

County/District Court
City and County of Denver, Colorado

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Case # 18-862799



**AFFIDAVIT AND APPLICATION FOR ARREST WARRANT
AND THE ARREST WARRANT FOR THE PERSON(S) OF:**

Leland Pankey, dob: 06/29/1979

Black male / 6' 0 / 170 / FBI # [REDACTED], SID# [REDACTED]

MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE, C.R.S. 18-3-102 (1) (f), a Class One Felony. CHILD ABUSE-RESULTING IN DEATH, C.R.S. 18-6-401(1)(a)(7)(a), a Class Two Felony, TAMPERING WITH A DECEASED HUMAN, C.R.S. 18-8-610.5, A Class Three Felony.

I, Detective Marty Smith, 91016, the Affiant, state under oath that the facts known to the Affiant which establish probable cause to believe that a criminal offense was committed, and that the offense was committed by the above named person(s), are the following:

I, Detective Marty Smith, 91016, the Affiant, state under oath that the facts known to the Affiant which establish probable cause to believe that a criminal offense was committed, and that the offense was committed by the above named person(s), are the following:

Your Affiant, Detective Marty Smith, 91016, has been a member of the Denver Police Department for 28 years, and has been a Detective for 15 years. Your Affiant is currently assigned as a Detective in the DPD Homicide Unit.

On December 23, 2018, at 10:30 a.m., Homicide Supervisor, Sergeant Tom Rowe, called Your Affiant and advised him of a possible decedent inside of a storage unit located at 5005 E. Evans Avenue, storage unit # [REDACTED]. That address is located within the City and County of Denver.

Your Affiant arrived on scene at 11:15 a.m. and met with Aurora Detective Brandon Meadows and Aurora Sergeant Jon Kessler. Also, on scene were DPD Major Crimes Lieutenant Matt Clark, Deputy Chief Barb Archer and Homicide Detective Kari Johnson. Detective Meadows relayed the following information:

On December 21, 2018, Aurora Officers and Aurora Detectives were conducting a Domestic Violence Investigation. The investigation involved Elisha Pankey, DOB: 12/16/1975, and Leland Pankey, DOB: 06/29/1979. Aurora Officers met with Elisha Pankey at the Aurora Extended Stay Hotel, located at 14095 E. Evans Avenue, room # [REDACTED], and they learned from Elisha Pankey that Leland Pankey was currently staying at the Town Place Suites, located at 3699 S. Monaco Parkway, in Denver. During the Aurora investigation, they were able to establish through records available to them, that Elisha and Leland Pankey had two children, Caden McWilliams, DOB: 12/20/2010, and [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED]/2014. When asked about [REDACTED] and Caden, Elisha Pankey replied that they are with their father, Leland Pankey. During this domestic violence investigation, suspected heroin was observed in this room belonging to Elisha Pankey. The room was secured, and a search warrant was obtained by the Aurora Police Department. Elisha Pankey was transported to the Aurora Police Department. During the search of Elisha's room, the suspected heroin was recovered. Detectives also recovered a business card for a "Public Storage" business located at 5005 E. Evans Avenue. On the back of that card was written an

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access code # [REDACTED] and unit # [REDACTED] Aurora Detective Brandon Meadows contacted that Public Storage business located at 5005 E. Evans Avenue. Detective Meadows was advised that Elisha Pankey was a renter of a storage unit and has been since May 17, 2018. After Elisha's room was searched, it was locked and secured.

On December 21, 2018, Denver and Aurora Officers responded to the Town Place Suites located at 3699 S. Monaco Street and contacted Leland Pankey. Leland Pankey was in the parking lot getting into a black 2009 BMW. Leland Pankey had an active Domestic Violence arrest warrant on NCIC with Elisha McWilliams-Pankey listed as the victim. Approximately one half-ounce of methamphetamine was recovered from inside of Leland Pankey's vehicle prior to towing it to the Denver Police Impound. Officers took Leland Pankey into custody and asked him about [REDACTED] and Caden. Leland said [REDACTED] was in a day care center near I-225 and Parker Road. Leland changed the subject and avoided answering Officers questions about Caden. Leland eventually told Officers that Caden was with Elisha. Leland Pankey was arrested on a Domestic Violence warrant and he was transported to the Aurora Police Department.

