

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR BUCHANAN COUNTY

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THE STATE OF IOWA)
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vs.)
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MICHELLE LYNN KEHOE,)
)
Defendant.)

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COMPLAINT & AFFIDAVIT

CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT
BUCHANAN COUNTY, IOWA

The Defendant is accused of the crime of **MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE (Class A Felony)** in violation of Iowa Code Section 707.2, in that the Defendant, on or about the 26th day of October, 2008, at Littleton in Buchanan County, Iowa did: commit murder in the first degree resulting in the death of S.L.K.



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AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF IOWA, COUNTY OF BUCHANAN, ss:

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, state the following facts known by me or told to me by other reliable persons, form the basis for my belief that the Defendant committed this crime:

The Defendant, Michelle Lynn Kehoe, is married to Eugene Kehoe. Defendant is the mother of two minor children, S.L.K., age 2, and S.M.K., age 7. The family residence is in Coralville, Iowa.


On the morning of October 27, 2008, the Buchanan County Sheriffs Office Dispatch received a 911 emergency telephone call from a resident in the Littleton, Buchanan area. The caller advised that the Defendant was at the caller's residence suffering from injuries and claiming that an unidentified male had abducted her children and her.

Emergency medical service and law enforcement personnel responded and later located the Defendant's van based upon information that the Defendant provided. S.L.K. was found deceased a short distance from the van. S.M.K. was found in the van having suffered knife wounds to his neck that later required surgery under general anesthesia. Duct tape was found in and around the van. A knife was found in the Hook-n-Liner pond

a short distance from the van. A hand written note was found in the van detailing, among other things, an abduction of the Defendant and her children in progress in the Jesup area. During discussions with S.M.K. he stated that his mom had driven the van to the location, duct taped his eyes, nose and mouth, and removed him from the van. S.M.K. stated that he then felt his neck being cut. S.M.K. stated that his mom was the one who gave him the cut on his neck. S.M.K. stated that he heard S.L.K. call out and saw his mom hurting S.L.K. S.M.K. stated that at no time was anyone in the van or area where they had stopped other than he, his mom and S.L.K.


An autopsy of S.L.K. concluded that the cause of death was sharp force injuries to the neck. The autopsy concluded that the manner of death was homicide,

Defendant was subsequently interviewed by police. Her initial statements to police were consistent with her statements to emergency medical personnel. Later in the interview Defendant stated that she had purchased duct tape approximately 2 months prior and a knife approximately 1 month prior. Defendant stated that 1 month prior she had written a note detailing an abduction of the Defendant and her children in progress in the Jesup area. The Defendant stated that she re-wrote this note (which was found in the van) on the morning of October 26. The Defendant stated that she started with S.M.K. because he was older. She stated that she put duct tape on his eyes, mouth and wrists and pulled him out the back of the van. She stated that she did this to S.M.K. first because he was older. She stated that S.L.K. was left contained in the van until she got back for him. She stated that it all happened within 5 minutes and prior to 1:30 p.m. She stated that she couldn't explain why she had done it. She stated that she couldn't face anyone. She stated that she wanted to die or be locked up where she couldn't hurt anyone else.




Jon Turbett
Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this 30th day of October, 2008.

Shawn Harden 
Magistrate, First Judicial District
Notary Public (Deputy) Clerk/Magistrate

- Complaint & affidavit filed this 30th day of October, 2008, and probable cause found that the Defendant committed the offense charged.
- Warrant issued. Bond set at \$ 1,000,000.00.
- Citation issued.



Magistrate

Shawn Harden
Magistrate, First Judicial District