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#### AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE

Your Affiants, Trooper Michael Tracy and Corporal Brandon Allis are members of the Pennsylvania State Police Troop P Criminal Investigative Unit. Both sworn law enforcement officers who are authorized to effectuate arrests based on findings of criminal investigations.

On Thursday 01/20/22 at approximately 1630 hours, Troopers were dispatched to the residence of 1168 Old Bernice Road Cherry Township, Sullivan County PA 18632 for a report of a deceased infant male. The initial report made to dispatchers came from Amy HOENIGKE (A. HOENIGKE), who related her son Mahko HOENIGKE (victim), who was born on 01/14/2022 was deceased in the home and had been deceased since Monday 01/17/22. A. HOENIGKE initially related to the dispatcher that she had woke up and found her son dead in his bassinet the morning of Monday 01/17/22. PSP personnel from Troop P Laporte were dispatched to the residence and upon arrival did confirm the presence of a deceased infant in a bassinet in an upstairs bedroom. Also, in the home at the time of PSP arrival was A. HOENIGKE's husband Drew HOENIGKE (D. HOENIGKE) and their 2-year-old daughter Hettie HOENIGKE (H. HOENIGKE). Upon my (Tpr. Michael TRACY) arrival on scene at approximately 1658 hours on 01/20/22 I was advised by Cpl. Dominic ANASTASI of the confirmation of the deceased infant in the home and the other occupants of the home.

My initial observations of the home were that of a primitive homestead, with multiple outbuildings and a path cut for a driveway off the road. The weather was cold with fresh snow and ice on the ground. The façade of the home was wood with a red roof. Outside of the home were large stacks of firewood indicating the home was heated with firewood. There was no access into the home from the front door due to it being blocked off by multiple items on the porch. The only access to the home was from the rear of the residence which led into the kitchen. I then entered the residence and observed a very congested and disheveled kitchen with multiple stacks of dirty dishes in and around the sink and counter tops. The kitchen table area was also covered with multiple piles of dishes and household items. From the kitchen I went into the living room where I then identified myself and began gathering preliminary information by speaking with the parents.

My observations when I met D. HOENIGKE, and A. HOENIGKE were of them both sitting on the couch in a living

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room area. D. HOENIGKE was drinking a bottle of beer and A. HOENIGKE was sitting on the couch with him. On the floor of the living room was their daughter, H. HOENIGKE, who was occupied by a laptop computer on a small table. In the living room directly across from the couch was a small wood stove with stacks of firewood adjacent to it. After speaking with A. HOENIGKE and D. HOENIGKE and explaining to them what to expect next, I read and explained to them the consent to search form. After ample time was provided for them to read it, ask any questions regarding it, both parents signed the consent to search form and did not contest any PSP personal occupying or searching the residence. Along with other PSP personnel, I then proceeded upstairs to where the victim was reported to be. I observed several extension cord wires running from room to room once I made it upstairs. The upstairs showed signs of disrepair throughout all rooms. I then made my way into the parent's bedroom where I observed a wooden bassinet next to the bed containing an obvious deceased infant. The victim was wrapped in a blanket, wearing a knit hat and was accompanied by a teddy bear.

From the small area on his face showing skin, the victim already presented with signs of decomposition to include dark lips and a lack of color that would be associated with an alive, healthy baby. Immediately to the left of the bassinet was an infuser and a container with remnants of burned herbs. After my initial observations were documented, the PSP Troop P Forensic Services Unit (FSU) started their documentation and processing of the scene.

I, along with CpI. Brandon ALLIS, requested A. HOENIGKE to come to PSP Laporte to be interviewed. A. HOENIGKE agreed and was provided transportation to PSP Laporte. D. HOENIGKE was also requested to be interviewed at the barracks and arrived shortly after his wife. On 01/20/2022 at 1900 hours A. HOENIGKE was interviewed at PSP-Laporte. During the course of A. HOENIGKE's interview, it was learned that her and D. HOENIGKE were not originally from Sullivan County but had moved there from Cheltenham Township in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Their purpose of moving was to live in a more rural area. Throughout the course of the interview with A. HOENIGKE, she had disclosed to myself and Cpl. ALLIS that she or her husband do not live a conventional lifestyle and choose to not pay attention to things like time frames or even keep track of the days. They made the decision to live a primitive lifestyle and raise their children in the same manner. It was also learned there was a third person present for the birth, a woman by the name of Brigette MECKES. A. HOENIGKE related she and D. HOENIGKE met MECKES in the Poconos in 2018. They related that MECKES was present for their daughter's and son's birth.

When asked in A. HOENIGKE's interview if MECKES was a midwife, A. HOENIGKE stated "She is not a midwife. She um is a good friend. She has worked in the medical field but is not actually, she never got licensed. She passed nursing school, but not the test." In a text message conversation on 01/17/22 at 09:04 AM between A. HOENIGKE and her friend Kate BRENTON, BRENTON asks A. HOENIGKE "Is your midwife there?" A. HOENIGKE then states in a reply on 01/17/22 at 09:05 AM, "Yes that's who worked so hard to keep him breathing. For almost 12 hours. Something was stuck in his lungs and he kept going blue. We could get him back but after hours and hours of fighting his heart finally gave."