On December 21, 2018, [REDACTED] (DOB [REDACTED] 94) told Aurora Detective Jeffrey Prince that Leland Pankey had told her three weeks prior to her talking with Detective Prince that he had lost his son and that "it was too much to handle. . . he hadn't grieved, and he needed to get help from someone." She went on to tell Detective Prince that Leland Pankey told her that "your family can have my . . . our storage" and later that "they didn't want anything to do with the storage because it had too many memories."

Aurora Officers responded to the [REDACTED], located at [REDACTED] Road and met with the [REDACTED]. Officers discovered that [REDACTED] was currently at this location. [REDACTED] advised Officers that her father, Leland Pankey, spoke with his staff on November 29, 2018. On that date Leland said he wanted [REDACTED] to be social with the other kids at the center because she had lost her brother.

While at the Aurora Police Department both Elisha and Leland Pankey were asked further questions about the whereabouts of Caden McWilliams. Both Leland and Elisha asked for a lawyer.

On December 23, 2018, Aurora Detective Meadows prepared a search warrant for 5005 E Evans Avenue, unit # [REDACTED]. The search warrant was approved and signed by a Judge.

On December 23, 2018, Detectives with the Aurora Police Department Crimes Against Children Unit responded to the storage unit (Public Storage, 5005 East Evans Avenue) to execute the search warrant. Two (2) K9 handlers (and their partners) from Search and Rescue Dogs of the United States (SARDUS) responded to assist with the warrant. Both K9 teams are trained in the detection of odors emanating from human remains.

At approximately 9:05a.m., Public Storage [REDACTED] removed the lock from the exterior of storage unit # [REDACTED]. At approximately 9:59 a.m., Detectives raised the door of the storage unit. The storage unit contained a few plastic storage totes, and a large pile of clothing and miscellaneous items in the back of the unit. Closer to the door, the unit contained several gallon sized water bottles and a couple of partially emptied bags of Quikrete concrete. Granular pieces of pre-mixed concrete were

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covering much of the floor of the unit. Along the eastern side of the unit was a rectangular shaped object that was wrapped with layers of black colored trash bags and silver colored duct tape. The object was roughly 2-3 feet tall and 2 feet across (square). Numerous photographs of the interior of the storage unit were taken before anyone entered the unit.

SARDUS K9 handlers Cathy Bryatly and Melissa Kindt both deployed their canine partners, "Sam" and "Hawk" respectively, within the opened storage unit. Neither canine alerted or indicated to any odors. Detective Patrick McGinty began the search of the storage unit by cutting away the layers of black plastic from the rectangular shaped object. Each layer was tightly wrapped against the next interior layer. Many of the layers had duct tape wrapped around the object. After he removed several layers, he began to detect a strong odor within the storage unit. Detective McGinty discontinued his search.

SARDUS K9 handlers Bryatly and Kindt again deployed their canine partners in the storage unit. Both canines showed noticeable interest in the rectangular shaped object. Both handlers advised that their canine partners had displayed their individual "Trained Indication," which indicated the presence of the odor of human remains.

Based on the new information learned during the brief search of the storage unit, Aurora Detectives halted their efforts to execute the search warrant and secured the scene pending the arrival of Denver Homicide Detectives.

After obtaining all the above-mentioned information from members of the Aurora Police Department, Denver Homicide Detective Kari Johnson responded to DPD Headquarters and authored another search warrant for storage unit # [REDACTED] which was signed by the Honorable Judge Olympia Fay at 2:53 p.m.

