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**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF REMOVAL**

**STATE OF TEXAS**

**COUNTY OF TARRANT**

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Cristina Salinas, who was sworn by me and deposed as follows:

My name is Liliana Castillo. I am over the age of 18, of sound mind and capable of making this affidavit. I am an authorized representative of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, and the facts and allegations stated in this affidavit and the above petition are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

**1. CHILD(REN)**

**Child**

**Name:** Journi Baucum

**DOB:** 03/30/2016

**Current address:** 900 Greek Row Dr #106, Arlington, TX 76013

**Place of birth (city/state/country):** Arlington, Texas

**Any other address during past 6 months:** 5310 S Buckner Blvd #108, Dallas TX 75227

**2. PARENTS/ MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD**

**Mother**

**Name:** Brianna Baucum

**DOB:** 05/02/1991

**Current Address:** 900 Greek Row Dr #106, Arlington, TX 76013

**Any other address during the past 6 months:** 5310 S Buckner Blvd #108, Dallas TX 75227

**Father**

**Name:**

**DOB:**

**Current address:**

**Any other address during past 6 months:**

**3. Information to be Submitted to the Court Pursuant to the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act**

"The present address of the child the subject of this suit is:

900 Greek Row Dr #106, Arlington, TX 76013

“All known places where the child lived within the last five years are:

5310 S Buckner Blvd #108, Dallas TX 75227

“The names and present addresses of all the known persons with whom the child has lived within the last five years are:

Brianna Baucum, 900 Greek Row Dr #106, Arlington TX 76013

“To the best of my knowledge, the Department of Family and Protective Services:

“has not participated in any capacity in any other litigation concerning the custody of the child in this or any other state;

“does not have information of any proceeding concerning the child pending in a court of this or any other state;

“does not know of any person not a party to the proceedings who has physical custody of the child or who claims to have custody or visitation rights with respect to the child.

#### 4. ALLEGATIONS

CPI received 19 intakes between the dates of 07/13/2019 and 8/28/2019. The intake reports alleged the abandonment, neglectful supervision and physical abuse of Journi Baucum by Brianna Baucum. The referrals stated that Journi had been left in a hot car at the QuikTrip at 5500 S Buckner Blvd in Mesquite and that Brianna Baucum texted everyone saying she did not want Journi, that Ms. Baucum had gone live on Facebook showing Journi’s lifeless body, that Journi’s lips were blue and she had been suffocated by her mother. The referral stated that Ms. Baucum had beat Journi and that Ms. Baucum was mentally deranged and that Journi had been observed with bruising and blood on her clothing. A referral was received stating Ms. Baucum went live on Facebook and Journi’s clothes were drenched and she had been drowned and that Ms. Baucum stated on the video that she was going to kill herself now that her daughter was dead, that she was on Facebook live with Journi’s dead body and that she had blue, purple, yellow and green bruises from being beaten and tortured. A referral was made on 07/14/2019 stating that Ms. Baucum was waving a gun on Facebook live saying she killed her daughter. Another intake was received stating Ms. Baucum was threatening to shoot herself in the head after killing Journi and that Journi was completely naked on the live video with blood coming from her nose, dark bruising on her neck and face and a foam residue coming from her mouth. Allegations were made that Journi was dead and had been placed in a dark blue duffle bag that had blood on it and was seen in the front of Ms.



Baucum's vehicle on Facebook live. On 07/19/2019 a referral stating that Journi was seen with swelling to her right eye, a bite mark near her right eye which were explained as allergies and bug bites. An additional referral was made stating that Journi had been left at the reporter's doorstep at 2am and that Ms. Baucum was not responding to the location. The last referrals received alleged that Journi was dirty, had food on her face and her hair was unkempt, that Journi was put in a 400 degree oven and on 08/21/19 an intake was received stating that Journi has a bruise on her ear and a scratch like scar on her back middle spine area that was scabbed over.

## 5. FACTS NECESSITATING REMOVAL

On 07/15/2019 Brianna Baucum was contacted by Dallas County Investigator Yolanda Miles via FaceTime and Journi spoke to the investigator. Ms. Baucum agreed to meet with Investigator Miles at the Chick Fil A on Lyndon B Johnson Freeway. Ms. Baucum met Investigator Miles at the Chick Fil A. During the contact Ms. Baucum stated she was being harassed and humiliated. She stated she had not hurt Journi. She allowed the Investigator to take pictures of Journi's face but refused to allow her to see her body. Journi was observed to have a half inch scratch over her left eye and when asked about it, she stated she scratched her face when she killed a bug.

On 07/16/2019 a series of texts were received stating that it was Brianna and that Journi was dead. Ms. Baucum arrived unannounced at the DFPS due to the numerous referrals and allegation that Journi was dead.

