

STATE OF INDIANA )  
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COUNTY OF HENDRICKS )

IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ COURT  
CAUSE NUMBER 32

STATE OF INDIANA

**PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT**

I, Detective Sergeant Samuel Chandler, a Detective with the Hendricks County Sheriff's Department, being duly sworn, swears and affirms under penalties for perjury that the following statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

The facts in this affidavit come from my personal observations, my training and experience, and information obtained from law enforcement officers and witnesses. This affidavit is intended to show merely that there is probable cause for the requested warrant and/or charges and does not set forth all my knowledge of the matter.

I am a Deputy Sheriff with the Hendricks County Sheriff's Department. I have been a Deputy Sheriff with the Hendricks County Sheriff's Department since May of 2008. I am a "law enforcement officer" as that term is defined in Ind. Code 35-31.5-2-185.

I am currently assigned as a Detective with The Hendricks County Sheriff's Office and have been so assigned since September 2017. In connection with my official duties, I am involved in investigations relating to violations of the Indiana code.

I have received training relating to enforcement of the Indiana code, including the following:

1. My initial training at the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield, Indiana in 2008. I have satisfied the minimum basic training requirements established by rules adopted by the law enforcement training board under I.C. 5-2-1-9 and described in I.C. 35-37-4-5.
2. I have attended training involving numerous types of investigations. These trainings have included but are not limited to The United States Department of Justice, Cyber Investigations School, social media investigations, The United States Department of Justice, Money Laundering School, and The Drug Enforcement Administration Tactical Diversion School and Homicide Investigations School.

I am currently investigating the offense(s) of neglect of a dependent which occurred at 2209 E US HWY 40, Trailer 10, Clayton, Indiana, 46118, Hendricks County Indiana. The offense occurred on or about October 11, 2023. The dependent was identified as a ten (10) year old male.

**Initial Report:**

On October 11, 2023, Sergeant Josh Nohren was dispatched to 2209 W US HWY 40, Trailer #10, in regard to a welfare check of a juvenile male who will be referred to as V1. The reporting party advised that he was at this residence over the weekend and described the living conditions as "ENTIRE TRAILER IS COVERED IN ANIMAL URINE, FECES, AND OTHER DEBRIS." When Sergeant Nohren arrived at the trailer, he could immediately smell a strong odor of urine coming from within. He further observed large amounts of dog feces leading to the front door. As Sergeant Nohren approached the front door, he came into contact with Ms. Lydick and advised her of his reason for being at the residence. It should be mentioned that this trailer was rented by Ms. Lydick. Ms. Lydick was raising V1 in the residence with her roommate and brother-in-law, Cole Lydick.

Based on his initial findings, Sergeant Nohren asked for consent and was granted permission to enter the residence and check the welfare of V1. As he entered the front door, he was met by 1 dog (Great Dane) and 4 cats. The odor of animal urine intensified, and he observed large amounts of animal feces throughout the residence. Sergeant Nohren noticed that the flooring was covered in debris (clothing, miscellaneous personal property, hoarding). Sergeant Nohren contacted V1 who appeared to be in good health and with no known injuries. With permission, Sergeant Nohren continued to investigate the living conditions of the residence. It was found that Mr. Lydick had been sleeping on the couch in the living room for a year and a half.

V1 had been sleeping with his mother in her room where there were moldy clothes on the floor, cat feces, and large amounts of clutter. Sergeant Nohren observed that the bathroom had animal feces and urine in it, and it appeared that the shower had not been used recently. Sergeant Nohren entered the kitchen where Ms. Lydick was able to show him that they had running water and food inside the cabinets. There was a refrigerator in the kitchen that had old, moldy food inside it. When this was opened fly's and gnats flew out of it. It was at this time that Sergeant Nohren exited the residence and contacted DCS. He relayed his findings to DCS who initiated a report under cause# 2928478. Because of the conditions that were observed, DCS sent a case worker to inspect. After an inspection, DCS removed V1 from the residence where placement was made with his father, Joshua Lydick in Coatesville.

**DCS FCM Report Findings**

DCS FCM Thiam visited the residence, after Sergeant Nohren contacted the DCS Hotline. She noted the following:

The home was generally unkept, unable to open the front door completely due to clutter behind the door. The floor was observed to have an older version of carpet, with most of the visible portion of the floor missing the carpet and the plywood was visible. The visible floor space was observed to be covered in what looked to be urine, grease, and animal feces throughout.

FCM Thiam observed there to be 2 refrigerators in the kitchen, the black refrigerator was observed to have an odor of rotting meat, maggots were observed as well as a coating on the base that looks to be mold of some type. The other refrigerator the family reported they actively stored food in, it was observed to have some appropriate food items, with other foods in multiple levels of decomposition.

The toilet area was observed to be in working condition, with an overrunning waste basket with what looked to be used toilet paper with human urine and feces, the family reported that they were not able to flush the toilet.

#### **DCS additional findings**

On October 12, 2023, I spoke with DCS FCM Meagan Fountain. FCM Fountain advised that during their investigation into the welfare of V1 she discovered that Cole Lydick was responsible for paying utilities and rent at the residence. Additionally, she advised that Mr. Lydick was responsible for helping feed and cook for V1, that he helped get V1 ready for school, and to get on and off the bus. It was determined that Mr. Lydick was the paternal uncle of V1.

#### **Adult care takers**

The mother of V1 was identified as being Lindsey Lydick (3/6/1985). The uncle of V1 was identified as being Cole Lydick (9/26/1997). From all report sources Lindsey and Cole are the only two (2) adults that lived at the residence of 2209 E US HWY 40, Trailer10, where V1 resided. Additionally, both Lindsey and Cole were the only adult care takers at the residence for V1. Lindsey and Cole both showed that they deprived V1 of necessary support.

Based on the above listed information, I would respectfully request that probable cause be found, and a warrant be issued for Lindsey Lydick and Cole Lydick for the offense of:

Count 1: 35-46-1-4(a)(3), Neglect of a dependent. Level 6 Felony (October 11, 2023).

I SWEAR OR AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES FOR PERJURY THAT THE FACTS PROVIDED ABOVE ARE TRUE.

/s/Samuel Chandler

Detective Sergeant Samuel Chandler (#768)  
Hendricks County Sheriff's Office

Date: October 12, 2023