On December 23, 2018, at 3:00 p.m., your Affiant and Detective Kari Johnson executed the search warrant. The storage unit contained numerous items of evidence that were measured, photographed, and collected as evidence. Among those items of evidence that were recovered was a large plastic dog carrier. A block of cement was contained inside the dog carrier. DPD Bomb technician Kurt Peterson x-rayed the dog carrier; however, the x-rays were inconclusive as to whether anything was contained inside the block of cement. The dog carrier was transported to the Denver Medical Examiner's Office. Numerous empty bags of Quikrete, a concrete mix, and large bottles of water were collected as evidence. Dry Quikrete mixture was prevalent on the floor of this storage unit and it appeared it was mixed and placed inside of the dog carrier inside of the storage unit. At 7:45 p.m., the DPD Crime Lab and Detectives finished collecting the items of evidence that were in plain view. At 8:00 p.m. Detective Smith secured the door to the storage unit and placed a lock onto the unit. The lock was provided by the Public Storage company; and Detective Smith retained possession of the only keys to the lock. Crime scene evidence tape was placed on the storage door and on the lock. Photographs were then taken of the door that contained the crime scene evidence tape.

On December 24, 2018, the Denver Medical Examiner's Office identified and removed the remains of what appeared to be an adolescent from the block of cement. The body was decomposed, and a visual identification could not be made.

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On December 24, 2018, another search warrant for storage unit # [REDACTED] was approved and signed by a Judge. Your Affiant and the DPD Crime Lab completed the search and documentation of the entire contents of the storage locker.

On December 29, 2018, at 3:00 p.m., Aurora PD Sergeant Jon Kessler called your Affiant. Kessler advised your Affiant that Aurora Officers were at the Aurora Extended Stay Hotel located at 14095 E. Evans Avenue, with a [REDACTED] that has information about a seven-year-old boy that was killed and placed into a crate. Aurora Officer Stacey Sparks was involved and familiar with this case. Officer Sparks responded and met with the reporting party [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] 1978. Officer Nick Langdon and Officer Jason Weber were also present. After Officer Sparks spoke with [REDACTED], Officer Sparks was sure that [REDACTED] had information pertaining to this case. Sergeant Kessler told your Affiant he would have an Officer on scene call me.

At 3:12 p.m., Officer Nick Langdon called and spoke with your Affiant. Langdon told your Affiant that [REDACTED] was staying at the Extended Stay Hotel, in room [REDACTED] with Elisha Pankey. [REDACTED] told the Aurora Officers that Elisha told her that her little boy died inside of an animal carrier and that he is in her storage unit right now. Your Affiant advised Officer Langdon that he was responding to his location.

At approximately 4:00 p.m., your Affiant arrived at the Aurora Extended Stay Hotel and met with [REDACTED] [REDACTED] told your Affiant she was willing to go the DPD Headquarters for an interview.

Your Affiant and Aurora Officer Stacey Sparks transported [REDACTED] to DPD Headquarters.

At 6:51 p.m., your Affiant began a video recorded interview with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said she met Elisha Pankey in the Arapahoe County Jail on December 22, 2018. [REDACTED] said they were in the same [REDACTED] and she had conversations with her. [REDACTED] said they were both released at the same time on December 24, 2018. [REDACTED] said while they were in jail, Pankey told her that her son was missing, and her husband Leland was the last person her son was known to be with. When they were released from the jail on December 24, 2018 [REDACTED] said she went with Pankey to the Extended Stay Hotel in Aurora and stayed with her in room # [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] said that Pankey told her the room was already prepaid. [REDACTED] said she was with Pankey at the Arapahoe County courthouse when some Detectives showed up and took a saliva sample from Pankey. [REDACTED] said Detectives gave her a piece of paper that indicated Pankey was suspected in the death of her child.

