

CAUSE NO.

IN THE INTEREST OF

EMMA HORN  
TREVOR BROOKS  
LAIELLA WALKER

MINOR CHILDREN

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

COLEMAN COUNTY, TEXAS

42<sup>ND</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF REMOVAL

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF COLEMAN §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Janet Ratliff, who was sworn by me and deposed as follows:

My name is Janet Ratliff. I am over the age of 18, of sound mind and capable of making this affidavit. I am an authorized representative of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services ("the Department"), and the facts and allegations stated in this affidavit and the above petition are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

1. CHILDREN:

Name: Emma Horn

DOB: July 24, 2015

Current Address: 402 East College Avenue, Apartment 112, Coleman, Texas 76834

County: Coleman

Born:

Name: Trevor Brooks

DOB: December 28, 2008

Current Address: 402 East College Avenue, Apartment 112, Coleman, Texas 76834

County: Coleman

Born:

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Name: Laiella Walker

DOB: April 20, 2007

Current Address: 402 East College Avenue, Apartment 112, Coleman, Texas 76834

County: Coleman

Born:

2. PARENTS:

Grandmother

Name: Ginger Walker

DOB: October 1, 1965

Current Address: 402 East College Avenue, Apartment 112, Coleman, Texas 76834

County: Coleman

Mother:

Name: Lacie Liebhaber

DOB: December 9, 1985

Current Address: 402 East College Avenue, Apartment 112, Coleman, Texas 76834

County: Coleman

Father:

Name: Matthew Horn

DOB: June 13, 1989

Current Address: 402 East College Avenue, Apartment 112, Coleman, Texas 76834

County: Coleman

Father:

Name: Zachary Brooks

DOB: April 8, 1985

Current Address: 813 West College Avenue, Coleman, Texas 76834

County: Coleman

Father:

Name: David Carter

DOB: September 5, 1985

Current Address: 12120 Savage Drive, Midway, Texas 75852

County: Madison

3. INDIAN CHILD STATUS

Grandmother

Denies tribal connection

Unavailable/unable to answer.

Describes tribal connection as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 4. ALLEGATIONS:

On September 27, 2019, the Department received a report stating David Pritchard was recording a Facebook video while talking to children at Coleman Elementary. Mr. Pritchard was approached by school administration and told he could not do that. Mr. Pritchard became aggressive and began verbally attacking school staff members. At one point it sounded like Mr. Pritchard said something like "I am going to eat Trevor's ass." It is unknown what Mr. Pritchard meant by this. It is believed that Mr. Pritchard is bipolar and is not taking his medication.

On October 3, 2019, the Department received a second report stating Mr. Pritchard was arrested today for stealing a car. Mr. Pritchard has been kicked out of many local businesses. Mr. Pritchard talks about being President in 2020 and Ginger Walker being first Lady. Mr. Pritchard will shout odd things in the children's face and they are afraid of Mr. Pritchard. Ms. Walker lives in government housing and it is believed that people are living with her that should not be around the children. Mr. Pritchard has strange Facebook postings where he is talking crazy and the children are visible in the background. Mr. Pritchard is not taking prescribed medication. The children's mother, Lacie Liebhaber, was recently released from prison and there are concerns about her being around the children and driving with them, without a driver's license.

#### 5. FACTS NECESSITATING REMOVAL:

I made contact with the children on September 27, 2019. The children stated David Pritchard lives with them and their grandmother Ginger Walker, off and on. The two youngest children reported Mr. Pritchard brought them to school today. Mr. Pritchard was described as bipolar and not taking his medication. The children stated Mr. Pritchard is nice, but sometimes gets out of hand.

After I spoke with the children on September 27, 2019 I contacted the school resource officer, Jeromy Watson. Officer Watson had been to Ms. Walker's home to serve Mr. Pritchard a Criminal Trespass Warning for Coleman Independent School District due to Mr. Pritchard videoing children becoming verbally aggressive, and acting erratically at the school. Officer Watson reported Ms. Walker was asleep, however Lacie Liebhaber and a man named Charlie spoke with him. Charlie informed Officer Watson that Ms. Walker had taken Mr. Pritchard to Santa Anna and he planned to go to Lubbock because of all the problems he had caused in Coleman.