During the interview with A. HOENIGKE, she admitted she was not being truthful, it was discovered that MECKES and A. HOENIGKE, before reporting the death, had made a pact to tell police the victim was discovered dead Monday morning in its bassinet. The interview revealed the death was a prolonged event and in no way a sudden incident. This is evidenced by A. HOENIGKE and MECKES describing the victim's death as a "struggle". A. HOENIGKE, during the interview stated, "That's why I'm honest now." This was in reference to her first disclosure of finding the victim dead in the bassinet Monday morning and not describing the prolonged struggle at first. Also, at this time in A. HOENIGKE's interview, she related she wanted to show Cpi. ALLIS and myself a picture she took Sunday afternoon at approximately 4:30pm on 01/16/2022. She stated "This was where he was napping, and I'd say maybe an hour from this picture, maybe not even an hour from this picture

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is when I kind of realized that something was wrong. I mean, he looks kind of blue there,". MECKES, having worked as a surgical technician and going through nursing school was trained to know the signs and symptoms of difficulty breathing and when to summon a higher level of care, but failed to do so. D. HOENIGKE left the home shortly after the birth of his son to deliver a handmade wooden walking stick, he was selling for \$200.00 to a client of his several hours away.

In an interview with D. HOENIGKE, he related to me that he was there for the birth of his son, but soon left after for work. In talking with him and asking if he was kept aware of his son's status, he related he was. D. HOENIGKE, when advised of the grim nature of the situation stated to me "A few hours later --- a couple hours later maybe. I think it was evening; I know it was getting dark at that time, so maybe 5:30, six o'clock. She called me on the phone and told me about some struggles that he was having. But I still didn't quite process it. I didn't really want to." After learning of the fate of his son, D. HOENIGKE stated "And if this --- like it sounds kind of bad, but like I said, I was staying with my parents. I was intending to send a few days there working with a guy I know, doing a, remodeling his moms house to flip. I was expecting to spend a few days with my parents and with him having a decent time, you know. Expecting to come back and see my little boy and I heard something that sounded troubling, and I just drank a bunch of beer and hung out with my parents and acted like nothing was going on." When asked if he would ever consider doing something different to help his son in this situation or if they were to have another child, D. HOENIGKE stated "But I guess he's not, so I mean Amy is like, I still want to have another kid down the line, and you know what, this has caused me so much damn grief, that I probably would. Honestly, I'd probably just tell her to have the kid in the hospital now."

A search warrant was executed in obtaining text messages from A. HOENIGKE's phone, the discussion of the victim's slow decline was discussed in detail. The victim's decline can be seen by the timeline of conversations.

On 01/16/22 @ 6:03 PM From A. HOENIGKE to D. HOENIGKE

"Color mostly all back. He needs the stuff out of his chest..he's not getting enough oxygen. Please keep praying."

01/16/22 @ 7:23 PM From D. HOENIGKE to A. HOENIGKE

"Please help my son get that out of him"

01/16/22 @ 10:05 PM From A. HOENIGKE to D. HOENIGKE,

"Hold this in your heart: if Brie can keep him alive, she will always have a place here if she needs it"

On 01/16/22 @ 10:55 PM From A. HOENIGKE to D. HOENIGKE,

"He dipped verrry low and we got in the shower. And cut the flexible tube out of Hettis water bottle. He came back after that and shit. There had been pee on his diaper as well. But he's starting to want to dip back out."

01/17/22 @ 1:58 AM From A. HOENIGKE to D. HOENIGKE

"Hetti woke and I put her back down and fell asleep for a little. He is still hanging on. Going in and out of good breaths and starting to turn blue."

01/17/22 @ 9:38 AM From A. HOENIGKE to Tiffany JONES

"Something was wrong or stuck in his lungs. For almost 12 hours we were fighting to keep him breathing and not going blue. He dipped out almost every hour turning grey and limp. We could keep getting him back with cpr and suction and air. We used steam and all sorts of other things. His heart was still going. But around

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240 he was dipping again and I told him I loved him and it's okay and went back upstairs to put hetti back in bed. I came back down at four and brie said that his heart had gave out. He wasn't blue when he passed. So he looks so much more peaceful."

#### 01/17/22 @ 9:45 AM From A. HOENIGKE to Amy's parents

"We were in a snow storm with a two year old that I wouldn't be able to take or leave in an ambulance or drive ourselves the 40 minutes to a hospital. I was hopeful but I knew he was gonna pass. And i wanted it to be more comfortable for everyone. He passed exactly where he was born exactly three days later."

