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MPD CASE # 22-020448

State of New Hampshire Supporting Affidavit for Arrest W/O Warrant

Hillsborough County

Hillsborough County Superior Court- North

I, Riley, Scott , being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I have arrested:

ECKERSLEY, ALEXANDRA 12/04/1996 Manchester, NH 03101

2. I have information that a crime (or offense) has been committed by the defendant as follows:

On 12/26/2022 I (Detective Riley) received a phone call from Sgt. Fleming requesting that I come in to assist with an investigation involving a child that was allegedly born in a tent and left for a significant amount of time.

Upon arrival at MPD I learned that a female later identified as Alexandra Eckersley 12-4-1996 had called 911 at approximately 0026 hours stating that she had given birth in the woods of Manchester. Upon MPD arrival Manchester Fire and Ambulance were actively searching the arear of 3 Electric street for the child.

During the initial encounter with Eckersley, Officer Hennessy had learned that she had disclosed to the EMT's (Natalia Risher) that Eckersley went into labor somewhere in the woods. According to Risher, Eckersley was unable to remember where.

Officer Hennessey opened the door to the ambulance and located Eckersley on a stretcher with obvious signs of bleeding from her body. When asked if she could provide a location where the child may be Eckersley exited the ambulance and began walking toward baseball fields located in the rear of 3 Electric Street. Officer Hennessey stated that during the time walking near the baseball fields trying to locate the child it was apparent that Eckersley had no idea where the child may be. Officer Hennessey requested the use of the MPD drone to assist in locating the child. The outside temperature was approximately 15 degrees during the time searching for the child.

Multiple Officers, Fire Fighters and Paramedics were on scene due to the outside weather conditions as it was critical that the child was found quickly. AMR paramedics stated that the child would likely be very small, possibly nonviable. According to the EMT's, Eckersley had stated that she had no idea that she was pregnant and that she felt she had to use the bathroom. Officer Hennessey asked Eckersley why she walked away after and responded that once she gave birth she did not know what to do. Based on Officer Hennessey's interaction with Eckersley he believed that Eckersley was under the influence of drugs. He stated that at times Eckersley was unsteady on her feet and that she would thrash around side to side.

After a period of time, Eckersley began to walk onto the rail trail behind the west side ice arena. Eckersley stated that she was with her boyfriend and identified him as "George". Eckersley was unable to provide a last name as she had recently began dating George. Later investigation resulted in the possible identification as George Theberge 9-5-1977.

Due to the time frame and weather conditions a State Police K-9 unit in an attempt to locate what they believed would be a body at that time.

After approximately one hour on scene Eckersley was placed back into the ambulance to warm up. During the time Eckersley was in the ambulance she informed paramedic Lauren Barry where the child was located and that it was on the Goffstown side of the foot bridge. Eckersley allegedly stated that the child should still be inside of her tent. Eckersley agreed to walk the Officer's to the tent where the child should be.

While walking to the location of Eckersley's tent Officer's located what they believed to be a placenta on the ground off the side of the rail trail. The tent was located off the trail a short distance away. The child was located inside the tent still alive and moving. The campsite consisted of a large tent made of tarps. Inside was clothing, furniture, and

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other miscellaneous items strewn about the ground. Within the large tarp tent was a smaller tarp tent, which was the sleeping area. Alexandra lead Officer Vitale into the camp and walked him to the inner sleeping tent where she said the baby was. Officer Vitale walked into the tent where he said he saw a bed with a large amount of blood. He described the area as containing several blankets, which he began to look through for the baby. Officer Vitale stated that he noticed a trail of blood that appeared to run down the side of the bed. Officer Vitale located the baby laying on the ground next to the bed behind a blanket. AMR transported the child to the CMC for treatment. While on scene at the campsite, Alexandra allegedly played music from her phone and sang along. According to Officer Vitale, it appeared to him that Alexandra may be under the influence of some form of narcotics. Alexandra admitted to Officer Vitale that she uses cocaine and marijuana and the last time she used these substances was two days ago. Alexandra did not want any medical attention and denied it numerous times. After some time, Alexandra agreed to go to the PD to speak with Detectives in exchange for food and a lighter to smoke a cigarette.

The time frame from the initial 911 call until the child was located was approximately one hour and 13 minutes.

While on scene Officer Hennessey received a call from Officer Slocum requesting that Eckersley answer some question at the direction of the physicians treating the child. During this time Eckersley admitted to using cocaine within the previous two days.

I later learned from Officer Slocum that the child was a male and that he weighed approximately 2 KG's (approximately 4.41 pounds). At the time of this report the physician made a statement to Officer Slocum that the size of the child would be consistent with Eckersley being approximately 6 months into her pregnancy at the time she gave birth. The child was being prepped for transport to Dartmouth Hitchcock in Lebanon VIA helicopter at the time of this report.

During a subsequent interview with Detectives Stewart and Kozowyk, Eckersley stated that she was in pain since approximately 1600 hours on 12-25-2022. She stated that she believed that she was constipated or hemorrhaging at that time. Eckersley stated that she believes the child was born between the hours of 2330 at 2400 on 12-25-2022. Eckersley stated that the child cried immediately after birth however; it was for less than a minute. She stated that her boyfriend "George" told her that the child did not have a pulse and that she did not know how to determine if the child had a pulse or not.

Eckersley stated that they left the tent and walked across the foot bridge to wait for an ambulance. That she tried numerous times to call 911 however; none of the calls went through. Eckersley admitted earlier in the interview that they used the cell phone earlier that day to order Chinese food and that it was functional.

Eckersley stated that while she was on the bridge waiting for the ambulance George went back to the tent to retrieve his tablet and to turn off the heat. During this portion of the interview Eckersley was stating that it is very hard to survive if they had lost their tent because of the cold temperatures during the winter in Manchester. Eckersley stated that this is the reason they turned off the propane heat.

Eckersley admitted that she had a conversation with George where they agreed to tell the police that the incident occurred at the soccer fields so that the police would not find and take their tents.

Detective Stewart asked Eckersley why she never took the baby with her and she stated "what do they tell you when a plane goes down? Save yourself first". Detective Stewart asked Eckersley where the baby comes from and how they would survive without her. Eckersley told Detective Stewart to "fuck herself" and that she was done talking.

Detective Kozowyk received information that Tonya Eden had information regarding Eckersley. Eden was contacted and stated that she had a conversation with Eckersley approximately one week prior to this incident and that Eckersley had advised Eden that she was 4-5 months pregnant at that time. Eden stated that Eckersley refers to her as "Mom" and that she has contact with her on a regular basis.

Based on this information I believe there was Probable Cause to believe that the crime(s) of Reckless Conduct, in

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violation of NH RSA 631:3(I)(Felony) has been committed. Eckersley was in custody on an unrelated matter therefore; Eckersley was arrested and booked in absentia on the above charges.

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(Signature)

Then personally appeared the above named Riley, Scott and made oath that the foregoing affidavit by him is true.

Before me on this 26 day of December, 2022

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My Commission Expires: 9 - 1 - 26

Having reviewed the facts contained in this Affidavit, the Court makes a finding that probable cause ______ exists/______does not exist to believe that the above named Defendant has committed the felony offenses(s) listed herein.