

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

FILE NO. 24-006673

STATE OF TEXAS

Justice of the Peace
Precinct No. 2
Galveston County, Texas

vs



Channel Jasmine Yonko
877 Bettina Ct Apt 653
Houston, TX 77024
DOB: [REDACTED]
TXDI [REDACTED]
5-02 125 Black/Brown

BOND: No Bond

OFFENSE TYPE: F-1

Probable Cause Arrest

DA INTAKE: Kayla Allen

Warrant Request

IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared M. Larson 532 who, after being by me duly sworn, on oath deposes and says: That heretofore, to-wit, on or about the 23rd of October, 2024, and before the making and filing of this Complaint, in the County of Galveston and the State of Texas, Channel Jasmine Yonko

Did then and there unlawfully,

intentionally and knowingly cause the death of an individual, namely [REDACTED] an individual younger than 10 years of age, by intentionally dropping [REDACTED] from hotel balcony.

This action was a violation of:

09990029 Capital Murder of Person Under 10 YOA 19.03(a)(8)

The AFFIANT bases his belief on the following facts: (Probable Cause Statement)

1. Affiant, Detective Matthew Larson, is a Sworn Texas Peace Officer Employed by the Galveston Police Department. The Affiant has been employed by the City of Galveston since 2014 as a police officer. The Affiant is assigned to the Investigative Services Bureau Division of the City of Galveston Police Department as a Detective charged with the duty to follow up and further investigate criminal cases that occur within the jurisdiction of the City of Galveston, Galveston County Texas.

2. On 10/23/24 The Affiant was advised by Sgt. Gaspard to respond to an unresponsive child bleeding next to Kroger 5710 Seawall Blvd. The Affiant arrived on scene at 10:18am at Kroger. The Affiant observed that the scene where the child was located in the 3300 block of 59th street. When The Affiant arrived, The Affiant observed a white blanket half on a sidewalk and half on the street. The Affiant observed a small pool of blood on the street. The Affiant observed the scene to be located on the east side of Beach Front Palms Hotel located at 5914 Seawall Blvd. The Affiant observed that the child was already in an ambulance and left for the hospital shortly after. The Affiant was notified at 10:34am that the child's death was pronounced by hospital personnel.

3. Detective Rogers was at the hospital and advised to The Affiant at 10:44am that there were 3 puncture wounds on the child. Officer Wilke advised that he put out a description of a female who left from the location of where the baby was found, who possible was a witness. Officer Wilke advised that the description of the female was approximately 5 foot 3 inches, with brown hair and brown skin. Officer Reyes advised that a short time later he observed a female matching the description that Officer Wilke had put out in the 6700 block of Seawall Blvd. The Affiant learned from Officer Reyes that the female was crying and asking Officer Reyes for help. The Affiant learned from Officer Reyes that the female then began to making coments about her daughter and that she might have been sick. The Affiant learned that the female was then taken to the police department for further questioning. The Affiant learned that the suspect's sister Mercedes Yonko was at the police department. While at the department, the suspect advised that she wished to speak to a lawyer. The Affiant asked the suspect for her name and the suspect advised that she would not give her name.

4. The Affiant interviewed Mercedes Yonko who advised that she was sharing a room at The Beach Front Palms Hotel, 5914 Seawall Blvd with her sister, Channel Yonko, and Channel's daughter [REDACTED] (unknown DOB) and stayed in room 217. Hotel staff later confirmed that a Mercedes and Channel were staying in room 217. Mercedes advised that Channel had come to Galveston with [REDACTED] several days to see Mercedes. Mercedes advised that Channel had sole care and custody of [REDACTED] the time she was in Galveston. Mercedes stated that on the morning of the 23rd, she gathered with Channel and [REDACTED] to begin checking out of the hotel. Mercedes stated that she got a ride to The Victorian, 6300 Seawall Blvd, to try and talk to her fiance, Charles while leaving Channel and [REDACTED] at Beach Front Palms. Mercedes stated that after while, Channel showed up to The Victorian, pushing her stroller. Mercedes originally stated that Channel showed up with her daughter, [REDACTED]. Upon further questioning, Mercedes stated that she didn't actually see the baby [REDACTED] but had no reason to believe she wasn't in the stroller. Mercedes stated that she told Channel that she couldn't find Charles and was going to go back to Beach Front Palms to gather their luggage. Mercedes stated that

Channel then told her not to go back to the hotel. Mercedes found it odd that Channel would say that and stated that Channel said "don't go back to the hotel" several more times.