#### 01/18/22 @ 9:08 PM From A. HOENIGKE to Tiffany JONES

"Once he passed too he seemed so peaceful. The struggle was so hard to watch. So I find peace in that. Drew didn't see the struggle so it's harder to see that. He has a bigger void in his soul".

During the interview with MECKES, she related how she and A. HOENIGKE tried different approaches to revive the victim and relieve what they thought was congestion. A. HOENIGKE, in relation to what she did during the victims decline stated," We used the steam though because that's probably relevant. It was mullen. We basically made a lot of steam teas. And um, mullen is very very good for your lungs. And um, we used peppermint, and mullen. I mean I had him in the shower at one point." MECKES related at one point she took a plastic straw from a children's bottle and tried to clear the victim's nasal airway with it. MECKES also related this carried on into the night and A. HOENIGKE had to put H. HOENIGKE to bed, so she was just left with the victim. MECKES related that H. HOENIGKE had woken up, A. HOENIGKE went to check on her and MECKES stated "And when I looked down, his eyes were slightly open. So, I checked them, and he didn't have a pulse or anything, that I couldn't tell very well, but when he --- earlier he had --- you could see his pulse in his neck. You couldn't see that anymore. And then Amy came down, and I had to tell her that he had died."

As previously mentioned, this family had chosen to live the life they did based on their own belief systems. When A. HOENIGKE was asked multiple times why her or MECKES did not summon any help when the victim was in distress for over 12 hours, her response remained consistent. A. HOENIGKE related she did not want any authority figures to come into their home and discover their undocumented daughter H. HOENIGKE in fear she would be taken from her. A. HOENIGKE and MECKES both consciously made the decision to deny a struggling newborn baby the proper medical help needed to save its life so that H. HOENIGKE would not be discovered. In addition to the training and experience of MECKES, it was disclosed to investigators they not only had access to a smartphone which could have been used to summon help, but also a laptop with internet. It was disclosed during interviewing that the laptop was used to search for infant care techniques in relation to breathing. D. HOENIGKE was also aware of the babies decline from communicating with his wife and took no steps to intervene or attempt to save his son's life. A. HOENGKE and D. HOENIGKE, when interviewed also related they did not want their son to receive medical help due to their beliefs in modern medicine and cited their Jewish faith as their guiding principle to make that decision. However, in a text message on 01/18/2022 at 4:20 pm, A. HOENIGKE's mother says to A. HOENIGKE "Amy your not Jewish". Even if A. HOENIGKE and D. HOENIGKE were Jewish and practicing their religious beliefs, Title 23 section 6304 (b)(4) states "this section shall not apply if the failure to provide needed medical or surgical care causes the death of the child". Furthermore, while PSP was processing the home, a wooden box was in a room off the kitchen which appeared to have been recently made and stained. When asked about the purpose of the box, D. HOENIGKE related he built a coffin for his son when he got back from the trip. However due to the ground being frozen, they were not able to bury their son before A. HOENIGKE decided to call authorities. A. HOENIGKE did dress the victim for burial, rubbing his back with essentials oils and putting kosher salt on his umbilical cord. It was also learned through interviewing that this was not the first time A. HOENIGKE and D. HOENIGKE buried human remains. In both D. HOENIGKE's and A. HOENIGKE's interviews, they both disclosed a prior birth of a fetus which they buried behind A. HOENIGKE's parent's home in Cheltenham Township. On 09/15/22, Pennsylvania State Police members from Troop K, Criminal Investigation Assessment (CIA) Unit, along with a PSP canine trained in human decomposition detection executed a search warrant to search for evidence of human remains. A

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map drawn by D. HOENIGKE depicting the area of the burial was used to guide the search area. The PSP cadaver canine, while searching the area, presented a positive alert in the focused area within minutes of starting the search. Several pieces of evidence were removed from the scene for analysis.

Based upon the facts presented above, Trooper Michael Tracy and Corporal Brandon Allis respectfully request all charged parties answer to their charges before them

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An affidavit of probable cause must be completed before a warrant can be issued.

AND NOW, on this date,

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I certify that the complaint has been properly completed and verified.



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My commission expires first Monday of January, 2028

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room area. D. HOENIGKE was drinking a bottle of beer and A. HOENIGKE was sitting on the couch with him. On the floor of the living room was their daughter, H. HOENIGKE, who was occupied by a laptop computer on a small table. In the living room directly across from the couch was a small wood stove with stacks of firewood adjacent to it. After speaking with A. HOENIGKE and D. HOENIGKE and explaining to them what to expect next, I read and explained to them the consent to search form. After ample time was provided for them to read it, ask any questions regarding it, both parents signed the consent to search form and did not contest any PSP personal occupying or searching the residence. Along with other PSP personnel, I then proceeded upstairs to where the victim was reported to be. I observed several extension cord wires running from room to room once I made it upstairs. The upstairs showed signs of disrepair throughout all rooms. I then made my way into the parent's bedroom where I observed a wooden bassinet next to the bed containing an obvious deceased infant. The victim was wrapped in a blanket, wearing a knit hat and was accompanied by a teddy bear.