[REDACTED] said that yesterday at about 3:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. Pankey told her that her little boy died in an animal crate. Pankey told her that she and Leland and her daughter and her son were staying in a hotel. [REDACTED] does not know where the hotel was located. Pankey said that the little boy was forced to get in and stay in the animal carrier. Pankey said Leland would tell the boy to go into the animal carrier and that she would also make the boy get into the animal carrier when she took a shower. [REDACTED] said Pankey told her that sometime in July, in the hotel room, the boy was in the animal carrier. Pankey told [REDACTED] that Leland had put blankets on top of the animal carrier. Pankey told [REDACTED] that she heard the boy cry out that he was hot and thirsty. Pankey told [REDACTED] she just stayed in bed. Pankey told [REDACTED] she got up the next morning and found the boy dead in the animal carrier and she thinks the boy suffocated in the animal carrier. Pankey told [REDACTED] that she told Leland and that Leland also checked on the boy to verify that he had died. Pankey told [REDACTED] on that same morning they took the animal carrier with their boy out of the room and placed it in their car. [REDACTED] said Pankey told her they drove to a store and bought

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concrete and industrial strength trash bags. Pankey told [REDACTED] they then drove to a storage unit that is in Elisha's name. Pankey told [REDACTED] that they wrapped the animal carrier in trash bags and then poured concrete into the carrier.

An arrest warrant for child abuse resulting in death for Elisha Pankey was prepared by Your Affiant.

On January 2, 2019, Elisha Pankey turned herself into the Denver Police Department and was placed into the Denver City Jail on her arrest warrant.

Your Affiant completed a Rule 41.1 for Elisha Pankey and Leland Pankey to obtain saliva samples. The 41.1s were approved and signed by a Judge. After the collection of the DNA samples from Elisha and Leland Pankey, a DNA profile was obtained from those saliva samples and compared to the DNA from the postmortem samples of the juvenile encased in the concrete. On January 10, 2019 Forensic Scientist Eric Duval with the DPD Crime Lab determined that Leland and Elisha Pankey are the biological parents of the adolescent found encased in the concrete.

On January 8, 2019, Detective Johnson spoke with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] a company that employed Elisha Pankey as a contract employee. She related that Elisha Pankey was contracted to work for them originally through April of 2018, however they were able to keep her on through August 2018.

On January 8, 2019, Denver District Attorney Investigator Teresa Wertsch (Inv. Wertsch) spoke with [REDACTED], [REDACTED] of the Public Storage lot located at 5005 East Evans Avenue in Denver (the Evans lot) where storage unit # [REDACTED] was located. [REDACTED] told Inv. Wertsch that on 05/17/2018, Elisha Pankey opened an account at Public Storage with access to the Evans lot and unit # [REDACTED]. According to [REDACTED], upon application Elisha Pankey was given a unique access code that allowed her entry into the Evans lot via the front access gate between the hours of 6am and 9pm. When unit # [REDACTED] rent was overdue, the access code to the Evans lot's gate was automatically deactivated until the overdue rent was paid. [REDACTED] provided Inv. Wertsch with Elisha Pankey's application and payment history for unit # [REDACTED]. The report indicated that the Pankeys paid for the unit three times in person with cash and a debit card charge, with the remaining payments charged on-line to different debit cards. [REDACTED] stated that she met Leland Pankey on two occasions when he came into the office to pay for unit # [REDACTED] rent.

On 01/15/2019, DPD Crime Scene Investigator Michael Bush downloaded the Evans lot's surveillance video for the dates of 05/17/2018 to 12/23/2018, which Inv. Wertsch has reviewed

On or about 01/25/2018, Inv. Wertsch obtained documents from Key Bank related to Elisha Pankey's Key Bank account ending in # [REDACTED]. Inv. Wertsch verified all but one of the debit card payments made to Public Storage for the rental of unit # [REDACTED] were charged to Elisha Pankey's Key Bank debit cards linked to account # [REDACTED]. Det. Kari Johnson verified the remaining debit card payment was made by a friend of Elisha's in August of 2018.

