

WARRANT NO: 09-20-035

WARRANT OF ARREST

STATE OF TEXAS }

COUNTY OF TARRANT }

TO ANY PEACE OFFICER OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

The undersigned Magistrate having heretofore found that probable cause exists for the issuance of this Warrant, **YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO ARREST Brianna Kendra Baucum, a Black Female, born [REDACTED]** here in after referred to as the defendant, and bring the said defendant before a Magistrate in and for Tarrant, County, Texas, instanter, then and there to answer the State of Texas for an offense against the laws of said State, to wit: **INJURY TO A CHILD, ELDERLY INDIVIDUAL, OR DISABLED INDIVIDUAL, a FELONY OF THE THIRD DEGREE**, of which offense she, the said defendant, is accused by the written Affidavit, under oath of **Detective Michelle Stellato #928**, a commissioned peace officer with the University of Texas at Arlington Police Department, filed before me anterior to the issuance of the Warrant.

Said **Brianna Kendra Baucum, a Black Female, born [REDACTED]** is hereby committed to the appropriate jail for custody.

HEREIN FAIL NOT and due return make hereof to me at the place hereinafter named.

Witness my signature, this 21 day of January, 2020, at 10:38 o'clock am.

BOND AMOUNT: \$ 5,000

[Signature]
(Signature)
Erin L. Jackson

(Printed Name)



Magistrate in and for Tarrant County, Texas
Municipal Court Judge
City of Arlington Municipal Court of Record
101 S. Mesquite Street
Arlington, TX 76010

Came to hand on this the _____ day of _____, 2020, and executed on the _____ day of _____, 2020.

By: _____
Name of peace officer

ARREST WARRANT AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF TEXAS }
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority on this day personally appeared Detective Michelle Stellato #928, a commissioned peace officer with the University of Texas at Arlington Police Department, Arlington, Texas, who after being duly sworn on oath deposes and says that AFFIANT HAS GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE AND DOES BELIEVE THAT:

On or about **08/23/2019**, in the City of Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas, **Brianna Kendra Baucum, a Black Female, born [REDACTED]** did then and there commit the offense of **INJURY TO A CHILD, ELDERLY INDIVIDUAL, OR DISABLED INDIVIDUAL, a FELONY OF THE THIRD DEGREE**, in that the suspect **did then and there, intentionally or knowingly cause bodily injury to [REDACTED] by causing bruises to her face and buttocks by unknown means.**

MY BELIEF AS FORESAID IS BASED UPON THE FOLLOWING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

On 08/28/2019, Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)/Child Protective Services (CPS) caseworker, Lilita Castillo, requested the initiation of an Injury to a Child report on behalf of [REDACTED] based on injuries caused by her [REDACTED] Brianna Baucum, B/F, DOB [REDACTED]. The report was documented under UTA Police Report # 2019-01481.

CPS had 19 intake reports regarding [REDACTED] welfare between 07/13/2019 and 08/28/2019, and further CPS report history dating back to 04/02/2018. These reports include both unconfirmed injuries and confirmed injuries observed by CPS personnel, doctors, a school nurse and a daycare worker. Some past injuries were explained in CPS reports:

- “suggest that her injuries are related to behavior concerns and not abuse by mother”
- “was unable to determine based on the injuries [REDACTED] had at the time of the investigation that centered on potty training.”

Brianna responded to CPS investigations numerous times that [REDACTED] self-harmed herself. In each case the allegations were ruled out due to lack of evidence of abuse at the time.

On 08/21/2019, [REDACTED] an employee at Arlington Child Development Center - 1120 UTA Blvd., Arlington Texas 76013, where [REDACTED] was placed in day care, reported that [REDACTED] had bruising on her face and a large scratch on her back. [REDACTED] took pictures and forwarded them to Castillo who filed an affidavit to have [REDACTED] interviewed by a certified CPS Forensic Interviewer as well as physically examined by the Care Team at Cook Children’s Hospital.

On 08/23/2019, [REDACTED] was brought to Cook Children's Hospital by Brianna and her friend [REDACTED] at the request of Castillo per a court order that had been granted based on her affidavit. A forensic exam was to be scheduled based on the same court order. At the conclusion of the examination, [REDACTED] was released back to Brianna due to CPS not having sufficient justification to remove her from Brianna’s care at the time.

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On 08/27/2019, Castillo was contacted by daycare worker [REDACTED] in reference to observing bruises on [REDACTED] face and buttocks. [REDACTED] took photographs and forwarded them to Castillo. The images show distinct bruising of 2 curved lines on the right cheek of [REDACTED] face and 2 additional curved line bruises on the left side of her buttocks. Castillo responded by immediately setting up a forensic interview. Castillo then went to the daycare and brought [REDACTED] to the Alliance for Children located at 1320 W. Abram St., Arlington, Texas 76013 to be interviewed by CPS Forensic Interviewer, Jolie Marchand.