On 07/19/2019 Investigator Yolanda Miles received a call from Ms. Baucum stating that Journi has a mark on her eye and she was not aware if something bit her or where the mark came from but the daycare had inquired what happened. Ms. Baucum advised she wanted to let the investigator know in case a report came in. Investigator Miles spoke to Journi who told her she had fallen off her bike and hurt her head but she was ok.

On 07/22/2019 Investigator Yolanda Miles contacted Ms. Baucum via FaceTime. Ms. Baucum informed the Investigator that Journi had a mark on her face from falling on her bicycle. The Investigator spoke to Journi on FaceTime later that day and observed a mark underneath her right eye but no other signs of abuse or neglect. When questioned, Journi told the Investigator she had fallen on her bike.

On 07/23/2019 Night Response Investigator Mallory Dyer responded via phone to the referral made that Journi was left at Keith Young's doorstep at 2am with a note stating "Keep her or I will kill her." Investigator Dyer was informed that Dallas Police Department was enroute. Investigator Dyer was informed via text that Ms. Baucum had taken the child and police was at the location. An internet search from the Dallas Police Department was conducted and no calls for service were located on Buckner.

On 07/24/2019 Investigator Melanie Brown Face Timed with Journi who had a slight mark under her eye. Journi did not answer when questioned about the mark.



On July 24, 2019 the investigation was transferred to Tarrant County. I, Investigator Liliana Castillo received the case as a transfer from Dallas County. I contacted Ms. Coleman at Quest for Success Children Center in Dallas. Ms. Coleman advised Journi has behavioral issues, she frequently cries, screams, runs into things and flings herself to the floor when throwing a tantrum which causes her bruising all over her body.

I contacted Ms. Baucum and introduced myself. She agreed to meet with me at her home on July 25, 2019.

On July 25, 2019 I, Investigator Castillo knocked on Ms. Baucum's door several times with no response. I attempted to call Ms. Baucum but there was no answer. I left a voicemail stating that I would wait in the parking lot in case they were close by and requested Ms. Baucum call me back. I received a text message from Ms. Baucum stating she would not be meeting with me today or any other day, requesting to not be contacted again and stating she was done with CPS.

On July 26, 2019 I spoke to Heather Snow with UTA Student Affairs who advised Ms. Baucum went in to see them and was concerned due to the reports being made. Ms. Snow advised that someone visited Crime Victim Services saying Ms. Baucum was live streaming the death of Journi. Ms. Snow advised that a welfare check was conducted and Journi was seen.

Ms. Baucum and Journi Baucum arrived unannounced at the CPI office located at 1312 W. Abram St. in Arlington and requested to speak to me. They were escorted to the Alliance for Children where she was interviewed. Ms. Baucum advised she and Journi were assaulted at Kroger yesterday (07/25/2019) and when they were running away, Journi bumped into the door and as a result had a nickel sized bruise on her cheek. Ms. Baucum stated that she has had prior cases when daycares have reported the bruises on Journi. Ms. Baucum denied the allegations of abusing Journie. Ms. Baucum stated that at one point Journi had been running into walls and banging her head on the floor but she has stopped doing that. Ms. Baucum denied having any mental or medical conditions other than being pregnant however she stated she was not sure if she was going to keep the baby. She stated that she doesn't own weapons of any kind and never made threats to kill herself.

Journi was screened and when asked about the bruise on her face, she stated "we don't want to talk about that." Upon reuniting with her mother and her mother giving her verbal permission to speak to me again, Journi stated that she had hit her face on the door at Kroger and that she had fallen. Ms. Baucum clarified that Journi had hit the car door when they were running to the car.

On August 1, 2019 I contacted Detective Dara Dewall with the Arlington Police Department in an effort to locate the call at Kroger. She was unable to locate a call at Kroger at 301 S Bowen, or any calls with a complainant name of Brianna Baucum or coming from her phone number.

On, August 6, 2019 I contacted Detective Michelle Stellato with the University of Texas at Arlington Police Department. Detective Michelle Stellato stated she had found a similar report to the current investigation at the Central Texas College in 2011 where multiple harassing calls were received at the school and later Ms. Baucum reported death threats to her and her son. Detective Stellato stated she is currently attempting to obtain additional police records, but she did refer me to an article from the Waco Tribune in 2010 that discussed Ms. Baucum's mental health issues. I



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contacted the REACH (Referral and Evaluation of at Risk Children) Clinic was contacted and they advised that Journi had not been seen since October 31, 2018 when she was referred by Yolanda Miles for bruising on her eye.

