

LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
DECLARATION OF ARREST REPORT

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County Jail City Jail Adult Juvenile Bureau: HSCB

ID# 7762289		EVENT # LLV201000020786		ARRESTEE'S NAME (LAST) DEAL			(FIRST) SIDNEY		(MIDDLE)		SSN# PII
RACE B	SEX M	DOB PII 1992	HGT 5'10"	WGT 175	HAIR BLK	EYES BRO	POB ATLANTIC CITY				
ARRESTEE'S ADDRESS 1719 H						CITY LAS VEGAS		STATE NV		ZIP CODE 89106	
OCCURRED DATE: 10/5/2020		TIME: 15:00		ARREST DATE: 10/5/2020		TIME: 16:30		LOCATION OF ARREST (NUMBER, STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE) 1719 H LAS VEGAS NEVADA 89106			
LOCATION OF CRIME (NUMBER, STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE) 1719 H LAS VEGAS NEVADA 89106											
CHARGES / OFFENSES PC - LVJCR - 55222 - F - CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT, W/SBMH											
CONNECTING REPORTS (TYPE OR EVENT NUMBER)											

The undersigned makes the following declarations subject to the penalty of perjury and says: That I am a peace officer with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Clark County, Nevada, being so employed for a period of approximately 6 year(s).

That I learned the following facts and circumstances which lead me to believe that the above named subject committed or was committing the offenses above at the location of 1719 H LAS VEGAS NEVADA 89106 and that the offense(s) occurred at approximately 15:00 hours on the 5th day of October, 2020.

Details for Probable Cause:

Detectives:

B. Gadea P# 14894
E. Hernandez P# 7567

Patrol Officers:

J. Ballensky P# 17165
E. Fields P# 14799

Victim:

Deal, Sayah
DOB: PII 2018

Suspect:

Deal, Sidney
DOB: PII 1992
Social Sec #: PII

Witnesses:

Deal, Samid
DOB: PII 1993
Social Sec #: PII

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 misdemeanor).

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Henderson, Porscha

DOB: **PII** 1991

Vehicle:

2015 Nissan Altima

VIN: 1N4AL3AP0FC498643

Initial call and details:

On October 10th 2020 at approximately 1533 hours, Officer E. Fields P# 14799, while operating as marked LVMPD patrol unit 3VC75, was hailed down by a citizen near the address of 1719 H street. The citizen, who was later identified as Sidney Deal, informed Officer Fields that he had accidentally locked the keys of his vehicle inside the car and left the vehicle running while his one-year-old daughter Sayah Deal was inside.

Officer Fields P#14799 offered to call for a tow truck, locksmith, or to break the window of the car but Sidney denied the request and instead used Officer Fields phone to call his brother Samid Deal. After waiting for several minutes for the tow to arrive, Officer Fields and Officer J. Ballensky P# 17165 broke out the back window and made entry into the vehicle.

Once Sayah was removed from the vehicle, Officers realized she was not responsive and asked for medical personal to be assigned and dispatched to the call. Officers Fields and Ballensky performed CPR while the paramedics were in route; but Sayah was pronounced deceased upon fire paramedics arrived on scene.

Detective Follow up/Investigation

Based on the details gathered by patrol officers on scene, detective from the Child Abuse/Neglect section were dispatched on scene. I Detective B. Gadea P# 14894 arrived and along with Det. E. Hernandez P# 7567 conducted the following interviews.

Interview of Samid Deal

Detective Hernandez and I conducted a digitally recorded interview with Samid Deal (Brother of Sidney Deal). The following is a summary and is not verbatim, for details refer to the transcription.

Samid stated he was first made aware of the incident when he received a phone call from an unknown number. Samid answered the phone call and heard his brother Sidney on the other line. Sidney told Samid he had accidentally locked Sayah in his car, but that the AC was on and he needed Samid to call his mother in order for her to call her insurance. Samid stated he was confused by the phone call and immediately started to get ready and drove to his brother's home.

As he arrived at the 1719 H street address, he found his brother Sidney outside the vehicle and question him about Sayah. Sidney informed him she was ok and that he just needed Samid to call their mother in order for her to request a tow truck or locksmith through her insurance. Samid said he immediately took his shirt off, wrapped it around his knuckles and was ready to punch the window. Sidney stopped him and said he wanted to wait for a tow truck. Sidney insisted that he not damage his new vehicle, stating he had just bought the car and did not have the money to repair a broken window. Samid respected his brother's request to not damage the car and did not break the window. After a few minutes went by, Samid stated he handed Sidney his phone in order for him to call his mother.

