

EIGHTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF TAOS
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

NO. D-820-CR-201800167

STATE OF NEW MEXICO,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SIRAJ IBN WAHHAJ
DOB: 06/21/1978
SSN: Unknown

Defendant.

STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Your Affiant is Jerry L. Hogrefe, a full-time certified peace officer in good standing in the State of New Mexico and currently holds the elected position of Taos County Sheriff and Executive level NM Certification. Affiant received his basic training in 1989 at the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy and has since received over 3,000 hours of advanced public safety related training including training and experience in criminal and civil matters and crimes.

On the morning of August 3rd, 2018 Taos County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at Unit 2 lot 28 Costilla Meadows in Amalia, NM. The search warrant was granted by District Judge Sarah Backus and authorized the search for the person(s) Siraj Ibn Wahhaj (age 39), AG Wahhaj (age 3), and any other persons whose welfare may be compromised.

Investigators located eleven children ranging in age 1 to 15 years old and five adults (two male and three female) on the property. The property is best described as a compound surrounded in part with an earthen berm and old tires stacked up around it, with open trenches and pits, with numerous trip hazards and wood with nails sticking up and broken glass and bottles litter around the grounds – overall this is readily identifiable and hazardous with extremely filthy living conditions which greatly resemble that of what would be considered “third world county in nature” with odorous trash everywhere, no clean water, no electricity, no plumbing/sewer, and the children were not clean, without shoes and without proper hygiene, and rags for clothing. Investigators learned that the children had likely not eaten in days and found a leaking propane valve near the small camper trailer that was partly buried. Loaded firearms were also found where a child can easily reach them. Investigators gained little cooperation from the defendant listed above except their name and names of the children. It is believe that the children probably had no or prior medical attention or in the alternative had no recent medical care. All eleven children were taken in protective custody and ultimately turned over to CYFD. Affiant reasonably believes the compound had been occupied in this manner for at least two months and that Jany N. Leveille, Subhanah Amatullah Wahhaj, Hujrah J. Wahhaj, Lucas A. Morton, and Siraj Ibn Wahhaj took no actions to properly care for the children or protect them from potential harm nor did they reach out for any government, state or local services that are readily available. Affiant further asserts that the living conditions create health and safety concern for the children and had expose them to prolonged danger of injury or death.

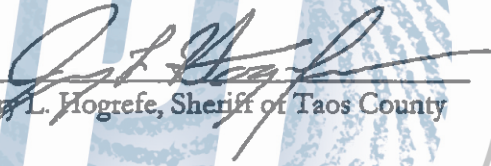
Further, affiant knew that Siraj Ibn Wahhaj was accused of custodial interference and an extraditable warrant for his arrest from Georgia existed for the abduction of his then 3 year old son, AG Wahhaj. Affiant has further learned that a Georgia detective/Captain Stubbs had previously questioned Lucas Morton about the

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whereabouts of Siraj Ibn Wahhaj or AG Wahhaj. Lucas Morton denied know the whereabouts of either.

I swear of affirm under penalty of perjury that the facts set forth above are true to the best of my information and belief. I understand that it is a criminal offense subject to the penalty of imprisonment to make a false statement under oath.



Jerry L. Hogrefe, Sheriff of Taos County

8-9-18
Date