Officer Watson received a call on September 27, 2019, from Santa Anna Superintendent, Mr. Robinett today in regards to Mr. Pritchard. Mr. Pritchard entered Santa Anna High school today where he tried to buy a t-shirt. Mr. Pritchard was informed the school didn't have t-shirts for sale. Mr. Pritchard then announced he was running for President and wanted to go into classrooms to educate students about Texas and Oklahoma history and the unfairness towards Indians. Mr. Robinett ordered Mr. Pritchard to leave the school. Officer Watson informed me about a concerning Snap Chat video Mr. Pritchard posted of himself standing on a train track

with the train speeding toward him, in the early morning hours of September 27, 2019. Officer Watson reported Mr. Pritchard's family lives in Coleman, but has nothing to do with him because he will not take his medication.

Human Service Tech Gina Dean and I made contact with Ms. Walker and Ms. Liebhaber at their residence. Ms. Liebhaber answered the door and stated Ms. Walker was asleep. Ms. Liebhaber quickly shut the door and stated she would wake Ms. Walker up. Before the door closed I was able to see an older frail looking man sitting on the couch. I introduced myself to Ms. Walker and asked if we could go inside the home to discuss the new allegations involving David Pritchard. Ms. Walker said there isn't a case. I told her in fact there is a case and I had already spoken with the children at school and they informed me that Mr. Pritchard lived in the home. Again, Ms. Walker said Mr. Pritchard did not live or stay in the home. I explained there were concerns about Mr. Pritchard's behavior at the school this morning. I asked if I could have information regarding Mr. Pritchard, such as his phone number. Ms. Walker refused to give any information about Mr. Pritchard and stated CPS could do her a favor and close the investigation because no one had done anything wrong.

I asked Ms. Walker if her daughter was living in the home and she stated Ms. Liebhaber does live in the home. Ms. Walker was given Permanent Managing Conservatorship of the children, Trevor Brooks and Laiella Walker in 2013. Ms. Liebhaber's rights were terminated in 2017 to Emma Horn and Ms. Walker adopted Emma Horn in 2018. Ms. Liebhaber was recently released from prison. - for what?

I inquired about the man inside the home that was seated on the couch. Ms. Walker said that man doesn't live there. At this time, Ms. Walker stated she was not willing to cooperate with CPS in regards to this investigation. I informed Ms. Walker that CPS would likely seek some sort of legal intervention as there are concerns for the children being exposed to Mr. Pritchard due to his erratic behavior. Ms. Walker said she was not willing to cooperate.

I contacted Officer Watson on October 4, 2019 and he stated Mr. Pritchard was arrested on October 3, 2019 after law enforcement learned he had stolen a vehicle in Coleman. The vehicle was located and Mr. Pritchard was found to loading the backseat of the vehicle with old newspapers. When law enforcement approached Mr. Pritchard he announced, "I plead the fifth without legal representation." Law enforcement asked Mr. Pritchard to state his name and he replied, "I plead the fifth without legal representation." Mr. Pritchard was arrested for failure to identify. Mr. Pritchard was released from the Coleman County Jail the following day.

Officer Watson reported law enforcement contacted MHMR caseworker, Laurie Chastain. Ms. Chastain viewed the Facebook video Mr. Pritchard posted of the Coleman school and was made aware of Mr. Pritchard's erratic behavior at the Santa Anna school. Ms. Chastain stated Mr. Pritchard is spiraling and it will not be long before he hits bottom. When this happens, Ms. Chastain explained she will be back at that time with a Judges signature to commit Mr. Pritchard. According to Officer Watson, Ms. Chastain has not yet met with Mr. Pritchard to assess his behavior.

OP stole a car

Ginger adopted Emma & has PNC of Laiella & Trevor

On October 4, 2019 I made contact with Ms. Walker at her home to address the new intake. Ms. Walker stated she did not know where Mr. Pritchard was and refused to provide contact information for Mr. Pritchard. Ms. Walker admitted she had been engaged to Mr. Pritchard, however she recently called it off. Ms. Walker stated she would not cooperate with CPS unless a Judge told her she had to. I informed her there is a possibility the children might be removed from the home if Ms. Walker was not willing to keep the children away from Mr. Pritchard. Ms. Walker stated that would be fine if CPS took the children.