5. Detective Hendricks and Goetschius advised that they found a trash bag in a trash bin in the parking garage under the hotel just to the west of where [redacted] was found. Detective Hendricks advised that inside the trash bag was a key card for room 217, the room where Mercedes, Channel, and [redacted] stayed, a "skinning" knife with black handle, plastic sand toys, unused diapers, and unopened kids snacks. Detective Goetschius advised that he retrieved video footage of Channel in the lobby of the Beach Front Palms pushing [redacted] in a stroller. Detective Goetschius advised that [redacted]'s foot can be seen moving in the stroller. Detective Goetschius stated to The Affiant and shortly after, there is video from the second story of the baby [redacted] falling from what appears to be the third floor and landing in the grass and rolling onto the concrete sidewalk where the baby was found. Officer Wilke advised that Channel's empty stroller was found at The Victorian.

6. Investigator Taggart was at the hospital and advised that the clothes [redacted] was wearing or the blankets she was wrapped in did not have puncture marks as were found on [redacted]'s back. The Affiant believes Channel Yonko to have intentionally and knowingly cause the death of [redacted] by intentionally dropping [redacted] off of hotel balcony. ADA Kayla Allen was on scene and briefed of the case. ADA Allen accepted the charge of Capital Murder and assessed a no bond.

Affiant is M. Larson 532, employed by the Galveston Police Department. Affiant is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division where his duties are to investigate all crimes that occur inside the city to include the crime of:

09990029 Capital Murder of Person Under 10 YOA 19.03(a)(8)

Against the peace and dignity of the State.

Matthew Larson 532
Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before, this 23^d day of OCT. AD, 2024

Witnesses' _____

[Signature]
Justice of the Peace **JUDGE**
Precinct No. 2
Galveston County, Texas

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on the _____ day of _____, 20____

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS
 WITNESSED BY A SWORN PEACE OFFICER
STATE OF TEXAS

WARRANT OF ARREST

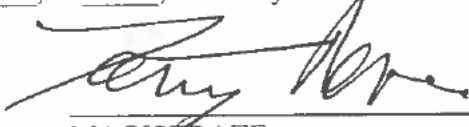
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF GALVESTON

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To any sheriff or any Peace Officer of Galveston County, Texas, or any Peace Officer of the State of Texas,

GREETINGS, YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to arrest Channel Jasmine Yonko if to be found in your county, and bring before me, a Justice of the Peace, in and for Precinct No. 2 of GALVESTON County, Texas, INSTANTER, then and there to answer the STATE OF TEXAS for an offense against the laws of said STATE, to-wit: 09990029 Capital Murder of Person Under 10 YO of which offense Channel Jasmine Yonko is accused by the written complaint, under oath, of M. Larson 532, filed before me.

Herein fail not, but of this writ make due return, showing how you have executed the same. ISSUED at 4:57 o'clock P. M. on this the 13d day of OCT., 20 24, to certify which witness my hand this day.


MAGISTRATE
Galveston County, Texas

OFFICER'S RETURN

Came to hand _____ day of _____, 20____, at _____ o'clock ____ M., and executed on the _____ day of _____, 20____, by arresting the within named _____ in Galveston County, Texas, and taking _____ bond, which is herewith returned, placing _____ in the county jail of Galveston County, Texas.

I actually and necessarily traveled _____ miles in the service of this WRIT, in addition to any other mileage I may have traveled in the service of other process in the cause during the same trip.

FEES--Making Arrest\$ _____
Mileage _____ Miles.....\$ _____
Taking Bond.....\$ _____
Commitment.....\$ _____
Release.....\$ _____

TOTAL.....\$ _____

By Deputy or Officer: _____
Galveston County, Texas

COMMITMENT

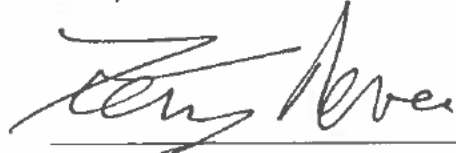
No. _____

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF GALVESTON

The State of Texas, to the Sheriff of GALVESTON COUNTY --Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to commit to the jail of GALVESTON COUNTY the body of Channel Jasmine Yonko on the charge of 09990029 Capital Murder of Person Under 10 YO. The said defendant may be released on the Bond Amount of NO BOND.

WITNESS my official signature, on this the 23^d day of Oct., 2024.



Magistrate

COMPLAINT

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In the name and by the authority of the state of Texas before me, the undersigned authority this day personally appeared the undersigned affiant who under oath says that he has good reason to believe and does believe, that one Channel Jasmine Yonko hereinafter styled defendant, heretofore, on or about the 23rd day of October, 2024, in the county of Galveston and the State of Texas, and before the making and filing of this complaint,

intentionally and knowingly cause the death of an individual, namely [REDACTED] an individual younger than 10 years of age, by intentionally dropping Hannah from hotel balcony .

Against the peace and dignity of the state.

Matthew Larson
Complainant or Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me, the 23rd day of OCT., 2024

[Signature]
Assistant Criminal District Attorney
or Justice of the Peace
In and For Galveston County, Texas
JUDGE
10TH JDC