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HENDERSON DETENTION

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223 Lead St. Henderson, NV 89015

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Declaration of Arrest

DR# 08-17452

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Arrestee's Name: Camero, Carmela

Date of Arrest: 08/28/2009

Time of Arrest: 2200

Charge	Degree	NRS/HMC
Murder-F	Felony	200.010

THE UNDERSIGNED MAKE THE FOLLOWING DECLARATIONS SUBJECT TO THE PENALTY FOR PERJURY AND SAYS: That I, MARK HOSAKA am a peace officer with the Henderson PD, Clark County, Nevada, being so employed since 02/27/1996. That I learned the following facts and circumstances which led me to believe that the above named subject committed (or was committing) the above offense/offenses at the location of ██████████ Henderson Nevada 89002, and that the offense occurred at approximately 2200 hours on 08/28/2009.

Details of Probable Cause

On Monday, 8-24-2009, at approximately 1138 hours, Henderson Police dispatch received a call from St. Rose DeLima Hospital in Henderson, Nevada in reference to a call that was received from a female who stated she delivered a baby in her water filled bath tub yesterday, 8-23-2009. The female stated it appeared the newborn baby swallowed water, but appeared to be healthy. She stated approximately 4-5 hours later (1900 hours), the baby stopped breathing. She stayed with the baby throughout the night and then called the hospital today.

A computer check of the phone number used by the caller, who identified herself as Carmela Camero from phone number ██████████, returned to ██████████ in Henderson.

Henderson Police Officers responded to the residence, ██████████, Henderson, Nevada and contacted Carmela Camero as she answered the front door. She told the Officer the baby was upstairs. The Officer located an apparent deceased newborn infant wrapped in a baby blanket. The infant was located on the bed in a guest bedroom.

Henderson Fire Department Rescue paramedic responded to confirm the infant was deceased.

Henderson Detectives responded for the investigation. I, Detective Osaka was assigned as the primary investigator. Detective Benjamin's, Detective Isomer and Detective Contralto assisted.

Detective Benjamin's conducted a brief interview with Carmela. Detective Benjamin's advised Carmela said she delivered the baby yesterday (8-23-09). She did not know she was pregnant and started to get back pains. She sat in her upstairs bathroom tub and took a bath hoping to ease the pain. It was at this time she went into labor and then delivered the baby. Carmela stated she used a pair of scissors to cut the umbilical cord after the birth.

Carmela additionally stated the after birth was in the trunk of the vehicle parked in the drive way. Also in the trunk were baby supplies she bought for her newborn. These items were later confirmed to be in the trunk after serving a search warrant on the vehicle.

During a check of the residence, I observed cleaning chemicals (bleach cleaner), mop and bucket in the upstairs guest bathroom.

I observed on the bed in the guest bedroom a deceased infant wrapped in a blue towel. The face of the infant appeared ashen colored and the lips appeared to be black in color.

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Details of Probable Cause (Continued)

At approximately 1630 hours, one beige in color Hyundai sport utility vehicle arrived on scene. The driver and passenger immediately exited and demanded to know what was going on. The passenger identified herself as Carmela's mother and the driver identified himself as Carmela's stepfather (the mother's boyfriend). The mother stated on Sunday, 8-23-09, the three of them (Carmela, the mother's boyfriend and the mother) were home all day. Carmela asked her if they were going anywhere, which she told her they were not. She remembered Carmela going upstairs and taking a bath sometime during the late morning. Carmela was upstairs in the guest bathroom for an extended period of time so she went to check on her. She knocked on the locked bathroom door and Carmela told her she was ok.

Carmela exited the bathroom a short time later and told her she was going to the gym. An unknown time later, the mother spoke to Carmela on her cellular phone and asked her to pick up grocery items. Carmela then returned home, ate dinner and went to sleep.

The following morning (8-24-09) at approximately 1100 hours, the mother stated her boyfriend drove her to work, she was not needed at work and was released for the day. She stated her boyfriend and she spent the free time on the Las Vegas strip and they then drove home. Upon arrival at home they observed police vehicles and crime scene tape in front of their house.

Search warrants were authored for the residence and vehicles. Coagulated blood was located in the drain of the bathtub.

On 8-25-09 I asked the mother and Carmela if they would be willing to sit down for an interview. They both agreed and I advised them I would call the next morning to set the appointment.

On 8-26-09 I called the mother and an appointment was set for Carmela and she to be interviewed at the police station, 223 Lead St., at approximately 5:00 PM.

At approximately 1840 hours, Detective Rockwell and I interviewed Carmela in the interview room within the Criminal Investigations Division. I asked her if she understood this was a voluntary interview we were conducting and she agreed. I also told her if she felt she needed to get up and leave, she could do so at any time, which she agreed. During the interview, Carmela gave different variations of what happened prior to the birth and after the birth of her baby. She finally stated she was afraid her mother was going to kick her out of the house if she found out she had a baby. She also believed if she kept the baby, the baby and she would have to live in the ghetto (because they would have no support) and that would be no way to bring him up. She was afraid she would be viewed as a whore for having the baby while not being married and her son would be considered a bastard child.

Carmela stated she gave birth to the baby in the bath tub on Sunday afternoon. The water was up to her waist as she lay in the bath tub. She delivered the baby head first, but the remainder of the baby would not deliver. Several minutes (5-7 minutes) passed and she was able to push hard enough to deliver the baby. She immediately put the baby on her shoulder and rubbed his back to stimulate him to breathe. She saw he had his eyes open and appeared to cough up red colored fluid, which she believed was from the bloody bath water. A short time later she delivered the placenta. She placed the placenta in a bucket and cradled the baby as she walked to her bedroom to retrieve a pair of scissors. She returned to the bathroom, disinfected the scissors and cut the umbilical cord. She tied the cord with a rubber hair tie and wrapped the baby in a towel. She carried the baby to her bedroom and placed him on her bed with pillows around him. The baby was not crying, but was breathing.

Carmela stated she left the baby in her bedroom and on her bed wrapped in the towel. She left to the store to buy clothes,

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suction bulb and diapers. Upon her return she found the baby was still breathing, but less responsive. She tried to suction out any mucus from his airway, but nothing came out. During the evening while she lay in bed with the baby, the baby started to make what she described as coughing sounds. She did not want the sounds to alert her mother and then thought of the consequences if her mother found out she had a baby. She strongly believed she would be kicked out of her house, she would have to live in the ghetto with her son they would have a terrible life.

Carmela stated it was at that time she made the decision to bring her baby close to her breast and force the breast onto his face. She knew bringing him that close would block his ability to breathe and he would eventually die. She held him in that position for several minutes until she knew he was no longer alive.

She slept with the baby through the night. The next morning she called the hospital to report her baby had died last night. She asked if she could bring him to the hospital. She was instructed to call the police, which she later did.

Due to the fact that Carmela intended to suffocate her baby by pressing her baby's face against her breast knowing it would block his airway and the fact that he stopped breathing after several minutes with his face pressed up against her breast, I arrested Carmela for murder.

I transported her to the Henderson Detention Center where she was booked accordingly.

Wherefore, Declarant prays that a finding be made by a magistrate that probable cause exists to hold said person for preliminary hearing (if charges are a felony or gross misdemeanor) or for trial (if charges are a misdemeanor).

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