IN THE CIRCUIT COURT EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

STATE OF FLORIDA, Plaintiff,

CASE NO. 052021CF041676AXXXXX

vs.

LAKEISHA SONYAE MITCHELL, Defendant,

MOTION TO REVOKE PRETRIAL RELEASE BOND

COMES NOW the State of Florida, by and through the undersigned Assistant State Attorney, pursuant to Fla.R.Crim.Pro. 3.131(f), Fla. Stat. 903.046(1)(2)(e) moves this Court to revoke the Defendant's Pretrial Release, and in support thereof alleges:

1. On 8/23/2021 the defendant was arrested and subsequently indicted with the offenses of:

Count 1: First Degree Felony Murder (CF) 782.04(1)(a)2

Count 2: Aggravated Child Abuse (F1) 827.03

Count 3: Neglect of a Child (F3) 827.03

Count 4: Child Abuse (F3) 827.03(1).

2. Pursuant to Fla. Stat. 903.046(2)(e), Fla. R. Crim. P. 3.131(a)(f) the State files a Motion to Revoke the Defendant's Bond, pursuant to:

Fla. Stat. 903.046(1)(e) states:

- (1) The purpose of a bail determination in criminal proceedings is is to ensure the appearance of the criminal defendant at subsequent proceedings and to protect the community against unreasonable danger from the criminal defendant.
- (2) When determining whether to release a defendant on bail or other conditions, and what bail or those conditions may be, the court shall consider:
 - (e) The nature and probability which the defendant's release poses to the community.

Fla. R. Crim. P. 3.131(a)(f) states:

- (a)...If no conditions of release can reasonably protect the community from risk of physical harm no persons, assure the presence of the accused, or assure the integrity of the judicial process, the accused my be detained.
- (f) Revocation of Bail. The court in its discretion for good cause, any time after a defendant who is at large on bail for trial, may commit the defendant to the custody of the proper official to abide by the judgement to abide by the judgment, sentence, and any further order of the court.

- 3. On December 8, 2021 the Court made a finding of proof evident/presumption great in a bond hearing. The Court granted pretrial bond of \$100,000 on Count 1- First Degree Felony Murder; \$25,000 on Count II- Aggravated Child Abuse; \$5,000 on Count III- Neglect of a Child; and Count IV- \$5,000 for Child Abuse. The defendant was required to be fitted with an electronic monitor. The defendant had a 24 hour curfew and was permitted to leave her home for work, church, medical appointments or other essential activities only.
- 4. Monday May 9, 2022 the defendant was employed as a security guard by Paragon Security Services at the Titusville Courthouse. The defendant's job was to check people who are entering the courthouse and scan individuals and their personal property for security purposes prior to being admitted into the courthouse. BCSO deputies are also present in the courthouse. A court clerk who recognized the defendant at the courthouse pointed out to a deputy that Ms. Mitchell had pending criminal charges. BCSO Sgt. Craig Mawn approached the defendant to confirm her identity asking Ms. Mitchell for her date of birth, and the defendant gave him a false date of birth. Sgt. Mawn knew she had lied as he had checked her DOB before asking her. Then Sgt. Mawn asked the defendant if she had pending charges and the defendant replied "nope". Sgt. Mawn asked the defendant if she was sure about that and then Ms. Mitchell said she hadn't been convicted of anything. Her badge was taken and she was asked to leave the courthouse.

This is a bond violation pursuant to F.S. 903.046 (1)(e) because of the nature and probability of danger which the defendant's release poses to the community. There is substantial risk to the community when a defendant with pending capital charges is employed by a private vendor as a security guard at the courthouse, and checking individuals to make sure no weapons or any type of contraband is allowed to get into the courthouse. Especially a defendant like Ms. Mitchell who remains actively in contact with inmates at Brevard County Jail who also face serious charges murder, trafficking in drugs, theft, etc. (as explained further herein)

5. A review of the GPS monitor location shows that the defendant on multiple occasions has violated the conditions of her bond. The defendant has not abided by the 24-hour curfew and has gone to locations that are not work, church, medical appointments or other essential activities, to wit:

On Wednesday December 16, 2021 the defendant goes to the Titusville Mall at 3550 S. Washington

On Saturday, December 18, 2021 the defendant goes to 611 Cheney Hwy, a retail store and 515 Cheney Hwy, a retail store.

On Sunday, December 19, 2021 the defendant goes to area 1520 S. Deleon for over 5 hours

On Wednesday, December 22, 2021 the defendant goes to 3175 Cheney Hwy, Walmart, then goes to the area of 1520 S. Deleon.