On August 7, 2018 I attempted to make contact to located Ms. Baucum at her apartment but there was no answer. I left a voicemail and sent a text message to Ms. Baucum requesting a call back. A text message was received stating that Journi had a black eye and that she was currently at daycare.

I received a text from Ms. Baucum stating that she and Journi were doing ok. I requested to meet with them but Ms. Baucum stated that it was not a good time. I advised Ms. Baucum that Journi needed to be seen by the Care team at Cooks due to the multiple bruises Journi has had recently, however she stated it was unnecessary. She stated Journi had already been seen by the Reach clinic. Ms. Baucum stated this is harassment and that Journi's life had been disrupted for a year by the Department of Family and Protective Services. I was contacted by Ms. Baucum who advised she was very frustrated and did not want her daughter seen again by Cooks since she had been seen by the REACH clinic in May. Ms. Baucum was advised that it was necessary for Journi to be seen in order for the case to move forward. She stated that it would have to be court ordered and she was still not willing to sign a medical release form.

I contacted one of the reporters from a previous intake. The person on the other end, would not verbally speak with me, but would send out text messages. The text messages indicated that Journi had a black eye, and that the daycare Director in Dallas would cover up for Ms. Baucum. Additional text messages were sent to myself and Supervisor Spraberry that stated "she killed her, she's dead now". I went to the Center for Transforming Lives in the UTA campus, however Journi was already gone for the day. The Director and room teacher reported that Journi did not have a black eye but stated that Journi always has bruises and a story as to how it happened. They advised that in July, Journi had a concerning bruise on her face and Journi stated that her mom had not bitten her face, but that she had a bug bite. The daycare advised that Journi had never injured herself or left with bruises that had occurred at their daycare.

I contacted Detective Stellato and inquired about the phone number sending text messages. Detective Stellato advised the number is not found, and is an internet generated number for which an owner cannot easily be located.

On 08/09/19 I attended a meeting with Ms. Baucum, Program Director Leanne Marks and Program Administrator Michael Linder. During the meeting Ms. Baucum advised she was no longer willing to cooperate with CPI and that she did not want to be contacted in the event of another intake nor did she want Journi subjected to any other interviews or the checking of her body for injuries.

On 08/14/19 I received a call from Ms. Baucum and Krystal Stone in which they were both yelling that CPS had made Journi unsafe by contacting Ms. Baucum's foster parent Kenneth Baucum. During the conversation, Ms. Baucum advised she was unwilling to cooperate with CPS in any way and that she would be retaining an attorney.



On 08/21/19, it was reported that Journi had a bruise on her ear and a long scratch on her back that was scabbed over. I was advised that Journi said her mom whooped her from peeing on the bed and then stated that a "bad teacher" had done it.

As of this date, no Facebook live videos have been located or sent in by any of the reporters.

On 08/23/19, Journi was evaluated by Cooks Emergency Department and they were concerned about the injury to her ear that is concerning for abuse because it is not an injury that a child would get from normal day to day activities. Journi also had a large scratch on her back and bruises that were healing on her shoulders. The doctor on staff advised that those injuries could have been caused by Journi herself from being active.

On 08/27/19, I observed Journi being interviewed by Jolie Marchond. Journi made an outcry of physical abuse by her mother, Brianna Baucum. Journi was observed to have a band aid covering much of the right cheek of her face. When the band aid was removed, there was a large purple bruise on her cheek. Journi also had a similar bruise on her left buttock. Ms. Baucum provided me with the name of LaDonna Dunham as a possible placement for Journi. Ms. Dunham was contacted by Investigator Cristina Salinas and advised she was present at Cooks Children's the night of 08/23/19 with Ms. Baucum. Ms. Dunham stated that Journi did not have any additional marks or bruises when they left the hospital. Ms. Dunham advised that she later saw Journi on Face Time and Journi had a band aid on the side of her face. She stated Ms. Baucum told her it was a scratch from when Cooks Children's had done the CT Scan (Computerized Tomography Scan). On this date Ms. Baucum agreed to place Journi with Ms. LaDonna Dunham (Friend.)

On 08/28/19, I met with Ms. Baucum and her attorney Anthony Pax. Ms. Baucum stated that the bruise on Journi's face and buttocks was caused by Cooks Children's Staff on 08/23/19 when Journi's CT Scan was taken. Cooks Care team reviewed the pictures taken by Cooks Children's staff and did not observe any marks or bruises on Journi's cheek. I was advised that the doctor made no mention of any redness or bruising on Journi's cheek. Ms. Baucum would not sign a safety plan but verbally agreed to leave Journi with Ms. Dunham.

After this meeting I spoke to Elizabeth Popeck with Care Team and she advised they would like to see Journi today due to the new injuries on her face and buttocks.