Based on the documentation provided by Public Storage and Key Bank and the surveillance video, Inv. Wertsch summarizes the following events:

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- Inv. Wertsch observed that on 05/17/2018, Elisha Pankey was seen on surveillance video entering the Evans lot's office and speaking with [REDACTED]. According to [REDACTED] Elisha completed an application for unit # [REDACTED] at that time and paid for the unit in cash. Inv. Wertsch observed Leland Pankey on video twice that same day between 8:09 p.m. and 8:31 p.m. entering Elisha Pankey's access code into the gate's computer to enter and then leave the lot.
- Inv. Wertsch observed that between 05/18/2018 and 05/31/2018, Elisha and Leland Pankey were seen on video, individually and together, accessing the lot on a number of occasions.
- On 06/22/2018, Leland Pankey was seen on video entering the Evans lot's office and speaking with [REDACTED]. Inv. Wertsch verified that at that time, Leland paid for the locker's overdue monthly rent with one of Elisha Pankey's Key Bank debit cards. According to [REDACTED] this payment reactivated Elisha Pankey's access code to the lot. The Evans lot's surveillance video showed Leland then leaving the office. Leland Pankey then drove through the Evans lot's gate, and accessed the lot for approximately 8 minutes. At departure, Leland entered Elisha Pankey's access code into the gate's computer to open the gate.
- According to Public Storage's records, on 07/06/2018, the Pankeys' access to the lot was deactivated for failure to pay the locker's monthly rent.
- Public Storage and Key Bank records showed that on the morning of 07/12/2018, the locker's overdue rent was paid via an on-line ACH withdrawal from Elisha Pankey's Key Bank account # [REDACTED]. This ACH payment reactivated Elisha Pankey's access code to the lot and unit # [REDACTED]. The ACH payment was later returned on 07/18/2018 due to non-sufficient funds in Elisha Pankey's Key Bank account. Inv. Wertsch verified the payment was replaced on 07/20/2018 with an on-line charge to one of Elisha Pankey's Key Bank debit cards.
- Inv. Wertsch observed that later that day on 07/12/2018, Elisha and Leland Pankey were seen on video together accessing the Evans lot on two occasions – at 12:39 p.m. for approximately 18 minutes and later at 8:32 p.m. for approximately 25 minutes.
- On 07/13/2018, Elisha and Leland were seen on video returning to the lot twice – at 9:36 a.m. for approximately 22 minutes, and later at 10:13 a.m. for approximately 5 minutes.
- Inv. Wertsch observed that on 07/14/2018 and again on 07/16/2018, Elisha and Leland were seen on video returning to the lot in the evening for approximately 5 minutes on each day.
- Inv. Wertsch observed that on 09/26/2018, Leland Pankey was seen on video entering the Evans lot's office. [REDACTED] recalled during that visit Leland had paid in cash for the locker's overdue monthly rent. The next day, 09/27/2018, Leland was seen on video entering Elisha Pankey's access code into the gate's computer and accessing the lot for approximately 13 minutes.

On January 30, 2019, your Affiant interviewed Leland Pankey at the Jefferson County Sheriff Office with his attorney present. During that interview, Leland Pankey denied having a key to the Public Storage unit. Leland stated he had access to the unit when Elisha and Leland first moved their belongings into the unit after they were kicked out of another place. Leland stated that after Elisha and Leland

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separated which was before Caden got out of school, Leland no longer had a key to the storage unit, and never accessed or entered the storage unit.

On January 16, 2019, Detective Johnson spoke with [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] the company that placed Elisha Pankey in her various jobs. She had known Elisha for several years and had somewhat of a personal relationship with her. She related that she knew Elisha's husband was a "stay at home dad."

On January 22, 2019, your Affiant interviewed [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] met Elisha Pankey when she was a temporary worker for the same company he worked for, [REDACTED], for approximately one month or slightly longer, during the period of October and November 2018. Mr. [REDACTED] indicated that he would see Elisha Pankey at the office and on a few occasions picked her up and took her home from work after she was involved in a car accident. During those rides, they would have general conversations. During one of those conversations, he asked if her husband worked, and she related that he did not, and that she was the sole provider of income.

