective Reynolds back to review notes in her notebook.

On August 17, 2020, at approximately 0948 hours, Detective Reynolds called Justine back and left a message. On August 20, 2020, I also called Justine and left a message asking for her to call me back. As of this date, Justine has not returned my phone calls.

On February 18, 2021, your Affiant was notified from Silverthorne Police Department that they are requesting arrest warrants for Shannon and Staci Kent for Criminal Attempt CRS 18-2-101 and Tampering with a Deceased Human Body CRS 18-8-610.5(1). Resulting from a decaying body being located in the funeral home located at 561 Blue River Pky, Silverthorne, Colorado.

Sgt. Siebel was contacted by the former Lake County Deputy Coroner TJ Garcia, as the potential tenant, who was planning on purchasing the funeral home unit in Silverthorne that was owned and operated by Shannon and Staci Kent. Former Lake County Deputy Coroner TJ Garcia, who was hired by Shannon Kent in his capacity as Lake County Coroner, reported that he saw some "red flags" and backed out of the business deal. The Silverthorne Police Department's investigation determined that the individual found died on 07/30/2020 and was from Park County.

Upon being notified of the pending arrest of Shannon and Staci Kent, and that TJ Garcia was no longer Deputy Coroner, your Affiant contacted TJ Garcia. He advised your Affiant he had seen an infant in a casket, which is white in color and has a marble pattern. The infant was last seen by TJ Garcia in a two door freezer within the Leadville Funeral Home. TJ Garcia stated he was in the 510 Harrison Ave, Leadville, location because he was going to purchase this location from Shannon and Staci Kent as well as the Silverthorne location.

TJ Garcia stated this was approximately 4 weeks ago. This appears to be the same unknown infant in a casket, which was observed during a search executed by the Lake County Sheriff's Office, on October 2, 2020.

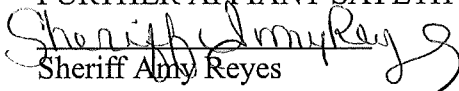
John Scott, Kent's legal counsel, advised in an email as follows: "The baby described by Sheriff Reyes was a still-born child and has been in refrigeration in the Coroner's office for a lengthy period of time. The remains were apparently abandoned to Dr. Lisa Zwerdinger. Dr. Zwerdinger apparently asked Mr. Kent to store the remains. Mr. Kent met with the mother of the still-born child at the health care facility when contacted by Dr. Zwerdinger and provided his contact information and asked her to call him to discuss disposition. The mother has never contacted Mr. Kent. Lake County apparently does not have a public administrator that can provide consent for disposition. The decedent still-born child has remained in refrigeration the entire time".

Your Affiant has not been able to verify the identity of the “ still-born child”. Your Affiant has checked with Nadine Castillo who is the Lake County registrar for Lake County, who is responsible for the death certificates that are filed and sent to the state. Registrar Castillo stated there have been no “ stillborn deaths” filed with her office by Shannon Kent. Registrar Castillo checked the records as far back as 2012. As Coroner, Shannon Kent would have needed to file a “ stillbirth death certificate” with the county registrar.

Your Affiant spoke with Dr. Lisa Zwerdinger, who stated no infant was abandoned to her. Dr. Lisa stated she did not request Shannon Kent to retrieve an “ abandoned infant” She did recall a traveling doctor did call her in to assist with a mother who gave birth at St. Vincent’s hospital in 2017. Your Affiant has repeatedly made attempts to contact this mother and at the time of this writing no contact has been able to be made.

Based on the foregoing facts and circumstances, your Affiant believes and has probable cause to believe that Shannon Kent and/or Staci Kent committed violations of: C.R.S 18-2-101, Criminal Attempt and C.R.S 18-8-610.5(1) Tampering with a deceased human body

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.


Sheriff Amy Reyes
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 18th day of February
A.D., 2021.



By the Court:


Summit County Court Judge

COUNTY COURT, LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO

CASE NUMBER: #200106

Search Warrant

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

TO: Any Officer authorized by law to execute a search warrant in the County Wherein the property is located, or specialty trained officer/s whom may be in neighboring Counties.

Sheriff Amy Reyes, having this date filed an Affidavit for a Search Warrant in conformity with the provisions of Colorado Rules of Criminal Procedure, 41(b) and (c) for the following described property, to wit: **The premises to be searched is described as a two-story, blue in color, commercial building/residence. The building is combined as a residence/ commercial building, with the residence being located on the second floor. The front of the building which, faces west, has windows and one front door that leads to the commercial building. The rear of the building has a staircase leading to the residence of the building. A sign on the front of the building states the Bailey Funeral Home located at 510 Harrison Ave in Leadville, Colorado, LOT 3 BLK 5 ADDITION L I CO LOT 4 BLK 5 ADDITION L I CO. The Bailey Funeral Home is operated under the Bailey-Kent Funeral Home LLC and the Lake County Coroner conducts business in the building. The premises to be searched is depicted below:**



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 [REDACTED]

Based upon probable cause existing that crimes may have been committed evidence thereof may be located on the premises or persons. The following may be searched for and, if found, seized: any bodies in refrigeration or out of refrigeration, bodies in or out of caskets, bodies contained in body bags, body parts in or out of bags, cremains contained in or out of urns or in or out of bags.

This search and seizure may occur based upon one or more grounds as set forth in Rule 41(b), Colorado Rules of Criminal Procedure, namely material evidence in a subsequent criminal prosecution in this state or in another state may be found which would reveal information on individual(s) suspected of involvement in committing violating the following statutes: C.R.S 18-2-101, Criminal Attempt and C.R.S 18-8-610.5(1) Tampering with a deceased human body, a class 3 felony.

The names of persons whose affidavits have been taken in support hereof are: Sheriff Amy Reyes of the Lake County Sheriff's Office and as I am satisfied that there is probable cause to believe that the property so described is located on the person, premises, or in the vehicle above described, **YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED** to search forthwith the person, place, or vehicle above described for the property described at any time, day or night and to make return of this Warrant to the Clerk of the Court, within 14 days of the date hereof, and to deliver to the person from whom the property is taken or from whose premises or vehicle the property is taken a copy of the warrant together with a receipt for the property taken, or, in lieu thereof, to leave the copy and receipt at the place from which the property is taken; and to deliver to: The Clerk of the Court a written inventory of the property with the return of this warrant.

Given under my hand and dated this _____, February 18, 2021.



By the Court:

Edward J. Canas

Summit County Court Judge