On Thursday, December 23, the defendant goes to area of 1520 S. Deleon for over an hour.

On Sunday January 2, 2022 the defendant is at 4650 South Street, Aldi's

On January 7, the defendant goes to the area of 1520 S. Deleon for nearly 40 minutes.

On Sunday, January 9, the defendant goes to 3175 Cheney Hwy, which is Walmart

On Wednesday, January 12, the defendant goes to the Titusville Mall at 3550 S. Washington Ave

On Thursday, January 13, the defendant goes to Titusville Plaza at 1554 Harrison Street, then goes to 1529 N. Singleton, which is another shopping plaza

On Friday January 14 the defendant goes to 1557 N Singleton, Winn Dixie Plaza (where she had been the day before)

On Saturday January 15 the defendant goes to 2675 W New Haven, Melbourne, a store, then goes to 2135 Palm Bay Rd, NE, which shows on BCPA (Brevard County Property Appraiser) as food places including restaurants

On Monday January 17 the defendant goes to 3175 Cheney Hwy, which is Walmart

On Wednesday, February 23, 2022 the defendant was at 766 Iroquois Ave. in Melbourne which is a single family dwelling in a neighborhood off of Sarno Road.

At 2:43 pm to 3:18 pm the defendant was at 5105 Volusia Ave., Titusville, a single family home.

On Monday, March 7, 2022 the defendant goes to 1802 Smith Dr., Titusville which is a single family dwelling.

On Tuesday March 8 the defendant goes to Lowe's, located at 4660 South Street.

On Monday March 14 the defendant was at 1300 Main Street, which is Blanton Park in Titusville.

On Tuesday March 15, 2022, the defendant is at Sam's Club located at 450 Townsend Road, Cocoa, Florida. The defendant is then at 55-1 S. Dixie Ave, (Dixie Crossroads Restaurant).

On Wednesday March 16, 2022 goes to Mims to 4109 Sweet Bay Dr, Mims. A single family dwelling.

On Thursday March 17, 2022 the defendant goes to Wendy's at 3000 Garden Street.

On Sunday March 20, 2022 the defendant goes to 107 S Singleton, a single family dwelling.

On Thursday March 24, the defendant is 1425 Garden Street, which is either Family Dollar or Brooklyn Hub Restaurant, then about two hours later she is at the same locale at 1411 Garden Street (retail store multiple units) as listed on BCPA.

On Friday March 25 the defendant was at 111 S. Grannis Ave, Titusville which is a triplex apartment unit.

On Sunday March 27 the defendant goes to Sonny's BBQ at 2900 Cheney Hwy.

On Monday March 28 the defendant goes to 111 Cocoa Place, Cocoa a single family home.

On Thursday March 31 the defendant goes at 2925 S Washington Ave., Titusville which is the location of The Village Inn, a restaurant.

On Monday April 4, 2022 the defendant goes to Steak n Shake located at 6728 Colonnade, Melbourne (Viera).

On Tuesday April 5 the defendant goes to The Avenues, 2270 Town Center Ave, Melbourne, (Viera).

On Saturday, April 9, the defendant goes to Wendy's, 3000 Garden St., Titusville

On Tuesday, April 12, the defendant goes to 3575 S. Washington Ave., Titusville, a single family home.

On Wednesday, April 13 the defendant goes to 2121 S. Hopkins, the Titusville Public Library

On Friday, April 15 the defendant goes to 2530 S. Washington, a retail mall at 10:34 am and is still there at 10:52 am, then goes home and a couple of hours later she goes to 3175 Cheney Hwy (Wal-Mart).

On Sunday April 17 the defendant goes to McDonalds at 3445 Ronald McNair Way.

On Tuesday April 26 the defendant is at her home at 10:25 am and for the next one hour and five minutes she is driving around Titusville until she arrives at 11:30am at 117 S. Park, which is only one (1) mile and a 3 minute drive from her home. Then at 3:00 pm she is at 1413 Garden Street, a retail.

On Thursday April 29- the defendant is working at 506 S. Palm at 11:51 where she remains until 4:31 pm. Then she drives around Titusville for 40 minutes until she is at home at 5:11 pm., when the distance between 506 S. Palm and her home is a three (3) minute drive.

On Thursday May 6 at 11:18 am the defendant goes to 3055 Columbia Blvd., which is Target.