From the small area on his face showing skin, the victim already presented with signs of decomposition to include dark lips and a lack of color that would be associated with an alive, healthy baby. Immediately to the left of the bassinet was an infuser and a container with remnants of burned herbs. After my initial observations were documented, the PSP Troop P Forensic Services Unit (FSU) started their documentation and processing of the scene.

I, along with Cpl. Brandon ALLIS, requested A. HOENIGKE to come to PSP Laporte to be interviewed. A. HOENIGKE agreed and was provided transportation to PSP Laporte. D. HOENIGKE was also requested to be interviewed at the barracks and arrived shortly after his wife. On 01/20/2022 at 1900 hours A. HOENIGKE was interviewed at PSP-Laporte. During the course of A. HOENIGKE's interview, it was learned that her and D. HOENIGKE were not originally from Sullivan County but had moved there from Cheltenham Township in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Their purpose of moving was to live in a more rural area. Throughout the course of the interview with A. HOENIGKE, she had disclosed to myself and Cpl. ALLIS that she or her husband do not live a conventional lifestyle and choose to not pay attention to things like time frames or even keep track of the days. They made the decision to live a primitive lifestyle and raise their children in the same manner. It was also learned there was a third person present for the birth, a woman by the name of Brigette MECKES. A. HOENIGKE related she and D. HOENIGKE met MECKES in the Poconos in 2018. They related that MECKES was present for their daughter's and son's birth.

When asked in A. HOENIGKE's interview if MECKES was a midwife, A. HOENIGKE stated "She is not a midwife. She um is a good friend. She has worked in the medical field but is not actually, she never got licensed. She passed nursing school, but not the test." In a text message conversation on 01/17/22 at 09:04 AM between A. HOENIGKE and her friend Kate BRENTON, BRENTON asks A. HOENIGKE "Is your midwife there?" A. HOENIGKE then states in a reply on 01/17/22 at 09:05 AM, "Yes that's who worked so hard to keep him breathing. For almost 12 hours. Something was stuck in his lungs and he kept going blue. We could get him back but after hours and hours of fighting his heart finally gave."

During the interview with A. HOENIGKE, she admitted she was not being truthful, it was discovered that MECKES and A. HOENIGKE, before reporting the death, had made a pact to tell police the victim was discovered dead Monday morning in its bassinet. The interview revealed the death was a prolonged event and in no way a sudden incident. This is evidenced by A. HOENIGKE and MECKES describing the victim's death as a "struggle". A. HOENIGKE, during the interview stated, "That's why I'm honest now." This was in reference to her first disclosure of finding the victim dead in the bassinet Monday morning and not describing the prolonged struggle at first. Also, at this time in A. HOENIGKE's interview, she related she wanted to show Cpl. ALLIS and myself a picture she took Sunday afternoon at approximately 4:30pm on 01/16/2022. She stated "This was where he was napping, and I'd say maybe an hour from this picture, maybe not even an hour from this picture



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is when I kind of realized that something was wrong. I mean, he looks kind of blue there,". MECKES, having worked as a surgical technician and going through nursing school was trained to know the signs and symptoms of difficulty breathing and when to summon a higher level of care, but failed to do so. D. HOENIGKE left the home shortly after the birth of his son to deliver a handmade wooden walking stick, he was selling for \$200.00 to a client of his several hours away.

In an interview with D. HOENIGKE, he related to me that he was there for the birth of his son, but soon left after for work. In talking with him and asking if he was kept aware of his son's status, he related he was. D. HOENIGKE, when advised of the grim nature of the situation stated to me "A few hours later --- a couple hours later maybe. I think it was evening; I know it was getting dark at that time, so maybe 5:30, six o'clock. She called me on the phone and told me about some struggles that he was having. But I still didn't quite process it. I didn't really want to." After learning of the fate of his son, D. HOENIGKE stated "And if this --- like it sounds kind of bad, but like I said, I was staying with my parents. I was intending to send a few days there working with a guy I know, doing a, remodeling his moms house to flip. I was expecting to spend a few days with my parents and with him having a decent time, you know. Expecting to come back and see my little boy and I heard something that sounded troubling, and I just drank a bunch of beer and hung out with my parents and acted like nothing was going on." When asked if he would ever consider doing something different to help his son in this situation or if they were to have another child, D. HOENIGKE stated "But I guess he's not, so I mean Amy is like, I still want to have another kid down the line, and you know what, this has caused me so much damn grief, that I probably would. Honestly, I'd probably just tell her to have the kid in the hospital now."

A search warrant was executed in obtaining text messages from A. HOENIGKE's phone, the discussion of the victim's slow decline was discussed in detail. The victim's decline can be seen by the timeline of conversations.

On 01/16/22 @ 6:03 PM From A. HOENIGKE to D. HOENIGKE

"Color mostly all back. He needs the stuff out of his chest..he's not getting enough oxygen. Please keep praying."

