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Douglas County Combined Courts

STATE OF COLORADO, COUNTY OF DOUGLAS

DATE FILED: October 3, 2019  
CASE NUMBER: 2019CR1074

**AFFIDAVIT FOR ARREST WARRANT**

I, Beverly Wilson, of lawful age and being first sworn upon

oath, state that I have probable cause for believing that:

Defendant: Cynthia Lee Abcug

DOB: 7/20/1969

did commit the crime(s) of:

Second degree kidnapping, Section 18-3-302(1)(2)(4)(a)(III) CRS as amended, C-6-F

Conspiracy, Section 18-2-201(1)(5)

On or between September 26, 2019, including within Douglas County, Colorado

and as grounds therefore, state as follows: That this Affiant is a Peace Officer with the Parker Police Department and that the following information was obtained by me personally, and from the official records of this agency, as well as from documents received from other law enforcement personnel.

On September 26, 2019 at approximately 2:00pm, Parker Police Officer J. Cunningham was dispatched to an assist the Douglas County Department of Human Services with an emergency custody removal of a child who was at the time located at 19563 East Mainstreet, Unit 206, Parker, Colorado. While en route to the Mainstreet address, Parker Police Dispatchers relayed that the reporting party, Douglas County Department of Human Services Attorney,

John Thrikell  
Unknown DOB,

stated The Department received information that a client's daughter, later identified as

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Unknown DOB, [REDACTED]

stated The Department received information that a client's daughter, later identified as

H [REDACTED]  
12/6/2003,

said there were lots of weapons in her home, and that an armed man was also living in her house. H [REDACTED] additionally reported that her mother,

Cynthia Lee ABCUG  
7/20/1969,  
[REDACTED]

and the armed man had a plan to kidnap ABCUG's other child, C [REDACTED] (2/29/2012), from his foster home.

Officer Cunningham spoke with the Deputy Director for the Douglas County Department of Human Services,

Ruby Richards  
Unknown DOB,

who further explained that their office received a call from H [REDACTED]'s counselor,

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Amanda Edwards  
6/12/1983,

who relayed the information regarding the possible threats made by ABCUG. H [REDACTED] reported to her counselor that ABCUG and the male living in their home were making a plan to go and take C [REDACTED] from the foster parents. H [REDACTED] also reported that there were weapons in the house. Ruby noted that although C [REDACTED] had been removed from ABCUG's care, H [REDACTED] was still living at home.

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Ruby requested that Police check the house for guns, and to contact ABCUG and the unknown male residing there. Officer Cunningham discussed the limitation on searching ABCUG's home. Ruby further expressed a possible threat to the school C██████████ was attending, along with the possible threat to the foster parent address.

After speaking with Ruby, Officer Cunningham met Douglas County Department of Human Services Caseworker,

Camille Gadziala  
Unknown DOB,

who intended to speak with H██████████ before taking her into custody.

H██████████ was still inside her counselor's office, seated on the floor with Amanda sitting next to her. H██████████ said she did not know where to start, and began by noting that C██████████ was taken and placed into foster care a few months prior. Since that time, ABCUG had gotten into some conspiracy theories and she was "spiraling down it." ABCUG began being abusive towards H██████████, and she was planning a "raid," wherein "they" intended to "kidnap C██████████ back from the foster system." H██████████ stated she did not know how "they" acquired the address to the foster family's home, nor did she know if they were going to harm the family.

When Caseworker Gadziala later inquired further about the raid, H██████████ said she did not know when it was planned to take place, nor did she think ABCUG knew. H██████████ believed the raid was going to be done by a group of people who were going to go get C██████████ back and they were going to harm the foster parents or other people, because "they took (C██████████) wrongfully." H██████████ said these people intended to kidnap C██████████, and she could not understand why her mother did not see how this was a bad thing. H██████████ said for several months ABCUG has been talking about this; initially she just discussed the Q-Anon group, however more recently ABCUG has escalated into talking more about "the raid" plan.

Caseworker Gadziala inquired about the male living at her home. H██████████ stated the male's name was "Ryan," but that was really all she knew about him. She said that "Ryan" flew in one to two weeks earlier to stay with them in Colorado for "self-defense." Amanda then explained that "Ryan" was an armed guard, who was escorting ABCUG and Hannah everywhere they went. H██████████ said ABCUG and "Ryan" had a gun. H██████████ described "Ryan" as "kind of tall," and said he was either former military or a former cop. "Ryan" has big eyes, an oval face and he's slim. H██████████ believed "Ryan" was likely at the house at that time. H██████████ did not believe "Ryan" was being paid to be at their home, and that he was "just there to help." "Ryan" was staying on the couch on their main floor.

H██████████ then told Caseworker Gadziala that the conspiracy theory group ABCUG was involved with was called 'Q-Anon,' and that the only time ABCUG really ever left the house was when she had a meetings with the 'Q-Anon' people.

When asked more about the gun, H██████████ said ABCUG's handgun was small. H██████████ believed "Ryan" also had a gun, but admittedly had not seen it. ABCUG told H██████████ that "Ryan" was a sniper.

Amanda told Caseworker Gadziala that ABCUG has been doing weekly interviews with the libertarian media, which



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is tied into Q-Anon, to raise money for her cause. ABCUG had a plan to complete an interview on this particular day. Amanda also reported that ABCUG stopped going to therapy approximately two months ago.