On February 13, 2019, your Affiant interviewed [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], a company that placed Elisha Pankey in her various work assignments. Ms. [REDACTED] provided work records through [REDACTED] that indicated consistent employment between April 2018 and August 2018. Those records reflected time entered by Elisha Pankey as hours worked.

On February 28, 2019, the Denver Corner's Office released the Autopsy Report for Caden McWilliams. The report indicated on December 24, 2018, Doctor Meredith Frank from the Denver Coroner's Office began the autopsy process of Caden McWilliams. According to the autopsy report, in Doctor Frank's opinion, Caden McWilliams died as a result of homicide by undetermined means, with child maltreatment serving as a significant contributing condition. Dr. Frank noted in her report the following:

- The postmortem examination revealed severe emaciation of the body consistent with a malnourished or deprived state.
- Numerous injuries of the head, trunk, and extremities were also noted, some of which show evidence of healing.
- It is possible the decedent experienced complications of injuries (e.g., infection or sepsis); however, he may have also suffered a component of asphyxia, dehydration, and/or hyperthermia, which could not be confirmed.
- Tests revealed cocaine metabolite and methamphetamine in liver tissue obtained at autopsy.

Dr. Frank determined that given the highly suspicious nature to this death, the findings of the postmortem examination, and that the decedent is a young child who is dependent on others for his care, the manner of death was homicide.

On March 15, 2019, Elisha Pankey, DOB: 12/16/1975, was interviewed at Denver Police Headquarters by Your Affiant. Also present were Denver Chief Deputy District Attorney Joe Morales, and Mrs. Pankey's attorneys. Elisha Pankey related the following information:

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- Near the end of May 2018, Elisha said she, Leland Pankey, and their two children, all moved into a room at the InTown Suites. (Located at 2900 W. Hampden Avenue). Elisha Pankey was still working full time and would leave the apartment around 6:30 in the morning and return home around 6:30 in the evening. Leland Pankey was solely responsible for the care of Caden and [REDACTED]. Elisha stated that she knew Leland was abusing Caden after they moved to the InTown Suites. She also knew that Leland was not feeding Caden.
- Around approximately July 11, 2018, approximately three days prior to Caden's death, Elisha was taking a nap when she awoke to Leland yelling. She observed Leland holding Caden around the neck up against a wall. Caden's feet were not touching the ground. Leland took Caden into the bathroom of the room and Elisha could hear "a ruckus," what sounded like things hitting the wall. She never heard Caden cry out in pain or crying. Leland then left Caden in the bathroom with the door closed. Leland told Elisha that they "can't save both children;" and that they could take Caden to the mountains to bury him.
- Elisha said a few days prior to his death, Leland was keeping Caden inside of a dog kennel. The day they found Caden dead in the dog kennel, they purchased "Quikrete," trash bags and water. They then drove Caden to their storage unit, (5005 E. Evans Avenue), and mixed the concrete and poured it into the kennel.

On March 18, 2019, Detective Johnson again spoke with [REDACTED] at [REDACTED], the company Elisha Pankey contracted for during the summer of 2018. Ms. [REDACTED] related that while employees of the company were allowed to work from home, [REDACTED] had a satellite office at [REDACTED] Drive in Highlands Ranch, Colorado, and to the best of her knowledge, Elisha Pankey would work in the office approximately 95% of the time. She related that on several occasions she would tell Elisha Pankey that she could work from home, and Elisha's consistently replied that she would rather work in the office than home.

On March 29, 2019, the Denver Coroner's Office provided Your Affiant with a Forensic Anthropology Report. The report was completed by Doctor Christine Pink. The report indicates that Denver Coroner, Doctor Meredith Frank, requested an anthropological consultation in reference to the decedent's remains (Caden McWilliam's remains). Doctor Pink began the anthropological analysis on December 31, 2018. In the "Observations" section of the report, Doctor Pink indicated the following: The skeletal remains considered in this analysis exhibit multiple antemortem injuries, well healed injury, and actively healing fractures present on the cranium and lower right arm.