01/16/22 @ 7:23 PM From D. HOENIGKE to A. HOENIGKE

"Please help my son get that out of him"

01/16/22 @ 10:05 PM From A. HOENIGKE to D. HOENIGKE,

"Hold this in your heart: if Brie can keep him alive, she will always have a place here if she needs it"

On 01/16/22 @ 10:55 PM From A. HOENIGKE to D. HOENIGKE,

"He dipped verrry low and we got in the shower. And cut the flexible tube out of Hettis water bottle. He came back after that and shit. There had been pee on his diaper as well. But he's starting to want to dip back out."

01/17/22 @ 1:58 AM From A. HOENIGKE to D. HOENIGKE

"Hetti woke and I put her back down and fell asleep for a little. He is still hanging on. Going in and out of good breaths and starting to turn blue."

01/17/22 @ 9:38 AM From A. HOENIGKE to Tiffany JONES

"Something was wrong or stuck in his lungs. For almost 12 hours we were fighting to keep him breathing and not going blue. He dipped out almost every hour turning grey and limp. We could keep getting him back with cpr and suction and air. We used steam and all sorts of other things. His heart was still going. But around

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240 he was dipping again and I told him I loved him and it's okay and went back upstairs to put hetti back in bed. I came back down at four and brie said that his heart had gave out. He wasn't blue when he passed. So he looks so much more peaceful."

#### 01/17/22 @ 9:45 AM From A. HOENIGKE to Amy's parents

"We were in a snow storm with a two year old that I wouldn't be able to take or leave in an ambulance or drive ourselves the 40 minutes to a hospital. I was hopeful but I knew he was gonna pass. And i wanted it to be more comfortable for everyone. He passed exactly where he was born exactly three days later."

#### 01/18/22 @ 9:08 PM From A. HOENIGKE to Tiffany JONES

"Once he passed too he seemed so peaceful. The struggle was so hard to watch. So I find peace in that. Drew didn't see the struggle so it's harder to see that. He has a bigger void in his soul".

During the interview with MECKES, she related how she and A. HOENIGKE tried different approaches to revive the victim and relieve what they thought was congestion. A. HOENIGKE, in relation to what she did during the victims decline stated," We used the steam though because that's probably relevant. It was mullen. We basically made a lot of steam teas. And um, mullen is very very good for your lungs. And um, we used peppermint, and mullen. I mean I had him in the shower at one point." MECKES related at one point she took a plastic straw from a children's bottle and tried to clear the victim's nasal airway with it. MECKES also related this carried on into the night and A. HOENIGKE had to put H. HOENIGKE to bed, so she was just left with the victim. MECKES related that H. HOENIGKE had woken up, A. HOENIGKE went to check on her and MECKES stated "And when I looked down, his eyes were slightly open. So, I checked them, and he didn't have a pulse or anything, that I could tell. I couldn't tell very well, but when he --- earlier he had --- you could see his pulse in his neck. You couldn't see that anymore. And then Amy came down, and I had to tell her that he had died."

As previously mentioned, this family had chosen to live the life they did based on their own belief systems. When A. HOENIGKE was asked multiple times why her or MECKES did not summon any help when the victim was in distress for over 12 hours, her response remained consistent. A. HOENIGKE related she did not want any authority figures to come into their home and discover their undocumented daughter H. HOENIGKE in fear she would be taken from her. A. HOENIGKE and MECKES both consciously made the decision to deny a struggling newborn baby the proper medical help needed to save its life so that H. HOENIGKE would not be discovered. In addition to the training and experience of MECKES, it was disclosed to investigators they not only had access to a smartphone which could have been used to summon help, but also a laptop with internet. It was disclosed during interviewing that the laptop was used to search for infant care techniques in relation to breathing. D. HOENIGKE was also aware of the babies decline from communicating with his wife and took no steps to intervene or attempt to save his son's life. A. HOENGKE and D. HOENIGKE, when interviewed also related they did not want their son to receive medical help due to their beliefs in modern medicine and cited their Jewish faith as their guiding principle to make that decision. However, in a text message on 01/18/2022 at 4:20 pm, A. HOENIGKE's mother says to A. HOENIGKE "Amy your not Jewish". Even if A. HOENIGKE and D. HOENIGKE were Jewish and practicing their religious beliefs, Title 23 section 6304 (b)(4) states "this section shall not apply if the failure to provide needed medical or surgical care causes the death of the child". Furthermore, while PSP was processing the home, a wooden box was in a room off the kitchen which appeared to have been recently made and stained. When asked about the purpose of the box, D. HOENIGKE related he built a coffin for his son when he got back from the trip. However due to the ground being frozen, they were not able to bury their son before A. HOENIGKE decided to call authorities. A. HOENIGKE did dress the victim for burial, rubbing his back with essentials oils and putting kosher salt on his umbilical cord. It was also learned through interviewing that this was not the first time A. HOENIGKE and D. HOENIGKE buried human remains. In both D. HOENIGKE's and A. HOENIGKE's interviews, they both disclosed a prior birth of a fetus which they buried behind A. HOENIGKE's parent's home in Cheltenham Township. On 09/15/22, Pennsylvania State Police members from Troop K. Criminal Investigation Assessment (CIA) Unit, along with a PSP canine trained in human decomposition detection executed a search warrant to search for evidence of human remains. A

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map drawn by D. HOENIGKE depicting the area of the burial was used to guide the search area. The PSP cadaver canine, while searching the area, presented a positive alert in the focused area within minutes of starting the search. Several pieces of evidence were removed from the scene for analysis.