Caseworker Gadziala asked for clarification about ABCUG and "Ryan" knowing the address to Christopher's whereabouts. H [REDACTED] stated she did not know where C [REDACTED] and the foster parents were, but said according to ABCUG, "they" now know the address of his foster family's home. H [REDACTED] reiterated her belief that she did not think ABCUG knew either, but that the group (Q-Anon) who was going to complete the raid knew. She further explained that the online rhetoric did not seem that bad, but the bad stuff was kept low key. When asked if ABCUG talked about violence, she said "not usually." Officer Cunningham asked what she meant by that, and she explained that ABCUG frequently talked about the foster parents dying. ABCUG's demeanor changed when C [REDACTED] was removed from her custody, as ABCUG believed that the foster parents were molesting C [REDACTED].

Prior to "Ryan's" arrival, H [REDACTED] said there was another armed guard that stayed with them. She also said there was another male that stayed with them for a couple of days, but she did not have any information on them.

H [REDACTED] said she felt scared, anxious, and confused, and she was very worried that ABCUG would discover that she was the person who provided this information. Amanda told Officer Cunningham that she has discussed these concerns with H [REDACTED] over the past several weeks, and her story has not changed over weeks, and it had progressively worsened. Amanda did not believe H [REDACTED] disclosed for any retaliatory reasons, noting she had never made any prior statements about ABCUG going after Christopher. Amanda said usually Hannah protected ABCUG.

On September 26, 2019, I, Parker Police Detective Beverly Wilson, was notified of this investigation, and assigned to follow-up. I was previously aware of ABCUG as she was suspected of Factitious Disorder Imposed on Another and Medical Child Abuse, wherein C [REDACTED] is the reported victim. I requested through Officer Cunningham, that



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In brief summary, H [REDACTED] reiterated many of the same concerns to Detective Brukbacher as she did to Caseworker Gadziala. H [REDACTED] explained that ABCUG exaggerated C [REDACTED]'s illnesses and that he was eventually removed from her care and placed into foster care. Ever since C [REDACTED] was removed from ABCUG's care, she had "gone a bit crazy" trying to figure out how to get him back. H [REDACTED] explained that ABCUG got involved with Q-Anon, and that ABCUG has repeatedly talked about a raid (to her and others), wherein people from the Q-Anon group planned to kidnap C [REDACTED] back from the foster care system. She expressed concern that people were going to be injured, and that it was going to occur "soon." H [REDACTED] initially could not provide an exact date, but later said she believed the plan would be carried out before Halloween 2019, based upon what ABCUG told her. H [REDACTED] reiterated her belief that people would be injured during the raid, as those people are "evil Satan worshipers" and "pedophiles." H [REDACTED] confirmed her belief that the people her mother were involved with knew the whereabouts of C [REDACTED]'s foster home. H [REDACTED] said the last time ABCUG talked about the raid was on September 25, 2019. H [REDACTED] could not provide more details about what ABCUG said the day prior, as she admittedly has learned to "tune her out," as ABCUG also talks about her "conspiracy theories," which Hannah believes to be "nonsense."

H [REDACTED] also told Detective Brukbacher that ABCUG moved a man into their home, whom Cynthia had never met. She said the man, "Ryan," was there for their protection, and had been there for approximately a week-and-a-half. H [REDACTED] believed Ryan to have previous law enforcement or military experience, and ABCUG told her that he was a sniper. Hannah confirmed that "Ryan" is "definitely part of this group (Q-Anon)."

After discussing "Ryan," Detective Brukbacher inquired about what Cynthia does during the day. H [REDACTED] reported that ABCUG just acquired a gun, which ABCUG displayed to H [REDACTED] on September 25, 2019. ABCUG said she got the gun "just in case anything happens." H [REDACTED] again observed the gun on this day, when ABCUG got into her safe and placed the gun on the counter. H [REDACTED] described the gun as being small and silver, and it had a "wheel" on it. She said it sounded heavy when ABCUG set it down; she believed it was loaded. H [REDACTED] said ABCUG had



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plans to go to a shooting range on this particular afternoon to practice shooting the gun.

Please note that not every detail of H█████'s interview is contained in this affidavit. The interview was recorded and can be reviewed for complete details.

After H█████'s interview was completed, Caseworker Gadziala contacted ABCUG about H█████'s removal from her home. She asked ABCUG if H█████ could go to the house to retrieve some of her belongings, and told ABCUG that she would need to leave. Caseworker Gadziala also told her that she would accompany H█████ to the house, along with law enforcement, to which ABCUG was agreeable.

Upon our arrival at the home, Officers cleared the home for safety reasons; no one was located within the home. While waiting for H█████ to pack her bag, I noted that there was a black tablet propped up on the arm of the couch. The tablet had a black wire affixed to the back of it, which had a microphone attached to the wire. Next to the tablet were several light blue, rubber bracelets; on one side they read "QAnon qmap.pub," and on the other it read "@StormisUponUs."

Finally, on a dry erase board in the kitchen of the home, I observed a handwritten weekly calendar of events. The "Monday" and "Tuesday" slots were dates "9/23" and "9/24" respectively. On the Thursday slot (which was not dated), I noted one of the scheduled activities was "5pm gun range."

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Based on the foregoing facts and circumstances your Affiant has probable cause to believe that the above offense(s) have been committed and respectfully requests an arrest warrant for:

Cynthia Lee Abcug

I have read the foregoing statement, and the matters stated therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

*[Signature]*  
Affiant

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2019

*[Signature]*  
Notary Public

10-17-2021  
My commission expires

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