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7 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
8 **FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA**

9 Stephen Aiken and Deborah Aiken,
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11 Plaintiffs,

12 v.

13 Town of Sahuarita, et al.,

14 Defendants.
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Case No. 4:24-CV-00199-RCC

**AFFIDAVIT OF OFFICER ZACHERY
WOODROW**

16 STATE OF ARIZONA)

17) ss.

COUNTY OF PIMA)

18 I, Officer Zachery Woodrow, being first duly sworn upon oath, depose and state as
19 follows:

20 1. I am employed as a Police Officer with the Sahuarita Police Department, badge
21 number SP334.

22 2. I am a certified peace officer in the State of Arizona, having completed the
23 Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training (AZ POST) certification process.

24 3. I have been employed in law enforcement for seven (7) years, and I am familiar
25 with our departmental policies.

26 4. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained in this affidavit based upon
27 my own observations, as well as the review of the supplemental narrative I prepared in this
28 matter, and my department-issued body-worn camera (BWC) footage taken on April 19, 2023

1 (Axon Body 3 X6030072B).

2 5. On April 19, 2023, at approximately 9:20 p.m., I was on duty, in full uniform,
3 and operating a fully marked Sahuarita Police Department patrol vehicle.

4 6. I was dispatched to 1124 W. Golden Meadow Path, Sahuarita, Arizona
5 regarding a reported domestic dispute. The dispatch information indicated that the reporting
6 party heard two subjects arguing in their backyard for approximately twenty minutes.

7 7. I arrived at the scene at the location at approximately 9:27 p.m. with Sergeant
8 Fruge. Upon arrival, I activated my department-issued BWC, which recorded the events
9 described herein and was uploaded in accordance with policy at the end of my shift.

10 8. I approached the eastern side of the residence to determine if I could hear
11 voices. While walking, I heard what sounded like a door slamming from inside the residence.

12 9. Sergeant Fruge proceeded toward the front entryway and door, knocked on the
13 door, and then stepped back. A male occupant inside the residence, later identified as Stephen
14 Aiken, appeared at a window located immediately next to the doorway. This activity and
15 exchange is contained on my body worn camera footage at video time 00:56 to 01:24 (located
16 at the bottom of the video), and clock time of 21:29:04 to 21:29:31 (at the upper left of the
17 video).

18 10. I positioned myself near the garage with a clear view of the front door.

19 11. I observed Sergeant Fruge speak with the male occupant asking if everyone
20 was okay, if the male would “chat” with Fruge, or if the male subject would open the door,
21 the male subject refused all requests, stating “do you have a warrant?”, or words to that effect.
22 This activity and exchange is contained on my body worn camera footage at video time 01:24
23 to 01:57 (located at the bottom of the video), and clock time of 21:29:31 to 21:30:04 (at the
24 upper left of the video).

25 12. The male occupant stated “there is no problem here,” and Sergeant Fruge
26 moved up closer to the door and the male occupant asserted no crime had been committed
27 and stated officers needed to get off his property. When Sergeant Fruge asked who else was
28 in the residence, the male subject responded, “I’m here – everyone’s fine,” or words to that

1 effect. When Sergeant Fruge asked who else was in the residence, the male resident stated
2 he would not answer any questions, and that the male subject “would like” police to leave the
3 property. This activity and exchange is contained on my body worn camera footage at video
4 time 01:59 to 02:25 (located at the bottom of the video), and clock time of 21:30:06 to
5 21:30:33 (at the upper left of the video).

6 13. The male occupant identified himself as a former police officer from
7 Philadelphia, and acknowledged there had been crying in the residence about an hour before,
8 but attributed it to a medical issue involving his grandson. The male occupant stated there
9 were others in the residence, but refused Sergeant Fruge’s request to speak with them.
10 Sergeant Fruge continued to request to speak with other occupants of the house, but the male
11 occupant continued to refuse to answer the questions. Sergeant Fruge appeared to see a
12 vacuum cleaner on the ground, to which the male occupant acknowledged it had fallen down.
13 The male occupant continued to refuse contact with any other person, and stated he would
14 file a harassment complaint if the police returned. This activity and exchange is contained on
15 my body worn camera footage at video time 02:25 to 05:41 and 07:48 – 08:46 (located at the
16 bottom of the video), and clock time of 21:30:33 to 21:33:48 and 21:35:55 to 21:36:53 (at the
17 upper left of the video).

18 14. I then contacted Sergeant Heath and provided him a brief of the situation.
19 Sergeant Heath arrived at the location shortly after that.

20 15. While other law enforcement on-scene were conferring, I observed that the
21 male occupant had shut the blinds on the window that was immediately next to the front door.
22 Body worn camera footage at video time 13:40 to 14:43 (located at the bottom of the video),
23 and clock time of 21:41:48 to 21:42:50 (at the upper left of the video).

24 16. Sergeant Fruge resumed his efforts with the male occupant, informing him that
25 the reporting party had been contacted, there were reports of a female yelling or screaming in
26 the residence and the call was about a reported domestic disturbance. When Sergeant Fruge
27 again asked who was in the residence, the male occupant said he would not answer questions.
28 Sergeant Fruge again stressed the need to talk to the other persons in the residence, but the

1 male occupant did not provide further information. The male occupant did state that, while
2 a police officer, he was shot in the back with a .25 caliber handgun during a domestic violence
3 call. The male occupant eventually began talking about his wife being in the house
4 approximately 10 or 11 minutes after Sergeant Fruge had returned to resume the conversation
5 with the male occupant, and Sergeant Fruge made attempts to have the male occupant produce
6 his wife for a discussion. This activity and exchange is contained on my body worn camera
7 footage at video time 15:39 to 27:19 (located at the bottom of the video), and clock time of
8 21:40:46 to 21:55:26 (at the upper left of the video).