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After waiting for a tow and locksmith, patrol officer's received consent from Sidney to break his car window and they entered the vehicle and removed Sayah from the car. Samid described Sayah as being unconscious once they removed her from the backseat and he stated he consoled his brother as patrol officers conducted CPR.

Interview of Porscha Henderson

Detective Hernandez and I conducted a digitally recorded interview with Porscha Henderson (girlfriend of Sidney Deal). The following is a summary and is not verbatim, for details refer to the transcription.

Porscha identified herself as Sidney's longtime girlfriend and mother of two his children. Even though she is not the biological mother of Sayah, she has watched over Sayah for the majority of her life as Sidney has full custody of Sayah.

Porscha stated she and Sidney got into an argument earlier in the day after he refused to help her with responsibilities around the home. She described the altercation as verbal only but did admit to telling him and Sayah to leave. Porscha stated Sidney exited the home and she closed the door behind him. She witnessed him enter his vehicle and she went upstairs to continue with her morning tasks. After a few minutes, Sidney returned to the front door and knock numerous times. Once she finally decided to answer the door he informed her he had locked his keys inside the car and needed her to call for a tow truck or locksmith. Porscha did not want to open the door to her apartment but spoke with Sidney through the window as she called for a locksmith. Porscha was able to show detectives her call log and showed she had called his insurance at 1506. After being on the phone for 23 minutes, Porscha stated the company informed them Sidney did not have roadside assistance but could send a locksmith that would charge him before opening the car door. Sidney did not agree on the price and told Porscha to hang up the phone. Porscha then called Sidney's brother Samid and Sidney advised him of the incident. At that point Porscha went upstairs and did not exit her apartment until paramedics and patrol officers had arrived and Sayah was removed from the car.

Interview of Sidney Deal

Detective Hernandez and I conducted a digitally recorded interview with Sidney Deal. The following is a summary and is not verbatim, for details refer to the transcription.

I read Sidney his Miranda rights from the LVMPD provided Miranda card and he responded with a verbal "Yes I understand" when I asked him if he understood his rights. Sidney confirmed the details Porscha gave and stated he did exit the apartment with Sayah with the intent to leave the apartment and go spend the rest of the day with his brother. Sidney stated he placed Sayah in the backseat of his vehicle, on her car seat, but did not buckle her in. Once he turned the car on and turned the AC on, he realized he did not have his phone so he returned to the door and asked Porscha to bring him his phone.

Sidney stated he argued with Porscha for approximately 15 minutes until he agreed to give her a ring in exchange for his phone. When he went to his vehicle, he realized the car was locked. Sidney then went back to the apartment door and asked Porscha to make the phone calls to the insurance, locksmith and his brother.

During this time Sidney stated Sayah was walking from the backseat to the front seat but after a few minutes, she stopped moving and laid down on the floorboard of the backseat. Sidney admitted to believing she had fallen asleep but thought she was fine due to the vehicle's AC being on.

Sidney also admitted that his brother and patrol officers offered to break the window of his vehicle, but he rejected the offer because he did not want to damage his newly purchased vehicle and wanted to wait for his mother's insurance company to send a tow truck in order to avoid a bill and damage to his car

Scene

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When detectives arrived on scene Sayah was laying on the entryway of unit 1721 and was covered by a blue medical blanket. Corner investigator P. Chavez arrived on scene and processed the body. Sayah was of good height and weight for her age. She appeared to have slippage of the skin consistent with being in a high heat environment for an extended period of time. Her body was in rigor mortis to the point where her left arm was in a 90 degree angle with a tight fist.

Conclusion:

During the interview with Sidney he demonstrated that he was aware that his daughter was inside the vehicle for an extended amount of time and he did not show enough concern to forcefully enter the vehicle and refused to allow his brother and officer on scene to break his window in order to avoid paying for damage to his car.

Your declarant believes the facts alleged herein establish Sidney Deal committed the crimes of: **Child Neglect resulting in Substantial Bodily Harm** under NRS: 200.508.1A

Based on the information gathered on scene and the timeline composed of call logs and witness statements Detectives have reason to believe Sayah was inside the vehicle for over 60 minutes before patrol officers broke out the window and she was removed from the backseat floor. Based on the above fact and circumstances, Sidney Deal was placed under arrest for Child Neglect and transported to CCDC where he was booked accordingly.

***** **End** *****

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Personal Identifying Information

The record(s) you seek contain personal identifying information.

NRS 239.001 provides that public records are open to inspection. However, NRS 239.010(1) expressly creates exemptions to the disclosure of records falling under various statutes, including NRS 239B.030. NRS 239B.030 makes “personal information” confidential. NRS 603A.040 defines “personal information” to include social security numbers, driver’s license numbers, account numbers, and the like.

Here, because the record(s) you seek contain confidential personal identifying information, they have been redacted.