Castillo observed a band aid on [REDACTED] right cheek, which was removed to reveal "a large purple bruise" as Champion had described. Castillo further noted that "[REDACTED] also had a similar bruise on her left buttock." Dunham was contacted in reference to being a possible witness or having knowledge about the injuries. [REDACTED] told CPS employees that she did not see any additional marks or bruises on [REDACTED] after leaving the hospital on 08/23/2019 but did see a band aid on the left side of [REDACTED] face later that evening when she was on Facetime with her and Brianna. Brianna told her that the injury was caused by Cook's personnel during the CT Scan (Computerized Tomography Scan). The doctor and nurse at Cook's later confirmed that there were no additional injuries on [REDACTED] when she left the hospital on 08/23/2019 and no injuries were caused by Cook's staff during the examination.

During the forensic interview, [REDACTED] made the following outcries in response to Marchand's questions:

- When asked if she had ever got a whooping, [REDACTED] replied, "yes for peeing on myself. In [REDACTED] house."
- When asked who whooped her and with what, [REDACTED] responded "[REDACTED] did" "with her hand," "On my forehead", "and my side head too."
- [REDACTED] further stated that "she throwed me and she kicked me." "with her feet and she throwed me with her hands." [REDACTED] said that she cried when this happened and said that her [REDACTED] "kicked me in my leg."
- When Marchand asked her if her [REDACTED] had ever whooped her with something different than her hands and [REDACTED] said "yeah", "with a spoon". [REDACTED] said that no one else had whooped her.
- When Marchand goes over body parts of a doll with [REDACTED] references getting hurt in the back and shows Marchand her back. [REDACTED] said that her [REDACTED] hurt it.

[REDACTED] was placed in the care of [REDACTED] per Brianna's agreement with CPS. On 08/28/2019, a court order was signed for DFPS to be the temporary sole managing conservator of [REDACTED] was taken to Cook Children's Hospital by Castillo where she was examined for the new injuries to her face and buttocks.

On December 17, 2019, I received a notarized affidavit from Dr. [REDACTED] with the following statements regarding her examination on 08/28/2019:

Child's name, Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Date/Place of examination: 8/28/2019, Cook Children's Medical Center, 801 Seventh Avenue, Fort Worth, TX 76104

What were the results of your examination? (Include x-ray and lab results)
XRays of the torso, extremities normal. Blood work was normal, no signs of coagulation abnormalities to explain bruises

What is the explanation given by the Parents or Caretakers of the injury or illness?
The patient presented with the CPS worker, no clear explanation was given by the [REDACTED] as they were not present during examination.



Does the injury or illness appear to be consistent with the explanation provided by the Parent or Caretaker? n/a

Is this injury or illness consistent with: (The box next to "Physical Abuse" is selected by Dr [redacted])

Explain: Relocation of bruising in injuries are concerning for non accidental trauma

Based on your findings, do you feel that this child will be in immediate danger of additional injury or at a substantial risk of harm, if released to parents or caretakers? Explain.

There is no clear explanation as to the cause of injuries. The location of injuries are concerning for non accidental trauma

Brianna and [redacted] were living on campus at 900 Greek Row #106, Arlington Texas 76013 (University Village) during the time of this incident. Brianna was the primary caregiver of [redacted] and her explanations of the cause of [redacted] injuries are inconsistent according to medical personnel.

Based on the above facts and circumstances, the Affiant requests that a warrant of arrest be issued for the defendant, **Brianna Kendra Baucum, a Black Female, born [redacted]** for the offense of **INJURY TO A CHILD, ELDERLY INDIVIDUAL, OR DISABLED INDIVIDUAL, a FELONY OF THE THIRD DEGREE,**

WHEREFORE, I request that an arrest warrant be issued for the defendant hereinafter designated according to the laws of this state.

Brianna Kendra Baucum, is further describe by her criminal history to be 5'7", 264 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. Baucum has been assigned Social Security [redacted] identification Card # [redacted] Driver's License [redacted] DPS [redacted] and FBI # [redacted]

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Witness my signature this the 21 day of January, 2020.

[Handwritten Signature] 928
Affiant

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME, this 21 day of January, 2020, at 10:39 o'clock a.m.

BOND AMOUNT \$ 5,000

[Handwritten Signature]
(Signature)
Erin L. Jackson
(Printed Name)

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