On Monday May 9 the defendant was working at a security guard at the Titusville Courthouse, as mentioned before, when she lied to BCSO Sgt. Craig Mawn. She then went back home at 10:26 am. In the afternoon she then travels to Cocoa goes to 1519 Clearlake Road in Cocoa,

which is Eastern Florida State College (Court order dated January 20, 2022 says "The Defendant shall not leave her residence to attend in person school")

On Monday May 10 the defendant goes to Orlando, where she is at 5750 Major Blvd, Orlando. (Community supervision condition is not leave Brevard County) Then she travels back on 528 and goes 450 Townsend Road, Cocoa which is Sam's Club.

On Wednesday May 11 the defendant goes to warehouse storage units located at 3505 Bobbi Lane, Titusville.

On Thursday May 12 the defendant goes to by 3:41 pm she is at an Unnamed Road in Cocoa until 4:11 pm.

On Friday May 13 the defendant is home at 9:46 am and then drives around Titusville for approximately 40 minutes until she is at 117 S. Park at 10:26, a distance that is 3 minutes from her home.

At 12:41 pm the defendant is at 117. Park and travels to 3100 Cheney Hwy, which is listed on BCPA as a retail tire store, and then is at an unidentified location at 509 S. Park for over 30 minutes until she is at home at 2:01pm.

On Wednesday May 25 the defendant goes to 1800 S. Washington, Kim's Donut & Deli, which is listed on BCPA as a fast food restaurant.

On Friday June 17 the defendant is at home at 8:00 am and then travels around Titusville for about a half-hour with a stop at 4505 South St at 8:20 and 8:25 which is listed on BCPA as a warehouse, and is at home at 8:35 am.

Contacts with Brevard County Jail inmates:

The defendant has had over a hundred contacts through messages, phone calls and video visits with a group of female inmates at the Brevard County Jail since her release from BCJ, notably with inmates charged with and/or pled to charges and/or VOPs such as:

- S. D. (First Degree Premeditated Murder)
- E. D. (Felony Murder, Aggravated Child Abuse)
- J. D' (Second-degree murder, Battery LEO)
- B. G. (Manslaughter, Trafficking in Amphetamine or Methamphetamine)
- M. H. (Grand Theft, Dealing in Stolen Property)
- K. R. (Petit theft)
- A. N. (Possession Heroin)

On Thursday March 31 the defendant is on a jail phone call, with the public user name of Sonya Myrie, telling BCJ inmate Stefanie Dobson she had a "friend who owned a security company" and laughs when she tells Dobson she "will be working at the courthouse"

On Sunday April 3, 2022 when the defendant was allegedly "working" at Space Coast Bail Bonds she is on camera with inmate Stefanie Dobson for a video jail visit, using the public user name of Sonya Myrie. The video visit begins at 5:00 pm and ended at 5:30 pm, while she is in the Space Coast Bail Bonds office at 117 S. Park. This video visit was 29:35 minutes long. The defendant says "she's at work", and says she will start a new job Monday "working for the government, right across from the courthouse and school board". They discuss other inmates in and out of custody, Ms. Dobson says "you're my f'in friend". Ms. Dobson says "my friend Sara is going to come over and say hi, will have her contact you when she gets out" and Sara appears on the video screen. Ms. Dobson goes on to say "the 19th-20th she'll call you, saying this is Stefani's friend".

The defendant used her own name for some of the earlier contacts to BCJ inmates in December 2021 and January 2022 but also and more currently uses the Public User name of Sonya Myrie or Srmyrie. Inmates will ask her to do things for them, which the defendant agrees to do such as call or text people for the inmate(s), look up information, and/or write people.

- 6. The "employment" at Space Coast Bail Bonds has been unable to be verified through any payroll stubs, or payroll checks. PTR does not request any payroll verification. Further, PTR does not monitor any of the GPS tracking. The undersigned ASA had to request the location history from Florida GPS Monitoring to verify the defendant's locations.
- 7. From the GPS locations the defendant has willfully and intentionally violated the conditions of her pretrial release. The numerous locations she has gone to are not essential activities, in fact they are typical day-to-day activities of a person <u>not</u> on a 24-hour curfew. The defendant has blatantly disregarded the Court's Order. The danger that the defendant presented to the community while working the security entrance to the Titusville Courthouse- and then lying to law enforcement about her identity created a risk to courthouse personnel and the integrity of the judicial process. The defendant's bond should be revoked pursuant to:

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Further, using another name to contact inmates at Brevard County Jail undermines the integrity of the judicial process and creates a risk to the community.

WHEREFORE, the State of Florida requests that the defendant's bond be revoked.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished by **E-MAIL** to JASON M. WANDNER ESQUIRE, Attorney for Defendant, at JASON@WANDNERLAW.COM this 15th day of July, 2022.

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