**6. FAMILY CPS HISTORY:**

**Ginger Walker**

July 2018	Physical Abuse	Ruled Out
July 2019	Neglectful Supervision	Ruled Out
July 2019	Neglectful Supervision	Ruled Out
July 2019	Neglectful Supervision	Ruled Out

**Lacie Liebhaber**

February 2009	Neglectful Supervision	Reason to Believe
February 2009	Neglectful Supervision	Reason to Believe
February 2009	Physical Abuse	Ruled Out
July 2009	Neglectful Supervision	Unable to Determine
July 2009	Neglectful Supervision	Unable to Determine
October 2010	Neglectful Supervision	Reason to Believe
October 2010	Neglectful Supervision	Reason to Believe
October 2010	Physical Abuse	Reason to Believe
August 2011	Neglectful Supervision	Reason to Believe
August 2011	Neglectful Supervision	Reason to Believe
August 2012	Neglectful Supervision	Ruled Out
August 2012	Physical Abuse	Reason to Believe

August 2012

Sexual Abuse

Ruled Out

May 2016

Neglectful Supervision

Reason to Believe

**7. CRIMINAL HISTORY**

**Ginger Walker**

04/14/1989 Theft By Check, Dismissed

07/29/2000 Assault Causes Bodily Injury, Misdemeanor, Dismissed

01/08/2004 Failure to Identify Fugitive from Justice, Guilty, 8 Days Court Confinement

**Lacie Liebhaber**

07/19/2002 Theft of Property >=\$50 < \$500, Deferred, 6 Month Probation

11/14/2003 Possession of Marijuana < 2OZ, Held

12/6/2003 Possession of Controlled Substance PG 1 < 1G, Held

12/6/2003 Possession of Marijuana < 2OZ, Held

12/6/2003 Driving While License Invalid, Held

12/6/2005 Driving While License Invalid, Dismissed

12/12/2005 Driving While License Invalid, Deferred, Probation 12 Months

1/9/2006 Driving While License Invalid, Held

4/23/2007 Theft of Property >=\$50 < \$500, Guilty, Probation 1 Year

1/23/2009 Possession of Marijuana < 2OZ, Guilty, Confinement 6 Months, Probation 1 Year

8/5/2009 Theft of Property >=\$50 < \$500, Dismissed

1/8/2010 Driving While Intoxicated, Guilty, Confinement 180 Days, Probation 1 Year

4/14/2010 Forgery Financial Instrument, Deferred, Probation 5 Years

10/29/2010 Bail Jumping failure To Appear, Adjudicated,

**3/27/2012 Driving While License Invalid With Previous Conviction, Held**

**5/8/2016 Theft of Property >=\$750<\$2,500, Held**

**11/15/2017 Possession of Controlled Substance PG 1 < 1G, Held**

**11/15/2017 Tamper/Fabricate Physical Evidence With Intent to Impair, Held**

**1/23/2018 Forgery Financial Instrument Elderly, Held**

**2/15/2018 Forgery Financial Instrument Elderly, Dismissed**

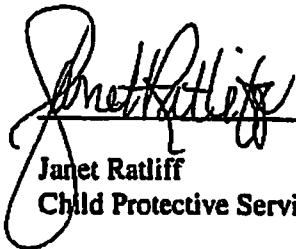
**8. ICPC COMPLIANCE:**

At this time no interstate placement is planned. If an interstate placement becomes an option DFPS will comply with the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, TEX. FAM. CODE CH. 162, SUBCHAPTER B.


**9. CONCLUSION:**

"Based on the above facts, the Department believes allowing the children to remain in the home of Ms. Walker is detrimental to their health. Ms. Walker cannot provide a safe environment for the children, due to her allowing David Pritchard to be in the home. Mr. Pritchard untreated mental health and erratic behavior places the children at risk of harm. Ms. Walker also allowed the children's mother back into the home who has extensive CPS and criminal history. The Department has concerns for the children being in Ms. Walker's home due to her involvement with Mr. Pritchard and her lack of cooperation with the Department. The Department's hope is Ms. Walker will take advantage of a structured service plan and work with the Department to ensure a safe environment for the children.

"All reasonable efforts have been made by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the Child from the Child's home."

  
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Janet Ratliff  
Child Protective Services Investigator

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, the undersigned Notary Public on this the  
10<sup>th</sup> Day of October, 2019.

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC in and for the  
STATE OF TEXAS  
Commission Expires: March 20, 2023

