

## Affidavit for Arrest Warrant

State of Texas

County of Kaufman  
Docket# 16F10080

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

I, Sergeant Jimmy Weisbruch #4260 being duly sworn, do state upon my oath that I have good reason to believe and do believe, and I charge that heretofore, and before the making and filing of this complaint, on or about the **29<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016**, in the County of Kaufman and State of Texas, **Christi Howell / white Female/ DOB: 11/14/1975/ TX DL:** **Height: 5'01"/ Weight: 160 lbs/ Red hair/ blue eyes**, then and there intentionally and knowingly cause bodily injury to \_\_\_\_\_, a child 14 years of age or younger, by tying a rope around his genitals and neck placing him in a hobbled position causing rope burns to his genitals, neck and chest.

To Wit: **Injury to a Child**

**T.P.C. CHAPTER 22, Sec. 22.04**

**Second Degree Felony**

Probable Cause:

Affiant, Sergeant Jimmy Weisbruch #4260, is employed by the Kaufman County Sheriff's Department and is currently assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division. Affiant has reason to believe the foregoing to be true and correct because his involvement in the investigation of report number 2016-00475, the forensic interview provided by \_\_\_\_\_, photographs provided to me by CPS Investigator Jennifer Smith and an incident report from Investigator Smith #542 with the Van Zandt County Sheriff's Office report# 16001351.

On Monday February 8, 2016 Sgt. Weisbruch #4260, observed a forensic interview at the Kaufman County Children's Advocacy Center with \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter known as victim. During the interview the victim stated that on Friday January 29, 2016, he admitted to Casey Shackelford, hereinafter known as Casey that he had put his finger inside the family dogs "butt". The victim stated that he wanted to be honest and admit what he had done and that was why he told Casey. The victim said that Casey grabbed him by the hair and pinned him down on the ground and told Christi Howell, victim's mother hereinafter known as suspected party, to get cold water and pour it on the victim's face while he held a towel over his head and face. The victim said that he was able to breathe slightly if he moved his head to the side and that kept him from feeling like he was drowning. The victim stated that Casey held him down while suspected party poured the water on his face which is similar to the actions of waterboarding.

The victim then described that Casey grabbed him and put him on the couch and made him explain what he had done. The victim said that Casey slapped him on the left side of his face several times if he would look down or away and break eye contact with either him or suspected party. The victim said that Casey then told suspected party to get a "pig rope" and tie it to his "private parts" which were identified as his scrotum. Suspected party tied a rope around his "private parts" and then pulled on the rope as if she was trying to pull him around and off the couch. Casey then told suspected party to tie the rope around the back of his neck in a hobbled position while the rope was still tied to his "private parts". The victim stated that Casey then shoved him back onto the couch causing him to sit up and pull on the rope that was tied around his "private parts". The victim said that the rope remained tied to him for approximately 5 to 10

minutes before Casey removed the rope. The victim described that he had small cuts or burns on his "private parts" and that it hurt while the rope was tied to him.

Sgt. Weisbruch was able to observe photographs that were taken by CPS Investigator Jennifer Smith that showed what appeared to be rope burns to the scrotum of the victim. There was also rope burn marks to his chest as well as his neck where the rope was placed when it was tied around the back of his neck. After observing the photographs, Sgt. Weisbruch continued observing the forensic interview. The victim stated that he had also been punished by suspected party for not performing pushups properly. The victim said that suspected party would hit him 20 to 30 times in the back, butt and elbows with a stick if he did not have good form when he would do his pushups.

After the forensic interview was complete, Sgt. Weisbruch made contact with Investigator Smith # 542 with the Van Zandt County Sheriff's Office and obtained the incident report he completed on February 3, 2016. Investigator Smith indicates that he had a telephone conversation with suspected party and she admitted that she tied the rope around the victim but that Casey came up with the idea and told her to do it. Suspected party also said that she was the one who poured the water onto the victim while Casey held the towel over the victim's face and head.

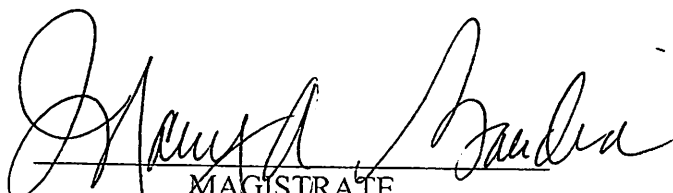
Based on my investigation into report # 2016-00475, the Forensic Interview conducted on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2016 and the photographs provided by the CPS Investigator, I request an arrest warrant be issued for Christi Howell, for the offense of Injury to a Child, which is a second degree felony.

Said offense occurred on or about the 29<sup>th</sup> day of January 2016, at the address of 15131 County Road 4009, Kemp, Kaufman County, Texas.

**AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE.**

  
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 AFFIANT

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME BY SERGEANT JIMMY WEISBRUCH #4260 A CREDIBLE PERSON, THIS 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2016.

  
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 MAGISTRATE