Based upon the facts presented above, Trooper Michael Tracy and Corporal Brandon Allis respectfully request all charged parties answer to their charges before them.

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#### POLICE CRIMINAL COMPLAINT COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY OF: SULLIVAN VS. Magisterial District Number: 44-3-03 DEFENDANT: (NAME and ADDRESS) MDJ Hon. VANDINE, JENNIFER Y MECKES BRIGITTE Gen Middle Namo Last Name First Name Address: SULLIVAN ONTY CRTHSE, PO BOX 259 394 WATER ST, LAPORTE, PA 18626 N LAWRENCE, NY 12967 Telephone: (570) 946-4413 (570) 216-2081 NCIC Extradition Code Type Distance NCIC Extradition Code Type 1 - FELONY FULL DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION OTN/Live Scan Number R3964715 Request Lab Services Complaint Number Incident Number P4AE99404E PA 2022-81684 NO Co-Defendant? YES Date of Birth Add DOB Gender PA - USA 08/13/1975 Suffix Middle Name Last Name Defendant's First Name Defendant Also Known As BRIE Ethnicih Race NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN - N WHITE - W Eve Color Hair Color BLUE - BLU **BROWN - BRO** Weight 130 LBS **DNA Location** DNA NO Height 5' 04" MNU Number FBI Number Fingerprint Classification Defendant Fingerprinted DEFENDANT VEHICLE INFORMATION Registration Sticker (MM/YY) Commercial Vehicle? School Veh. Oth, NCIC Veh. Code Plate# State HazMat Reg. eame Style Color Mode Make VIV Year as Def. NO (The attorney for the Commonwealth may require that the complaint, arrest warrant affidavit, or both be approved by the attorney for the Commonwealth prior to filing, Pa.R.Crlm.P.507.) ACDAG DANIEL DYE (Signature of Attorney for Commonwealth) (Name of Attorney for Commonwealth - Please Print or Type) 658816/13335 I, TPR. MICHAEL TRACY (PSP/MPOETC - Assigned Affiant ID Number & Badge #) (Name of Affiant - Please Print or Type) of PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE, TROOP P. SHICKSHINNY PAPSP7900 (Police Agency ORI Number) (Identify Department or Agency Represented and Political Subdivision) do hereby state: (check appropriate box) i accuse the above named defendant wholives at the address set forth above [ ] I accuse the defendant whose name is unknown to me but who is described as 1 accuse the defendant whose name and popular designation or nickname is unknown to me and whom I have therefore designated as John Doe or Jane Doe.

In <u>SULLIVAN</u> County <u>56</u> on or about <u>1/20/2022 AT APPROX. 16:28 HRS - 1/20/2022 AT APPROX. 23:30 HRS (County Code) (Offense Date)</u>

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room area. D. HOENIGKE was drinking a bottle of beer and A. HOENIGKE was sitting on the couch with him. On the floor of the living room was their daughter, H. HOENIGKE, who was occupied by a laptop computer on a small table. In the living room directly across from the couch was a small wood stove with stacks of firewood adjacent to it. After speaking with A. HOENIGKE and D. HOENIGKE and explaining to them what to expect next, I read and explained to them the consent to search form. After ample time was provided for them to read it, ask any questions regarding it, both parents signed the consent to search form and did not contest any PSP personal occupying or searching the residence. Along with other PSP personnel, I then proceeded upstairs to where the victim was reported to be. I observed several extension cord wires running from room to room once I made it upstairs. The upstairs showed signs of disrepair throughout all rooms. I then made my way into the parent's bedroom where I observed a wooden bassinet next to the bed containing an obvious deceased infant. The victim was wrapped in a blanket, wearing a knit hat and was accompanied by a teddy bear.

From the small area on his face showing skin, the victim already presented with signs of decomposition to include dark lips and a lack of color that would be associated with an alive, healthy baby. Immediately to the left of the bassinet was an infuser and a container with remnants of burned herbs. After my initial observations were documented, the PSP Troop P Forensic Services Unit (FSU) started their documentation and processing of the scene.