9 17. Sergeant Heath joined Sergeant Fruge at the front door at approximately 9:49
10 p.m. and left the area of the front door at approximately 9:51 p.m. Sergeant Heath again
11 joined Sergeant Fruge at the front door at approximately 9:53 p.m. and left the area of the
12 front door at approximately 9:53 p.m.

13 18. Sergeant Fruge then tried to obtain the wife's phone number, learned she was
14 on oxygen due to a serious heart condition, and was able to persuade the male occupant to
15 provide the wife's phone number. This activity and exchange is contained on my body worn
16 camera footage at video time 27:26 to 28:33 (located at the bottom of the video), and clock
17 time of 21:55:33 to 21:56:40 (at the upper left of the video).

18 19. I was given the phone number written down by Sergeant Fruge and attempted
19 to contact the wife by phone. The first attempt went to voice mail. The second attempt was
20 answered by a male, who I believe to be the male occupant that had been speaking with
21 Sergeant Fruge. The male said he would provide his wife with the phone. I then spoke to the
22 wife, later identified as Deborah Aiken, who agreed to come to the door, where Sergeant
23 Fruge then spoke with both her and Stephen Aiken. This activity and exchange is contained
24 on my body worn camera footage at video time 28:33 to 32:24 (located at the bottom of the
25 video), and clock time of 21:56:40 to 22:00:31 (at the upper left of the video).

26 20. Officer Fruge again approached the front door, and made contact with both Mr.
27 Aiken and Mrs. Aiken through the window next to the front door. Fruge stated to the Aikens
28 that he would like to speak with Mrs. Aiken separately. Fruge stated he could barely hear

1 Mrs. Aiken, but asked her to come to the front door so Fruge could speak separately with her.
2 Fruge expressed his concern that she, Mrs. Aiken, may need to tell him something away from
3 Mr. Aiken's presence; and that Mr. Aiken was still in the residence around a corner. This
4 activity and exchange is contained on my body worn camera footage at video time 32:51 to
5 36:00 (located at the bottom of the video), and clock time of 22:00:58 to 22:04:07 (at the
6 upper left of the video).

7 21. Sergeant Fruge was advised to give Mrs. Aiken final notice that if she did not
8 open the door that the officers would be required to force entry in order to check her welfare,
9 and that it was preferred not to cause any damage. Fruge relayed that final notice to Mrs.
10 Aiken informing her that he just "wanted to make sure everyone is okay," or words to that
11 effect. Sergeant Heath appeared with the RAM, and Mrs. Aiken was advised the officers
12 had a tool that would open the door. Sergeant Heath showed Mrs. Aiken the RAM through
13 the window next to the front door. This activity and exchange is contained on my body worn
14 camera footage at video time 36:02 to 38:17 (located at the bottom of the video), and clock
15 time of 22:04:09 to 22:06:25 (at the upper left of the video).

16 22. When both Mr. and Mrs. Aiken sounded as if they were continuing to argue
17 with Officer Fruge, the warning "Breach, breach, breach," was given, and Sergeant Heath
18 used the RAM to make entry. This action is contained on my body worn camera footage at
19 video time 38:17 to 38:29 (located at the bottom of the video), and clock time of 22:06:25 to
20 22:06:36 (at the upper left of the video).

21 23. Mrs. Aiken was escorted around the officers and to the outside of the residence.
22 Body worn camera footage at video time 38:29 to 38:40 (located at the bottom of the video),
23 and clock time of 22:06:36 to 22:06:47 (at the upper left of the video).

24 24. I placed Mr. Aiken in handcuffs for the purpose of detaining him during the
25 welfare check, the determination of whether others were in need of emergency aid, and the
26 investigation into the domestic violence call; all for consideration of officer safety and the
27 safety of Mrs. Aiken. I double-locked behind his back and checked for proper fit. During
28 his detention, Mr. Aiken was separated from Mrs. Aiken, and Mr. Aiken, myself, and Lt.


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2 safety of persons in the residence, including Mrs. Aiken. This activity and exchange is
3 contained on my body worn camera footage at video time 38:40 to 1:00:26 (located at the
4 bottom of the video), and clock time of 22:06:49 to 22:28:33 (at the upper left of the video).

5 25. At that time, I was instructed by Sergeant Heath to remove the handcuffs,
6 ceased any detention of Mr. Aiken, and cleared the scene.


7 26. I did not arrest, nor cite, Mr. Aiken.

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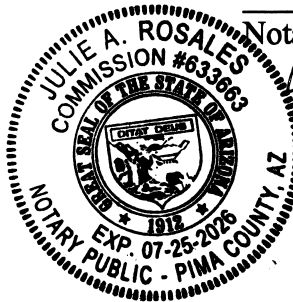
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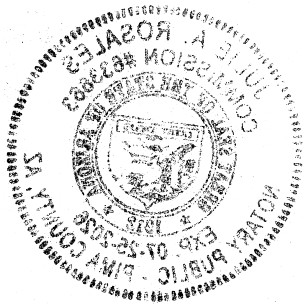
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