

STATEMENT
OF
DOUGLAS M. LEWIS

1. MY NAME IS DOUGLAS M. LEWIS. I AM A NEVADA STATE LICENSED BAIL ENFORCEMENT AGENT, LICENSE [REDACTED] MY MAILING ADDRESS IS: [REDACTED]
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2. ON 06-22-2016 I RECEIVED CASE FILE INFORMATION FOR DEFENDANT RONNI HERNANDEZ FROM ED MUMBERT OF ED MUMBERT BAIL BONDS LOCATED IN SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA. DEFENDANT HERNANDEZ HAD THREE ACTIVE CASES IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT INVOLVING THE POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AND THE POSSESSION OF A STOLEN VEHICLE. SHE WAS ON PRETRIAL RELEASE ON BONDS TOTALING [REDACTED] SHE HAD FAILED TO APPEAR IN COURT AS ORDER FOR ALL THREE CASES. THE BONDS WERE ALL IN FORFEITURE AND THREE WARRANTS HAD BEEN ISSUED FOR HER ARREST. I INITIATED AN INVESTIGATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOCATING THE DEFENDANT AND RETURNING HER TO CUSTODY AT THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY JAIL. AT THE TIME I RECEIVED THIS CASE THE DEFENDANT HAD BEEN A FUGITIVE FOR SLIGHTLY LESS THAN ONE YEAR.

3. DURING THE INITIAL PHASE OF MY INVESTIGATION I DISCOVERED THAT IN THE EARLY PART OF 2015 THE DEFENDANT HAD INHERITED A LARGE SUM OF MONEY AFTER THE PASSING OF HER AUNT. ESTIMATES ARE THAT THIS INHERITANCE WAS BETWEEN [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ON 05-25-2015 THE DEFENDANT MADE A CASH PURCHASE OF THE RESIDENCE LOCATED AT [REDACTED], NEVADA [REDACTED]. AT THE TIME I RECEIVED THIS CASE THIS WAS HER ADDRESS OF RECORD. THIS IS IN

THE [REDACTED], LOCATED IN THE AREA OF RYE PATCH RESERVOIR IN PERSHING COUNTY, NEVADA.

4. IN THE EVENING HOURS OF 09-10-2016 I RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT SOURCES IN PERSHING COUNTY THAT THEY HAD JUST CLEARED FROM A CALL AT THE TOPAZ LAKE LANE RESIDENCE INVOLVING A POSSIBLE PROWLER. THE REPORTING PARTY AND THE INDIVIDUAL CONTACTED AT THE RESIDENCE WAS THE DEFENDANT RONNI HERNANDEZ.

5. ON THE MORNING OF 09-11-2016 MY PARTNER, MIKE RUBIO, AND I PROCEEDED TO THE RYE PATCH AREA ARRIVING AT APPROXIMATELY 1030 HOURS. THE VEHICLE THAT THE DEFENDANT WAS REPORTEDLY DRIVING WAS NOT AT THE RESIDENCE, WE SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED THAT THE AFTER THE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES HAD LEFT HER RESIDENCE THAT THE DEFENDANT HAD TAKEN HER TWO DOGS AND SPENT THE NIGHT AT A MOTEL IN WINNEMUCCA, NEVADA. THIS IS ABOUT 50 MILES EAST OF HER RESIDENCE. WE STARTED SEARCHING THE SURROUNDING AREAS IN AN ATTEMPT TO LOCATE THE DEFENDANT.

6. AT 1250 HOURS WE LOCATED THE DEFENDANT'S DODGE TRUCK PARKED IN FRONT OF THE CHEVRON TRUCK STOP LOCATED AT THE RYE PATCH EXIT, MILE POST 129, ON I-80. WE ESTABLISHED A SURVEILLANCE POSITION AND TOOK THE DEFENDANT INTO CUSTODY AT 1300 HOURS UPON HER RETURN TO THE VEHICLE. AT THIS TIME I CONTACTED ED MUMBERT BY PHONE AND ADVISED HIM THAT THE DEFENDANT WAS IN CUSTODY. HE ADVISED ME THAT HE AND ATTORNEY ROBERT DRESCHER WOULD FLY INTO THE RENO AIRPORT WHERE WE WOULD MEET THEM AND TRANSFER CUSTODY OF THE DEFENDANT. THE WATCH COMMANDER FROM THE PERSHING COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WAS ON SCENE AND WE SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED THE DEFENDANT'S VEHICLE AND HER TWO DOGS TO THE TOPAZ LAKE LANE RESIDENCE. THE DEFENDANT USED MY CELL PHONE TO CONTACT HER YOUNGER SISTER IN LOS ANGELES AND MADE ARRAIGNMENTS FOR THE SISTER TO COME TO THE RESIDENCE AND CARE FOR THE DOGS.