I, along with CpI. Brandon ALLIS, requested A. HOENIGKE to come to PSP Laporte to be interviewed. A. HOENIGKE agreed and was provided transportation to PSP Laporte. D. HOENIGKE was also requested to be interviewed at the barracks and arrived shortly after his wife. On 01/20/2022 at 1900 hours A. HOENIGKE was interviewed at PSP-Laporte. During the course of A. HOENIGKE's interview, it was learned that her and D. HOENIGKE were not originally from Sullivan County but had moved there from Cheltenham Township in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Their purpose of moving was to live in a more rural area. Throughout the course of the interview with A. HOENIGKE, she had disclosed to myself and CpI. ALLIS that she or her husband do not live a conventional lifestyle and choose to not pay attention to things like time frames or even keep track of the days. They made the decision to live a primitive lifestyle and raise their children in the same manner. It was also learned there was a third person present for the birth, a woman by the name of Brigette MECKES. A. HOENIGKE related she and D. HOENIGKE met MECKES in the Poconos in 2018. They related that MECKES was present for their daughter's and son's birth.

When asked in A. HOENIGKE's interview if MECKES was a midwife, A. HOENIGKE stated "She is not a midwife. She um is a good friend. She has worked in the medical field but is not actually, she never got licensed. She passed nursing school, but not the test." In a text message conversation on 01/17/22 at 09:04 AM between A. HOENIGKE and her friend Kate BRENTON, BRENTON asks A. HOENIGKE "Is your midwife there?" A. HOENIGKE then states in a reply on 01/17/22 at 09:05 AM, "Yes that's who worked so hard to keep him breathing. For almost 12 hours. Something was stuck in his lungs and he kept going blue. We could get him back but after hours and hours of fighting his heart finally gave."

During the interview with A. HOENIGKE, she admitted she was not being truthful, it was discovered that MECKES and A. HOENIGKE, before reporting the death, had made a pact to tell police the victim was discovered dead Monday morning in its bassinet. The interview revealed the death was a prolonged event and in no way a sudden incident. This is evidenced by A. HOENIGKE and MECKES describing the victim's death as a "struggle". A. HOENIGKE, during the interview stated, "That's why I'm honest now." This was in reference to her first disclosure of finding the victim dead in the bassinet Monday morning and not describing the prolonged struggle at first. Also, at this time in A. HOENIGKE's interview, she related she wanted to show Cpl. ALLIS and myself a picture she took Sunday afternoon at approximately 4:30pm on 01/16/2022. She stated "This was where he was napping, and I'd say maybe an hour from this picture, maybe not even an hour from this picture

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is when I kind of realized that something was wrong. I mean, he looks kind of blue there,". MECKES, having worked as a surgical technician and going through nursing school was trained to know the signs and symptoms of difficulty breathing and when to summon a higher level of care, but failed to do so. D. HOENIGKE left the home shortly after the birth of his son to deliver a handmade wooden walking stick, he was selling for \$200.00 to a client of his several hours away.

In an interview with D. HOENIGKE, he related to me that he was there for the birth of his son, but soon left after for work. In talking with him and asking if he was kept aware of his son's status, he related he was. D. HOENIGKE, when advised of the grim nature of the situation stated to me "A few hours later --- a couple hours later maybe. I think it was evening; I know it was getting dark at that time, so maybe 5:30, six o'clock. She called me on the phone and told me about some struggles that he was having. But I still didn't quite process it. I didn't really want to." After learning of the fate of his son, D. HOENIGKE stated "And if this --- like it sounds kind of bad, but like I said, I was staying with my parents. I was intending to send a few days there working with a guy I know, doing a, remodeling his moms house to flip. I was expecting to spend a few days with my parents and with him having a decent time, you know. Expecting to come back and see my little boy and I heard something that sounded troubling, and I just drank a bunch of beer and hung out with my parents and acted like nothing was going on." When asked if he would ever consider doing something different to help his son in this situation or if they were to have another child, D. HOENIGKE stated "But I guess he's not, so I mean Amy is like, I still want to have another kid down the line, and you know what, this has caused me so much damn grief, that I probably would. Honestly, I'd probably just tell her to have the kid in the hospital now."

A search warrant was executed in obtaining text messages from A. HOENIGKE's phone, the discussion of the victim's slow decline was discussed in detail. The victim's decline can be seen by the timeline of conversations.

On 01/16/22 @ 6:03 PM From A. HOENIGKe to D. HOENIGKE "Color mostly all back. He needs the stuff out of his chest..he's not getting enough oxygen. Please keep praying."

01/16/22 @ 7:23 PM From D. HOENIGKE to A. HOENIGKE "Please help my son get that out of him"

01/16/22 @ 10:05 PM From A. HOENIGKE to D. HOENIGKE, "Hold this in your heart: if Brie can keep him alive, she will always have a place here if she needs it"

On 01/16/22 @ 10:55 PM From A. HOENIGKE to D. HOENIGKE,

"He dipped verrry low and we got in the shower. And cut the flexible tube out of Hettis water bottle. He came back after that and shit. There had been pee on his diaper as well. But he's starting to want to dip back out."