On this date, Ms. Baucum picked Journi up from daycare. I contacted her attorney and he informed me that she refuses to cooperate or make any safety arrangements for Journi.

## 6. CPS HISTORY

Case #47798588 06/10/19 – 07/11/19 – Case Name: Brianna Baucum

Journi was observed with a big bump on her forehead with the bruising turning green. It was reported that Journi seems to always have scrapes, marks or bruises on her face. It was alleged that Journi had been slammed to the ground by her mother and that the mother had held a knife to Journi's throat threatening to kill her. A referral was made stating the mother was hitting



Journi with a wine bottle to the head. The determination of the case was that the allegations were falsely reported.

Case #47798588 04/18/19 – 06/07/19 – Case Name: Brianna Baucum

Journi was reported to have what looked like a bite mark on the right side of her face and a hard, swollen, bruised area on her forehead. The school nurse reported that Journi had an old bruise on the left hip area as well as what appeared to be fading marks on her lower back and swelling on her left elbow. The nurse reported that Journi was unable to explain how she was injured. Additional allegations were received stating that Journi had been slammed to the ground repeatedly by her mother, that more bruises were seen on Journi and that the mother was sexually abusing Journi. The allegation of Neglectful Supervision and Physical Abuse of Journi Baucum by Brianna Baucum were ruled out due to being unfounded and the family being engaged with community services. Journi was evaluated by three pediatric physicians who suggest that her injuries are related to behavior concerns and not abuse by her mother.

Case #47798588 09/25/18 – 12/28/18 – Case Name: Brianna Baucum

Journi was reported to have a scab and large band aid on her right eye and told the teacher it was her fault when asked what happened but was unable to further elaborate. Journi was reported to have previous swelling of the left eye which mother reported was allergies. An additional allegation was received that Journi was left with her birth mother who has a history of mental health disorders and prostitution. The Neglectful Supervision of Journi Baucum by Brianna Baucum was ruled out due to Journi not being left with her birth mother. The allegation of Physical Abuse of Journi Baucum by Brianna Baucum was unable to determine based on the injuries Journi had at the time of the investigation that centered on potty training. Ms. Baucum lives on the campus of Buckner Pathways and has access to all services and support groups. She attends counseling weekly. Journi has been assessed for play therapy and will be attending after the beginning of the year. Journi is seen by professionals daily as well as staff at Buckner. Ms. Baucum is learning ways to utilize good behavior for potty training with her counselor.

Case #47798588 05/04/18 – 06/26/18 – Case Name: Brianna Baucum

Brianna Baucum is not listed as an Alleged Perpetrator in this case.

Case #47798588 04/14/18 – 05/09/18 – Case Name: Brianna Baucum

Journi was observed to have bruises several times during the span of a couple months: Journi had a black left eye and a reddish bruise on her neck. Mother stated that Journi had ran into a wall or the door. Journi was then observed to have bruises on her legs and later on both ears. An additional intake was received stating Journi had a large red mark on her face which covered her left eyebrow, left cheek and left side of her face. Mother advised Journi had fallen off the toilet, hit her face on the tub and from night terrors. The allegations of Neglectful Supervision and Physical Abuse of Journi Baucum by Brianna Baucum was ruled out due to Journi being seen free of any signs of abuse or neglect and the intakes received were not believed to be credible.

Case #47798588 04/02/18 – 04/11/18 – Case Name: Brianna Baucum



Mother was reported to be fussing at Journi. It was reported that Journi was screaming and whipping Journi for pooping herself. The allegation of Physical Abuse of Journi Baucum by Brianna Baucum was ruled out due to Journi not having any signs of marks or bruises.

**7. CRIMINAL HISTORY**

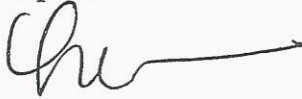
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**8. ICPC COMPLIANCE**

At this time no interstate placement is planned. If an interstate placement becomes an option DFPS will comply with the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, TEX. FAM. CODE CH. 162, SUBCHAPTER B.

**9. CONCLUSION**

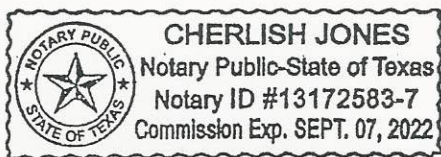
Child Protective Services respectfully requests that the Court grant Temporary Managing Conservatorship of Journi Baucum due to physical abuse that caused injuries to vital parts of her body by Ms. Baucum. There is a concern for future physical abuse and Ms. Baucum’s inability to protect Journi.



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Caseworker’s signature  
Liliana Castillo, CPS Investigator

Affiant  
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, the undersigned Notary Public on this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019.

Cherlish Jones  
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the  
STATE OF TEXAS  
Commission Expires:



Notary without Bond