

THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF COBB
STATE OF GEORGIA

JONATHAN RIVERA,]	
Plaintiff,]	
]	Civil Action File
v.]	No. 21-1-1795
]	
GINA SCHARLE]	
CHRISTOPHER CURRY,]	
Defendants.]	

AFFIDAVIT OF STEPHANIE BORDERS

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned officer duly authorized to administer oaths, STEPHANIE BORDERS, who, after having been sworn, deposes and states as follows:

1.

My name is STEPHANIE BORDERS and I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of Georgia.

2.

I am over the age of eighteen (18) years of age and I am competent to testify to the facts in this affidavit. I am doing so freely and voluntarily and in the absence of any duress or legal impediment.

3.

I am a legal advocate staffed by LiveSafe Resources and work in the Temporary Protection Orders Office of Cobb County Georgia. My primary job is to assist Petitioners in the process of obtaining an Ex Parte Order for a Temporary Protection Order (TPO). I am a mandated reporter.

4.

I have no connection or relationship to the involved parties outside of assisting Jonathan Rivera with the Temporary Protective Order process which is my job.

5.

I have received training regarding warning signs for human trafficking, grooming, and child abuse. My office keeps a visible list of indicators of human trafficking.

6.

On March 5, 2021, Jonathan Rivera sought a TPO for the protection of his minor daughter. I spoke with Mr. Rivera concerning his reasons for seeking a TPO.

7.

I made a report to the Human Trafficking Hotline who redirected me to the appropriate department for making reports concerning minor children. I made this report after speaking to Mr. Rivera as his allegations struck me as concerning and possible indicators of human trafficking, or at the very least, grooming that would lead to human trafficking. I was informed there was an exchange of money for the physical custody of a minor child and that such an exchange may have occurred more than once. I was informed that Christopher Curry, the person Mr. Rivera was filing a TPO against, was the one who made the exchange of money for the physical custody of Mr. Rivera's minor child. I had plans to report the allegations Mr. Rivera made to DFCS as well. The trafficking hotline directed me to make a DFCS report as well. I was unable to that day but handed the information to a coworker who was able to successfully make that report later that day.

8.

I made my report in good faith, and I was compelled to by law as a mandated reporter. The allegations made were disturbing and it would have gone against my duty as a mandated reporter to not make any reports. I informed Mr. Rivera the report had been made only after I had already made it. I informed Mr. Rivera as he and his daughter needed to be made aware that there may be a possible sexual assault exam as part of the trafficking hotline's procedures. I did not inform Mr. Rivera of a DFCS report at that time. I later testified at the Ex Parte Hearing under Judge Bodiford that I had made a report to the trafficking hotline.

9.

The facts stated in this affidavit are true and correct.

Sworn and subscribed before

me this 9th day of June, 2021.

Maegan Seawright
My commission expires: 11/18/2024

Stephanie Borders
Signature of Affiant

Stephanie Borders
Printed Name of Affiant