01/17/22 @ 1:58 AM From A. HOENIGKE to D. HOENIGKE "Hetti woke and I put her back down and fell asleep for a little. He is still hanging on. Going in and out of good breaths and starting to turn blue."

01/17/22 @ 9:38 AM From A. HOENIGKE to Tiffany JONES

"Something was wrong or stuck in his lungs. For almost 12 hours we were fighting to keep him breathing and not going blue. He dipped out almost every hour turning grey and limp. We could keep getting him back with cpr and suction and air. We used steam and all sorts of other things. His heart was still going. But around

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01/17/22 @ 9:45 AM From A. HOENIGKE to Amy's parents

"We were in a snow storm with a two year old that I wouldn't be able to take or leave in an ambulance or drive ourselves the 40 minutes to a hospital. I was hopeful but I knew he was gonna pass. And I wanted it to be more comfortable for everyone. He passed exactly where he was born exactly three days later."

01/18/22 @ 9:08 PM From A. HOENIGKE to Tiffany JONES

"Once he passed too he seemed so peaceful. The struggle was so hard to watch. So I find peace in that. Drew didn't see the struggle so it's harder to see that. He has a bigger void in his soul".

During the interview with MECKES, she related how she and A. HOENIGKE tried different approaches to revive the victim and relieve what they thought was congestion. A. HOENIGKE, in relation to what she did during the victims decline stated," We used the steam though because that's probably relevant. It was mullen. We basically made a lot of steam teas. And um, mullen is very very good for your lungs. And um, we used peppermint, and mullen. I mean I had him in the shower at one point." MECKES related at one point she took a plastic straw from a children's bottle and tried to clear the victim's nasal airway with it. MECKES also related this carried on into the night and A. HOENIGKE had to put H. HOENIGKE to bed, so she was just left with the victim. MECKES related that H. HOENIGKE had woken up, A. HOENIGKE went to check on her and MECKES stated "And when I looked down, his eyes were slightly open. So, I checked them, and he didn't have a pulse or anything, that I couldn't tell very well, but when he --- earlier he had --- you could see his pulse in his neck. You couldn't see that anymore. And then Amy came down, and I had to tell her that he had died."

As previously mentioned, this family had chosen to live the life they did based on their own belief systems. When A. HOENIGKE was asked multiple times why her or MECKES did not summon any help when the victim was in distress for over 12 hours, her response remained consistent. A. HOENIGKE related she did not want any authority figures to come into their home and discover their undocumented daughter H. HOENIGKE in fear she would be taken from her. A. HOENIGKE and MECKES both consciously made the decision to deny a struggling newborn baby the proper medical help needed to save its life so that H. HOENIGKE would not be discovered. In addition to the training and experience of MECKES, it was disclosed to investigators they not only had access to a smartphone which could have been used to summon help, but also a laptop with internet. It was disclosed during interviewing that the laptop was used to search for infant care techniques in relation to breathing. D. HOENIGKE was also aware of the babies decline from communicating with his wife and took no steps to intervene or attempt to save his son's life. A. HOENGKE and D. HOENIGKE, when interviewed also related they did not want their son to receive medical help due to their beliefs in modern medicine and cited their Jewish faith as their guiding principle to make that decision. However, in a text message on 01/18/2022 at 4:20 pm, A. HOENIGKE's mother says to A. HOENIGKE "Amy your not Jewish". Even if A. HOENIGKE and D. HOENIGKE were Jewish and practicing their religious beliefs, Title 23 section 6304 (b)(4) states "this section shall not apply if the failure to provide needed medical or surgical care causes the death of the child". Furthermore, while PSP was processing the home, a wooden box was in a room off the kitchen which appeared to have been recently made and stained. When asked about the purpose of the box, D. HOENIGKE related he built a coffin for his son when he got back from the trip. However due to the ground being frozen, they were not able to bury their son before A. HOENIGKE decided to call authorities. A. HOENIGKE did dress the victim for burial, rubbing his back with essentials oils and putting kosher salt on his umbilical cord. It was also learned through interviewing that this was not the first time A. HOENIGKE and D. HOENIGKE buried human remains. In both D. HOENIGKE's and A. HOENIGKE's interviews, they both disclosed a prior birth of a fetus which they buried behind A. HOENIGKE's parent's home in Cheltenham Township. On 09/15/22, Pennsylvania State Police members from Troop K, Criminal Investigation Assessment (CIA) Unit, along with a PSP canine trained in human decomposition detection executed a search warrant to search for evidence of human remains. A

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### AFFIDAVIT of PROBABLE CAUSE CONTINUATION

map drawn by D. HOENIGKE depicting the area of the burial was used to guide the search area. The PSP cadaver canine, while searching the area, presented a positive alert in the focused area within minutes of starting the search. Several pieces of evidence were removed from the scene for analysis.

Based upon the facts presented above, Trooper Michael Tracy and Corporal Brandon Allis respectfully request all charged parties answer to their charges before them.

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