7. DURING TRANSPORT OF THE DEFENDANT TO RENO WE HAD CONTACT WITH ED MUMBERT BY TEXT & PHONE CALLS. WE WERE TO MEET THEM AT THE ATLANTIC AIRWAYS TERMINAL LOCATED AT 655 SOUTH ROCK BLVD IN RENO. AT 1515 HOURS ED ADVISED ME THAT THEY WOULD BE TAKING OFF IN ABOUT 20 MINUTES AND THAT THE FLIGHT TIME WOULD BE ABOUT ONE HOUR AND THIRTY MINUTES.

8. AFTER MAKING A STOP AT THE REST AREA LOCATED AT EXIT 83 ON I-80 TO ALLOW THE DEFENDANT TO USE THE REST ROOM AND A STOP AT THE IN-N-OUT ON PYRAMID IN SPARKS, NEVADA TO GET LUNCH FOR OURSELVES AND THE DEFENDANT WE ARRIVED AT THE TERMINAL AT 1638 HOURS.

9. I MET WITH ED AND BOB IN THE TERMINAL AT 1725 HOURS AND WE PROCEEDED OUT TO THE PARKING LOT WHERE WE MET WITH MY PARTNER AND THE DEFENDANT. WE TRANSFERRED CUSTODY AND AFTER ABOUT 20 MINUTES OF CONVERSATION ED, BOB AND RONNI LEFT US AND WALKED INTO THE TERMINAL.

10. AFTER OUR INITIAL CONTACT WITH THE DEFENDANT AT THE TIME SHE WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY SHE WAS VERY POLITE AND COMPLIANT. AT NO TIME WAS SHE AGGRESSIVE OR NON-COMPLIANT. WE WERE COMFORTABLE ENOUGH WITH HER DISPOSITION DURING TRANSPORT THAT UPON LEARNING THAT THERE WOULD BE A DELAY IN ED AND BOB'S ARRIVAL WE STOPPED IN SPARKS AND GOT LUNCH FOR THE DEFENDANT. IN THE TERMINAL PARKING LOT RONNI AND BOB HAD A DISCUSSION RELATING TO THE FACT THAT BOB HAD A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE WHO WAS WILLING TO REPRESENT HER IN COURT AFTER HER BOOKING.

11. BOB ASKED RONNI WHAT SHE WEIGHED AND SHE RESPONDED THAT HER WEIGHT WAS ABOUT 180 TO 200 POUNDS. I PRIVATELY SPOKE TO ED AND TOLD HIM I FELT HER WEIGHT WAS BETWEEN 250 AND 260 POUNDS MINIMUM. THEY DECIDED TO USE A

WEIGHT OF 200 POUNDS FOR COMPUTING THE WEIGHT FOR THE FLIGHT. BOB SAID THAT AT 200 POUNDS HE WAS THREE GALLONS OVER ON HIS FUEL LOAD BUT THAT BETWEEN WARM UP AND TAXI TIME HE SHOULD BE PRETTY CLOSE ON MAXIMUM WEIGHT. MY LAST CONTACT WITH THEM WAS A SHORT PHONE CALL AT 1758 HOURS, PRIOR TO TAKE OFF.

I SWEAR UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE STATEMENTS MADE AND THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THIS DOCUMENT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

DOUGLAS M. LEWIS

DATE

NEVADA BAIL ENFORCEMENT AGENT

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RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Elliott Simpson
Aviation Accident Investigator
Western Pacific Region

Date: September 11, 2016
Person Contacted: Doug Lewis
NTSB Accident Number: WPR16FA178

Narrative:

During a telephone interview, Mr. Lewis clarified the following points regarding his statement:

- After fueling, Mr. Drescher stated that if Ms. Hernandez weighed between 250-260 pounds he would need to remove about 15 gallons of fuel from the airplane. While fueling he texted Mr. Lewis, requesting her weight, and he replied that she was about 250 pounds.
- The standard protocol for transporting defendants is that the pilot should be in the pilot seat, with the defendant sitting diagonally in the rear, next to the bail bondsman who should also be in the rear. Typically, the bail bondsman should have a firearm or Taser-like device. These protocols were not discussed in this case, but it is understood within the industry. He did not observe the seating arrangement for the accident flight.
- Ms. Hernandez's arms were chained to her waist, and her hands could only get about 6 inches from her waist. Her ankles were cuffed with heavy chains.
- Mr Mumbert flew in with Mr Drescher on Sunday the 11th. The plan was for Mr. Mumbert to then rent a car, and drive in convoy with Mr. Lewis and Ms. Hernandez to the Nevada/California state border, where he would then officially take custody of Ms. Hernandez, and take her back to Santa Clara County. Ms. Hernandez, Mr. Mumbert, and Mr. Drescher then decided they could get back in a more expeditious manner if they all flew back together instead. Specifically, she could be booked that night, which would be quicker than waiting until Monday morning which could be a busy time.