Doctor Pink noted the following in reference to the nasal bone fracture: Each of the nasal bones exhibit a comminuted fracture with evidence of healing. The injury was actively healing at the time of death with new bone formation present. Doctor Pink indicated the bone formation typically occurs in children by 10-14 days after injury.

Doctor Pink indicated in the report, the injuries to the frontal bone, nasal bones, and right orbit are consistent with blunt force trauma. All injuries exhibit healing and are antemortem in nature. These injuries are the result of at least one blow; however, due to the active nature of healing and a lack of

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intersecting fractures, separate instances of traumatic injury cannot be ruled out.

Doctor Pink indicated in the report that the right forearm had a transverse fracture, and that fracture had been healing for 4-50 days.

Doctor Pink documented the following "conclusion": This individual exhibits multiple instances of antemortem trauma in the elements considered for this analysis. Antemortem trauma is observed in the frontal bone, nasal bones, and right eye orbit, that was actively healing at the time of death. Transverse fractures to the distal third of the right radius and ulna exhibit healing consistent with a time since injury of 4-50 days. A well healed linear fracture to the right sphenoid likely occurred prior to the other antemortem trauma observed in the cranium and lower right arm.

On April 18, 2019 Detective Johnson responded to [REDACTED] Drive, # [REDACTED] in Highlands Ranch and spoke with [REDACTED], an employee of [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] related that he worked out of the office location instead of from home on a daily basis, that he did know Elisha Pankey as a contract employee for [REDACTED]. He stated he recalled meeting Elisha Pankey sometime in 2017 when she began work at [REDACTED] and that she worked for [REDACTED] through possibly April of 2018, although he could not be sure of the exact date she stopped working for the company. Although they did not share the same physical office space, her office was approximately four doors down from him and he could easily see when the lights were on in her office. He stated he would see her "all that time" and "almost every day". If he did not see her, it was generally because he was away from the office. He also indicated that Elisha Pankey would work from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., generally would bring her lunch and would rarely leave the office during working hours.

On April 25, 2019, Detective Johnson spoke with [REDACTED], an employee of [REDACTED]. She indicated that she and another employee worked from the office at [REDACTED] Drive and shared the same office space as Elisha Pankey. She stated Elisha Pankey started working there in 2017 or 2018 but could not recall when she quit working there. She stated she and the another employee only worked from the office on Tuesdays, and that Elisha Pankey was in the office approximately 80% of the time on Tuesdays when she was there. On Tuesdays, when Elisha Pankey was in the office, Elisha would be there when Ms. [REDACTED] arrived, around 7:30 a.m., and was still there when she left, around 3:30 p.m. She stated she did not recall ever seeing Elisha Pankey leave the office for lunch or to run errands.

Based on these facts, your Affiant is respectfully requesting an **ARREST WARRANT** for arrest of Leland Pankey, dob: 06/29/1979, for the offense(s) of C.R.S. 18-3-102, Murder in the First Degree, a class one felony, C.R.S 18-6-401, Child Abuse resulting in death, a class two felony, and C.R.S. 18-8-610.5, tampering with a deceased human, a class three felony, so that this investigation can continue

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THOMAS L. ROWE
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF COLORADO
NOTARY ID 20044028038
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MARCH 6, 2023

I affirm this information to be true and correct

[Signature]
Signature of Affiant

Subscribed under oath before me on

05/24/19 1041 am
Date Time

[Signature]
Judge or Notary Public

My commission expires: 3/6/23

ARREST WARRANT

To all Sheriffs, Peace Officers and Police Officers with the said State:

You are hereby commanded to take the person of the defendant and bring him without unnecessary delay before a Judge of the County Court to be dealt with according to law.

Bail fixed at \$ first appearance

[Signature]
Signature of Judge

Date 5/23/19

Barry A. Schwartz
Printed name of Judge

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I executed the above warrant on (date) by taking (name of person arrested) into custody and placing said person in the Jail for safekeeping until further order of the court.

Signature of Arresting Officer